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JOSH, Educate Girls, Jamghat
JOSH

• Joint Operation for Social Help (JOSH) has been working with urban poor community and youth on the issue of education in the resettlement colonies and slums of Trilokpuri and Kalyanpuri in East Delhi for the past 16 years.

• In the past years JOSH has gained immense knowledge and relevant experience in highlighting issues and challenges faced by the most vulnerable and marginalized section of the society.

• Our work with adolescent girls reveals that a majority of the girls, especially from the minority communities, are deprived of education, lack access to any healthcare facilities and have very limited psycho-social support.
DROP OUT GIRLS: ‘GIVING THEM A SECOND CHANCE’

• As part of this intervention, we are working with girls who have been forced to leave school and dropped out of education due to various family and social pressures.

• The aim is to give them another chance to live their lives and become financially independent.

• Through an innovative course curriculum, which includes learning language skill, mathematics and science, these girls are helped to reach a level such that they are able to enter mainstream education.

• Every year, we identify 40 girls, give them a year of training, and then enroll them in NIOS. Additionally, these young women also receive training on gender and health issues.
• JOSH works in the **36 blocks of resettlement colony of Trilokpuri area of East Delhi**. Trilokpuri was settled in 1976, when thousands were evicted from slums across south and central Delhi and resettled across 36 blocks.

• **Every block had about 500 houses**, and space set aside for a central park, six smaller parks and two sets of common toilets and dustbins.
• Pros: Educating girls in Delhi slums who have no other opportunities for education or social enrichment

• Using very smart staff and being resourceful to educate and bring girls and better standard of living

• Cons: Roughly $300 USD per girl per year cost right now because exam enrollment fees and other costs in Delhi are high

• They think this cost will come down when scaling to more centers in the same districts but will not compare to a program which is already scaled like Educate Girls that is using technology to bring down costs- maybe can be reduced by half but will still not be at $70-$75 USD level
Educate Girls

• Founded by Safeena Husain in 2007, Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (referred to as Educate Girls) is a non-profit registered* in India that works towards girls’ education by mobilizing communities in some of the remotest parts of rural India.

• Vision: We aim to achieve behavioral, social and economic transformation for all girls towards an India where all children have equal opportunities to access quality education.

• Mission: We leverage existing community and government resources to ensure that all girls are in school and learning well.
Main advantages:

• **Audacious grant** from the Audacious project (from pool of public $ and donors) of **$100M USD** awarded which is allowing them to scale to millions of rural girls

• Current focus on **girls 4-14 and cost per girl is $70 per year per girl** which includes enrollment of drop-out girls, education, and retention

• New **expansion to rural program** costing **$150 per girl annually** but with scale and technology, expect to drop per girl cost in half by **next year**

• Most large-scale program already with systems in place to work with NGOs in the ground in key states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar
In 15 years since inception, Educate Girls has worked in 4 states, 21,000 villages, and used 18,000 community volunteers

- 1.4M girls enrolled
- 1.9M improved learning outcomes

Both JOSH and Educate Girls agree that completing Grade 10 unlocks many opportunities for girls
- Matriculation minimum requirement for any public sector job
400,000 street and working children in Delhi alone. Most of them are runaway children. These children live on their own on the streets without any adult support and often work for 12-14 hours a day as rag pickers, shoe-shine boys, dhaba (road side restaurants) assistants etc. earning less than a hundred rupees a day to meet their daily expenses. The children especially girls are subject to all forms of abuse, trafficking and are deprived of any kind of opportunities which are beneficial for their growth and development. Many street children have never been to school and others are school dropouts.
• **Jamghat has been running two shelter homes and one day care centre** for 77 girls and boys in Old Delhi.

• They **follow a model of care and development, which includes provision of basic security and services like food, shelter and health care.** A special priority is given to their education, capacity building, recreation and adult support & guidance.

• **Aman** is a residential home for 16 boys, **Aanchal** is a residential home for 13 girls and **Aangan** is a day care centre for more than 50-60 children living in the streets. There are 77 children and youths, who attend school and college because of Jamghat, some of them are provided with tuition classes while the others are supported through remedial and residential classes offered by Jamghat’s staff and volunteers.
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• Pros- Keeping kids off the streets in Delhi where subject to all forms of abuse
Running programs very professionally, with very kind, generous people

• Cons- Combo of housing and education expenses in a big city is high per child
This program targets one small fraction of the street children in Delhi alone
• Key take-aways from all programs

• Poverty is rampant throughout North India

• Education of girls to higher standards gets them better jobs and they make better choices, like having smaller families

• Over-population and poverty lead to abundance of street run-away kids in cities- need to reduce the number of these kids that are brought to society by educating women not to have them
• Girls need to be educated and given opportunities through programs like Educate Girls and JOSH

• Continuation of this cycle of poor families having many kids, run-away kids, poverty will lead to continued abuse of children through-out India, especially in big cities and will continue to amplify the need to try to save these children from having lives of extreme poverty and abuse

• Educate Girls already large organization and has optimized cost to educate girls

• Other organizations worth supporting too if there is money because they are run by phenomenal people and also serving a purpose but need to think how to optimize our dollars