Title: Rescuing Priya(Name changed): A Case Study of Child Marriage in Tribal Village of Giridih, Jharkhand.

Background:

Priya(Name changed), 16 years-old girls, belonged to a poverty-stricken family in a remote tribal village in the Pirtand block of Giridih. Due to their financial struggles, Priya(Name changed)'s parents were ready to arrange their marriage.

Rescue operation:

In early 2023, Banwasi Vikas Ashram NGO, known for its dedication towards eradicating child marriage. The community social worker got to know about the Priya(Name changed) during an awareness program in Priya(Name changed)'s community. The CSW immediately verified the age of Priya(Name changed) from her school where Priya(Name changed) is studying in class 8. After the age verification, CSW went to Priya(Name changed)'s home and met her family. CSW informed their parents about the Child Marriage Act-2006 and effect of child marriage. After the discussion Priya(Name changed)'s parents were ready to sign the undertaking form and promise to csw that before 18 they will not marry her daughter.

In the presence of Panchayat Secretary, they signed the undertaking form.

Rehabilitation and Support:

Banwasi Vikas Ashram NGO, is recognized for its comprehensive rehabilitation programmes. BVA assisted Priya(Name changed) in filling out the sponsorship scheme form and applying. BVA assisted Priya(Name changed) in attending school, where she continued her further education.

Future prospects:

Priya(Name changed)'s educational journey began under the guidance of the NGO. He used to attend classes regularly. The organization ensured that they received proper schooling, opening doors to a brighter future.

Conclusion:

Priya(Name changed)'s case serves as a poignant example of the prevalence of child marriage in rural areas. The intervention by the Banwasi Vikas Ashram NGO brought an end to her circumstances and provided her with hope for a better life. This case study highlights the crucial role NGOs play in rescuing and rehabilitating child marriage victims, ultimately helping them reclaim their childhood and secure a dignified future.