Dream a Dream exists to transform the educational experience of over 130 million children living in adversity in India and enable them to thrive.
OUR APPROACH TO MINDSET SHIFT

Shifting mindsets about the purpose of education to thriving

SYSTEMS DEMONSTRATION
works towards transforming public education systems in partnership with governments through levers of change such as curriculum, pedagogies, teacher training, assessments, etc.

DIRECTIMPACT
is our demonstrable model in both in-school & out-of-school learning spaces where children thrive

BUILDING THE FIELD
focuses on shifting dominant narratives towards thriving as the purpose of education by weaving together people, places and voices supported by high impact research

THIRSTING SCHOOLS

THRIVING CENTRES
OUR JOURNEY

1999
Dream a Dream started working with young people from adversity with the intention of building life skills

2002
Launch of the After School Life Skills Programme (Thriving Schools) - an emerging demonstrable model of in-school learning space to promote thriving

2009
Launch of the Career Connect Centre (Thriving Centre) to equip 15 to 23 year olds with information, skills and access to opportunities to make meaningful life choices

2012
Started working with teachers after realising that a caring adult can provide greater & long lasting impact among young people

2016
Started engaging with external stakeholders including state governments, other NGOs (national & international) & funders

2016 - 2022
We transformed the learning experience of 2.2 million children in public education systems through strategic partnerships. Via our new strategic approach, we are empowering the young people & enabling systems around them to support thriving as the purpose of education.

NEXT 5 YEARS
Our unique strengths as practitioners, enablers and thought leaders position us well to transform the learning experience for 5 million children in India.
Our first book, ‘When We Thrive, Our World Thrives - Stories of Young People Growing Up with Adversity,’ authored by Dr Connie K Chung & Vishal Talreja weave in research on psychosocial needs of children with the inspiring stories of 20 young people from Dream a Dream programmes who are thriving despite adversity.

The book invites parents, educators, policymakers and everyone who has a child in their life to understand the environment which enables thriving and to intentionally design it.

The book is now available for purchase on Notion Press, Amazon (India, US, UK) and Flipkart.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

“Dream a Dream’s focus on building life skills in the youth gets at the heart of what the youth need today. Skills like resiliency, problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration etc help the youth thrive in the difficult and complex environments they are living in. These skills can help with academic performance, persistence in school, mental health and well-being, and they are especially important for girls due to the extra barriers they face.”

~ Erin Ganju, Managing Director, Echidna Giving

“The Life Skills training sessions taught me to control my anger and express my feelings constructively. Now people are able to understand my feelings and connect with me quickly.”

~ Rinki Kumari, Teacher, KGBV Ghatiwa, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand

“Everyone in the school from the support staff, children, and teachers are made to feel special, their contributions acknowledged instantly by the school head which contributes to the solid teamwork seen in Delhi schools.”

~ Dr Bijano Murry, Joint Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Nagaland

CHANGE MAKER: LEKHA

“When I enter the football ground, I forget everything. Obstacles in my life just become defenders in a football game,” shares Lekha, our young graduate from the After School Life Skills Programme (Football).

I started playing football in 2016. People said, “You’re a girl, why would you play football?” When I enter the football ground, I feel like I can forget everything else. Travelling for matches helped me realise how big the world is.

I want to become a journalist because I can question anyone. Society thinks girls don’t have the same capacity as boys. If they give us the chance, they can see that we do have it.
OUR SUPPORTERS FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS

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Help us build a world where every child can THRIVE
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