

Girls in India from underprivileged families very often remain trapped in the poverty spiral that their mothers are also in.

No education and training means no opportunity to find well-paying work, no self sufficiency and therefore no opportunity to build a decent life.

These girls are underprivileged, but not without capabilities and talents. That is why we want to offer them an opportunity and be their chance in life.

The Care for Girls Foundation believes that all girls have the right to good education. Even though everyone in India has been entitled to free education since 2009, few children especially in the poorest areas, attend school. Often because they have to contribute to the income of the family and therefore work from a very young age. In our view, providing education to girls has a positive effect on the entire family and therefore the community.

Girls can make a difference if they get the chance to go to school.



Students at Rotaryschool.

Our vision

The aim of the foundation Care for Girls is to offer underprivileged girls in India a focused future through schooling, education and personal development.

Our mission

We also help with medical care, support in obtaining the necessary papers, school uniforms, learning to deal with pocket money, care for others and social skills. After completing basic schooling and further education, girls can make a targeted choice for a future job. In this way the poverty spiral is broken, unwanted early marriage is prevented and the girls can in turn mean something to their environment.



Margreth visiting a girl at home.

How do we do this

Care for Girls Foundation assists these girls during the entire school period. We do this financially, socially and also medically.

We pay for school and tutoring, provide medical support when necessary and are a source of information and support in case of problems. With this we not only directly support the girls but also indirectly the family.



This sounds simpler than it is.

We are looking for girls who are underprivileged but not without a chance. Girls who show that they take on the opportunity and work for it, as well as their parents who have to agree that their daughter will not do paid work and will not be married off at a very young age.

Although the official Indian government position is that no marriage can take place before the age of 21 and that everyone can enjoy an education, the reality is unfortunately very different.

We as Care for girls must therefore be careful how we position and express ourselves in these matters.



Financing

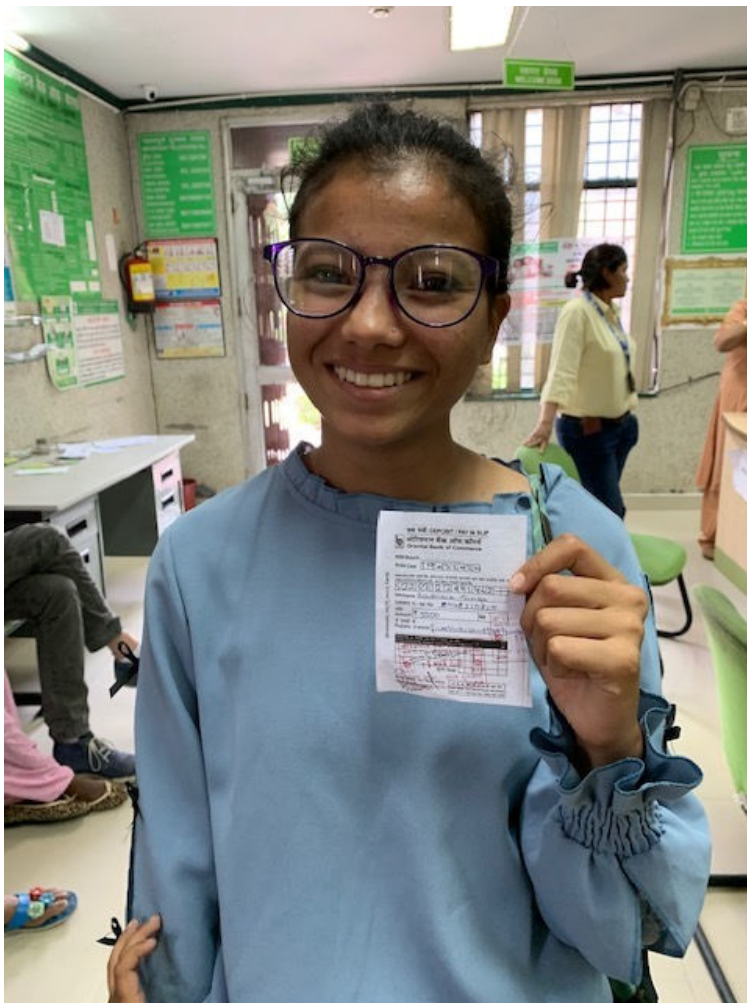
Despite the fact that the prices for education in India are lower than in the Netherlands, it is an impossible task for the average poor family to ensure that the children receive a good education.

(note: in government schools there are often no teachers, no books, with 40 people in a small room, etc. etc.)

The schools that offer better education simply cost money.

Care for girls ensures that the money goes directly to the school. We also pay directly for school uniforms and educational materials etcetera.

We have almost no overhead costs, only one of our girls, who is now 19 years old, receives a small compensation for coordinating the contacts and services in Gurgaon.



Rhadika with glasses and a bankaccount.

Care for girls basically gets its income from two sources. First of all, founder Margreeth Kuipers has set up another foundation, Sits for Women. She uses this to import honest items that are made (by mothers) in Peru and India. As a result, these people receive a fair compensation and income for their beautiful products. The proceeds after sales in the Netherlands go to Care for Girls foundation. The main funding for Care for Girls however is now sponsorship. It is possible to sponsor a certain girl through school and also to follow her. One-off promotions and sponsoring also contribute to the financing.

Facts

34 girls in the program

age ranging from 10-19 (currently)

Three schools:

Literacy India (descending)
St. Soldiers School (English)
Rotary School.

A training center for vocational training in healthcare.

Yuva Health Care

Girls all live in Gurgaon or nearby.
Gurgaon is a rapidly growing city south of New Delhi and officially the city with the worst air pollution in the world.