

Improving the lives of adolescents” is a UNICEF supported initiative in Anandapuram Mandal of Visakhapatnam District

This project is supported by UNICEF to work on the issues / challenges faced by the Adolescents.

- This project covers all 26 panchayats in Anandapuram Mandal
- Mobilizes adolescents through the formation of adolescent groups.
- Empowers adolescent boys and girls on range of child protection issues with special focus on child marriage.
- Link adolescents to second chance education and skill training programmes, social protection schemes.
- Imparts life skills education for adolescents; and dialogue between groups of adolescent girls and boys and between adolescents and adult community members.
- Establish Adolescent Resource Centers at the mandal level to provide one-stop services to adolescents.

As part of this project the following activities are being organized -

- Capacity building workshops for Self Help Groups to sensitize them on the issues faces by the adolescents and to work towards child friendly villages
- Orientation to the Key communicators like Panchayat leaders to sensitize them on the challenges faced by adolescents in their areas of influence / panchayats
- Sensitize adolescents in schools and colleges on the Rights, entitlements and life skills education
- Train the active adolescents as peer leaders
- Train the selected children on photography to enhance their abilities to put forth their issues from their own perspectives
- Community based interventions by adolescents on Child marriages, Education and Nutrition



As part of the project, VIKASA also actively contributed in the development of one pagers for effective communication on the Adolescent challenges



