



Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%¹

HELPING YOUTH BECOME LEADERS



Navigating childhood isn't easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually – and face challenges at home, in school, and from peers – youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately,

students at Bangalore's Maxwell Public School are gaining valuable skills to carry them confidently into their futures through Lions Quest, Lions Clubs International Foundation's signature youth development program.

Since 1991, more than 1.5 million students and 50,000 educators in India have benefitted from Lions Quest's social and emotional learning (SEL) approach to help students manage emotions, achieve goals, build positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

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Maxwell students completed Lions Quest's *Skills for Adolescence* curriculum with their teacher, Deepa Sudhakaran, who took advantage of the program's professional development workshop to become a more effective educator. Her endeavor worked. "I interact with everyone and now don't fear talking with anyone," said her student Abhay. Young Parinitha shared, "I learned boys and girls have equal rights and opportunities."

"We need leaders in industry, in colleges, in social circles," said Dr. S. Nagraj Rao, the area's Lions Quest chairperson. "LCIF's Lions Quest is creating India's leaders."





Children...Our Path Forward

50.

That's the percentage of India's children with access to education². Still fewer are enriched by SEL programs like Lions Quest. There is both heartache and hope.

35M

6-14-year-olds are out-of-school³

37%

of parents report their children being cyberbullied

14% regularly⁴



Relationship improvement after Lions Quest

- 89% with parents
- 89% with school peers⁵

THAT'S INDIA. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:



1 in 3 students

reports being **cyberbullied**; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence⁶

2 in 3 students

in 160 countries **worry about violence** in and around schools⁷



Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated⁸



Schools with **positive school climate practices** like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying⁹

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety¹⁰. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS
develop/expand the program

UP TO US\$150,000

LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
launch/reactivate the program

UP TO US\$15,000

LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS
introduce the program to a community

UP TO US\$1,500

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to local district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

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