

# HOPE Girls Education Initiative Gujarat



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# Site Visit in October 2025

- Site Visit done by: Maulik Nagri on October 10, 2025, in Ahmedabad at the office of HOPE-GEI, on behalf of Asha for Education's Boston Chapter.
- For background, this project was reorganized as HOPE Girls Education Initiative (HOPE-GEI) from a prior project funded by the Boston Chapter since 2018. Additionally, the chapter volunteers would like to continue funding the project after the reorganization.
- I was welcomed by 20+ girl students (ages 10-18). when I visited the GEI's office in Narol area of Ahmedabad on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2025,.
- I met with Prasad Chacko, Meera Rafi, and 25 girl wards (including alumni), supported by HOPE-GEI.
- GEI educates and provides life skills training to various girls. The girl wards used a presentation to share in their own words when they learn at GEI. These topics include:
  - Life Skills
  - Gender Equality
  - Reproductive Health
  - Menopause
  - Mental Health
  - Overcoming Superstitions
  - Constitution of India
- Later the girl wards and I had open Q&A session where they shared stories and how GEI has given them not only education but also, motivation and courage to pursue their studies.
- I noted the high confidence and high self-esteem of the girl wards, based on counselling and training provided by the HOPE-GEI staff. Certain girl wards stated that they have become role models and advocates in their communities for women's health projects.
- Importantly, they learnt from the teachers and from each other.

# Photos from October 2025 Site Visit



# Internal Presentation

- Gujarati Presentation



GEI Gujarati Presentation.pdf

- English Translation



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Document

# Proposal + Budget

Sr. No.	Component	Unit (no. of persons, events)	Unit Cost	Units (Days / Months)	Total (INR)
<b>A</b>	<b>Programme Costs</b>				<b>526,000</b>
<b>A.1.2</b>	GEP Community Coordinator @ INR 5000 per month	1	6,000	12	72,000
<b>A.2.1</b>	School, College, NIOS fees support	1	10,000	1	10,000
<b>A.2.2</b>	Residential Workshop (outstation) for 9 (Senior) girls + 1 volunteer (10 persons x INR 2200 per day per person x 3 days x 2 events)	10	6,600	2	132,000
<b>A.3.1</b>	Travelling expenses for (9 girls) to come to the GEP 10 days a month (Rs. 130 x 10 days x 10 students x 10 months)	9	1,200	10	108,000
<b>A.3.2</b>	Rent for educational space at the community level (@INR 5000 inclusive of electricity, water and maintenance)	1	5,000	12	60,000
<b>A.4.1</b>	Food Stocks for the families of children - 9 girls * Rs.120 per person per day * average of 10 days per month * 12 months)	9	1,250	12	135,000
<b>A.4.2</b>	Health Expenses	1	9,000	1	9,000
<b>B</b>	<b>Admin and Overhead Costs</b>				<b>58,400</b>
<b>B.1.1</b>	Overhead Costs -(Staff, Accountant, Audit, Stationery/postage, office assistance etc.)	1	4,850	12	58,400
<b>Total (A+B)</b>					<b>584,400</b>

Proposal is to fund INR 585,000 ~(\$6,500) for salaries, workshop, and rent, as detailed above.

# Site Visit in April 2025

- For background, this project was reorganized as HOPE Girls Education Initiative (HOPE-GEI) from a prior project funded by the Boston Chapter since 2018. Additionally, the chapter volunteers would like to continue funding the project after the reorganization.
- HOPE Girls Education Initiative provides learning support, shelter, nutrition, and counseling to adolescent girls from vulnerable and impoverished backgrounds.
- Site Visit done by: Dipal Patel on April 3, 2025, in Ahmedabad at the office of HOPE-GEI, on behalf of Asha for Education's Boston Chapter.
- Dipal met with Prasad Chacko, Meera Rafi, and 25 girl wards (including alumni), supported by HOPE-GEI.
- Dipal noted the high confidence and high self-esteem of the girl wards, likely based on counselling and training provided by the HOPE-GEI staff.
- Notably, certain girl wards stated that they have become role models and advocates in their communities for women's health projects.
- Dipal observed that the 3 decentralized workspaces provided by HOPE-GEI provide a place where girl wards:
  - Provide a nurturing and encouraging environment
  - Study after school
  - Enable learning from each other
  - Learn counselling and personality development (including English speaking and computer classes)
- Dipal noted that girl wards are selected based on single-parent families, impoverished backgrounds, and poor academic record. HOPE-GEI seeks a commitment from girl wards to pursue academic study diligently.
- Dipal observed that the use of 3 decentralized workspaces reduces commute time and gains greater acceptance from parents and extended families.
- Dipal noted that each of the 3 decentralized workspaces (geographically different from the space 2 years ago) has a senior student assisting the younger girls.

# Photos from April 2025 Site

