



## Educate and Empower - E&E

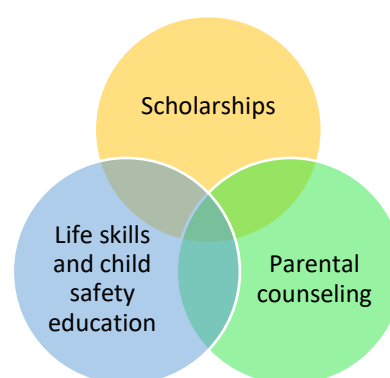
### Creating an enabling environment for 100 girl children to access quality education

**Problem:** As per the Unified District Information System for Education plus (UDISE+) report 2020-2021, Telangana accounts for 13.4% of girl dropouts from class 9. As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 2019-21, reasons were 21% of children attributed to their parents' inability to afford their education. 13% of children reported being compelled to work to support their families, and 7% got married.

**Solution:** Child Education is one of the most critical areas of empowerment. Education strengthens economies and reduces inequality. Offering education to children provides greater power and enables them to take charge of their lives. Given this, Sankalp has been supporting girl child education since 2007.

However, given the dropout rates of boys after covid-19 pandemic in Telangana Sankalp proposes identifying additional 100 children who are economically and socially vulnerable and providing scholarships and enabling them to return to school. This project would adopt a three-fold approach as a project strategy.

Along with scholarship support, children would be provided education on preventing child sexual abuse (CSA) and life skills education (LSE). Parents would be counseled to value their child's education and provide them with an enabling learning environment at home. The students who have dropped school from class 8 onwards will be supported and handheld till they pass out of class 10.



**Outreach and geography:** 100 children in Hyderabad, Telangana, from 5 schools catering to children from economically weaker sections, both old and new cities of Hyderabad.

**Monitoring and evaluation:** A coordinator will be appointed exclusively for the project. The coordinator will closely work with schools and monitor their academic progress and children's attendance. The coordinator will counsel parents periodically and conduct sessions on CSA and LSE. The coordinator would draw baseline and end-line scores of students' progress and submit a comparative report establishing the impact. Funding partners would be given visibility on the website, social media platforms and schools. Sankalp would also ensure that all children who complete class 10 are enrolled in higher secondary education/nursing/technical/skill-based job-oriented courses.

**Impact:** As the specific impact, this project will empower 100 children directly through academics. While scholarships enable children to return to school, life skills education will empower children to make critical life decisions. 2400+ children (500 students per school) from 5 schools would be empowered with knowledge of child safety and life skills education. As an overall impact, children completing class 10 will take up higher education, thereby being less likely to marry young and more likely to lead healthy and productive lives. They can earn higher incomes, make informed choices in their lives, and build better futures for themselves and their families.

**Proposed budget and timeline:** This project will be executed for a period of three years, 2024 - 25

Description	Unit Cost INR	Total units	Total cost INR	Remarks
Scholarships for the academic year 2024 - 2025	10000 per student	100 students	10,00,000	Scholarships to 100 less privileged children at 10000 each per annum
Life Skills & CSA session	40000 per session	40 sessions	1,60,000	The cost covers implementing Child Safety

				Awareness (CSA) and Life Skills Education (LSE) sessions for 2400+ children across all selected schools, with an estimated count of approximately 40 sessions.
Coordination cost			96,000	This allocation encompasses travel expenses, facilitation charges and training materials for CSA and Life skills sessions.
Program Coordinator	30000	12	3,60,000	Program coordinator for 12 months to oversee the project.
Administrative costs			85000	5% of administrative costs are included to cover office, administrative assistance, etc
Total			1701000	

**Organization capacity in executing the project:** Sankalp is a registered NGO and has been promoting girl child education and geriatric care since 2007. It is a philanthropic initiative of the associates of Sathguru Management Consultants. Sankalp's initiatives are categorized into Siksha (education), Jiva (Health) and Vivrithi (Development). Sankalp has extended scholarship support to more than 3000 socially and economically vulnerable girl students from 7 schools in low-income neighborhoods and one orphanage in Hyderabad, and 100 students who lost parents to COVID-19. Through its flagship program PANTS, Sankalp has created awareness of CSA knowledge on recognizing, reacting and reporting child sexual abuse and has reached over 50000 children, teachers and parents from schools, orphanages and corporates. With the rise of violence against children during the lockdown, we conducted CSA sessions virtually to the stakeholders. In addition, on a need basis, Sankalp supports the education of children with disabilities. We have supported four students (3 girls and one boy) to access education and facilitated counseling support to families caring for children with autism and congenital anomalies. Please refer to our website: <http://www.sathguru.com/Sankalp/>

Sankalp has staff and volunteers from the social development sector. They are experts in working with child rights, gender and counseling. Given the capacity, we are well-positioned to execute the project and achieve the stated objectives of the project.