

Stats & Facts

- More than 700 million people in India live on just \$2 a day.¹
- There are 29.5 million child laborers in India.²
- There are 25.7 million orphans in India today.³
- 25% of all worldwide childhood deaths before age 5 occur in India.⁴ 3,000 children die of malnutrition every day.⁵
- Although it is officially outlawed, many mothers in India abort females before birth.⁶
- In India, 600,000 girls are aborted per year.⁷ That's 5 girls aborted every minute.⁸
- Due to overwhelming poverty, Indian girls are funneled into marriage and sex slavery rather than schools.⁹
- 95% of girls born in the district become enslaved.¹⁰
- Trafficking of minor girls is a \$1-billion-a-year industry in Mumbai. Little girls—some as young as 7 or 8 years old—are being forced into the sex trade.¹¹
- There are approximately 5–16 million commercial sex workers in India.¹² Approximately 920,000 are children.¹³
- In Mumbai Dehli, and Chennai, it is estimated that 50% to 90% of commercial sex workers are HIV-positive.¹⁴
- The most effective way to break the cycle of exploitation is education.¹⁵
- 66% of India's high-school aged girls do not attend school.¹⁶
- Education also places women in positions of leadership, authority and decision-making for greater participation in their communities, families and country. Leadership comes with roles, responsibilities, status, rewards and privileges, which greatly improve women's well-being and those of their families.¹⁷

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