

In the Indian states of Assam and West Bengal, children face high risk of violence and exploitation. But with your support, communities are transforming into safer, more loving places for children.

ASSAM

This year, we reached 171,093 people in Assam. We went both wide and deep—reaching 114,322 people through awareness events (a critical first step for long-term change). And we went deep with individual support for survivors, handling 125 cases of trafficking, rape, child marriage, and other forms of violence. Thank you for equipping us to reach so many.

Girl Power Groups (GPGs) display girls' potential. We now have 254 active GPGs, with more than 9,000 members learning about self-confidence, safety, and how to raise their voices for change. Of those, 1,621 girls joined our soccer program. Seeing girls play soccer challenges community perceptions about what girls can do—the girls' team that won the tournament we hosted went on to place third in the interdistrict tournament! Also this year:

- 386 girls became Anti-Trafficking Warriors after in-depth violence prevention training. ([Watch Koyal share how she stops child marriage.](#))
- GPGs put on street plays to create awareness about child sex trafficking, reaching 26,050 people.

Men Care Groups (MCGs) teach men the value of supporting their wives and daughters. In FY22, we reached 125 MCGs with 4,157 members learning why and how to advocate for women and influence other men to do the same. Also this year:

- 515 MCG members took legal awareness training to report cases of violence against children.
- 125 men developed action plans to stop sexual and gender-based violence. These community-driven plans are key to sustainability.

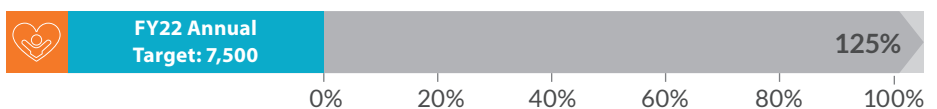


Above: Proud GPG members commemorate becoming Anti-Trafficking Warriors. Below: A mural in a child-friendly police station shows comforting messages and emergency phone numbers. World Vision helped many Assam police stations become places where children could feel safe asking for help.

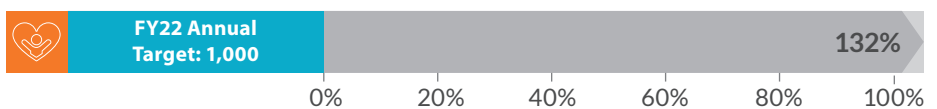


PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (ASSAM)

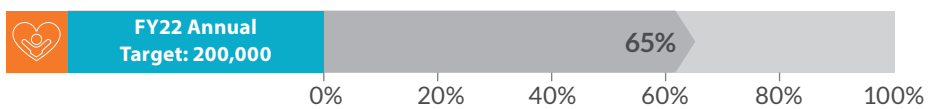
9,349 members of GPGs trained on life and protection skills



1,321 faith leaders trained in the Channels of Hope for Child Protection curriculum



129,634 community members educated to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration (FY22 target not met due to challenges from flooding and ongoing COVID-19 restrictions)



INDIA

WEST BENGAL

In West Bengal, we reached 96,909 people—from young survivors to government leaders—with tools to stop violence against children.

Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers (CFLRCs) provide a safe place for children at risk to play. This year, 1,179 children participated in our 14 CFLRCs in 10 red-light districts in West Bengal.

- 1,052 children completed our education program to help them catch up to appropriate learning levels after two years of school closures. This will help prevent school dropouts.
- 59 mothers were equipped to start small businesses and 89 women and adolescents received entrepreneurship or job training.
- All CFLRCs hosted meetings for mothers to learn about self-care, women’s health, and positive parenting.

Children with disabilities are empowered with resources. Children with disabilities face greater risk of exploitation. A disability certificate can help them obtain promised government

support, but certificates are difficult to obtain, and families are sometimes exploited while applying for them. To address this, we held a screening event with relevant officials all in one place, resulting in 334 children obtaining their certificates. Also this year:

- 36 children with hearing impairment received hearing aids, allowing many of them to hear for the first time.
- 53 children received wheelchairs.

