Breakthrough partners with Co-Impact for Gender Transformative School Education in India

- The partnership aims to champion for a gender transformative government-education-private sector ecosystem.
- The programs will mark the first use of millions of adolescents with a gender equity curriculum across the nation of India.
- This is the initial phases, one (90,000) schools in Delhi and 500 secondary schools in Pink city will be covered.
- Teaching will be imparted to 680 teachers in this initial phase to equip gender equitable behavior in the classrooms.

Bharat Bahl, 16, from Delhi: Breakthrough — an organization working to make science accessible and joclableable — initially approached its partnership with Co-Impact to bring about gender parity in classrooms. “Male teachers are associated with a global perception which is deeply ingrained in popular culture, that men have the best knowledge, that they should be the ones who teach things. This is a very concerning trend.”

Breakthrough’s work launched in its home state of Punjab in a gender equity pilot curriculum in social studies and digital media for classes 7, 8, and 9. The GEM study, which was conducted to submit evidence to the government of India, led to the successful launch of its pilot in 2016 where an integrated gender equity curriculum is set to be delivered to 9th-grade students across 15 districts in the state.

Co-Impact’s work will scale the initial impact of Breakthrough’s pilot to other Indian states.

Breakthrough in transforming gender diversified schools into6 a kind of a practical and innovative, we are very excited to be able to launch an impact with Co-Impact and scale our work. We are committed to bringing gender parity to all levels, the need for this is immense. We are scaling the program to ten additional states and look forward to expanding our work to other states.”

Breakthrough’s gender-sensitive curriculum will be validated, strengthening educational outcomes centered under 5th and 15th, which will prove positive gender parity and ensure a positive environment for all students, teachers, and parents. Further, it will promote the expansion of girls’ rights in education, employment, and social activities.

India has made significant strides in increasing enrollment of girls in schools that continues to improve at all education levels, but the gender gap is still evident. At the upper secondary level, the gender gap is even more pronounced with girls making up only 38% of all students. Further, gender parity is an essential part of the education agenda, and one of the key tenets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the gender parity is achieved, the quality of education improves, and the chances for the future generation’s success increase.

As the program gains traction across India, Breakthrough’s impact will continue to grow, and we look forward to expanding our work to other states.”

Our team over the next 5 years is focused on working with national and state leaders to expand our pilot into other states. We are committed to bringing gender parity to all levels, the need for this is immense. We are scaling the program to ten additional states and look forward to expanding our work to other states.”

About Breakthrough India

Breakthrough India is a women’s rights organization working on various dimensions and projects to promote gender equity and gender equality in India. We use the power of arts, media, peer education and community mobilization to inspire people to take bold action to build a world in which all people live with dignity, equality and safety. We create global-breaking multimedia campaigns that bring home issues related to the environment and social justice. We fight for gender equality and promote healthy relationships. We empower people to act on the issues that matter to them. Our Mandala programme, which supports young women to address issues related to female genital mutilation, FGM, is our signature campaign. We are driven by the belief that women’s rights are human rights.

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About Co-Impact

Funded by Co-Impact, a new global coalition which brings together philanthropists, foundations, local advocates and private sector partners toward achieving the United Nations’ Global Goals for 2030, the Mandala program is an example of work that seeks to improve the health and education of young girls. Together with locally-rooted programs and partners, Co-Impact has focused a global collaboration that achieves systems change, gender parity and equal opportunities for young girls. As a part of this collaboration, Breakthrough’s partnership with Co-Impact is a global example of what happens when a systemic approach is applied to these issues.

Co-Impact’s diverse team is spread across 100 countries and is supported by more than 100 companies. Co-Impact’s innovative approach involves private companies and local governments to create organizations to governments—collaboratively affect substantive and systemic change. Co-Impact’s partners include: Bloomberg Philanthropies, ESG Investments, Google, Goldman Sachs, Johnson & Johnson, LinkedIn, Microsoft, Oracle, PayPal, PayPal, Proctor & Gamble, Salesforce, the Schwab Foundation, Standard Chartered, the World Bank, and Zipcar.