



RESTLESS DEVELOPMENT INDIA Programme portfolio 2017/18



Restless Development India has been working with young people in India since 1985. More than 200 volunteers are working with Restless to deliver eight programmes that acknowledge young people's concerns, from the engaging urban communities in the Delhi slums, to delivering DfID's International Citizen Service in Tamil Nadu. Restless Development India is increasingly integrating a rights and gender based approach across all programmes, and exploring how technology can both empower communities and support Restless Development's dynamic accountability approach.

Voice. With support from the Netherlands Embassy, Restless Development India is building a platform for young people to lead in youth councils across Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Tamil Nadu. Through these spaces, young people monitor decisions made in their communities and hold local decision-makers to account.

Living. Restless Development India is working in partnership with local NGOs, government funded and private-sector skills-training centres to support young people in achieving a decent living.

In partnership with UNDP, the Disha project will reach 5,000 young girls and women living in Delhi's urban slums to equip them with employability skills. Young people are driving this engagement with 25 skilled young facilitating access to skills workshops and life-changing career opportunities. In the last year alone, a total of 3,261 girls have been supported with skills and training to establish enterprise and pursue sustainable livings.

Sexual Rights. Supported by Amplify Change, Restless Development is working with an alliance of 50 local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and members of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Alliance in Bihar and Jharkhand, to address issues of child marriage in India. This is a new initiative through which Restless Development will work with CSOs to build their capacity on youth-led community action and campaigns around the issue of child marriage in Munger and Bhagalpur, Bihar. This offers an opportunity to further develop and share Restless Development India's free M-Sathi app (developed with funding from Zing), used by young people to self-learn about comprehensive sexuality education.

The 'Making Periods Normal' programme funded by Rutgers, is aimed at creating awareness about menstruation and making structures and institutions more responsive towards women's needs during menstruation.

In partnership with ICRW, 'Plan-It Girls' adopts a holistic approach to building empowerment and gender equality at local level, working with school principals, teachers, parents, boys and business leaders. Under this programme, 10000 girls will access training on self-efficacy, resourcefulness and employability themes over a period of two years. An equal number of boys will also attend parallel sessions to promote gender equality norms.

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