It is women from marginalized sections of society, working together, who can best bring about a change in their own circumstances. You can support such women, working together, and change their lives for the better.

"As President of the Irula Women's Federation, I helped bring clean drinking water to my village! Now we want to set up a learning centre for Irula children in my village,"

- Chandra from Orathur in Tamilnadu.



Join us in empowering women to secure their right to a better future!

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## ActionAid's work on women and girl's rights

At ActionAid India, asserting the rights of women and girls as human rights is one of our core values and priorities. Through around 500 projects that we support across the country, we work to enable poor and marginalised women to come together and collectively claim their rightful position in society. We reach out to dalit and tribal women, women living in urban slums and women from the minorities who face multiple forms of discrimination and exclusion in the name of gender, caste and religion, aggravated by poverty.

Together we can stop violence against women, fight dowry, child marriage, sexual harassment of women workers, discrimination and sex determination practices that endanger the life of girl children. We can support these women and girls secure better education, health care and means of livelihood.

## The need to have a Women-for-Women Fundraising model

ActionAid is global movement of people whose vision is to defeat poverty and attain human rights for all. The existing Child Sponsorship model of fund-raising limits us to express the rights-based approach that we follow in all our 500 odd projects. A model, where women from economically advantageous positions are allowed to offer their financial support to various Women Collectives that we work with, will give us more freedom in explaining our work and its implications to the outside world. It could give ActionAid India a new and refreshing identity in an otherwise populated space of child sponsorships.

## Women's Collectives that you will support:

### Women's Rights Resource Center (WRRC), Madhya Pradesh

Women's Rights Resource Center (WRRC) is an initiative that addresses the issues of violence against women in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

### Centre for community services, Tamil Nadu

A women's collective, Democratic Working Women's Forum (DWWF), comprising of women fish vendors and salt pan workers from 16 villages in Tuticorin district, Tamil Nadu, have come together to work towards improved and secure labour conditions, wages and jobs.

### PARCHAM, Uttar Pradesh

A collective of Muslim women (PARCHAM), addresses the issue of exclusion in the fields of education, economic activities and access to proper health care. They also address the issue of domestic violence and enables women's participation in decision-making at all levels of socio – cultural – economic - political processes.

### **Centre for Action Research & Documentation, Odisha**

National Alliance for Women along with (CARD) are waging a campaign against the powerful lobbies that are offering tacit and direct support the practice of sex-determination in Dhenkanal, Angul, Ganjam, Nayagarh and Khurda districts of Odisha, where the child-sex ratio is the-lowest.

### Tamil Nadu Handicapped Federation Charitable Trust, Tamil Nadu

A collective of differently-abled women, (Tamil Nadu Handicapped Federation Charitable Trust), conducts programs that would ensure proper access to education, health care, public spaces In 3 districts of Tamil Nadu.

## Your questions answered:



### How would you be making a difference?

Your contribution will help us reach out to these women and girls to fight injustice and discrimination and secure their rights.

### How much should you contribute?

You can contribute ₹7,200 for a year for a minimum of three years, or ₹600 per month through Electronic Clearance Service (ECS) only. Your contribution will be used to support one of the five women's collectives below, of your choice.

### What will the donor get once she/he donates?

- A Welcome Pack including a Letter from ActionAid's Executive Director.
- Regular updates including bi annual newsletters with stories of change.

#### Women's collectives that you will support:

- 1. Women's Rights Resource Centre (WRRC), is working on women's rights through string network in 34 districts in Madhya Pradesh and have strengthened linkages with government departments and institutions working on women rights at state as well as national level.
- 2. Centre for Community Services, Tamil Nadu works for the rights of women fish vendors and salt pan workers in Tuticorin district, to secure decent working conditions for women workers.
- 3. **PARCHAM** in Uttar Pradesh is a collective of Muslim women aiming to improve access to education, health care and economic opportunities and fight violence against women & girls
- 4. Centre for Action Research & Documentation, Odisha along with National Alliance for Women are waging a campaign against the practice of sex-determination in Dhenkanal, Angul, Ganjam, Nayagarh and Khurda districts of Odisha, where the childsex ratio is the lowest.
- Towards Ensuring Access to Productive Resources for Marginalized Women Farmers (TEAPRMWF) in Gujarat aims to provide strong economic support to women farmers through direct provision of agricultural support services and advocate for policy and legislative frameworks that actively promote women's farmer's access to resources.



## About ActionAid India

ActionAid India is part of a global federation and a full affiliate of ActionAid International that is present in over 40 countries worldwide. Since 1972, the poor and the excluded have been at the centre of our discourse and actions in India. In 2006 we got registered as an Indian organization called ActionAid Association. We are governed by an independent General Assembly and a Governing Board.

ActionAid India works in 24 states and one union territory of India. We work with the poorest and the marginalised in the most inaccessible areas in partnership with several grassroots organizations, civil society groups and platforms.

## Our Vision

A world without poverty, patriarchy and injustice in which every person enjoys the right to life with dignity.

## Our Mission

To work in solidarity with the poor and participate in their struggle to eradicate poverty, patriarchy and injustice.

## Overall Goal

A just social order brought about by the dispossessed claiming their right to dignity and identity through enhanced democratic participation and structural transformation.

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