



About the Action Partners and Action Leaders

Partner Organization/Group	State	Action Leaders
Alor Sandhaney A group incubated by Thoughtshop Foundation, Kolkata, Alor Sandhaney is located in Birsa Munda Pally (near the Kolkata airport). The group started with 10 members and now has over 100 members. Most of the group members belong to the Birsa Munda tribe. The group works on promoting child rights and women's empowerment and has a special focus on stopping early child marriage.	West Bengal	Pinky Sardar was part of a leadership programme run by Thoughtshop Foundation that led her to form a youth group in her community. She has come across many difficult situations and instead of escaping from these she has raised her voice and protested. She feels proud to be a woman.
		Jhuma Sardar has been working on issues of child labour and early child marriage. She aims to change the stereotypical mindsets of people. She likes to work on gender and sexuality with children and adolescents so that they can protect themselves in any adverse situation.
		Joy Das joined Alor Sandhaney to learn about issues, work with adolescents and discover himself.
Ananyo Onno Mon Ananyo Onno Mon is a socio-cultural organization formed voluntarily by a group of citizens from mid-income level backgrounds. Through organizing cultural programs, awareness camps and	West Bengal Delhi	Dr. Shanta Sen holds a Ph.D. in Physiology (Endocrinology) and has teaching, research and administrative experience of 35 years. She is passionate about the arts and sings beautifully. She spends considerable time to copy edit and translate both English and Bengali articles and in

<p>panel discussions on socially relevant topics, the group mobilizes support for non-formal school students and old age homes.</p>		<p>running Ananya Onno Mon.</p>
		<p>Dipa Chatterjee, a member of All India Women's Conference and Ananya Onnomon, feels strongly about violence especially in the context of young people. A graduate in Life Science and a homemaker by occupation, she proactively participates in anti-violence programs and stands against violence in all forms.</p>
<p>BUDS (Baal Umang Drishya Sanstha)</p> <p>BUDS is a registered, non-profit organization that works with street children and youth on issues of education and health. The group is largely voluntary and is held by a mid-level development practitioner, who, after leaving his job, is channeling his energy towards issues that matter.</p>	Delhi	<p>Sandhya Mandal has been working for over nine years in areas of Life skills education, formal education, remedial, counseling of children, gender, children repatriation to their home and counseling. She is with DOR for gaining new learning and experiences that she can share in her work space.</p>
		<p>Begum has been working with BUDS since the last 10 months on community outreach. In the past she has also worked on issues of health and nutrition.</p>
<p>CAN (Community Avenue Network) Youth</p> <p>CAN Youth works with and creates opportunities for marginalized communities and empowers youth especially those that are school drop outs. The group is youth-led and works with large numbers of youth volunteers in and around Dimapur.</p>	Nagaland	<p>Ruokuobeituo Kire engages in networking, mobilization and coordination of the field staff of CAN Youth. DOR would lead him to delve him deeper into issues of gender justice and to take action on it.</p>
		<p>Sedelo T Vadeo is a Core Team Member of CAN Youth and is responsible for conducting awareness programmes and youth events. He looks forward to know the current status of gender violation in India and Northeast in particular and about the necessary tools to tackle gender violence.</p>
<p>Dance Kabila</p> <p>Dance Kabila is a group comprising of young people who are trained/training and passionate about dance. Through developing customized choreographies and performances for a range of clients, Dance Kabila is working to synergize the passions of its members with their livelihoods. The members of Dance Kabila come from low to mid-income backgrounds, and the group is led by a</p>	Delhi	<p>Ruchi has 12 years of experience of working with multi-national companies in areas of business operations, training development etc. A committed optimist, Ruchi believes that when you focus on problems you will have problems, but when you focus on possibilities you have opportunities.</p>
		<p>Prakash is a great learner and facilitator at Dance Kabila with four years of experience. Prakash feels that dance is the most perfect way of expressing what he feels.</p>

