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**PRAJWALA**



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# About PRAJWALA

Prajwala is a pioneering Indian anti-trafficking organization based out of Hyderabad. Focused on ending trafficking for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation/sex trafficking, the organization has also done significant work to challenge sex crimes against women and children.

Founded in the year 1996 by two visionaries Sunitha Krishnan (Padmashree Awardee) and Late. Bro. Jose Vetticatil in response to the eviction of a traditional red-light area in Hyderabad, the organization's first response was to set up an education program for the vulnerable children of women in prostitution as a means of second-generation prevention.

Over the years the organization has evolved comprehensive program addressing prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and advocacy. Many innovative interventions designed by the organization including safe homes providing holistic rehabilitation, demand reduction campaign 'Men against Demand', community awakening campaign 'Swaraksha', one stop crises centers for entry/exit intervention, training manuals on victim centred investigation and home management has become best practice programs in the world.

Prajwala's path-breaking legal advocacy has led to Government of India drafting the first ever comprehensive legislation to combat trafficking in persons. The historic Bill is set to be introduced in the parliament in the coming session. The organization also has been responsible for the cybercrime portal of the country to report cases of videos of rape/gang rape and child sexually abusive material.

After successfully rescuing over 24,500 women & children from sex slavery and rehabilitating 22,000, Prajwala is considered as a path-breaking organization in the anti-trafficking sector becoming the voice of the millions still enslaved and paving the way for alternatives and responses to end this modern-day slavery.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

In these troubled times of the Covid pandemic I am proud to say that Prajwala stood strong and helped all the under-privileged including transgender community with groceries and other livelihood essentials.

Many of the staff members of Prajwala were also affected with Covid and the foresight of Sunitha in taking medical insurance for them alleviated their hardship in managing the disease. In these troubled times Sunitha managed to get the release of a trafficked victim from North Eastern states, suffering from cancer and sent her to her family and to a cancer centre for treatment which is highly commendable.

Prajwala also managed to release a set of handbook on procedures to deal with trafficked persons for all the stakeholders by the Honourable Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha respectively. Of course as usual we have a staff crunch and funds crunch and as usual I am optimistic that we will overcome these hurdles.

Sunitha managed to comply with all the new FCRA rules within the stipulated time, which is a stupendous task. I hope and pray that we will get rid of the pandemic at the earliest and we go back to the old normal. Long live Prajwala lighting up the lives of the underprivileged.

Jaihind!



**Dr Balamba. P**  
President

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

For the last 100 years not a single person in the universe imagined a time like the present Covid Pandemic. An absolutely turbulent time with radical changes some shattering, some calming. In many ways a time to review and reflect what we have done and what we should be doing.

For Prajwala too this was a critical time to equip one selves with capacities to prioritise the organization above all. Each staff went through those personal reflective moments to figure out what would be their personal path during a crises. And I take great pride to share that 98% of the team chose Prajwala above all. So for the last one year when the country was facing lockdowns after lockdowns with Covid spreading its tentacles, many residents in the shelter being infected, many staff getting hospitalized and a wave of uncertainty and fear engulfing communities, Prajwala warriors continued with their mission undeterred whether it was training Anganwadi workers or rescuing a victim, managing a shelter or conducting virtual sessions with multiple stakeholders from the criminal justice system. I think it is only during a crises the true character of a human being emerges and that applies to organizations too.

In these critical moments spanning over a year now, Prajwala has emerged as a humanitarian leader reaching out to not just those who are trafficked or sexually assaulted but also to the most marginalized communities such as the refugees and transgenders. While emergency relief was the first response which was done upholding the dignity of every beneficiary a large part of the effort also went into bringing systemic changes that would emerge as long term solution. The “Transgender Desk” in collaboration with Cyberabad Police was one such response providing a basket of support services to transgender community.

It is also important to mention here that none of the existing interventions suffered due to the pandemic. All the shelters in spite of Covid fear continued to operate, rescue team continued to assist the police in removing victims from places of exploitation, legal assistance was extended to all victims, repatriation of foreign nationals continued and most importantly the ‘new normal’ of using virtual space was fully utilized to reach out to the community. Very few organizations can boast of releasing 15 Handbooks for stakeholders in three states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana at the peak of pandemic. Prajwala has proved without doubt integrity in mission and determination against all odds can surpass any mountain.

