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**EMPOWER TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE THROUGH
ADRA'S PROGRAM INITIATIVES IN ASIA**

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WHO ARE WE?

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—part of the 21.9-million strong Adventist community, with hundreds of thousands of churches globally and the world's largest integrated healthcare and education network. ADRA deliver relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 120 countries—regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender, or religious association. By partnering with local communities, organizations, and governments, ADRA is able to deliver culturally relevant programs and build local capability for sustainable change.

ADRA's work touches millions of lives in more than 107 countries around the world, 17 of which are countries in Asia. ADRA's on-the-ground approach allows immediate assistance in times of crisis and true partnership with the communities we serve.

Empower Women and Girls!

In alignment with the **United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal #5 Gender Equality**, we want to invite you to partner with ADRA by financially supporting our **multi-country program initiative** that will address **gender equality** and **empower women** through giving girls access to higher education in **Indonesia**, increasing women's participation in local governments in the **Philippines**, advocating against gender-based violence and child marriage in **Laos, Nepal, and India**, and equipping them with tools to increase their economic activity in **Sri Lanka**.



Empowering Women and Girls

| PROJECT INITIATIVE | COUNTRY | TARGET IMPACT | DURATION | BUDGET | PG # |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|------|
| Women's Representation | Indonesia | 1,000,000 Individuals | 6 Months | 25,000 USD | 4 |
| Girls access to higher education | Indonesia | 400 School Girls | 6 Months | 25,000 USD | 7 |
| Negative effects of economic crisis | Sri Lanka | 100,000 Individuals | 12 Months | 50,000 USD | 5 |
| Women's participation in local government | Philippines | 300 Women | 12 Months | 50,000 USD | 6 |
| Gender-based violence and child marriage | Laos | 80 Village based Lao Women | 12 Months | 50,000 USD | 8 |
| Gender-based violence | Nepal | Women and girl survivors of GBV | 6 Months | 25,000 USD | 9 |
| Gender Equality | Nepal | Women and Girls | 6 Months | 25,000 USD | 10 |
| Sustainable resource management | Nepal | Marginalised Group | 9 Months | 37,500 USD | 11 |
| Gender Equality | India | 500 Male and Female | 6 Months | 25,000 USD | 12 |
| Sexual & Reproductive health | India | Adolescents girls, parents, teachers | 6 Months | 25,000 USD | 13 |
| TOTAL COST OF MULTI-COUNTRY PROGRAM INITIATIVE | | | | 337,500 USD | |

INDONESIA

In Indonesia, women encounter challenges at every level, hindering their participation in formal leadership and decision-making processes due to exclusion from legal systems and unseen barriers like societal expectations. Despite women constituting 49.9% of Indonesia's population, they are underrepresented in leadership roles, as evidenced by the Central Statistics Agency's data.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower young Indonesian women through promoting female leadership and dismantling societal biases.



Empower young Indonesian women through media (focuses on both female leadership and overcoming bias).



Inspire future leaders (focuses on the core goal of empowering young women).



Celebrate Diverse Leadership (Focuses on inclusivity and the overall goal).



Expand Supporter Network for Gender Equality (Highlights the goal of building a wider coalition for change).



TARGET GROUP



MEN AND WOMEN



SUPPORT NEEDED



25,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



1,000,000 INDIVIDUALS



PROJECT DURATION



6 MONTHS



SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka's spiraling debt crisis (>\$50 billion) has triggered economic collapse (contraction, inflation, shortages). This disproportionately impacts women, children, and youth. Rising costs force women to migrate for work, often to risky environments, increasing their vulnerability and leading to child neglect. The weakened family structure leaves children susceptible to abuse and youth at risk of substance abuse and violence. The objective is to address these specific hardships faced by vulnerable populations.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower vulnerable populations through economic security and social safety nets (women, children, youth).



Equip women for economic empowerment (Focuses on equipping women with the tools and resources for success).



Strengthening child protection systems for vulnerable populations through awareness campaigns (health, safety, migration), support networks, and community empowerment.



Enhance girls' and women's well-being through health & hygiene initiatives (focusing on the specific interventions while keeping it concise).



