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Growing a Better Future for Rural Girls in India: The Girls Project

The Girls Project, a partnership between the government of West Bengal and Landesa, aims to position girls to realize land rights as women, improving their long-term economic and social prospects and enabling them to reduce vulnerabilities – including child marriage, lack of education, and malnutrition – that they face in the immediate term as adolescents.

More than 40,000 girls are currently participating in the project, learning about their rights to own and inherit land, and receiving training in intensive gardening skills during regular meetings led by the girls themselves with support from government rural health workers.

Girls who participate in the program are more likely to stay in school, marry later, and have an asset in their name.

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1. The majority of girls in rural India are married by the time they turn 17.
2. The majority of girls in rural India are anemic.
3. The majority of girls in rural India drop out before entering secondary school.
4. Tens of millions of girls in India have never attended school.
5. Of the 15 million baby girls born in India each year, nearly 25 percent will not live to see their 15th birthday.

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[Learn](#) about how secure land rights can help women take better care of their families.