Survivors are speaking out to create change. We organized a meeting between survivors, district leaders, and police to provide a space for survivors to advocate directly for their rights regarding promised victim compensation. Some survivors also chose to share with GPGs, using their stories to build awareness among GPG members. Also this year:

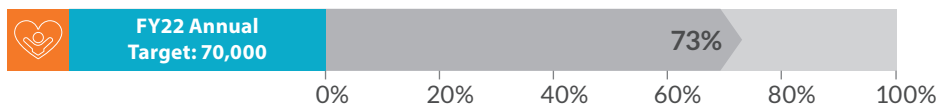
- 160 survivors took part in our monthly meetings, which provide mental health support and legal aid.
- 148 child survivors in shelter homes joined our Sports for Development, music, and/or art therapy classes to aid in their recovery.



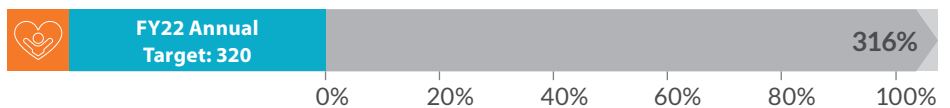
Girls display reminders of their great value in God’s eyes. This year, CFLRCs hosted a special psychosocial support program for 259 girls with the theme, “I am God’s Masterpiece.” They learned that they are valued and loved by God no matter where they live, what they look like, or what their parents are involved in.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES (WEST BENGAL)

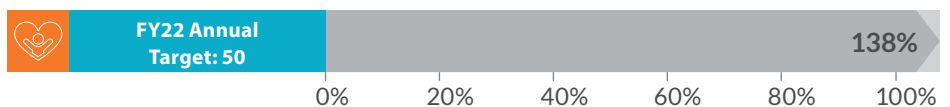
50,843 community members educated to prevent trafficking and promote safe migration



1,011 child survivors provided with mental health and psychosocial support



69 families trained in the Celebrating Families curriculum to help them heal broken relationships and better care for each other



PROGRESS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering with multifaith leaders

In both Assam and West Bengal, investing in partnerships with multifaith leaders has led to significant community-driven change. This year in Assam, 298 multifaith leaders took part in Congregational Hope Action Teams, in which they took steps to protect children, independent of World Vision support. In West Bengal, 50 Muslim faith leaders took Channels of Hope for Child Protection training, and we partnered with 200 Hindu priests to put on a Faith in Action awareness campaign about the harms of child marriage and sex trafficking, which reached 18,200 people.

Growing relationships with police departments

We are also seeing our investments in relationships with police departments in both states start to pay off. Over time, we have helped create more positive perceptions of police and, in turn, equipped the police to better protect children, especially girls. In West Bengal, police departments have invited World Vision to be part of rescue missions because of the expertise we've demonstrated. In Assam this year, 1,193 GPG members joined police interface meetings, and many girls have expressed hopes of becoming police officers someday to help protect their communities. This shows a big shift from when we started, when both groups viewed the other with much more suspicion.

Please join with us in prayer as we continue to rely on supportive partnerships. Pray that those in power will be motivated by compassion for children facing violence.



LIFE-OF-PROJECT UPDATE

Assam (FY21-FY22)

412,791 people,

including 176,285 children and youth, have benefited from ministry activities so far.

West Bengal (FY18-FY22)

839,863 people,

including 299,159 children and youth, have benefited from ministry activities so far.

THANK YOU

Words feel inadequate when we express gratitude to our donors. You have been a shining light in difficult places, a source of hope in the midst of despair. Your hearts have been moved with love for others, and you've shared God's love through your gifts, your prayers, and your faithful partnership. Thank you.

