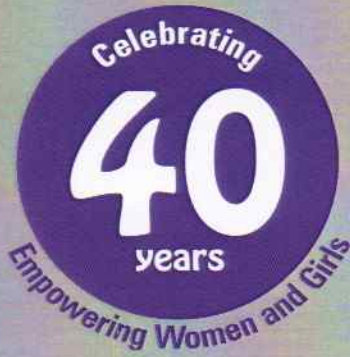


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Our Vision

A Gender Just Egalitarian Society

Our Mission

Empowering Women to Achieve Equality and Equity
and the Right to Live with Dignity and Self-esteem.

Celebrating 40 years of Struggle. Hope and Courage



OUR PHILOSOPHY

Evolving feminist perspectives with grassroots women for 40 years.

Since our founding in 1976, Action India has remained dedicated to the belief that effective, social transformation towards gender equality can only be accomplished by empowering women at the grassroots level. While protesting against wrongs, we simultaneously create alternative modes for self-help, self-esteem, and self-assertion. In facilitating change through focused initiatives at the community level, Action India seeks to leave our mark on the universal struggle for women's rights.

We work to

Eliminate Discrimination

Facilitate access to education and health care

Enhance access to property and economic rights

Enable participation in governance and development

We believe

Women's Rights are Human Rights

Sabla Sanghs women empowered was the beginning.

1979 The first protest against anti dowry killings



OUR JOURNEY

In the early 80s the women's movement in India emerged to address patriarchy, demand equal rights for men and women, girls and boys in the family, society and the state.

The founding members of Action India envisioned an equitable society governed by democratic institutions. Democracy in its true sense includes peoples participation. Planning bottom up and continued vigilance on civil and political rights.

Working in urban slums and low income resettlement colonies Action India took steps to counter coercive family planning policies and practices of targeted population control with "informed choice". Grassroots women learnt about gaining control over their body and fertility awareness. Reproductive rights laid the foundation of women's Health and Nutrition demanding safe contraception and safe abortion.

Body mapping



Demystifying knowledge & dissemination of information enabled ordinary women to take extra ordinary actions.

BREAKING THE SILENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A violence-free home is the right of every woman

Indian women have “broken the silence” on domestic violence, protesting dowry killings, rape, and sexual harassment. These campaigns, fueled by grassroots women’s action, have resulted in promising changes in legislation and progressive laws such as PWDVA, 2005, the PCPNDT Act, and the 2013, “Sexual Harassment at Work Place.”



Action India initiated Mahila Panchayats in 1994

Action India’s role in this narrative began in 1994, with the formation of the Mahila Panchayats, a community redressal mechanism to prevent domestic violence. These women’s courts have radically changed the methods of caste and gender discrimination present in the traditional, patriarchal community legal systems, “Biradari and Gram Panchayats.” Our Women, Law, and Social Change program has trained paralegals, created legal awareness, and empowered community women with a stronger, political voice.



This effort to create laws regarding domestic violence has grown to connect with networks on the national stage. Women’s access to the law brings us one step closer to ending domestic violence, by providing survivors with the opportunity to seek justice and rebuild their lives.

MAKING GIRLS LEADERS

A 20 year campaign to address the declining child sex ratio in India has been sustained and promoted the value of the girl child. Celebrating the birth of girls - "Beti Utsav".



Action India promotes education for adolescent girls, and life skills and career counselling to prepare them to step into womanhood. As they become self-confident and become independent emotionally they gain their identity and autonomy. The Scholarship Program has enabled many girls who dropped out from school to continue their studies and avoid pressures of early marriage. They now have the options to make choices with courage to break the social norms which have kept women subjugated to male dominance. The patriarchal hierarchy is facing challenges from these young women some of whom are the first graduates in their family.



A different future for them is possible.

Safe Spaces and a Safe City

TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

- Action India is a Gender Resource Centre for government and non-government organizations working within the capital city and Hapur district in Uttar Pradesh.
- Action India's team of gender trainers is building grassroots leadership, informing 200 peer educators each year by providing gender training modules, publications, and films for a Hindi-speaking audience.
- The "Women, Law, and Social Change" program has reimagined traditional mindsets of women's status and legal rights, by helping over 16,000 women survivors to resolve domestic conflicts.
- The "WeCan" Campaign to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls formed a network of grassroots organizations across Delhi to reach 80,000 *changemakers* over 6 years.
- The Gender Equality Program reached 30,000 girls in 9 *Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. Schools* to enhance educational opportunities and develop leadership among young girls.
- The "Swachh Delhi Swasth Delhi" program in North-east district worked to improve standards of public health through the delivery of water to 40,000 deprived peoples and effectively leveraged Rs 22,46,67,000 to build infrastructure and improved facilities to serve 400,000 population.

**THE WORK IS NOT YET FINISHED, LOOKING
TOWARDS THE FUTURE, FROM A PROMISING PAST**

Support us and Join us:

- Volunteer your time and expertise
- Support us financially/materially (Tax benefit U/s 80G of Income Tax Act 1961).
- Share your ideas to better the lives of women and children.

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