



YOUR IMPACT THROUGH SAFETY

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Every day, Opportunity International Australia works with **more than six million women living in Asia**, investing in mothers with small loans to create community transformation. However, when 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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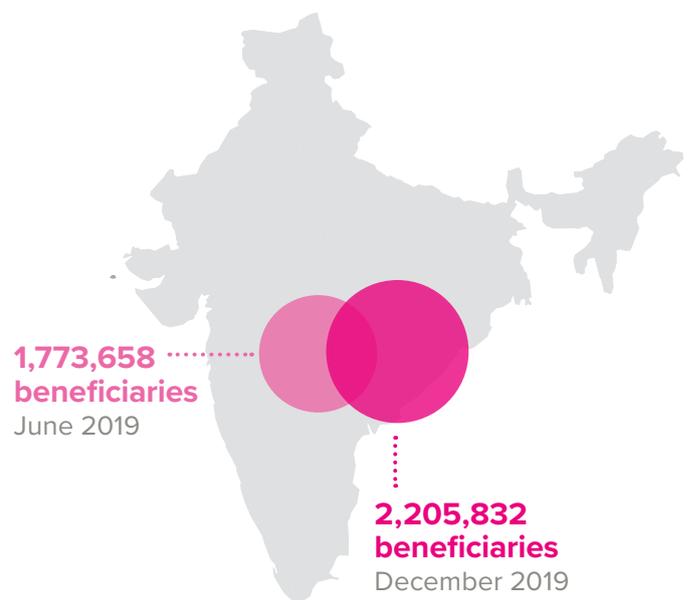
Data to December 2019

OPERATION RED ALERT

HIGHLIGHTS

As part of Operation Red Alert, the Safe Village Program is addressing 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 benefitting from Operation Red Alert has **increased by 432,174 individuals** in these vulnerable communities.

India's first national helpline dedicated exclusively to handling human trafficking cases—advertised in high-risk villages through the Safe Village Program—received **36,003 calls for assistance**, with 251 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 to callers that would otherwise have nowhere else to turn.



2,205,832

community members benefitting from trafficking prevention measures

3,872

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

36,003

calls for assistance on the Red Alert helpline

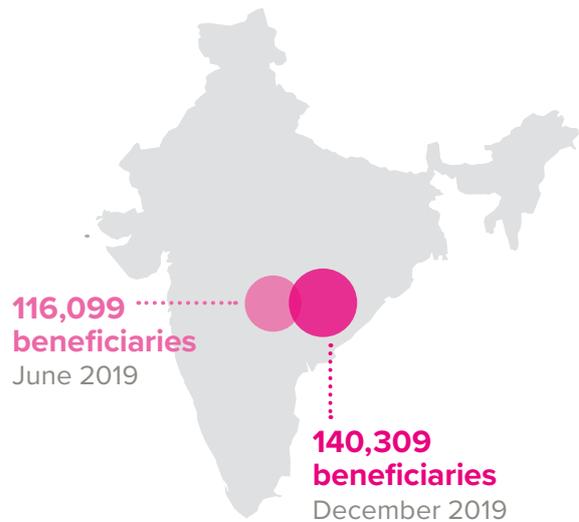
OPERATION PEACEMAKER

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 benefitting from the PeaceMaker program **increased by 24,210 individuals** in these vulnerable communities.

The PeaceMaker program incorporates three main objectives: **prevention, intervention, and conversation**. Through school programs, young people 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 61,049 youths have received essential safety information** through these programs.

As part of Operation PeaceMaker, the Lotus Safe Home provides **emergency accommodation for survivors of domestic violence**. The home can accommodate up to 12 women and their children while counsellors help find alternative housing.



Funding provided during 2019 allowed for the purchase of basic facilities (mattresses, pillows and bedding) for the Lotus Safe Home and the installation of CCTV cameras.

The heart of the PeaceMaker program includes training women to become PeaceMakers. These PeaceMakers provide rights education and referrals to counselling for victims of abuse and violence, empowering them to seek healthy solutions. To date, **8,828 cases have been handled by PeaceMakers** across India.

140,309

community members benefitting from violence prevention training

60

active PeaceMakers supporting their communities

8,828

cases handled through counselling, rights education and legal aid

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