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From The President's Desk

Dear CRY America Supporter,

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2024, I am filled with immense appreciation for your unwavering support and dedication to our shared mission of transforming the lives of underprivileged children. This milestone is not just a celebration of our journey, it is a tribute to the collective strength, compassion, and commitment of individuals like you who have stood by us every step of the way.

Over the past two decades, your generosity has helped us bring lasting change to thousands of children's lives, nurturing hope, resilience, and ambition where once there was uncertainty. Together, we have ensured that children not only survive but thrive, with access to education, healthcare, protection, and the opportunity to dream without limits.

As we step into this new chapter, we remain committed to expanding our reach and deepening our impact. The challenges that underprivileged children face today are complex, but so is our resolve. With your continued partnership, we will keep striving for a world where every child's voice is heard, and their potential, realized.

Thank you for being an integral part of the CRY America family. We are proud of all we have achieved together and we are excited for all that lies ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Shefali Sunderlal
President, CRY America



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CRY America Impact 2004-2024

Neelam Rewrites Her Future Through Resilience Project MMKSS



825,539

Children directly impacted



643,412

Children indirectly impacted



5,064

Villages/ slums covered



342,558

Children (6-18) years in public schools



239,996

Children completing 1 year fully immunized



7,064

Malnourished children's status improved



3,092

Child marriages stopped



6,977

Children removed from labor



2,587

Villages/slums 100% child labor free



3,678

Children's Collectives formed/ strengthened



Neelam was forced to quit higher education after Grade 12 & work to support her family. She expressed her desire to study further in CRY's Adolescent Group. Project MMKSS staff counselled Neelam & her parents on careers & linked her to a nursing vocational course. Formalities were completed for her admission to a nursing course at Allied Hospital in Bilaspur. Today, she works there as a

nurse while finishing her final year of college.

**Name changed and AI image used to protect child's identity.*

Problem: Lack of access to education in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh leads to children dropping out of school and becoming child laborers.

Solution: Enrolling children in preschool, linking them to scholarship programs, forming Children's Collectives & strengthening School Management Committees

Project Impact

- 1,724 children (ages 6-18) enrolled in school.
- 628 Children's Collective members attended meetings regularly.
- 297 children enrolled in Anganwadi Centers for preschool education.
- 105 dropout children re-enrolled in schools.
- 307 adolescent girls received life skills training.

2024 Grant Disbursed: \$23,005

CRY America Annual Conference 2024

CRY America's 20th Year Annual Conference held on May 4 & 5 at the Holiday Inn in Newark, New Jersey saw 28 board members, staff, project partner & volunteers, come together for an inspiring two days. 11 Action Center Leaders participated, along with CRY America supported Project SSRF Head Dr. Rolee Singh who joined the group all the way from Varanasi, India.

The Board met on May 3 to discuss reviews, financials & forward plans. The conference included updates about CRY India, CRY America, grant impact & insights about supported projects in India. Saturday evening included a bonding dinner event at Top Golf, New Jersey which the group enjoyed. Meeting Rolee Singh directly was a great learning experience for many volunteers. The group also discussed 5 year growth plans for the organization and ways to achieve these goals.

It was great to meet face to face as a group after a 4 year break & have volunteer chapters share their plans to organize events in their cities for children's rights.



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CRY GALA 2024

CRY Gala's held across New York, Houston, San Diego, Bay Area & Seattle in April 2024 celebrated our 20th year. The events expressed our gratitude to supporters & shared our achievements. The events were attended by celebrity Arjun Rampal, project partner Dr Rolee Singh, actor Utkarsh Ambudkar and included dinner, donor appreciation, a pledge session, Bollywood music and dancing. An online auction showcased paintings, outfits & jewelry donated by Indian artists & designers. Fundraising efforts exceeded expectations, raising \$1.5 million to support the cause. The success of our galas would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the organizing committees, generous donors, sponsors, volunteers, staff- all united in their commitment to shaping children's destinies.

CRY Gala 2024 at New York was held on April 19 at The Taj Pierre Hotel and was attended by 120 guests that donated generously, raising \$200,000 for underprivileged children. Our special guests included Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal & Project SSRF Director, Dr. Rolee Singh, from Varanasi, India. The host for the evening was actor Utkarsh Ambudkar, who treated the guests to improv rap performances. A big thank you to our CRY Gala Committee members, Satwant Narula, Jigar Thakkar & Sangeeta Mudnal, Anupam & Shruti Yadav and Rupal & Harsh Patil for their guidance & generosity. Our gratitude to our donors, volunteers, staff, event sponsors- TV Asia, GDB International, SBI New York, The Taj Pierre Hotel, Kurani Studios & Latham Photography for enabling a successful event.



