

Magic Bus Community profile – Baina Beach, Goa



Baina Beach is located in Marmugoa Taluk, a tourist destination in the Indian state of Goa. The Baina Beach settlement was founded in the 1960s and is made up of approximately 1,200 huts housing.

The huts are normally comprised of just one room, which has on average six people living in it. The government supplies electricity and water to the community but only a handful of families have their own toilets with the rest having to pay to use the shared toilets.

Magic bus, a renowned NGO have carried out a recce of the area, which has revealed that many of the community members residing in Baina Beach, including children, are HIV positive. Alcoholism is also widespread among both men and women and, in addition, many are affected by tuberculosis.

The young people in the area have mostly dropped out from school and have received no skills or vocational training. The most affected are the girls in the region who are vulnerable and at risk.

NextLink funding would be able to intervene in the community of Baina Beach providing weekly mentoring sessions to three hundred children for a year. The sessions will focus on increasing the regularity of school attendance and re-enrolling dropped out children; building healthy habits; increasing knowledge about diseases such as malaria, dengue fever and diarrhea; and breaking gender stereotypes. The sessions will be delivered by 16 Community Youth Leaders and one Youth Mentor.





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GENDER



84% boys & girls have played team games together.

HEALTH



69% know personal hygiene (washing hands, no defecation in the open) and its link to good health.

*Lessons that changed us all
in so many ways.*

RIGHTS



77% Magic Bus children know that domestic violence is unacceptable.

EDUCATION



80% of our students don't drop out of school.



Scoring Development Goals

Magic Bus sessions bring in behaviour change. Children learn why going to school is important or how you need a good job to succeed and other such lessons vital to their progress.

- Some of the objectives we will be able to obtain with the amount donated for 2015:
- ✓ Enrol 300 children to school, also enrolling back the ones who had previously dropped out from it.
 - ✓ Provide them with education sessions about health and nutrition.
 - ✓ Show them the right moral values to avoid developing violent behaviours, especially gender based.
 - ✓ Generating sanitary facilities for the children to keep the basic hygiene standards.