Proud to have initiated this mission 25years back...proud to be supported by an amazing Governing Body that believes and supports this passion...proud to walk beside a extraordinary courageous group of human beings who constitute Team Prajwala!

**Sunitha Krishnan**  
Co-Founder  
General Secretary





## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Warm greetings to all of you!

The novel coronavirus has fundamentally changed the world we live in and life as we have known it. This pandemic has touched all our lives, and we have lived through isolation and loss. Many of us have been personally touched by the tragic outcomes of the pandemic. But this pandemic has also helped us to find within ourselves endless reserves of empathy and compassion to care for those less fortunate than us.

It is this endless reserve of empathy and compassion that Prajwala, under the leadership of Sunitha Krishnan, has drawn upon in responding to the needs of those affected by the pandemic. As an organization that is known for its compassion and action, Prajwala found itself challenged to mount an adequate response, but as always the team at Prajwala rose to the challenge. From the time Covid-19 made its presence felt, Prajwala team has been at the forefront finding ways and means to help keep communities safe. Prajwala warriors have produced and supplied thousands of face masks to the government and the medical community to ensure the safety of the frontline workers. When migrants and other vulnerable communities were badly hit by the lockdown, again Prajwala was there ensuring that they did not starve. All this was done while ensuring that the staff were also safe and cared for.

During the last year, I have seen Prajwala continue its important advocacy and capacity building work using the technology that online interactions required. Trainings, seminars, conferences, consultations, continued seamlessly. If anything, the facility of online interaction made it possible to reach out to an even higher number of stakeholders. When I see Prajwala responding to these new challenges with the same speed, vigour and commitment shown when reaching out women ousted from their brothel in 1996, it gives me hope that all long as organisations such as Prajwala with leaders such as Sunitha are present, we can face any challenge that the world throws at us, and it gives me a sense of personal pride to be part of this organization.

I express my heartfelt appreciation for all those who are working with dedication and compassion at Prajwala to restore lives and dignity. I thank all of you — the government, the donors, and friends of Prajwala — who are walking alongside us on this journey to make the world a safer and better place. I pray that Prajwala's light continues to shine strong.



**Rekha Abel**  
Member



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

The times, they were uncertain. In fact at one point of time, it came as a shock when nine girls took ill with Covid. All the sanitisation and seclusion at the Emergency Shelter did not protect them from the virus.

Sunitha Krishnan and her team had to now deal with how to isolate these nine girls. When the first time the pandemic hit, there was a knee jerk reaction, luckily in a good way. We all hunkered down and got prepared to work towards propping up those who were blindsided by the virus on the one hand and an economic downside on the other.

It is not that the nation, or for that matter even individuals were not ready for the second pandemic, but since the variant was more virulent, we lost those close to us. And family members, who we thought, were protected also got infected.

The times, they were uncertain.

And as if the responsibility of running four shelter homes and dealing with on-the-ground-issues were not enough, frustration among the residents regarding the outside situation manifested in several unpleasant forms. While it will make the theme of a novel, it only hardened the hearts of the team at Prajwala. New protocols were evolved, structural adjustments made... each time the team rising up to the occasion stronger and wiser.

My finance team did some exceptional work as they quickly adapted to the new Foreign Contributions Registration (FCRA) amendments and ensured the organization's statutory compliances were in order. This is no mean feat as lakhs of organizations were supposed to make account only in one bank located at New Delhi, but our team finished it well before the Government deadline. The team has also successfully transitioned to a new payment gateway and carefully managed the finances in these difficult times.

But faith in the universe is restored when nature decides to work its magic and goes on with its regenerative routine. With colourful flowers in abundance, birds and bees doing their job, vegetables begging to be eaten, life seems to be at its very best.

Prajwala has seen good times, bad times and some very bad times. But the team has always recovered. And that is the definition of hope.



**Lalita Iyer**  
Treasurer

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

The year that went by was unprecedented. Never did we hear/see/went through this kind of times.