CRY Gala 2024 at Houston was held on April 21 at the Marriott Sugar Land Hotel & attended by 370 guests, including Bollywood celebrity Arjun Rampal & Project SSRF Director, Dr. Rolee Singh. The honorees this evening were long standing CRY supporters, Juuhi & Prakash Ahuja. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the event raised \$400,000. The evening included a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres,

live auction, dinner, donor appreciation, pledge session, dancing to Bollywood music & a performance by Karmagraphy. Thank you to our Advisory Board & Gala Committee members- Meena Datt, Devina Bhojwani, Zuli Jasani, Pooja Revanur, Jayshree Sheth, Anita Sreshta, Leena Shah & Vaishali Dev, Dharam & Priya Bali, Juuhi & Prakash Ahuja, Ruchika & Darren Dias, Dr. Tina & Dr. Harish Pariani, Chetan & Radha Patel, Pradeep & Madhavi Gokhale, Farida Abjani, Rupa Munshi & Beverly Chaney. Our gratitude to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, media & staff for making children's dreams come true.



CRY Gala 2024 at San Diego was held on April 26 at The Heights Golf Club in San Diego & attended by 120 guests. Special guests included Bollywood actor Arjun Rampal & Project SSRF Director, Dr. Rolee Singh, from Varanasi, India. Emcees for the evening were Deven Parlikar & Namrata Kapoor & the guests were treated to performances by UCSD Raas Ruckus. A big thank you to our CRY Gala Committee Sonali Soni, Seema Umatt, Deven Parlikar, Rashmi Kalita and Edward Remias for their valuable guidance & generosity. Our gratitude to our donors, volunteers, staff & sponsors Terri Brown, Dimple Desai & Minx Events for making the event a great success.



CRY Gala Uphaar 2024 at Seattle was held on April 27 at W Hotel in Bellevue which was attended by 180 guests. The event included sharings in memory of Late Ketan Duvedi by his close friends in Seattle and a talk by Project SSRF Director, Dr. Rolee Singh about her work with children. Thank you to our celebrity guest Arjun Rampal, our Advisory Board member Murali Narayanan, our loyal donors & event sponsors- TV Asia, Morgan Stanley, Smartcap



for their support. We are grateful for the committed efforts by our Seattle volunteers - Rajesh, Yogita, Madhu, Shilpa, Paresh, Ramnik, Sachit & Sai.

CRY Gala 2024 at Bay Area was held on April 28 at Villa Ragusa with celebrity guest Arjun Rampal & Project SSRF Director, Dr. Rolee Singh, who shared her work with children. CRY America's long standing donor, Late Ketan Duvedi's was honored as a child rights champion. The event was attended by 100 guests. Thank you to our Gala Committee- Arti, Renu & Chaitanya, Kiran & Murthy, Amit Duvedi, Vaishali & Kartik, Vinay & Meghana & Percy Presswalla, for their valuable guidance & generosity. We thank all our donors, event sponsors, volunteers, media & staff for making this event a success.



Foundations & Corporates Honor Roll 2024

- ★ Rural India Supporting Trust
- ★ Guru Krupa Foundation
- ★ Deloitte Consulting
- ★ Kvam Family Fund
- ★ Achieve Foundation
- ★ Punjab Milk Foods
- ★ Manubhai Sanghrajka Family
- ★ Shah Holdings
- ★ Mani Family Foundation
- ★ Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- ★ Qualcomm Matching Gift Program
- ★ Barker Oaks Hospitality
- ★ Google Matching Gifts Program
- ★ Gates Foundation
- ★ Apple Matching Gifts Program
- ★ United Health Group
- ★ Salesforce.Com Foundation
- ★ Brask
- ★ Lenovo
- ★ LinkedIn Matching Gifts
- ★ Adobe Systems Incorporated
Matching Gifts Program
- ★ Bank Of America Matching Gifts
- ★ Dell Technologies
- ★ Morgan Stanley
- ★ Cadence Design Systems

