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



Background:

Vihan(Name changed),17-year-old boy, belonged to a poverty-stricken family in a remote village in Giridih. Due to their financial struggles, Vihan(Name changed)'s parents are ready to arrange their marriage.

Rescue operation:

In early 2023, Banwasi Vihan(Name changed) Ashram NGO, known for its dedication towards eradicating child marriage. The community social worker got to know about the Vihan(Name changed) during an awareness program in Vihan(Name changed)'s community, that is today is Vihan(Name changed)'s Marriage. The CSW immediately informed his higher authority in the organization. The organization quickly intervened by coordinating with local authorities and carrying out rescue operations.

Upon reaching home, the team faced opposition from families and community members, but the team made them aware of the impact of child marriage and the laws and penalties under the Child Marriage Prohibition Act 2006, they agreed to stop and signed the undertaking.

Rehabilitation and Support:

Banwasi NGO, is recognised for its comprehensive rehabilitation programmes. BVA assisted Vihan(Name changed) in filling out and applying for the sponsorship scheme form. Vihan(Name changed) is already enrolled in school but he did not want to study but after counselling, he agreed and started going to school.

Future prospects:

Vihan(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:

Vihan(Name changed)'s case serves as a poignant example of the prevalence of child marriage in rural areas. The intervention by the Banwasi Vihan(Name changed) Ashram NGO brought an end to her circumstances and provided him 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.