

## Adhik Kadam Borderless World Foundation (BWF)



Conflict, militancy, and militarization in the border state of Kashmir have left more than 200,000 children orphaned. Adhik Kadam, director and co-founder of Borderless World Foundation (BWF), has spent the last 20 years saving hundreds of girls in the heart of conflict zone in Kashmir. What started as an effort to provide a home for 4 young children has grown into an organization that runs three shelter homes in Kashmir and one in Jammu, caring for more than 220 girls, giving them a safe shelter, a loving family and modern education. He focuses on girls, because when he began this work as a first-year college student, the orphanages in Kashmir only accepted boys.

The organization has also brought emergency medical services in the form of ambulances to an area where too many die on the way to a hospital and has tapped into a nationwide network of supporters to bring in supplies and skilled medical professionals from around the country to render aid in times of crisis, such as the devastating floods and recent escalation of violence.

Adhik has been doing this work in a hostile environment since 1999 when he was just 19 years old. He has been kidnapped by militants, interrogated by security forces, and had fatwas issued against him. Despite this, Adhik has not only survived but managed to win the trust of all through his sincerity, transparency and dedicated work. But he is no ordinary social worker. Having dedicated his life to service, Adhik has eschewed worldly possessions and lives, as described in a recent article in *India Currents Magazine* as a “penniless vagabond.” He believes passionately that the only way to end the violence and restore peace to the border region is through a complete transformation by helping “children grow rich socially, culturally, religiously, academically and mainly spiritually, so that we can bring good citizens to this one world who could ultimately prove supportive in the construction of greater society.”

His work has earned him acclamation and awards, including the [Mother Teresa Award For Social Justice](#), from the Harmony Foundation in 2010, and the [Yuwanmesh 2011 Award](#) from the Indradhanu Foundation, the [Rotary Excellence Award](#) by Rotary Pune, and [The Spirit of Mastek award](#) from the Mastek Foundation in April 2012. He was also selected a Youth Icon for 2011 and 2012 in a survey contest conducted by Maharashtra Times Group.

For more information, please see:

<http://borderlessworldfoundation.org/>

<https://www.indiacurrents.com/articles/2016/08/02/kashmirs-girls>