- ★ Netflix Matching Grants
- ★ Jee Tires
- ★ Active Athletic
- ★ DPEG Foundation
- ★ Mirani Foundation
- ★ Smart Cap Group
- ★ India Association Of San Antonio
- ★ Texas Instruments Foundation
- ★ Swasa Health Care
- ★ SD Pioneer Food
- ★ JP Morgan Chase And Co.
- ★ State Bank Of India
- ★ GDB International
- ★ Hari Om Foods
- ★ Nvidia Foundation
- ★ American Recreation League
- ★ Devinder & Sushma Mahajan
Charitable Trust
- ★ Dgupta Homes
- ★ Minx Events
- ★ Bank Of America Matching Gifts
- ★ CSR Technologies
- ★ Rising Tide Foundation
- ★ Spotlight Energy
- ★ Fauser Group
- ★ Marketing Edge

CRY Walk for Child Rights 2024

CRY Baxter Walk

The Asian Leadership Network at Baxter walked for CRY's children on May 21 at Baxter facilities in Deerfield & St. Paul, attracting employees in both Illinois locations. The success stories from CRY America projects have inspired Baxter employees to donate to the cause. We appreciate their continued partnership to make a difference in children's lives!



CRY Seattle Walk

Seattle walk was a fun-filled event with 30 participants, primarily students coming together with their families on a bright & sunny Sunday morning to support a meaningful cause. Participants enjoyed socializing & fun summer games, while bringing smiles to children in need.



CRY Kentucky Walk

Thank you to our CRY Kentucky Action Center for helping secure a national event sponsorship of \$10,000 for our CRY Walk event series.

CRY Boston Walk

Our dedicated volunteers in Boston organized a 5K Walk on September 8, at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir Trail, with 25 enthusiastic participants enjoying the scenic lake views and delicious snacks. Thank you to our CRY Boston team for their dedication to the cause of underprivileged children.



Patrick's Bike4CRY

On a cold and windy day in November, Patrick Bocco, CRY America's Fundraising Director and friends, completed a 100k bike ride along the Hudson River in New York/New Jersey, which raised \$16,000, thanks to the generosity of his friends & supporters. Thank you Patrick, for taking this challenge year on year to ensure children are protected from trafficking, child labor and child marriage.

CRY San Diego Walk

Along with its Youth Chapter, the San Diego team organized CRY Walk on September 22, at Liberty Station National Park with 21 participants. The event started out with a warm up session, followed by a 5K walk filled with vibrant energy. The participants enjoyed snacks, henna designs, games like corn hole, and watermelon eating. Thanks to everyone who joined us and made this event a success.



CRY New Jersey Walk

The event brought together passionate youth who executed a successful community event for underprivileged children on September 29, at the Roosevelt Park Lake Area. 30 participants enjoyed the Bollywood dance session, fun games & snacks. Thanks to our sponsors, TV Asia, Maryland Mavericks & Deloitte, for solidifying the success of the event. Special appreciation to our student volunteers for their fundraising efforts and bringing their friends for the event- Aumkar Mahajan, Arshia Lala, Kavya Joshi, Kyra Baluja, Aarin Shrivastava, Aadi Shrivastava, Nilakshi Panchal & Akansha Jain.



CRY America Virtual Walk

The event had the support of 3 online fundraisers from locations where we don't have Action Centers. It helped raise precious funds to empower children's dreams.

CRY Houston Walk

The event was held on October 20, at Lost Creek Park in Sugar Land where 80 supporters of CRY America gathered for a meaningful cause. It kicked off on a lively note with an energizing zumba warm-up, followed by a 5-mile walk along a scenic route & lunch. Thanks to our student volunteers, donors, event sponsors for a memorable day of giving.



2-year-old Abdul was losing weight 7 months after birth & was identified as Moderately Acute Malnourished (MAM). Project GVM ensured his complete vaccination & counseled his family on nutritious eating habits. However, due to loss of appetite, his condition worsened & the Growth Monitoring Committee (GMC) referred him to the Nutritional Rehabilitation Center (NRC) as he was diagnosed with Severe Acute

Malnutrition (SAM). GVM team along with the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM), Anganwadi Workers (AWW), Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers, and the Primary Health Center (PHC) doctor, counseled Abdul's hesitant parents to admit him to the NRC. With regular checkups, nutritious food, medicine, and guidance from frontline workers, Abdul's condition improved. He now weighs 10 kg and leads a healthier life with nutritious food habits.

