

The Influencer Bulletin

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Your support to the Influencers journey is ensuring women and girls freedom from violence and discrimination, access to legal justice, grassroots leadership, rights and entitlements and freedom from economic dependence. In this issue we bring to you updates from our coalition partner Mann Deshi's collaborative work towards advancing women's livelihood capabilities. Further we provide a glimpse of the work done by our partner Coro and Milaan in raising their voice against gender based violence and discrimination. Also join us in celebrating the work and journey of our grassroots coalition partner Jan sahas for influencing change at grassroots.

Advancing Women's Livelihood Capabilities

We are proud to share that our NGO partner **Mann Deshi Foundation** has partnered with GIZ, a development aid agency headquartered in Germany for implementing "Her&Now" project in India on behalf of Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and in partnership with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. The initiative provides leadership and holistic business development training program for women entrepreneurs. The Her&Now programme will kick-off through an online zoom meeting on April 7, 2021 at 3.30 pm. Through this program, Mann Deshi will support 100 women entrepreneurs with various tools required for their growing businesses. Click [here](#) to know more about the project!



Mobilising Communities towards Change



We are elated to share that our partner NGO **CORO**, recently organized a webinar on research led by children highlighting the issues faced by them in districts of Beed and Satara held on 26th March 2021. The webinar focussed on disseminating the report findings and recommendations, sharing the insights on the status of violence against children, in Beed and Satara and further building a community and local institution-level interventions to reduce instances of violence against children. Click [here](#) to watch.

Breaking the Convention

Swipe through for a glimpse of our NGO partner **IT for Change**'s Center for Education and Technology's remarkable work across different mediums. Set up 12 years ago, the Center for Education and Technology is a key part of IT for Change's work on the education and pedagogical front, as they aim for the meaningful application of digital technologies in education through diverse approaches. Click [here](#) to read more.



Sowing the Seeds of Resilient Communities



Girl Rising's latest book, 'Dare to Dream' which encapsulates stories of nine girls that overcame insurmountable obstacles with unmeasured resilience, determination and will to pursue their dreams. We're thrilled to share that the book features poems of grit, determination and courage authored by our NGO partner **Milaan**'s Girl Icons in their aim to amplify the voices of adolescent girls to achieve a gender-equal world.

Influencing Change at the Local Levels

On 6th Feb, our NGO partner **Jan Sahas**, along with Madhya Pradesh Police, District Administration of Damoh and District Administration of Kohlapur rescued 19 bonded labourers (5 women, 8 men & 6 children) in Kohlapur, Maharashtra from a sugarcane plantation. Through stellar efforts at the grassroots, the team members also helped these workers with the release certificates and so they can safely to their hometown.

