
The Naandi Foundation

The [Naandi Foundation](#) is a non-profit organisation operating in **21 states and 438 districts** across India, dedicated to eradicating poverty. One of its key initiatives, [Project Nanhi Kali](#), supports the **formal education of girls** from underprivileged communities in some of India's most remote and underserved areas, impacting the lives of **over 700,000 girls** to date. Project Nanhi Kali's **Sports for Life Programme** incorporates football into its educational initiatives, offering professionally designed educational sport modules that foster well-being and build confidence.



Young girls from The Naandi Foundation programme in India, celebrating during a football match.

The Sports for Life Programme has reached over **65,000 girls** from **6,000 villages**, with **2,600 girls advancing to district-level games** and **144 competing in the national-level Toofaan Games** held in Varanasi. Each year, participants receive a **Sports and Essentials Nanhi Kali Kit**, which includes a bag, two T-shirts, a pair of shoes, two pairs of socks, stationery, and an annual supply of feminine hygiene products, ensuring they can attend school with dignity. To watch Project Nanhi Kali's video on the transformative impact of football on a girl's life, click [here](#).