**Image used for representation purposes only.*

The Problem: Low health awareness, poor nutrition, and flood-prone schools impact children's health and school retention.

The Solution: Ensuring healthcare access, tackling malnutrition, and improving school enrollment and retention.

Project Impact

- 342 women linked to maternity programs
- 378 institutional deliveries ensured
- 948 children received 100% immunization
- 260 children enrolled in schools
- 2,077 children retained in schools.

2024 Grant Disbursed: \$61,531

CRY Holi 2024

The CRY Holi celebrations were a vibrant affair, filled with colors and joy across 4 cities- San Antonio on March 23, Los Angeles on March 23, Seattle on March 23 & San Diego on March 23. All CRY Holi events celebrated the festival of colors, while supporting the cause of underprivileged children.

CRY San Antonio Holi

CRY America along with the IASA [Indian Association of San Antonio] hosted a Holi event on March 23 at UTSA Recreation Center, San Antonio. The event brought together community members to celebrate the festival of colors, with traditional music, dance performances & snacks. We thank our event attendees, sponsors & volunteers, for making the Holi event fun & successful.



CRY Los Angeles Holi

In a kaleidoscope of colors, our recent CRY Los Angeles Holi event brought together people from all walks of life to celebrate the festival of colors. The participants smeared each other with bright colors, grooved to the music beats on the dhol, enjoyed cultural performances like bhangra & refreshments. Thank you to our event attendees, sponsors & volunteers, for raising resources for children's rights.



CRY San Diego Holi

CRY San Diego Chapter hosted a Holi event on March 23 at the Miramar College Hourglass Field with 1,800 attendees. We were honored to have Council member Kent Lee from District 6 give the opening remarks, proclaiming March 25, 2024, as "CRY San Diego Holi Day." The kids' performance was a great opening act, followed by dancing to DJ Dan's music. Attendees enjoyed the 360 photo booth & delicious food from



Rasraj. Special thanks to our event sponsors, attendees & volunteers, for making this event a success.

CRY Seattle Holi

The CRY Seattle Holi 2024 event drew 2,000 attendees to the Bellevue Downtown Park! Despite rain during setup, the weather cleared up, welcoming the sun & participants. DJ RDX provided the beats as people danced & splashed colors. Everyone embraced the spirit of Holi & enjoyed Indian street food. We thank our event participants, sponsors & volunteers, for making this event a success & raising resources for CRY's children.





It has been extremely inspiring to see CRY help kids become healthy, go back to school and participate in activities that bring them confidence and joy. Thank you CRY for being there for the long term, for doing this difficult work and improving the lives of so many kids in India. In CRY America's 20th year I wish CRY America continues to grow and flourish so that more children can have a better future.

- Anita Kapadia



As CRY America celebrates its 20th Anniversary I'm humbled to reflect on the incredible impact this organization has had on the lives of countless children. The collective contributions of donors, volunteers & visionary leaders of CRY America have not only provided immediate relief but have sown seeds of empowerment, education & hope for a brighter future.

- Murali Narayanan



Volunteering with CRY has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I believe in giving back—and what better way than by helping children build brighter futures for themselves? CRY's mission resonates deeply with me, and I'm grateful to share this journey with my daughter, who volunteers alongside me. Giving through CRY isn't just about supporting others—it's about shaping who we are. I truly believe each of us has the power to make a difference, and together, we can help every child thrive.

- Manisha Dahiya

CRY Seattle Dandiya

The event took place over 2 weekends from October 4 to 12 at the Microsoft Commons & was a huge success with 4,000 people grooving to the music. It included a garba/dandiya class, dance performances by various dance groups, food stalls and photo booths. Prizes were given to the best dressed & the best dancers of the evening. A big thank you to our event attendees, sponsors and CRY volunteers, for their support in making CRY Dandiya a successful event.



CRY San Diego Dandiya

On October 5 at the California Center for the Arts CRY San Diego Dandiya was a sold out event, where 1,200 people danced to the beats of lively Bollywood music & modern beats. District member, Dr. Darshana Patel, was a special guest. The participants enjoyed the dance performances, delicious food & shopping at various booths set up at the venue. Thank you to our event guests, sponsors and CRY volunteers, for making CRY Dandiya an awesome event.



