INVESTOR REPORT
Setting the Stage for a New Wave of Youth Leadership

This report, prepared especially for you, takes a deeper dive into one of our most powerful outcomes: empowering girls to transform their communities in South Asia. The young women participating in our trainings and workshops have shown astonishing drive and capacity. They make the most of new skills and opportunities to attend school, resist child marriage and stand up for their rights. Your investment in The Hunger Project is the lynchpin in this impact, so we want you to know more...

SPOTLIGHT ON BANGLADESH
2018 Outcomes for Select Programs

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROFILE:
Bonani

Bonani wants to be a doctor. Even better, she’s working to turn that dream into a reality. In her town in the Bagherhat District of Bangladesh, girls haven’t always had this opportunity. They used to be discouraged from attending school while on their periods; developed bladder issues from the lack of toilets at school; and didn’t have access to the bicycles boys used to quickly get themselves to and from class.

But after becoming a member of The Hunger Project-Bangladesh’s Youth Empowerment Unit, as well as participating in the Safe School for Girls and Her Choice program, nothing will stop her. “Boys have many advantages, why not girls?” Bonani says. “Everyone should have the right to take part in cultural activities.”
SAFE SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS

When a girl drops out of school, she is more likely to be pressed into caring for her siblings and to be married young. In fact, 67% of girls in Bangladesh are married by the time they are 18 years old.

The Hunger Project has partnered with local affiliates in India and Bangladesh to bring Safe Schools for Girls to their communities. Each community hosting this initiative is measured in five areas: improving opportunities to enroll girls; participation and education of girls in school; girls leadership development; effective parental support; and teacher and school management committees.

The girls themselves are active in improving their educational environment. Each school has an official box where girls can anonymously register complaints regarding safety, cleanliness, and the learning environment. School leaders are required to act on these complaints. USAID has commented that Safe Schools for Girls is one of the more effective strategies for reducing dropout rates, halting child marriage, and preventing sexual harassment of girls.

THE COST OF GENDER DISCRIMINATION

Why is The Hunger Project invested in uplifting girls and ensuring their education and rights? Because...

- Annually, approximately 16 million girls aged 16 to 19 years, and 2.5 million girls under the age of 16, give birth in developing regions. (UNFPA 2015)
- Globally, complications during pregnancy and childbirth are the leading cause of death for girls aged 15 to 19. (WHO 2016)
- A 10 percent reduction in child marriage could contribute to a 70 percent reduction in a country’s maternal mortality and a 3 percent decrease in infant mortality rates. (UNICEF, EWEC Global Strategy Report, 2016)
- In 2016, an estimated 2.4 million adolescent girls and young women were living with HIV — 61 percent all young people living with HIV. (UNAIDS 2017)
- Worldwide, girls aged 10 to 14 spend 50 percent more of their time helping around the house than boys of the same age. (UNICEF 2016)

YOUR INVESTMENT IS CHANGING LIVES. THANK YOU.

We value your investment because you share a common vision with us – that an end to global hunger will come when we invest in the potential and determination of people to become self-reliant. And because you acted on this belief and invested in this vision, millions of people around the world are living lives of dignity.

In Africa, Asia, South Asia and Latin America families are earning sustainable incomes, educating their children, improving their health, eating more nutritious food, and young women are training to become tomorrow’s leaders. Each investment you make further advances our momentum and, together, we are moving closer to a world without hunger. Thank you again.