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."
—1 John 4:12 (NIV)*



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ASSAM FINANCIALS

Project spending October 2021 through September 2022

Activity Description	FY22 Spending	FY22 Funding	Project-to-Date Spending
Outcome 1: At-risk children living in red-light areas and survivors of sex trafficking are made resilient and are able to protect themselves from second generation prostitution			
Provided at-risk children in red-light districts with legal identity and regular monitoring so they have increased resilience	\$ 8,641	\$ 9,151	\$ 18,243
Strengthened the capacity of red-light area single mothers to provide adequate care and nurturing to their children	16,233	17,195	21,588
Increased access to psychosocial care, formal education, and vocational training for reintegrated girls in Dhubri and Baksa districts of Assam	44,900	47,556	67,554
Outcome 2: Adolescent girls are active participants in efforts to reduce sex trafficking and other sexual violence against children in their families and communities			
Improved life skills, protective skills, and voice of adolescent girls to protect themselves and their peers from sex trafficking	230,507	244,138	532,624
Outcome 3: Community demonstrates knowledge and behaviors that protect adolescent girls from sex trafficking and other gender-based violence			
Trained faith leaders to prevent child sex trafficking and other sexual violence against children	50,188	53,155	127,548
Strengthened engagement of fathers and other men in protecting girls from sex trafficking and other gender-based violence	59,418	62,931	86,896
Increased awareness in communities on sex trafficking and ways and means of protecting girls	123,386	130,679	181,107
Outcome 4: Increased capacity, coordination, and accountability of formal/informal child protection actors in effectively preventing and responding to sex trafficking and other sexual violence			
Strengthened dialogue between communities and authorities to improve child protection issues	6,166	6,531	19,622
Established and strengthened community-based, child-friendly reporting and referral mechanisms to enable girls to report	17,042	18,052	21,762
Enhanced capacity and coordination of formal child protection agencies to respond to sex trafficking and other sexual violence	77,177	81,736	103,558
Families affected by flooding received dry ration kits	108,099	115,530	108,099
SUBTOTAL	741,757	786,654	1,288,601
Management and fundraising	247,252	262,218	429,534
TOTAL	\$ 989,009	\$ 1,048,872	\$ 1,718,135

WEST BENGAL FINANCIALS

Project spending October 2021 through September 2022

Activity Description	FY22 Spending	FY22 Funding	Project-to-Date Spending
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			
Increased capacity of children to protect themselves	\$ 158,294	\$ 163,491	\$ 768,612
Established Child-Friendly Learning and Recreation Centers	374,512	387,207	1,113,256
Provided services for girls in aftercare homes	31,263	33,278	219,307
Provided economic support to girls' families	57	62	475
Promoted alternative livelihood options	8,245	9,078	29,671
Provided psychosocial care, formal education, and vocational skills training	51,755	55,099	126,200
Outcome 2: Families have strong, healthy relationships and access to appropriate services to care for and protect their children			
Strengthened engagement among men to protect children	17,654	18,460	73,144
Created family development plans for families living in red-light districts	3,090	3,206	54,150
Cared for families with family development plans	59,133	61,547	120,708
Established income-generating activities for families with family development plans	16,769	17,423	38,405
Outcome 3: Communities, including faith communities, are working together to establish and sustain a safe and protective environment for all children			
Increased capacity of faith communities to care for children who are vulnerable to, or survivors of, violence	5,901	6,094	91,887
Developed stronger district-level child protection committees	11,109	12,390	97,486
Coordinated meetings among government and nongovernmental organizations	25,535	27,361	167,974
Strengthened advocacy initiatives at district, state, and national levels	2,393	2,512	51,016
Outcome 4: Evaluation			
Evaluation	1,932	1,996	1,932
Supported most vulnerable families with food and hygiene supplies	-	-	94,689
SUBTOTAL	767,642	799,204	3,048,912
Management and fundraising	255,881	257,611	1,016,304
TOTAL	\$ 1,023,523	\$ 1,056,815	\$ 4,065,216