Other CRY America Events 2024

CRY America Superstar

A virtual national music & dance competition for kids above 6 years & adults, CRY Superstar was held from February 4 to March 14, which had 63 participants. The event was judged by Neelam Kothari, Aishwarya Majmudar, Jassi Jasbir & Karthik Priyadarshan. Thank you to our event participants, national judges, USA judges, and all those who helped make this event a success. Thank you also to our sponsors, Nanak Foods, Radio Dabang & Maryland Mavericks, for supporting CRY Superstar 2025.



CRY Seattle Allgos

It was a live Bollywood musical show organized on 20 and 21 September by the CRY Seattle Team at the Kirkland Performance Center, where the AllGoRhythms band performed with various other artists from romantic songs to dance numbers. 750 participants enjoyed the lively music & food available at the venue. Thank you to our donors, sponsors, Seattle volunteers & the AllGoRhythms band for making this a successful event.



CRY Phoenix Volleyball & Throwball

This was organized from October 25 to 27 at Chuparosa Park & Gilbert Regional Park, which brought together the community in a spirited display of teamwork for children in need. The throwball tournament featured women & children across 2 categories, while the volleyball tournament saw 180 players competing across 3 categories. Congratulations to the winning teams & thank you to our event participants, sponsors & volunteers, Suma, Ranga, Pooja, Krishan Damala, Chandana for making this event a grand success.



CRY Austin Volleyball & Throwball

Volleyball was held on May 11 at Milburn Park in which 16 teams participated, with Pulingo emerging as the winner & Indy Roots, the runners-up. The Austin team also organized a women's throwball event on September 15 which had 60 women participating in 6 teams which was won by the Austin Challengers & Austin Squad teams. Thank you to our Austin volunteers for their dedicated efforts in making this a successful event.



CRY Tennessee Antakshari

This event was held on April 20 at the Nolensville Historic Society. It brought together 21 music enthusiasts from across the city who showcased their vocal prowess and engaged in friendly competition. The event also included a kids' recycling contest which had 16 kids participating.



CRY Tennessee Creepy Carnival

Organized on October 19 at the Nolensville Historic Society, the event was packed with eerie excitement & entertainment with 23 participants. It had costume contests for both adults & children where the energy was electric as ghouls, goblins, princesses & superheroes proudly showcased their looks. The participants also enjoyed the haunted house, games & treats to satisfy every craving. Thank you to our event participants & volunteers, for supporting the cause of children.



Action Centers At A Glance 2024

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How Nisha Reclaimed Her Right To Learn Project SSRF



Nisha, a bright girl from Uttar Pradesh, was forced to drop out after Grade 11 due to her mother's limited income. Since Nisha's father was in prison, they faced social stigma & financial challenges. Project SSRF intervened through home visits & counseled her family to re-enroll Nisha and her two sisters in school. To support their transition back to school, Nisha was enrolled in CRY's Digital Learning Center,

while her two sisters joined the Child Activity Center. She attended career counseling sessions to explore higher education opportunities. She is currently studying in Grade 12 & is planning to pursue higher education in the science stream. After completing her B.Sc. in Biology, she wants to start preparing for the Army entrance examination, as she aspires to join the Army.

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The Problem: Distant schools in Varanasi & Bhadohi cause high dropouts resulting to child labor, and early marriage.

The Solution: Rescuing child laborers, preventing child marriage and strengthening child protection system with relevant stakeholders.

Project Impact

- 4,525 children aged 15-18 years retained in schools
- 523 children enrolled in remedial education
- 274 potential child marriages prevented
- 500 community members sensitized on child protection issues
- 675 adolescents participated in Life Skills Sessions

2024 Grant Disbursed: \$42,573



CRY America raises \$1.5 million to support India's underprivileged children

"We're here to make a difference because we care," said Actor Arjun Rampal while urging attendees to contribute



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CRY Gala to Thank Supporters for Shaping Children's Destinies

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HOUSTON: April 8, 2024 marks CRY, Child Rights and You America's 20th year of ensuring children's rights to a happy, healthy & educated life. Join us for an evening of reflection & celebration as we express our gratitude to our community of supporters from Houston, share our achievements & unveil our future goals at our CRY Gala on Sunday, April 21 at the Marriott Sugar Land.

