



Empowering Girls Through Government School Reform

ABOUT EGG

Educate Girls Globally (EGG) improves girls' access to quality education so they can have better futures that benefit their entire communities. Today, over 60 million girls still do not attend school, especially in high-poverty and remote areas where gender inequity is high. These are the areas where Educate Girls Globally works and plans to expand in the near future.

OUR MISSION

EGG transforms the lives of girls to create large-scale social change



throughout the developing world. Learned women are the most powerful agents of social change, from improving health to eliminating poverty and creating peace.



OUR APPROACH

EGG's empowerment model partners with local governments and leaders to reform public schools, encouraging the community to take ownership of girls' education. EGG's low-cost model drives sustainable economic and social development, resulting in lifelong changes.

"Educating girls [is] one of the best and most cost-effective ways to spur development. It is positively correlated with increased economic productivity, more robust labor markets, higher earnings and improved health and well-being."

~ World Bank

OUR IMPACT

Since 2002, nearly one million primary students in India have benefitted from EGG's model. A two-year pilot program serving 22,000 girls in 50 secondary schools was completed in May 2015 in Uttarakhand, India.



“Since the formation of Girls Parliament in our school, a lot of improvement has happened. Discipline was bad but [it] is now better. Girls are encouraged to move forward and towards a bright future. There are certain girls whose family members don’t allow them to study and Girls Parliament is generating awareness among those parents and providing a helping hand to those girls to continue their studies.”

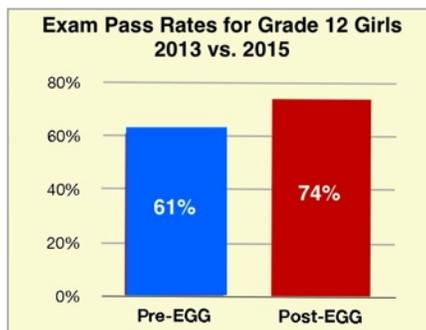
~ Monika, 11th Grade, Government Inter College, Dewari

A PARTICIPATORY MODEL

EGG combines a unique model that leverages government investments in education and mobilizes all major stakeholders to promote reform. Every project begins with a government agreement. Surveys in the villages are conducted to reveal any issues at school. Parents, teachers and students participate to jointly take ownership, creating action plans and programs together that improve girls’ education.

GIRLS PARLIAMENT

In every EGG school, a Girls Parliament is created that offers leadership development and a support group for girls. Elected ministers and



cabinet members gather with both female and male students to address issues of concern, such as poor sanitation, early marriage and careers. For the very first time, girls see they have the ability to influence their lives. As a result, schools become “girl-friendly” and have higher enrollment, attendance and graduation rates.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Another success factor is the revitalization of School Management Committees (SMCs). Non-functioning

SMCs in schools are re-engaged by EGG through leadership training and guidance. The members now meet regularly to develop action plans and hold fair elections to select active leaders. The SMCs have shown exemplary performance by efficiently mobilizing resources for school improvement. After two years, most of the SMCs are fully independent and sustainable with minimal EGG support.

SCALABILITY

At a cost of approximately \$4.00 U.S. per girl, EGG’s model is affordable and scaleable. By creating an environment that promotes emergence of ‘natural leaders’, the local communities and girls empower each other, leveraging government resources to advance girls’ education. The result is reduced financial dependence on EGG and more local ownership of change.

PROVEN BENEFITS

A higher percentage of 12th grade girls are passing state board exams and graduating from high school after the EGG program. This results in more girls eligible for college. Additionally, a higher percentage Grade 12 girls are passing exams in the following subject areas:

- Hindi - up from 83% to 95%
- Math - up from 85% to 90%
- Biology - up from 90% to 93%
- Physics - up from 76% to 84%

Research findings also showed that fewer girls dropped out of school after 2013, especially at the beginning of ninth grade. This led to a significant growth in Grade 12 girls, up 7.3% in 2015 from two years ago.



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- Donate online to EGG and invest in girls’ education.