

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WAS UNFORGIVING FOR INDIA'S ADOLESCENT GIRLS

The third edition of Save the Children's seminal publication: *'World of India's Girls (WINGS) 2022: A Spotlight on Adolescent Girls Amid Covid-19'* unravels some startling insights on the ordeal of girls in the **pandemic times**.

HERE'S WHAT THE REPORT UNEARTHED: **KEY FINDINGS**



1. ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND NUTRITION HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED

Four out of five (81%) households suffered from food insufficiency

Four out of five mothers (78%) said their adolescent daughters faced difficulty in accessing sanitary napkins during lockdown

Two in three (68%) girls revealed they did not have access to or received health and nutrition services

Three in five (62%) girls did not have access to information on Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)



2. SCHOOL CLOSURES THREATENED LEARNING CONTINUITY

One in three (33%) girls attended online school during lockdown

One in four (23%) girls did not have access to learning material

3. PROGRESS MADE IN ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE CAN GET REVERSED

One in seven (14%) mothers felt the pandemic has increased the risk of early marriage for girls

One in two mothers (52.4%) perceive that as compared to boys, the chances of girls getting married early are higher due to COVID-19



4. PLAY AND RECREATION HAVE TAKEN A BACKSEAT

Nine out of ten (88%) mothers perceive play and recreation to be extremely important for girls between the ages of 10-18 years

More than one in two girls (56%) did not get time to indulge in outdoor play and recreation

Two in five (43%) girls were restricted to performing household chores



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW THE PANDEMIC DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED THE LIVES OF INDIA'S ADOLESCENT GIRLS. ACCESS THE WINGS 2022 REPORT AT www.savethechildren.in/wings2022

AS WE INCH OUR LIVES OUT OF THE PANDEMIC ERA, THIS IS WHAT OUR 'WORLD OF INDIA'S GIRLS- WINGS 2022

WINGS 2022' report recommends as the way ahead for **India's Adolescent Girls**



1. ENSURE EDUCATION CONTINUITY OF GIRLS

Ensure safe **back-to-school** for girls

Equitable access to teaching and learning material

Hold virtual and face-to-face meetings with parents and students to **ensure re-enrolment** in case girls have dropped out of school

Offer psychosocial support to combat the impact of **COVID-19** for girls, parents, caregivers, and educational personnel

2. PRIORITISE HEALTH AND NUTRITION OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS

Improve equitable coverage of healthcare services

Design an action plan for continuity of services provided through **Anganwadi workers**

Strengthen health programmes catering to adolescent health

Ensure food security by continuing **social protection schemes**

3. ADDRESSING CHILD MARRIAGE

Develop community-based monitoring system to prevent child marriages

Investment to **build agency** of girls and women

Promote life skills education for girls

Scale up inclusive digital and remote learning

Strengthen law enforcement agencies to make them more effective to **ensure girls' safety**

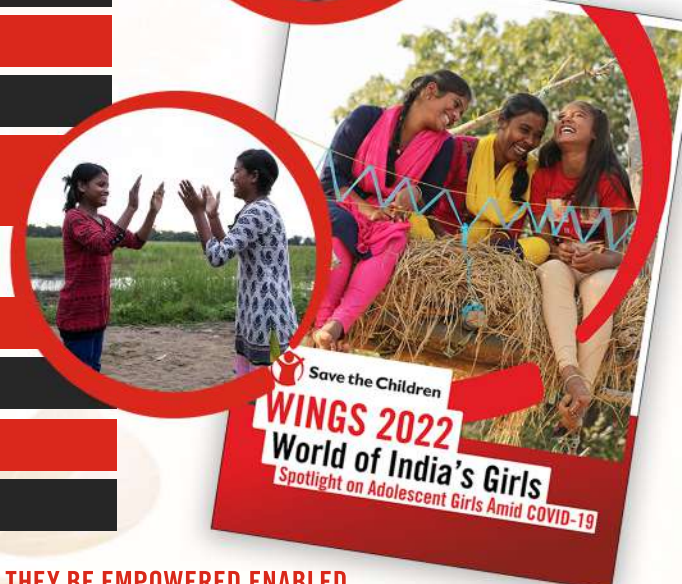
4. PROMOTE PLAY AND RECREATION

Create new safe spaces for children and girls to play

Install **age-appropriate** play equipment in outdoor spaces

Light up the outdoor spaces like streets and parks

Appoint female physical education teachers



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ONLY WHEN WE INVEST AND COMMIT TO BUILD THE AGENCY OF GIRLS, WILL THEY BE EMPOWERED, ENABLED AND EQUIPPED TO EXERCISE THEIR LIFE CHOICES. ACCESS THE WINGS 2022 REPORT AT www.savethechildren.in/wings2022