



Over 150 Girl Child Leaders in the age group 12-17 yrs came together through a series of Virtual and physical Consultation during the National Girl Child Day to observe the National Girl Child Day. The Girl Child Leaders from West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh shared their lockdown stories and recommendations. Here is what they recommended seeking attention and action from Policy Makers.

“My village does not have a high school. As a result, girls are forced to drop out after primary school. There is no bridge also on the way to the high school, which makes it risky for children to cross the river and go to school. Therefore, we want a high school in our village”;
shared a Girl Child Leader from Bihar



Recommendations for Dream School

“Please reopen the schools soon so that we can go back to school and continue our education. We do not have access to digital education and do not have money to buy smartphones”; echoed many Child Leaders from West Bengal



1. Treat every school equally, whether government or private school.
2. Right to free and compulsory education up to class 12 so that no child is forced into labor because they are unable to bear the cost of their studies.
3. There should be high schools also in the neighborhood and not just primary school to provide opportunity to complete school education and prevent drop out.
4. Schools must have their own playgrounds.
5. Every Girl and Boy should have equal opportunity to play all sports without any gender discrimination.
6. Schools must have separate clean toilet for girls and boys.
7. Schools must install incinerators and pad vending machines at school. This shall prevent girls from missing school during Menstrual cycle every month.
8. Children at school should have access to clean drinking water, healthy and hygienic meals.
9. Teachers should be fair to all children and treat every child equally, without any discrimination based on class, caste, and religion, skin color and even intelligence and merit.
10. The curriculum as well as school infrastructure should be inclusive providing the children with disability with same opportunity to learn as children without disability.
11. Establish School Management Committee in the schools to address issues related to schools and ensure quality education.
12. Increase the number of teachers in school for quality education and regular classes.
13. Schools must have a Counsellor and a separate School Counsellor room.

Recommendations for Dream Village

“We girls are often treated as a burden by our families. We are taught that our fate is to get married and are forced to drop out of school after primary education. That is unlike our brothers who are given the opportunity to complete their education till high school and they are free to go to different cities to work and earn. We are discriminated even at homes when girls are served less food than boys. We hope that girls and boys are treated equally at home. We hope that we are given equal opportunity like boys”;

shared a Girl Child Leader
from Bihar



“Girls are given more responsibility at homes more than their age. During lockdown, as the schools are closed, we do not get time to study because we are engaged in household chores. We do not even have access to smart phones to study either as our parents say girls should not use mobile phones”;

shared a Girl Child Leader
from Uttar Pradesh.



1. Every Child is treated equally, whether a girl or a boy. There is no gender discrimination faced by children and they are given equal opportunity to attain education, pursue career etc.
2. Provide employment to every family under MGNREGA and generate other livelihood opportunities to prevent migration from villages and prevent children from being engaged in Child Labor as the family income increases.
3. Please provide free COVID Vaccines in our villages.
4. Construct Pucca roads, toilets, and streetlights in our villages.
5. Please provide ration regularly and on time to every family.
6. Establish ICDS Centers in all villages and regularize their functioning.
7. Establish and functionalize Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) in every village to strengthen child protection mechanisms in the villages.
8. Establish Child Welfare Committees (CWCs) in every district to ensure speedy access to justice for children.
9. Children's demands should be considered before policy making for the welfare of children by adults and Policy Makers. Encourage Girl Children also to participate in decision making.
10. Generate awareness in communities to prevent child marriage, child labor, eve teasing and substance abuse.