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Hasi Khushi Hoi Choi Incubated by Thoughtshop Foundation as a part of its YRC project, Hashi Kushi Hoi Choi is a youth-led group. Located in 24 Parganas, the members of the group are village youth, who come together to mobilize and engage young people in socially positive activities. In this way, the group works on youth development and leadership.	West Bengal	Piyali Chakrabarty is a Master Trainer. She trains B.Ed students on how to conduct ACER survey to understand learning levels. From DOR, she looks forward to deepening her understanding on gender and Implementing an action project in her community.
		Gouranga Purkait works with adolescents in a rural community in Bengal. He looks forward to learning more about gender and implementing an action project in his community.
Humsaa Humsaa is an informal group that has been working for over 5 years in Delhi to promote youth led action on issues that impact the lives of youth today.	Delhi	Gaurav Kumar is an engineering student. He is deeply committed to strengthen his learning about issues that matter and taking constructive action to address these. He has been actively seeking out and participating in many action learning programmes in the social sector in the last few years.
		Isha Attri is currently pursuing Master of Education from Delhi University. With a passion for storytelling, writing poems, and theatre, She has been participating/volunteering in various projects on Gender and inequalities.
		Jyoti Sagar has studied Clinical Psychology and is working as a Counselor, Life Skill Trainer, and workshop designer for different projects on Gender and Caste.
Monks on Bulls Monks on Bulls is a non-commercial motorcycle riding group. Started by a corporate professional to pursue and promote his passion for riding the , the group comprises of individuals from different domains of life with a common passion of riding motorcycles.		Rahul Upadhyay is a biker by passion and technical person by profession. Having spent 8 years in the corporate sphere, Rahul hopes to gain deeper understanding about gender issues and grow through DOR.
		Ankita is a fashion professional with interest in creative arts like theatre, dance and drawing. She loves to explore and travel.
Shopno Ekhn	Delhi	Shahana Chakravarty engages in performances i.e. acting in productions,

<p>Shapno Ekhn is a creative platform aimed at promoting and practicing various forms of performing arts especially theater. Initiated by a public health practitioner as an informal platform where people 'do theater,' the group has, over the years, grown to include over 30 members from different walks of life, who want more than 'just do theater,' as a result of which, the group is today at a stage where it is exploring ways to strengthen connections between theater and social change.</p>		<p>leading heritage education and active citizenship projects for children, facilitating theatre workshops, besides working in development with children with disabilities. At DOR, she would like to expand her understanding of gender and learn how to incorporate gender in heritage education and theatre.</p> <p>Shukla Banik is a finance professional with more than 16 years of experience in non-banking financial sector. Currently, she is committed to taking care of her ailing parent and exploring theatre, writing, music and painting.</p>
<p>SMS (Srijanatmak Manushi Sanstha)</p> <p>SMS, a nonprofit organization, was initiated by a college professor to provide a creative platform for women. The vision of the group has expanded over the years, and its activities now include imparting education to children, domestic workers/ daily wage earners, strengthening educational foundation of students, vocational training, driving awareness about women rights.</p>	<p>Delhi</p>	<p>Sangam Panwar is a teacher in SMS. She is training in dance along with looking after the centre, and take extra classes with community children. At DOR, she wants to learn new things on gender.</p> <p>Archana, a photographer and a dancer with interest social work, is one of the oldest 'young volunteers' at SMS. Archana wants to deepen her learning and passion for gender equality through DOR.</p>
<p>The Ant</p> <p>The Ant is a voluntary organization that works with the poorest and marginalised people in around 220 villages on issues of women empowerment, health, child and youth development, peace and justice promotion and sustainable livelihoods.</p>	<p>Assam</p>	<p>Working as a Project Coordinator, Laxmi Chetri is leading team of six staff for a project on women empowerment. From DOR, she expects to take away campaign methodologies, skills and aspects of campaigning in order to strengthen their campaigns and events. She also expects to learn different methods to involve men in the journey for gender equality.</p> <p>As a Youth Mentor (Sports for Development), Nani Bhagat works directly with the community. She leads a team of 12- 24 CYLs (Community Youth Leaders) and organizes small events and programmes. From DOR, she expects to learn different methods to build understanding of gender equality, especially with youth.</p> <p>Hero Basumatary works as a Senior Village Organizer under Project Shiksha. He monitors</p>

		and supervises the teachers of the Child Development Centre, organises training and exposure programs for the children, and organizes small events within the cluster. He expects to enhance his understanding of gender and related issues through DOR.
Vardhanam The main focus of Vardhanam, a youth led group initiated by a youth volunteer of Mittika and VSO's YCS program, is to provide education to underprivileged children and to work on issues of adult education, environment, and gender. The organization mainly functions with student volunteers from colleges in Vadodara.	Gujarat	Mehul Parekh works on issues of education, environment and livelihood. He is looking to gain deep knowledge and practical experience in working on issues of gender through DOR.