

## What's New, Webby?



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## Gender Community Blog—UN Solution Exchange India

The Gender Community blog of the United Nations Solution Exchange India (<http://se-gen-cop.blogspot.in/>) is a platform for practitioners to collaborate and share innovations, knowledge, skills, and best practices on gender equality, women's empowerment, child rights and protection, gender mainstreaming and rights-based approaches to development.

Solution Exchange is an initiative sponsored by the UN with support from some of its partners that offers development practitioners a forum to benefit from each other's knowledge and experience. In keeping with this spirit, the Gender Community blog was set up in 2005 to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in India, focusing on increasing development effectiveness to improve the gender and girl child

situation, promote a rights-based approach to development, and ensure gender mainstreaming.

The key focus areas of this blog are: gender-based violence, including prenatal sex selection, human trafficking, domestic violence; issues of tribal, dalit and marginalized women; child rights and protection; issues of sexual minorities; social-security issues (including the elderly, women-headed households); engendering policies, programmes and institutions (e.g. gender budgeting, sexual harassment at the workplace, gender mainstreaming); gender equality and empowerment of women (e.g. economic, political) and gender gaps and disparity (e.g. education, health, governance, access to resources). ■