



Sneha Karma Foundation, Inc

The Goal of our **Support-A-Girl Program** is to provide under privileged girls an equal opportunity to complete their academic education in a safe and progressive environment.

Girls in poor rural regions are deprived of their right to education because of reasons such as poverty, gender inequality, lack of quality and safe education facilities close to home, social beliefs such as an 'educated girl would be difficult to find a groom for, etc.

- **Poverty and Gender Inequality** - Almost 22% of the population in India is below its official poverty limit. Girls are more susceptible to poor health and diseases - Various surveys indicate that women's caloric content is about 100 calories and a high percentage of homes in villages don't have toilets
- **Poor Educational Infrastructure** - In rural areas there is no access to good quality education - A majority of government-funded schools do not comply with basic standards, not all teachers are professionally trained and even electricity is a luxury.

Uneducated girls fall victim to child trafficking, child labor, child marriage and a lot of other abuse as a woman and wife in latter phases of their life.

- **Child Marriage** – As per Unicef.org report dated Nov 2017, close to 47% of the girls in India are married even before they reach the age of 18 and close to 18% are married off even before they turn 15 [data source: [India's Family Health Survey](#) – 2005 / 2006]
- **Child Labor** – In poor households, girls are expected to take over chores or work in the fields to support the families, some are even forced in to child labor.

Our **Support-A-Girl program** provides safe accommodation, access to quality education, good healthcare and takes care of all other needs of the girls in the program. We take pride in having a direct relationship with these girls and their parents to ensure that we are not only providing them financial support but also acting as their guardians providing them career and other guidance.

Sneha Karma Foundation rolled out the 'Support-A-Girl' program in 2012, having enrolled 4 girls in the program. As of 2017, there were 12 girls in the program. In January 2018 we grew our family to 24 girls in the program. Two of the girls will be graduating from college in 2019.

Our Mission is to enroll more and more under privileged girls in our Support-A-Girl program, so as to provide them an equal opportunity to become independent and self-empowered. We need help and support of donors, volunteers and supporters like you who can help us accomplish our mission.

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