All we are doing is to survive day to day. Some in the team got the Virus. We have lost some. Heart breaking. These were people serving and were doing more than their bit for the residents of Prajwala.

The economy is also limping and that makes our life much tougher as the CSR funds dry up. It is a very tough period ahead. All of us have to work hard to make it out of this mess.

I am happy that the team is working hard and we wish, hope and pray that we get out of this situation soonest.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

When we work together as a team bridging all kinds of barriers we unleash a synergetic force, an unmatched energy that not only sustains but flows abundantly and energizes everyone in its path. It is indeed a joy to place on record and proclaim that Prajwala has reached out and sustained everyone under the able guidance, commitment and dedication of Sunitha Krishnan, and the loving untiring efforts of her staff.

It is time of joy and jubilation and a time to recall the innumerable blessings from God above and render thanks to Him for all that has been achieved by Prajwala. It is excelled in all fields such as rescuing trafficked victims, organized skilled programs to enable people to stand on their feet, worked for the wellbeing of inmates and mobilized various resources for organization. Pandemic time has been most testing time and it has faced all hurdles successfully with courage and enthusiasm. Prajwala has been a ship that has been sailing from its inception till date facing rough weathers and reaching the shores.

Thanks to the Almighty for guidance, enlightenment and strength to carry on, May the showers of blessings from God above continue to be bestowed for its continued mission reaching out to the needy. Long Live Prajwala!

**Dr. Franky Norohna**  
Member



# PRAJWALA

## AN ETERNAL FLAME

### VISION

Eradicate sex slavery and commercial sexual exploitation in all forms.

### MISSION

Prajwala believes that the worst form of human right violation is sex trafficking and the oldest form of sexual slavery is flesh trade. The numerous actions and efforts taken by Prajwala are aimed at mitigating root causes of trafficking and restoring the dignity to victims of commercial sexual exploitation with reintegration as the end goal.

### GOAL

Establishing holistic field practices for comprehensive victim services and advocating for its nationwide replication and lobbying for laws and policies to achieve the larger goal of combating sex trafficking through a collaborative partnership model.

