

SUMMARY

Despite the impacts of COVID-19 and Cyclone Amphan, the India Child Protection project continued to empower, teach, and advocate for children and their families as well as provide resources for basic needs.

Despite this progress, violence against girls continued to be a significant threat during the pandemic. To address this, nine Girl Power groups from Darjeeling District, in partnership with Border Security Force and District Legal Services Authority, launched an advocacy campaign and used street theater to create awareness against human trafficking.

The project team distributed dry rations and personal hygiene kits to women and children living in the red-light district and vulnerable families with girls who are at risk of trafficking.

Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers (CFLRCs) closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. To continue teaching and learning, the team started online math and English classes for older students and created worksheets for younger students to pick up and return when completed.

Since in-person meetings were restricted, online counseling was offered to Girl Power group members, children in CFLRCs, and survivors in aftercare homes. Discussion topics included COVID-19 awareness, mental health during lockdown, and recognizing and reporting child sexual abuse.

Cyclone Amphan was the most violent cyclone to hit India in over 100 years, destroying homes and livelihoods. Emergency assistance was provided to 4,200 families in South 24 Parganas District and Kolkata red-light districts.

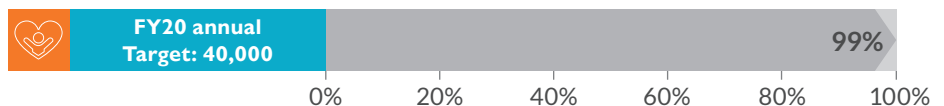


“2020 was a year we never imagined. However, World Vision has stood by and provided us with rations and daily meals for our children through CFLRC and continued to educate our children. Thank you World Vision, for being there for us.”

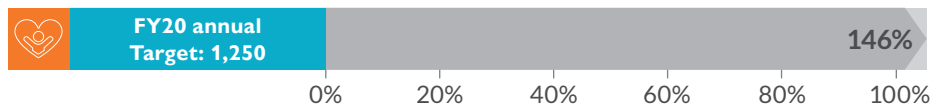
—Parent participant, India
(The mother is not pictured.)

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

39,936 children educated on how to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration



1,824 girls participated in Girl Power groups



524 men engaged in Men Care groups



KEY LEARNINGS

Because of World Vision's active community presence, the project team was able to establish a relationship and build trust with the local police. This has helped improve police response and involvement when incidences are reported. We also have built trust with communities in the red-light district by creating and enrolling children in CFLRCs.

More than half of the Girl Power groups formed have taken at least one action to protect girls in their communities, including stopping child marriages, reporting child abuse incidents to police, or reporting missing children incidents to police.



"[Due to COVID-19, our] work in shelter homes stopped abruptly ... But we did not let the pandemic affect our efforts. Through video calls, we provided mental health and trauma-specific assistance to the children. This not only helped me maintain close contact with the children but also strengthened my connection with them."

—Rita Gomes

mental health and psychosocial support specialist, India

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE



PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

Over the next six months, the India Child Protection project plans to:

- Lead a legal awareness program for Men Care groups
- Develop a training for boys to reduce sexual gender-based violence
- Train village-level child protection committees on how to respond to different child protection incidences, including trafficking
- Equip child survivors with job skills to protect them from second generation prostitution
- Provide counseling for girls living in red-light areas

THANK YOU

Through your generosity, mothers and children have the resources they need to experience the fullness of life. We are grateful for your support and partnership with us to reach the most vulnerable in India.

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FINANCIALS

Program spending October 2019 through September 2020

Activity Description	Fiscal Year-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Spending	Project-to-Date Budget Through End of FY20
Outcome 1: Children, especially the most vulnerable, are active participants in reducing child sex trafficking and all forms of violence in their families and communities.	451,919	1,093,276	1,126,286
Increased capacity of children to protect themselves	190,437	517,071	505,742
Established Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers	165,950	393,677	421,202
Provided services for girls in aftercare homes	65,570	141,178	155,918
Provided economic support to girls' families	5,339	5,886	7,662
Promoted alternative livelihood options	24,623	35,464	35,762
Provided psychosocial care, formal education, and vocational skills training			
Outcome 2 : Families have strong, healthy relationships and access to appropriate services to care for and protect their children.	21,018	65,616	65,654
Strengthened engagement among men to protect children	14,238	41,545	42,510
Created family development plans for families living in red-light districts	1,412	4,059	2,749
Cared for families with family development plans	175	13,924	14,286
Established income-generating activities for families with family development plans	5,193	6,088	6,109
Outcome 3: Communities, including faith communities, are working together to establish and sustain a safe and protective environment for all children.	180,994	311,593	308,244
Increased capacity of faith community to care for children who are vulnerable to, or survivors of, violence	30,586	53,113	54,084
Developed stronger district-level child protection committees	9,337	29,775	32,217
Coordinated meetings among government and nongovernmental organizations	32,785	91,179	88,751
Strengthened advocacy initiatives at district, state, and national levels	13,597	42,837	37,676
Supported the most vulnerable families with food and hygiene supplies	94,689	94,689	95,516
Subtotal	653,931	1,470,485	1,500,184
Management and Fundraising	217,977	490,162	500,061
TOTAL	871,908	1,960,647	2,000,245