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Empowering women as agents of social change

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VISION STATEMENT

To end all forms of violence against women and children by creating an environment where women, youth and children can develop themselves to be agents of their own change and where opportunities/spaces are created to enable them to participate fully in achieving their rights.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of URJA is to empower, educate and enable marginalized women and children and to advance their status by advocating for their educational, economic, social and legal rights.

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide women and girls, especially women migrants, those trapped/found in intergenerational prostitution and women in distress with life choices and access to opportunities and resources
2. Encourage leadership amongst women and to build awareness of their rights.
3. Promote economic self sufficiency of women
4. Advocate collectively for educational opportunities, economic resources and legal protection of marginalized women and children.
5. Lobby with policy makers and government to pro-actively address gender based violence and discrimination

URJA is a registered non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in New Delhi, India. Founded in 2011, it is working with the Peran community in Premnagar Basti, Najafgarh, located near the Delhi- Haryana border. Prostitution in the community is inter generational and the girls are pushed into it as soon as they are married, which is when they are 16-17 years old.

OUR PROJECTS

URJA'S programs for marginalised women and children can be classified into four broad categories:

- 1) EDUCATION
- 2) ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
- 3) HEALTH
- 4) RESEARCH & ADVOCACY

1) Education

Balwadi:

A preschool educational program to help the child to transition smoothly to formal education is being run by the organization. 14 children of WIP (Women in Prostitution) and poor children are attending URJA's Balwadi. The Balwadi runs for 3 hours a day and a local resident of the community is hired as a teacher.

Library:

A library was set up last year to improve reading and comprehension skills of children.



The library is regularly stocked with books on general knowledge, stories and fables. Children were encouraged to take books home, read and discuss it with their friends in the Centre.

2. Economic Empowerment

Vocational Training

A vocational training course for adolescent girls and women was started in 2012-13. Eight girls under this project were given a six-month training on basic tailoring and stitching.



3. Health

Health Camp

URJA regularly organises health camps and health awareness programs for women and children in Najafgarh. A Health Camp was organized by the organization on 25th December, 2012. Women, children and men came in large numbers. 83 beneficiaries (40 children, 25 women and 18 men) benefitted from the camp. Children and adults were given free medicines by doctors and advised on good health and hygiene.



4. Research & Advocacy

International Women's Day

On 8th March, 2013, International Women's Day was celebrated in the community. Violence against women and children was the topic of discussion. Constitutional

safeguards and different legislations that protect women and children under the Indian legal system were discussed with case studies and real life examples.



Celebration of Republic Day

Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January, 2013. Women and children celebrated the event with songs, poetry recitation and skits. The importance of “Republic Day” was discussed with women and children. 50 women and children were present on the occasion.



Counselling

The organization is providing legal assistance and counseling to women and children who are victims of sexual assault and other forms of violence. Through its legal counseling efforts, the organization is able to provide legal advice and referrals to women in distress.

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