TARGET GROUP



WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN IN RURAL AREA



SUPPORT NEEDED



50,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



100,000 INDIVIDUALS



PROJECT DURATION



12 MONTHS





PHILIPPINES

The Philippines, like many countries around the world, has seen positive steps towards women's representation on climate governance boards, bodies, and delegations. However, there's still an opportunity to increase women's participation at all levels, particularly in local government discussions and policy formulation on climate change. Studies show that including diverse perspectives, including those of women, leads to more effective and equitable climate solutions that consider the needs of the entire community.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Promote full participation of women in all levels of climate governance in the Philippines (This emphasizes inclusion across all levels, not just local government).



Capacitate women in climate change awareness and resilience.



Women become part of climate change councils in the local government unit.



Support women in developing and advocating for climate-resilient policies and initiatives within their communities.



TARGET GROUP



WOMEN



SUPPORT NEEDED



50,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



300 WOMEN



PROJECT DURATION



12 MONTHS

INDONESIA

The Gender Empowerment Index (GEI), comprising women's involvement in parliament, as professionals, and income contribution to families, has steadily risen in Indonesia from 2010 to 2022, reaching 76.59. Despite this progress, disparities persist in women's education, particularly in rural areas where misconceptions hinder access to higher education. External factors like infrastructure limitations and internal perceptions contribute to this disparity.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower Indonesian girls in Central Sulawesi by providing them access to quality education, particularly in STEM fields.



Create a supportive ecosystem for girls in STEM through mentorship and role models, fostering an environment where they can thrive and pursue their aspirations confidently.



Collaborate with Schooling a gamified education app to provide tailored educational resources, mentorship opportunities and access to technology in the rural areas.



Recognizing the importance of access to devices, we will collaborate with tech companies to ensure that girls lacking personal resources can still participate in the program.



TARGET GROUP



SCHOOL GIRLS



SUPPORT NEEDED



25,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



400 SCHOOL GIRLS



PROJECT DURATION



6 MONTHS



LAOS

A national survey in Laos paints a concerning picture: a significant number of women have experienced violence from their partners, with some societal attitudes even justifying such abuse (e.g., wife's disobedience justifying beatings). Furthermore, child marriage remains prevalent, with over 30% of young women married or in unions before the legal age. These findings highlight the urgent need for a multi-pronged approach in Laos to address gender-based violence, promote women's empowerment, and challenge harmful social norms that perpetuate these issues.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower Lao communities to effectively address GBV through enhanced reporting and referral mechanisms.



Train village leaders and community members (including Lao Women's Union) on Lao-specific GBV reporting and referral procedures.



Implement clear, contextually relevant Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) for GBV reporting and referral across Lao villages.



Enhance identification and referral of GBV cases through improved utilization of SOPs by all stakeholders.



TARGET GROUP

→ **LAO WOMEN UNION**



SUPPORT NEEDED

→ **50,000 USD**



TARGET BENEFICIARY

→ **80 VILLAGE-BASED LAO WOMEN UNION REPRESENTATIVES**



PROJECT DURATION

→ **12 MONTHS**



NEPAL

In Nepal, discriminatory practices against Muslim and Dalit girls restrict their education and lead to early marriage. Additionally, women left behind in out-migration communities face harassment. These inequalities, coupled with the high prevalence of gender-based violence (particularly in Madhesh Province) and unequal power dynamics, highlight the urgent need to address disparities and empower women and girls across Nepal.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Enhance access to essential and safe GBV services for women and girls in Sarlahi and Mahottari districts, Madhesh Province, Nepal.



Holistic Approach to Addressing GBV: Prevention, support, and empowerment



Ensure comprehensive care for GBV survivors (Focuses on providing complete support services for survivors).



Shift Family Norms: Promote cultural change within families to prevent GBV.



Provision of multi-response services including health sector support via One-Stop Crisis Management Centers (OCMC), safe houses, and community-based psychosocial workers, with linked referrals to police and legal systems.



Training and capacity building for health workers, community facilitators, and local and provincial elected representatives to strengthen coordination, policy making, and implementation of gender transformative practices.



TARGET GROUP



WOMEN AND GIRL SURVIVORS OF GBV



SUPPORT NEEDED



25,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



**954 (PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES)
126 (SECONDARY BENEFICIARIES)**



PROJECT DURATION



6 MONTHS



NEPAL

In Nepal, a concerning number of women face Pelvic Organ Prolapse (nearly 30%) and cervical cancer, the leading cancer among them (causing almost 1500 deaths annually). Limited access to healthcare disproportionately affects these women, highlighting the urgent need to improve essential services and address these critical women's health issues.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower Nepali women through improved access to preventive care and community education on pelvic organ prolapse and cervical cancer.



