# Annual Report



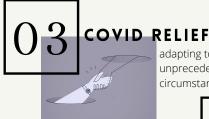
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## **MILESTONES**





due to the COVID-19 pandemic



adapting to the unprecedented circumstances



sessions and workshops on gender, menstrual health, online courses and the CHANGEMAKERS fellowship



chosen for this highly selective leadership fellowship at PRAVAH



LAUNCH OF PERIOD ADDA AND MBMR PROJECTS

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Rangeen Khidki envisions a world where adolescents and young persons across all gender and diversities can access education, information, services and support related to their physical and mental well-being and can grow to their fullest potential as leaders

### WHO ARE WE?

We are a dynamic group of young professionals, with 7+ years of experience in SRHR, mental health and gender advocacy working together with the aim to empower communities in urban and rural settings



We work in the domain of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, employing a rights based intersectional approach. and emphasizing the transformative capacity of Youth Leadership and Gender Equity.

#### THEORY OF CHANGE

We seek to mobilize and empower young people through education and leadership programs so that they can make informed decisions. Stakeholders such as parents, teachers etc. are also included in our programs to help create a safe space which is inclusive of diversity. A shift in mindset in communities will lead to decreased child marriages, intimate partner violence, teen pregnancies, STIs and unsafe abortions. It will enable individuals to live a dignified life free of stigma and shame.

## OUR FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

#### **PROBLEM**

Due to a lack of information about menstruation, lack of a access to services and stigma around menstruation, 23 million girls dropout of school on reaching puberty. This severely limits their agency, rights choice and overall development into full citizens of the nation

#### **APPROACH**

Understand how SRHR and specifically normal biological process like menstruation cannot be viewed in isolation without understanding how gender, sexuality, class, caste, religion, ethnicity, disability and mental health impacts it. Therefore, our initiative tries to look at menstruation beyond the 'hygiene' paradigm and delves deeper in to how menstruation exists in intersection with one's social and identity, economic gender and sexuality.

### PERIOD ADDA



### MY BODY MY RIGHTS

#### **PROBLEM**

A lack of knowledge, existing stigma and taboo hamper the child's bodily autonomy, causing physical and mental distress and ultimately prevents them from accessing services and reaching their full potential as citizens of the country.

#### **APPROACH**

By equipping not only children and adolescents, but also teachers and parents, we aim to create environment where sexuality is no longer shrouded in stigma and taboo where young people will be able to access accurate and inclusive knowledge about the cognitive, emotional, physical and social aspects of sexuality. Unbiased and scientific, curriculum based CGSE will help children and young people gain knowledge. skills, attitudes and values that will empower them to: realize their health, well-being and dignity: develop respectful social and sexual relationships; consider how their choices affect their own wellbeing and that of others: and. understand and ensure the protection of their rights throughout their lives.

## **OUR WORK THIS YEAR**



MENSTRUAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS

WORKSHOPS ON SRHR AND GENDER

250+ PEOP<u>LE</u>

90

men, boys, trans men, and non binary persons reached through our sessions. 14

period leaders in rural Bengal

120 +

professionals trained on gender, sexuality, SRHR from CBOs.

#### **COVID RELIEF INITIATIVE**

The twin calamities of the Covid lockdown and cyclone Amphan brought to fore the lack of access of sanitary pads in relief kits. In collaboration with 20+ partners and a successful crowdfunding campaign, we were able to distribute these products. so far we have reached more than 27,000 women with over 3,21,000 sanitary napkins (reusables and disposables), 8700 soaps and 4250 underwear across areas like Kolkata, Malda, Siliguri, Behrampore, Kultali, Pathar Pratima, Rangabelia, Basanti, Raidighi, Jaynagar, Canning, Hingalganj, and many more areas in Sundarbans.

27,000+ PEOPLE

#### CHANGEMAKER FELLOWSHIP

This is meant for participants who want to know more about women's health menstruation and sustainability. Our changemakers are trained to understand the concepts of sustainable menstruation become community trainers to discuss the need to switch to healthier and sustainable menstrual products. It also aims at busting myths about menstruation, encourages body positivity, and disseminates knowledge about period products, nutrition and hygiene. the changemakers take this knowledge to their communities whom by conducting monthly sessions and online campaigns over at least 6 months.

