Evidence in Gender

As part of our capacity building commitment to our NGO partners, EdelGive organised a session in association with The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) on Evidence and Gender on 14th November at Alibaug. The sessions aimed to explain the connection between gender and poverty through research-based evidence as observed through J-PAL’s data collection. Discussions on the role of women’s limited agency in mitigating the program’s effectiveness were facilitated. Shagun Sabarwal, Associate Director of Policy and Training at J-PAL South Asia, introduced the role of gender as a crosscutting framework which further highlighted the inequality across different thematic focus areas such as education, markets and livelihoods, agency and empowerment. The session was deeply appreciated by all the implementing partners as it gave them more understanding of the researched data thus available to further improve their intervention strategies.

Grassroots Leadership

Unaffordable fares of private transport, unsafe environment for girls to travel and overcrowded vehicles prone to accidents often became reasons for girls to drop out of school in Jalahalli village in the northern part of Bengaluru. A group of 20 girls from IT for Change’s field centre in the area took it upon themselves to address the issue by writing to the Panchayat Development Officer, Karnataka State Road Transport Services, organising protests and mobilising schoolboys to join the campaign over months. Consequently, KSRTC deputed an additional bus service during school hours. Watch the video of the girls narrating their experience here.

If the village is ours, problems are also ours

With this spirit, residents of the Paratvadi village, Maan Taluka in Satara district (Maharashtra) and CORO India took it upon themselves to address the severe water crisis faced by the community. Setting a perfect example of transparent stewardship in collaboration with the government, the efforts not only broke the misconception of people around any developmental work involving corruption but also managed to solve the water crisis by construction of a dam in the village by mobilisation of the community and the authorities. Read more about their collaborative journey here.