Expand access & integrate care for women's health (Combines expanding access and integrating services).



Equip providers & implement tools for POP/CC diagnosis & care (Focuses on equipping healthcare providers and implementing new tools).



Empower underserved women through health education (Focuses on empowering the target population through education).



Advocating for continuous and timely supply of essential medical commodities through local government support.



Coordinating with local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of health interventions.



TARGET GROUP



WOMEN AND GIRLS



SUPPORT NEEDED



25,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



**450 (PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES)
80 (SECONDARY BENEFICIARIES)**



PROJECT DURATION



6 MONTHS

NEPAL

The indigenous community residing in the buffer zone area around Banke National Park has difficulty in their livelihoods as they face crop loss due to damage by wild animals. Most of them are dependent on the forest and wet/swampy-barrel land for their livelihoods which has resulted in unsustainable harvesting and degradation of biodiversity.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Enhance the livelihoods of marginalized and indigenous women by using the indigenous Cattail plant (*Typha angustifolia*) to create handicrafts.



Organizing women into groups and educating them on sustainable use of local plants for biodiversity conservation



Training in crafting natural fiber-based handicrafts such as mats and home decor items.



Providing marketing skills development to enable connections with both national and international markets.



Engaging in trade fairs and conducting business dialogues with the private sector.



Offering start-up funds to support new enterprises operated by poor, single, and marginalized individuals or groups in the community.



TARGET GROUP



MARGINALIZED GROUP



SUPPORT NEEDED



37,500 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



25 HHS (SINGLE, POOR AND YOUTH HIGH PRIORITY)



PROJECT DURATION



9 MONTHS



INDIA

In the World Economic Forum's 2023 Global Gender Gap Index, India ranked 127 out of 146 countries. As per UNDP, 29.3% women reported spousal violence between 2019-2021, and this in a scenario where a large number of cases go unreported. India ranks near the bottom with less than 40% parity on providing even access for men and women on economic participation and opportunity, as per the Gender Gap Index.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower Indian women through legal awareness, social change, economic opportunities, and essential services access.



Conducting awareness campaigns on gender-based violence and rights to enhance women's knowledge.



Sensitizing male members of society about their roles in promoting gender equality.



Empower women economically through skills training & financial support. (Focuses on core goals)



TARGET GROUP



FEMALE AND MALE



SUPPORT NEEDED



25,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



500 MALE AND FEMALE



PROJECT DURATION



6 MONTHS



INDIA

In India, inequitable social norms and gender attitudes negatively impact sexual reproductive health outcomes. Societal expectations and stigma contribute to early marriages and educational disruptions for girls. UNICEF data highlights that one in three child brides globally is from India, and approximately 23% of young women in India are married before the age of 18.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Empower Indian adolescent girls through a holistic program focusing on life skills, sexual health education, positive body image, and safe spaces for learning and development.



Focusing on life skills, sexuality education, and promoting a healthy body image.



Incorporating key principles of Inclusion, Awareness, Consent, Equity, and Protection.



Developing a fun, age-appropriate curriculum complemented by engaging videos.



Encouraging participation in team-building activities and traditional Indian sports like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, and hockey, with pathways to state-level opportunities and scholarships.



Collaborating with the Social Welfare Department and Youth Services and Sports Department for sustained engagement and accreditation.



TARGET GROUP



ADOLESCENT GIRLS, PARENTS, TEACHERS



SUPPORT NEEDED



25,000 USD



TARGET BENEFICIARY



**DIRECT: 1000
INDIRECT: 5000**



PROJECT DURATION



6 MONTHS



THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO PARTNER WITH ADRA IN CHANGING THE WORLD.

“Partner with ADRA in Asia”

is a brand-new initiative by the
ADRA Asia Regional Office
to offer short-term multi-country project initiatives,
with budgets ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000
to potential organizational partners like you.

For this inaugural year, we want to focus on
EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

Would your organization be interested in setting up a brief meeting
with us to discuss more about it?

Send us an email at
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