

YOUR ANNUAL UPDATE

Thanks to your sponsorship, children and families are making positive changes in Ranchi. Learn more about the valuable ways your support has benefitted.

This past year, thousands of families in need received food and hygiene kits to help them through the challenges of COVID-19. And 6,000 of families are now able to grow kitchen gardens and provide nutritious food to their children. Some families are even earning an income from selling surplus produce, helping them meet their basic needs.

More than 1,000 girls and boys are also empowered to stand up for their rights and say no to child marriage in their communities.

Your sponsorship will ensure even more success for children in Ranchi.



400

Families earning from kitchen gardens



1,590

Children learnt about their rights



2,295

Families received food and hygiene kits



COVID-19'S IMPACT IN INDIA

Hear from Meenaskhi about how COVID-19 has impacted her community.

"I was afraid to take the COVID-19 vaccine because I thought I would get sick and die. Then Plan visited our community and shared information about the vaccine and the benefits. I decided to take the first dose and I was fine. I motivated my friends, and now I am fully vaccinated. Thank you Plan International."

CASE STORY: REACHING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE



NAME: TARANNUM

AGE: 12 YEARS OLD

HOBBY: READING



"I always wanted to go to a big school and do well for myself and my family, but my parents could not afford the fees and I didn't have the necessary identity papers. Plan International helped us get documents for admission, and now I am confident I can fulfil my dreams."

Meet Tarannum

Like your sponsored child, Tarannum has been empowered by Plan International to change her life. Tarannum has top marks in her grade, and she's excited about what the future holds for her. She and her three siblings are all enrolled at good schools and can access government programmes, thanks to their new identity cards.

I Am Here

Tarannum's parents moved to Delhi in search of work. Her father was the only earner, and it was hard for him to make ends meet.

Government supports for income and food existed, but the family didn't have the proper identity cards. The documents were also needed for admission into secondary school.

After joining Plan International's child sponsorship program, Tarannum learned about the importance of having identity documents to claim her rights and access the supports she's entitled to.

Tarannum and her family now have their identity cards, and they can play an active role as full citizens in their community.

Family Support

COVID-19 has been hard on Tarannum. Her father lost his job, and it became a struggle to provide food for the family, even with government programmes.

While distributing face masks and hygiene kits to help keep children and families safe from the virus, Plan International also provided financial support. Through this support, Tarannum's parents were able to purchase nutritious food for her and her siblings.

Tarannum is dreaming big for her future, and her parents are giving her all the support she needs to reach her goals.



Tarannum on her way to school

WE CURRENTLY WORK WITH 5,900 CHILDREN IN RANCHI

OUR PROJECTS IN RANCHI ARE HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE



SAYING NO TO CHILD MARRIAGE



Around one in three marriages in Ranchi are of children under the age of 18. Girls are disproportionately forced into early marriage, which is a violation of their rights and prevents them from reaching their full potential.

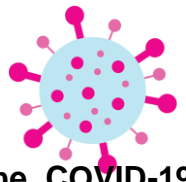
1,250 girls and 340 boys, as members of children and youth groups, took part in discussions on children's rights. And a mobile campaign traveled through 3 districts, reaching around 15,000 people with messages on the harms of early and forced marriage.

109 community performances also demonstrated how children should be free to complete their education and wait until they graduate before entering a marriage.

More than 5,600 families are now aware of their children's rights and will work to stop child marriage in their communities.

The van used to raise awareness of the harms of child marriage during the mobile campaign

RESPONDING TO COVID-19



Many families in Ranchi struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents lost their jobs, and food and hygiene items became scarce. Misinformation around the virus and available vaccines also meant people lacked the knowledge they needed to keep themselves safe.

More than 2,200 families in need received food kits and hygiene supplies. Supplies such as rice and lentils, along with face masks and soap helped children and parents stay healthy and protect themselves during the Omicron wave.

Awareness raising sessions on COVID-19 has helped thousands of people reduce the spread of the disease through wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing. People also learnt the importance of vaccination, and they can share this information with others.



"Due to the pandemic, my family was suffering as we had no work and we used all our savings for our basic needs. In this crucial situation Plan International supported us with the food kit which was much needed. We are very thankful."

- Panchami (45) from Ranchi

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS BETTER FUTURES



FUTURE CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS



16%

Of students drop out of secondary school



32%

Of marriages are of children under the age of 18



21%

Of people do not have access to safe water



Your support helps girls and boys to stand up for their futures.

- School drop-out rates remain high in Ranchi. We will promote girls' education and support schools to create inspiring and inclusive learning spaces so all children can open the door to a brighter future.
- We will ensure young people have the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their bodies through training on sexual and reproductive health.
- Many children continue to suffer from malnutrition. We will support parents to give their children the best possible start in life with nutritious foods.
- Child marriage remains a common practice. We will empower girls to stand up for their rights and continue to raise awareness of the harms of early marriage.

We know the best is yet to come, and together we will continue to work for a brighter, happier future for the children in Ranchi.



"Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to serve families in Ranchi. We will continue to work hard to empower the whole community, especially children and women, on different aspects of health, nutrition, education, and protection."

Amit Kumar Gupta

Programme Area Manager, Ranchi

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN STANDING UP FOR THEIR FUTURE AND RIGHTS