



Empowering Communities
to **Create Opportunities**
for **Inclusive Growth**



Introduction

We are a nonprofit organization working towards empowering children, youth and their communities from the neediest sections of society. Our goal is to see them achieve quality life through relevant education and skills training thereby opening up opportunities. We see education from a broad perspective as preparation for life or lifelong learning rather than just passing grades. Hence to make education relevant, life skills are promoted to children who are 6 to 14 years old and livelihood skills for youth in the age group of 15 to 20. This is accompanied by community participation leading to community ownership and sustainability.

The lack of opportunities for thousands of youth leads them into undesirable engagements like: unsafe migration, child marriages, making them vulnerable to trafficking, joining rebel movements etc. Our focus has been to provide opportunities to rural youth and help them see avenues for growth and development.

Vision

A just and humane society that ensures equal opportunities for quality of life to every citizen of India through relevant and quality education to the most marginalized.

Mission

To create relevant opportunities for the most marginalised sections of society by engaging with and building the capacity of civil society actors, such that it leads to educated, egalitarian and empowered communities.

Our Values

Hope ♦ Respect ♦ Commitment ♦ Accountability ♦ Transparency ♦

Strategies

1. **Empowering Communities:** Mobilising marginalised sections of society to raise awareness and self-confidence to unleash the potential within them.
2. **Creating Opportunities:** Developing the capacities of local organisations to promote feasible, affordable and sustainable solutions thus increasing opportunities for them and future generations.
3. **Strengthening Civil Society:** Mobilising the weaker sections of society to raise awareness of their rights and to claim their entitlements.

Stories of Change



The difference DF has made...

'Perhaps my hostel did not have the choicest meals or the best of comforts, but I and my 8 year old sister Milan were grateful for what we had. One morning a man who claimed to be my father's friend came to take us home. We were excited to meet our parents. But our entire world came crashing down when he sold us to a middle-aged man as child brides. Fortunately, Development Focus' Yuva Mitra's (Change Agents) rescued us and provided us a caring place to stay.'

- narrated by Puja Sabar, 12 years old.



"A price tag of Rs. 150,000 hung around my neck!"

'My step mother was about to sell me as a bride, 2 years back to clear the family debt. I was 15 years old and studying in standard 9. I was shocked and flabbergasted. I secretly ran to the Youth group in my village and shared my predicament. The YuvaMitra (Change Agent) trained by Development Focus managed to put a stop to the wedding with support from authorities. I am glad to be back at school'

- narrated by Asanthi Padan, Jharkhand.

(Names Changed)

Call to Action!

Our vision is clear and our commitment unwavering. A just and humane society, where children have their right to childhood, vulnerable youth can live a dignified life and women have an equal say on decisions concerning their lives.

It is easy to sit on the sidelines and wait for someone else to do something against the ongoing social injustice. We have chosen to take a leap of faith to be that someone to fight against injustice. We encourage you to partner with us on our mission for a better world!

You can be part of this initiative by:

- **Contributing** to enable us to reach a larger population of needy people
- **Volunteering** your services on a short term or long term basis

YOU MAY MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH:

- Direct Bank Transfer:

Indian Contributions: Development Focus, a/c no. 909010037997565, IFSC: UTIB0000734

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- **Online payment** on our website: www.devfocus.in

- **Online payment** through the link:

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• Approved under sections 80G and 12AA of the Income Tax Act