### JOURNEY SO FAR

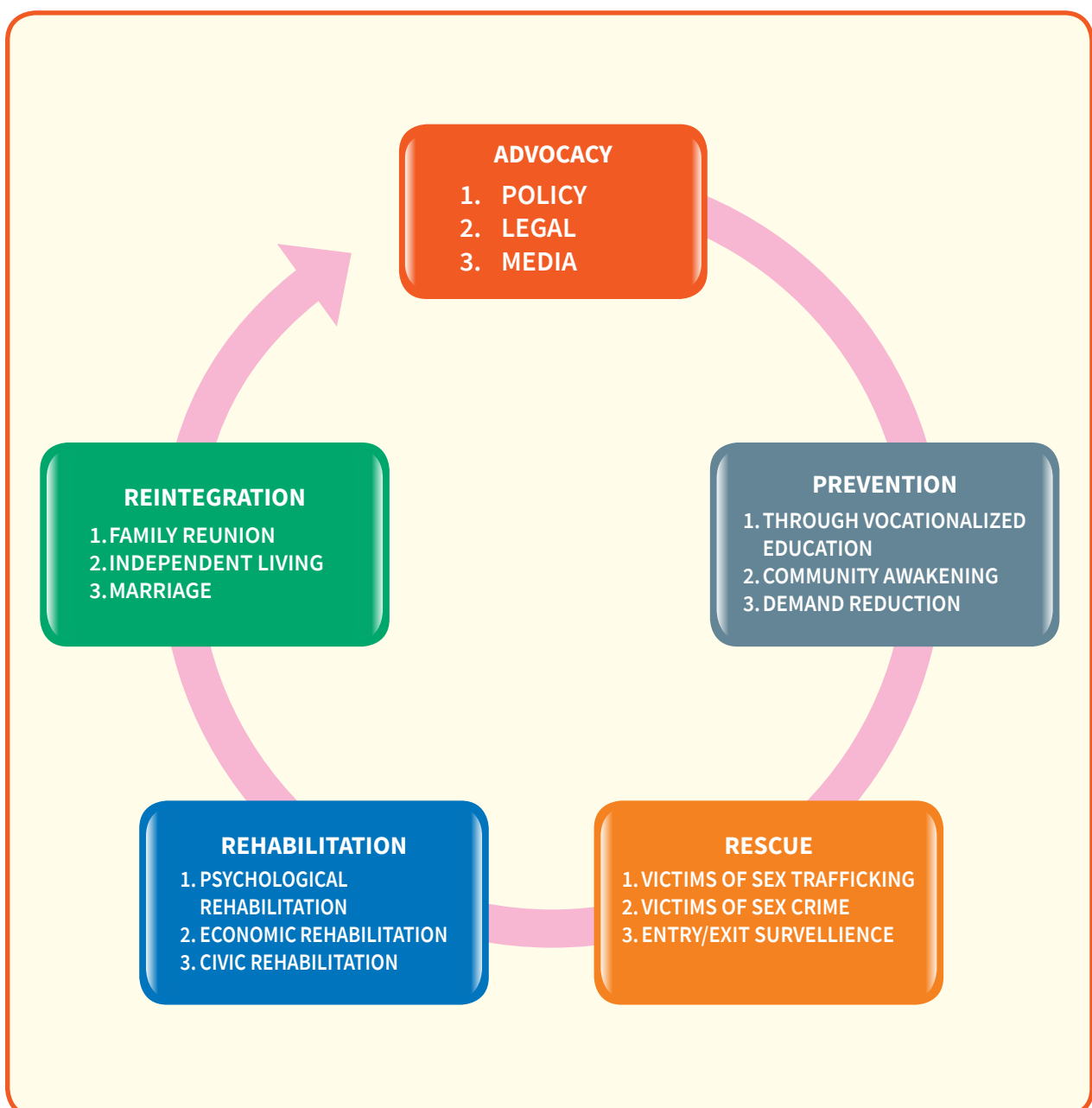
Prajwala has come a very long way in providing services for prevention and rehabilitation of women and children rescued from commercial sexual exploitation. During the financial year 2020-2021, a team of 232 committed staff both professional and field workers have been managing all interventions of Prajwala, 50% of whom are survivors themselves. The rest of the team comprised of committed professionals from all walks of life including individuals with post-graduate degrees in management and social work. It is the dedication and commitment of this team that makes Prajwala a successful need-based organization. Prajwala has a small percentage of very committed volunteers who have dedicated their skills for this mission.

# PRAJWALA'S

## INTERVENTIONS

Prajwala has evolved over the last 25 years a comprehensive set of interventions that aims to address sex trafficking and sex crimes in a holistic manner. It is perhaps one of the few pioneering organizations in the world that has addressed the issue from all ends with considerable success ranging from prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, restoration and reintegration.

From a programmatic perspective, Prajwala believes in experimenting different approaches to tackle the problem, evolve evidence based solutions and advocate with state and non-state partners to replicate or adapt it.



# PREVENTION

An organized crime such as human trafficking has to be prevented at any cost. The collateral damage to the communities is irreversible threatening the very core of right to life and liberty. From its inception the organization has taken all efforts to prevent human trafficking through various strategies. The overall strategies can be classified as:

Prevention Through Vocationalized Education Program

Community Based Prevention Program

## I. PREVENTION THROUGH VOCATIONALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Prevention Through Education Program (PTEP) aims to prevent trafficking using education as a tool. The intervention identifies vulnerable communities where there is high risk of human trafficking and sets up 'Learning Centers' which supports a child to integrate into mainstream education and employment system. The parameters used to identify vulnerable communities have been evolved in consultation with women in prostitution who are also members of the Mother's Committee. These women identify areas which has several such women residing in anonymity. The children of women in prostitution are given highest priority followed by orphan and semi-orphan who are economically and emotionally vulnerable.

The Learning Center comprises of three units. The Education Center which provides bridge education to children between 10-14yrs, Open School that provides education to school dropouts above 14yrs and Vocational Center that provides vocational training to anybody above 14years.

