

Activity 13 | Girls' rights (20 min)

(activity) In this activity, students will explore human rights and gender equality by discussing Panjy's life. Gender discrimination is a continuing problem in Indian society, with patriarchal norms reducing women to secondary status - both at home and in public. Women and girls have little say in decisions that affect their lives: they are commonly married young, quickly become mothers, and are frequently malnourished as they are the last to eat. Women receive little schooling and suffer from unfair inheritance laws. All these things make it difficult for women to become independent.

Read out Panjy's story on **worksheet 14** and hand out the rights' cards from **worksheet 5**. Ask students to think about which of Panjy's rights are being met, and which are being violated. Students could also watch the clips on Panjy again. Afterwards discuss which of Panjy's human rights are not being respected. Ask students to think back to the poverty trap activity: what are some of the causes of gender inequality in India? And what are the effects? You can find more information on the rights in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: www.unicef.org/crc³.

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