

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Equal Community Foundation
Name of the project TFN funded:	Project Raise
Date Funded by TFN:	January 30, 2017
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	50% External evaluation cost and management cost could be covered by the TFN fund.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	5%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	With the TFN funded project, ECF directly reached out to 12 partner organisations in West Bengal to engage boys/ men in their programmes. Out of these 12 organisations, ECF provided technical and financial support to 7 organisations who collectively worked towards the cause of ending violence and discrimination against women/ girls in India.
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Through these 12 partner organisations, ECF has indirectly reached out to 2946 adolescent boys and girls in 63 villages/ districts in the state of West Bengal.
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	No
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	One of the most significant changes for our organisation has been the ability to invest in the capacity building of our programme support staff (finance and administration). Specifically, through funding provided for this purpose, we have been able to provide structured trainings and review to our finance and administration with the result of increased efficiency and accuracy in our financial management systems
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	We miss you and would like to work with you again
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of	15 year old Ganesh Dhumad is a participant of ECF's Programme aimed at raising boys in India to be gender equitable. He says that

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<p>the project?</p>	<p>after enrolling into the AfE programme, he started noticing a lot of changes in his behaviour and attitude. Ganesh says that he realises how irresponsible he used to be before. Now he's happy sharing his family responsibilities, and treats everyone with respect.</p> <p>Recently, he recalls, while he was out with his friends in the area, he found out about his neighbour, an old woman, who was being harassed by her son and daughter-in-law for sometime. Ganesh, with support from his mentor and peers, went up to her family and tried talking to them. 'I told her son not to bother the old lady. I told them that I would have to call the police if this continues.'² Both of them nodded their head in agreement. They seemed a little embarrassed about the conversation. Things have been fine ever since. We have not heard of any violence in their house.</p> <p>'It was my first reaction. I knew what she had to face was not right. I have a grandmother too and I can never imagine leaving her out. We should always treat people with respect.'</p>
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