



YOUR IMPACT THROUGH SAFETY

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Every day, Opportunity International Australia works with **more than six million women living in the Asia region**, investing in mothers with small loans to create community transformation. But when these women continually face violence in their homes and communities, the life-changing benefits of small loans and financial support are hindered.

India ranks among the four worst countries in the world for frequency and severity of violence against women. That's why Opportunity is committed to helping end violence toward women while protecting children from the dangers of human trafficking in India. Through our partnership with My Choices Foundation and thanks to your generous support, **women and children are being given the choice to live lives free from violence, abuse and exploitation.**

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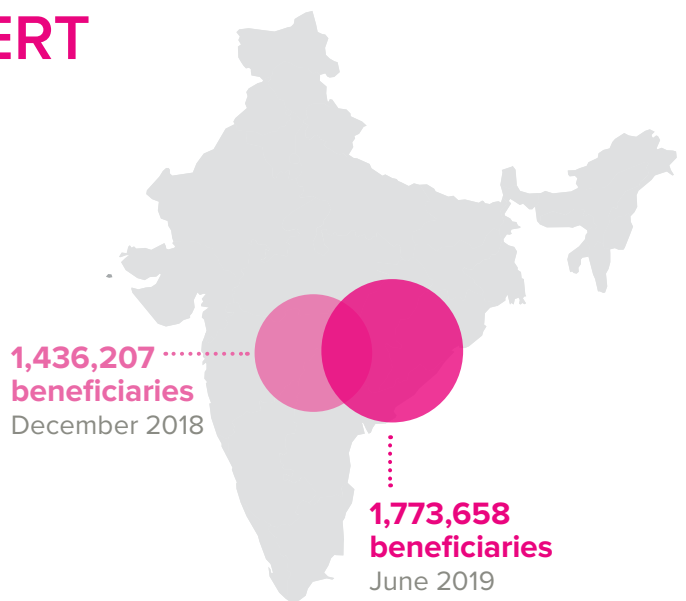
Data to June 2019

OPERATION RED ALERT

HIGHLIGHTS

As part of Operation Red Alert, the Safe Village Program is addressing sex trafficking in India by teaching vulnerable girls and their families how to identify and avoid human trafficking situations. Over the past six months, the number of individuals benefiting from Operation Red Alert has **increased by 337,451 individuals** in these vulnerable communities.

A helpline dedicated exclusively to handling human trafficking cases—advertised in high-risk villages through the Safe Village Program—saw **31,587 calls for assistance**, with 218 cases of human trafficking being reported. The helpline is a collaborative effort that includes some of India's most reputable anti-trafficking organisations, and helps provide assistance and legal aid to callers that would otherwise have nowhere else to turn.



In July, My Choices foundation **hosted the first Asian Anti-Trafficking Forum** in Hyderabad, India. The forum focused on building resources and relationships and was attended by more than 90 Indian, Bangladeshi and Nepalese organisations who are working collectively to end sex trafficking in India by 2025.

1,773,658

community members benefiting from trafficking prevention measures

3,092

safe village programs in some of India's most vulnerable villages

31,587

calls for assistance on the Red Alert helpline

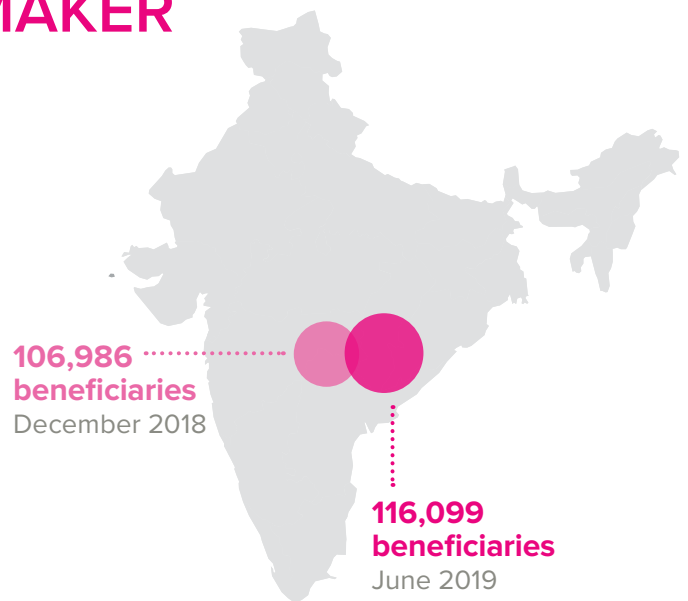
OPERATION PEACEMAKER

HIGHLIGHTS

Operation PeaceMaker provides the knowledge and support required to help women and children live lives free from domestic violence and abuse. Over the past six months, the number of individuals benefiting from the PeaceMaker program **increased by 9,113 individuals** in these vulnerable communities.

The PeaceMaker program incorporates three main objectives: **prevention, intervention, and conversation**. Through school programs, girls and boys 12–17 are trained on their rights to stay safe from abuse, violence and exploitation and provided with tools to help keep them safe. To date, more than **46,377 school children have received essential safety information** through these programs.

The Grassroots Awareness program also brings this education to older girls and women through community meetings, where issues such as women's rights, gender equality, legal assistance, and women's safety in the home are discussed.



More than **68,597 community members** have participated in these community sessions.

The heart of the PeaceMaker program includes training women to become PeaceMakers. These PeaceMakers provide counselling, rights education and legal aid to victims of abuse and violence, empowering them to seek healthy solutions. To date, **7,839 cases have been handled by PeaceMakers** across India.

116,099

community members benefiting from violence prevention training

67

active PeaceMakers supporting their communities

7,839

cases handled through counselling, rights education and legal aid

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