The event will be attended by Celebrity Arjun Rampal, Project Partner Dr Rolee Singh and will honor our long-term supporters Juuhi and Prakash Ahuja. The evening will include a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by violinist Esther Anaya & Karmagraphy, live auction, dinner, donor appreciation and pledge session, Bollywood music and dancing. A live auction will showcase autographed guitar by the Rolling Stones, Michael Jordan Chicago Bulls Jersey, Start Wars Cast Movie Poster etc.

L.A. Holi Festival – Spreading colors for children's rights

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Attendees toss handfuls of colored corn starch in the air during the Holi Color Festival held at Casteck Lake Recreation Area on Saturday, 031123. Dan Watson/The Signal

CRY Gala Celebrates Supporters for Shaping Children's Destinies



CRY Gala in Houston on April 21 at the Marriott Sugar Land was an evening of reflection & celebration as we expressed our gratitude to our supporters & shared our achievements. PAGE 2

Project

Grant (\$)

Gramya Vikas Manch	61,531
Comprehensive Health and Rural Development Society	28,797
Development Education and Environmental Programme	28,546
Adarsh Seva Sansthan	27,398
New Era Environmental Development Society	27,510
Social Welfare Agency & Training Institute	31,176
Sanlaap	29,498
Jawahar Jyoti Bal Vikas Kendra	30,325
Sikshasandhan	24,074
Society for Promotion of Rural Education and Development	21,446
Vikas Samvad Samity, Shivpuri	57,916
Kotra Adivasi Sansthan	37,121
Doaba Vikas Evam Utthan Samiti	61,680
Dr. Sambhunath Singh Research Foundation	42,573
Samvedna	29,150
Shri Jan Jeevan Kalyan Samiti	47,601
Asian Institute of Management Trust	33,623
Samgra Vikas Sansthan - Badayun	28,460
Synergy Sansthan	17,180
Vatsalya	17,860
People's Organization for Rural Development	44,647
Pragathi	49,342
Society for Rural Agriculturalists and Mass Awareness	26,324
Rural Workers Development Society	52,504
Ananya Education & Empowerment Trust	41,880

A Voice Against Discrimination

Project KMAGVS

Project	Grant (\$)
Eco Foundation for Research & Training	32,692
Gram Swaraj Sangh (GSS)	21,010
Gram Mitra Samaj Sevi Sansthan	21,289
Mitwa Mahila Kalyan Evam Seva Samiti	23,005
Kalapandhari Magas Vargiya and Adivasi Gramin Vikash Sanstha	32,486
Wide Angle	16,569
CRY India - Grant to Child and Adolescent Resource Centres	51,207
CRY India - Grant for Direct Initiatives	164,424
Gramya Vikas Manch (GVM) - OTG Flood	6,193
CRY India - Reimbursement of Grant Management Expenses for India Projects	105,141
CRY India - Grant for Capacity Building Trainings	53,190
Indian Association for Women's Studies	61,237
Azad Foundation	95,285
Jagori	16,439
Anjali	62,078
CRY India - Grant for Trainings for Oak Projects	8,156
CRY India - Reimbursement of Grant Management Expenses for Oak Funded Projects	54,740
Srijan Mahila Vikas Manch	33,433
Sundarban Social Development Centre	56,089
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	50,000
Children's Rights Inc	50,000



Child marriage is a major barrier in a girl's life. To address this, CRY's project KMAGVS in Latur, Maharashtra, introduced 'Balvani', a community radio where girls could speak freely. An IVRS number was also shared with them where children could report issues, and get help within 48 hours. When Akansha* faced the threat of child marriage after Grade 10, she used the IVRS to raise her voice. The project team intervened,

counseled her parents, and helped stop the marriage. Akansha stayed in school, topped her Grade 10 exams, and began speaking out on the radio against gender discrimination. She now inspires others in her community to pursue education and stand up for their rights.

**Name changed and AI image used to protect child's identity.*

The Problem: Seasonal migration, child marriage, and distant schools in Latur disrupt children's education.

The Solution: The project ensures school enrollment, financial stability through government program linkages, and community awareness on education and child rights.

Project Impact

- 1,745 children aged 6-14 retained in schools
- 179 potential child marriages prevented
- 2,031 children aged 6-18 attending remedial support classes
- 10 children removed from child labor
- 421 families connected to financial security programs

2024 Grant Disbursed: \$32,486