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Who We are

ABOUT US

Established in 2007, Educate Girls' is a non-profit that focusses on mobilising communities for girls' education in India's rural and educationally backward areas.

Strongly aligned with the 'Right to Education Act' or the 'Samagra Siksha', Educate Girls is committed to the Government's vision to improve access to primary education for children, especially young girls.

Educate Girls currently operates successfully in over 20,000+ villages in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. By leveraging the Government's existing investment in schools and by engaging with a huge base of community volunteers, Educate Girls helps to identify, enrol and retain out-of-school girls and to improve foundational skills in literacy and numeracy for all children (both girls and boys). This helps deliver measurable results to a large number of children and avoids parallel delivery of services.

VISION

We aim to achieve behavioural, 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.

GOAL

Our goal is to improve access and quality of education for over 15 million children cumulatively by 2024.

LEADERSHIP



Safeena Husain

Founder and Board Member

I once met an out-of-school girl and asked her "What do you want to be?" to which she replied, "Nobody has ever asked me this question so I have never thought about it." The same girl is now enrolled in school by Educate Girls and today she aspires to be a police officer! This is the power of education.

Safeena, a London School of Economics graduate, has worked extensively with rural and urban underserved communities in South America, Africa and Asia. After returning to India, Safeena chose the agenda closest to her heart – that of girls' education – and founded Educate Girls.

Safeena's efforts to bridge the gender gap in education in India have been widely recognized. She has been conferred with the 2017 NITI Aayog's Women Transforming India Award, the 2016 NDTV-L'Oréal Paris Women of Worth Award, and has in the past received the British Asian Trust's Special Recognition Award from HRH Prince Charles for outstanding contribution in education. Moreover, Educate Girls has received the prestigious 2015 Skoll Award, 2014 WISE Award, the 2014 USAID Millennium Alliance Award, the 2014 Stars Impact Award and the India Development Marketplace Award in 2011 from the World Bank.

Under Safeena's leadership, Educate Girls initiated the world's first Development Impact Bond (DIB) in education, a proof of concept that ties funding to outcomes. In 2018, on its completion, the Educate Girls' DIB surpassed both its target outcomes by achieving 160% of its learning target and 116% of its enrolment target. The results are testimony to the fact that Educate Girls continues to deliver quality at scale and value to every single child in the program.

Senior Management Team

Anushree Singh

Head - Human Resources

Isha Agrawal

Chief Information Officer (CIO)

Lisa Rodricks

Director - Strategy

Maharshi Vaishnav

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Meena Sriramane

Director - Purpose & Resource Mobilisation

Vijaylakshmi Saxena

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

*Names arranged alphabetically.

BOARD & ADVISORY COUNCIL

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