2000+ PEOPLE

## RESEARCH ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH

The study sought to gauge the level of awareness about menstrual health amongst sex workers who are often the sole breadwinners of their family. We gathered information about the perceptions of menstruation, knowledge and use of reusable menstrual products, abortion and contraception.

our

#AMPLIFY WHISPERS 1000+ PEOPLE

campaign which aims to bring to the forefront experiences of menstruators that are normally overlooked saw widespread engagement on social media.

192 SEX WORKERS

## PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS













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DIKSHA

GLOBAL SHAPERS







**LAALI PROJECT** 

KHALSA AID

## PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS







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ROTARY DISTRICT
3240



CIVILIAN WELFARE



THE GENDER LAB





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### TESTIMONIALS



**Dr. Fiona Dias Miranda and Luis Miranda**Mentor and Donor

We engaged with Sanjina and Rangeen Khidki because of Fiona's work in imparting comprehensive sexual reproductive health education to adolescents and normalising the changes they are going through on numerous fronts. Organisations like Rangeen Khidki are so important to change attitudes that are based on science as opposed to myths. We were impressed with Sanjina's enthusiasm, initiative and research in the field. But such organisations are mere drops in the ocean of wrong beliefs and we need their voices to be amplified and also need a lot more voices to help make this a world that is less gender biased and more equitable.

Rangeen Khidki is one of those rare spaces where one has the creative freedom to bring authentic ideas, lived experiences and people with those experiences are given the center stage. My association with the organization has always given me the flexibility to bring unique ideas and lived experiences into praxis. While dialogue around SRHR is crucial, Rangeen Khidki makes sure they include the marginalized voices in the larger narrative around SRHR and for me, that is where they make their mark.



**Sudipta Das**Inclusion and Diversity Expert



**Payal Naskar, 16 years** Adolescent Period Leader

Rangeen Khidki has been pivotal in changing my and the community's perspective around menstruation. I am part of the Period Adda program where I lead a group of young period warriors in my village. Every time we meet, there's something new to learn. I have been taught how to take my learnings and spread it in my community. Our sessions are a safe space where we openly talk about our bodies, our rights, our challenges, destignatize taboo topics like periods.



**Priyanka Mullick,** Community Mobiliser

I volunteer with Rangeen Khidki as a community mobiliser. I have been associated with Rangeen Khidki since quite a while and it has been a fulfilling and rewarding journey. Rangeen Khidki has not only educated adolescents and young women in my community on menstruation but have also supported hundreds of us in making a switch to sustainable menstrual products which has collectively saved us money and helped us make informed choices about our own bodies.

In today's time where one is expected to know everything before they start, Rangeen Khidki provides you a space where you can learn, unlearn, relearn and grow together keeping your individuality intact. It's non-hierarchical set up encourages volunteers to freely share their ideas and work in a collaborative manner. My association with RKF has influenced my understanding of gender and sexuality greatly. The best part of working here is that everybody looks out for each other, which have been quite comforting during these tough times.



**Padmaji Pati** Research and Blogpost Lead

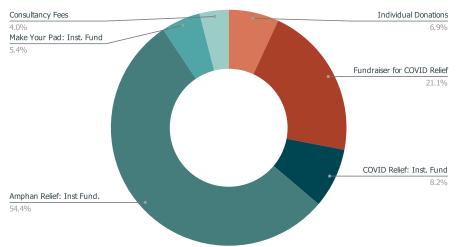


**Puja Basu** Volunteer, Research and Development

Despite being someone who has, for the longest time, identified as a feminist, my understanding of how gender justice works at grassroots levels was still limited. Working with Rangeen Khidki helped broaden my perspectives on issues ranging from gender sensitisation at school levels to access to reproductive healthcare. Having developed a school CSE module and also conducted field research on menstrual health in Calcutta, I had the opportunity to work with some of the most wonderful people.

## **FINANCIALS**





#### **Summary of Expenditure**

