



Empowering Adolescents, Building Equitable Futures

" Chhattisgarh Agricon Samiti (CAS) stands with every adolescent, turning lost chances into new possibilities. We give young people the tools to learn, lead, and thrive, breaking cycles of inequality and building futures where dignity, equality, and hope are not dreams, but everyday realities."

Challenges Faced by Marginalised Adolescents

Adolescents from low-income and socially excluded communities face entrenched barriers to growth:

- Limited access to education, healthcare, and sanitation
- Lack of agency in daily decision-making
- Harmful socio-cultural norms:
 - Deprioritising girls' education
 - Child marriage and early pregnancy
 - Taboos around reproductive health
- Poor psychosocial health and limited support services

These challenges create a cycle of disempowerment, leaving adolescents unheard and unprepared.

VISION

CAS envisions a future where every adolescent has a voice, the agency to choose, opportunities to participate, and the assets to thrive. Through inclusive, community-led actions, we aim to break cycles of marginalisation and build pathways to resilient, dignified, and equitable futures.

Systemic Gaps

- Youth voices are underrepresented in policy formulation and implementation
- Limited capacity and expertise among policymakers
- Adolescent-focused programmes (e.g. **Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram**)
- suffer from:
 - Inadequate financial and technical support
 - Weak cross-sector coordination
- Poor inter-ministerial coordination (e.g., between health and education sectors) weakens the coherence of adolescent initiatives

Our Collaborative Approach

With **UNICEF's** support, we are driving systemic and community-led change for adolescent empowerment through a multi-pronged strategy that ensures:

- Scaled Impact** : Engaging diverse stakeholders and amplifying youth voices for deeper outcomes.
- Visibility and Influence** : Strengthening systems, policy advocacy, and elevating adolescent issues in public discourse.
- Niche and Diverse Expertise** : Leveraging collaboration among multiple organisations, recognising no single entity can meet all adolescent needs.
- Strong Learning Agenda** : Promoting peer learning, knowledge exchange, and continuous improvement in this underfunded field.

Aligned with Global Goals

Our work advances key SDGs:

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being – Access to adolescent-friendly health and psychosocial services

SDG 4: Quality Education – School continuity, bridge education, re-enrolment support

SDG 5: Gender Equality – Promoting girls' agency and ending child marriage

SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities – Addressing structural discrimination and promoting safety

Key Outcomes

Increased age at marriage among adolescent girls

Improved secondary school completion

Strengthened agency, self-esteem, and decision-making among adolescents

Theory of Change

Program Delivery

- Work with public systems (Health, Education, WCD) to ensure scalable, quality delivery.

Public Systems Strengthening

- Advocate for increased budget allocation, technical capacity, and stronger adolescent focus.

Ecosystem Strengthening

- Support adolescent leadership, build safe spaces, and enable community accountability.

Collaborative Action

- Mobilize partners to co-create impact and share knowledge.

What We Aim to Achieve

Sensitise **6,00,000+** people on child marriage law and helplines

Engage **32,000+** influencers/PRI members to publicly pledge against child marriage

Work with **200+ Gram Panchayats** to include adolescent priorities in GPDs

Link **15,000+ adolescents** to social protection schemes

Deliver life skills education to **60,000+ adolescents**

Re-integrate **10,000+** out-of-school youth into formal education pathways



Why Partner With CAS?

- **18 years** of expertise in rural development and institution building.
- Proven ability to design and scale impactful models across Chhattisgarh.
- Deep-rooted community trust with strong convergence with government departments.
- Ongoing funding support from **UNICEF** for Adolescents Empowerment in different districts of Chhattisgarh.

Your partnership will accelerate the replication of youth-centric interventions across the communities.



Your Investment

- Keep girls in school and delay early marriage
- Build platforms for youth voice and leadership
- Expand life skills and mental health support
- Improve frontline services
- Nurture a collaborative ecosystem that lasts

Let's Build Futures Together

Join us in shaping inclusive, safe, and empowered communities for India's youth.

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