



TEENS UNDER LOCKDOWN PROJECT OVERVIEW

Under the flagship KBC programme, an online fellowship for adolescent leaders was launched during the lockdown in Panipat, Delhi, Deoghar and Bhubaneshwar, in partnership with Participatory Research in Asia, Pro Sport Development and Fental Development Foundation.

A WhatsApp group was created and used to communicate with the young Fellows regarding dates, agenda of the sessions, and also follow up on assignments. These sessions focused on mainstreaming gender, digital literacy, law, aspiration mapping, and arts-based learning through poetry workshops. The latter resulted in adolescents submitting poems and anecdotes on their lockdown experiences, a collection that was later exhibited and translated as *Rooftop Poetry*. These activities and discussions yielded vital insights into the anxieties of youth during the pandemic.

In the aftermath of #BoisLockerRoom, the Fellows led a survey to understand their peers' thinking when it comes to VAWG. They mapped the origin, locus, intent and impact of abuse through this survey involving 127 youth participants from various communities across India.



On the occasion of World Menstrual Hygiene Day (May 28) and subsequently on World Day Against Child Labour (June 12), adolescent leaders submitted poems on the themes of 'periods in pandemic' and 'gender at work' that were shared as **Rooftop Poetry 2.0**. On June 17, adolescent leaders from the KBC programme invited their peers to engage in an online discussion on the role of youth in a post-COVID world, *vis à vis* alleviating gender discrimination and violence.