

### Who We Are

## Invisible Girl Project Mission

Rescue Girls. Pursue Justice. END female GENDERCIDE in India.

## Invisible Girl Project

We raise global awareness concerning the loss of female lives in India, pursue justice in India for the lives lost, and assist Indian organizations in the rescue of and care for Indian girls. Create a Campaign to Raise Money for Invisible Girl Project and Help Save Lives!

Students like you can easily get involved by starting your own online fundraiser. It is simple, free, and one huge way that you can make an impact and raise awareness about gendercide.

Go to our website:

www.InvisibleGirlProject.org

Click on "Take Action" and then "Fundraise" and you can build your own campaign page. You can set your goal, monitor your progress, and tell the story of why ending gendercide matters to you. Share your campaign on your social media, too! Help us END FEMALE GENDERCIDE in India today!

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## Facts on Gendercide:

- The United Nations
  estimates that 50 million
  girls and women are
  missing from India's
  population, due to
  gendercide (the systematic
  killing of girls-just because
  they are girls).
- l in 4 girls in India does not live past puberty.
- Gendercide is a ROOT cause to trafficking.

#### Contributors to Gendercide:

- Female FETICIDE—sex selective abortion;
- Female INFANTICIDE the murder of a baby girl; and





#### See the Issue

by Amanda Haney, student—UNC Chapel Hill

For years, I worked to fight the injustices of human trafficking in the world. But, when I learned about the work of Invisible Girl Project, I began to understand how trafficking is connected to gendercide. Gendercide is genocide against a specific gender group, in this case-the systematic, mass killing of girls and women.

Did you know that both India and China kill more little girls than are born in the United States in a year? I've always known that women have long been one of the most oppressed groups in history, but I had no idea there is an entire genocide targeting girls and women **just for being female**.

Through Invisible Girl Project, I learned that the perceived worthlessness of girls and women leads to them being murdered by their own families. **Sex-determination ultrasounds have been outlawed in India and China** because so many parents use them to decide if they should get an abortion simply because the child is a girl (feticide). It is now estimated that one girl is aborted in India every minute, simply **because she is female**.

Also in India, once a baby girl is born, her likelihood of survival is far from great. Often, parents kill their own babies because they view girls as a waste of resources. **This is known as**  female infanticide—the murder of baby girls. Girls between the ages of 1-5 have a 75% higher mortality rate than boys of the same age. This tragic gendercide is happening because a culture is not valuing girls as it should. I firmly believe we all must work together to end this problem. If we do not start addressing gendercide, we will never put an end to trafficking either.

You see, this gendercide has created an enormous gap in the sex ratio in India, so there are millions of men who will not find a partner to date or a spouse to marry. Further injustices including human trafficking into the sex trade and forcing girls to become child brides has begun. Innocent girls who are smart, talented, and beautiful are treated like insignificant cattle. This cannot be allowed.

Please help me join Invisible Girl Project in the work to change the perceptions of girls, showing that every girl has inherent value. Because I have learned that ending gendercide is essential to seeing an end to human trafficking and child marriage, my mission is no longer to only fight against human trafficking. I'm now committed to saving the girl child from any injustice that could also lead to trafficking.

I hope you will join me!