There are seven Learning Centers including one residentially located in the Children's Home catering to child victims of sex trafficking and sex crime.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The academic year started with much chaos and uncertainty due to the Covid Pandemic. With multiple lockdowns from April 2021 till end of June 2021 all educational institutions were closed down and the Learning Centres were no exception. The plight of already poor and vulnerable communities worsened during lockdown with massive economic devastation and mass-scale distress reverse migration. The children in these communities disproportionately bore the brunt of this situation making them more at risk to be trafficked for labour exploitation or commercial sexual exploitation as families looked at options to survive. The need to get back children in the educational fold became imperative. The challenge of technological deprivation with most children not having any access to smart phones or laptops ruled out the possibility of online classes. The capacities of the teachers to use the virtual medium was also limited as most teachers are identified from the communities itself. The following efforts were taken to ensure that all children were prevented from induced into any form of exploitation.

### 1. Building Capacities of the team

The first three months April, May and June was dedicated to building the capacities of the teachers to handle the Covid Crises and also evolve appropriate solutions to ensure safety of the children in communities.

In collaboration with Silver Oaks International School all the teachers were trained in methods to prepare videos. The training focussed on how to handle sessions in a virtual space and make it interesting for the children.

During the same period the team was also trained in using the social media by practical exercises and preparing lesson plans in the virtual mode. The teachers learnt through practical sessions the use of skype, zoom, google meet and whatsapp groups.

## 2. Education Centres and Open School

During the lockdown the phone numbers of all children who had smart phones in the family was collected and Whatsapp groups were set up. As per the curriculum/syllabus and the lesson plans short videos with worksheets were prepared which was sent on the whatsapp group to children belonging to various levels. The children completed the worksheets and would send back using the same Whatsapp group. While 70% of the children were covered under this effort 30% did not even have access to a smart phone. For those children the teachers came to the school and conducted classes in small batches of five.

While the Government took a decision to close all educational institutions for the academic year due to the pandemic, taking into consideration the immense risk to the life of a child if she/he remains out of school the organization took the decision to reopen all the Learning Centers from October, 2020. The situation in the communities was grim with the dual impact of the pandemic and the floods. Many families fled to their home towns fearing economic backlash. Hence all efforts were focussed to ensure that the ones remaining back in the communities continued to be access to education and are coerced into exploitative situations. New children were enrolled based on each community's specific situation. Over 459 home visits were made to ensure all children were in the safety net of the center.

From the period of April-2020 to March 2021	
ACTIVITY	STRENGTH
New students enrolled in education and open school	184
Total strength in all Learning Centers	399
Children dropped out of LCs due to reverse migration	190
Children mainstreamed in normal private/public schools	148

## 3. Vocational Center

Every Learning Center has a Vocational training cum production unit that provides livelihood training to anybody above the age of 16years. The trades are locally selected based on viability and sustainability. Cultural sensitivity is also maintained as most communities where the Learning Center is located are dominated by Muslim population. The strategy adopted is to give vocational training and also introduce the trainee to job market during the course of training. All the centers except that one located in the safe shelter complex has a production/service unit. Income from these units directly goes to the trainee. The three trades currently in the centers are:

- Mobile Repairing
- Jute Bags Making
- Tailoring

ACTIVITY	STRENGTH
<b>Mobile Repairing</b>	
Centers offering training cum repair services –	4
Total number of new students enrolled	85

Training batches conducted	4
Job placements	15
Income Generated	1,17, 045 INR
<b>Jute bags Making</b>	
Centers offering jute training cum production unit	5
Total number of new students enrolled	91
Total number of training batches conducted	4
Job placement	31
Income Generated	1,46,319 INR
<b>Tailoring</b>	
Centers offered training cum production	3
New students enrolled	113
Total number of training batches conducted	4
Job placements	76
Income Generated	57,998 INR

289 trainees were trained of which 122 gained meaningful employment during the training period. A sum of 3,21,362 INR was generated as income for the trainees at the vocational unit this year.

#### 4. Community Participation/ Mother's Committee

Participation and ownership of the community is at the core of all Learning Centers. The mother's involvement in the management of the 'learning centers' is critical in the effective functioning of all the centers. The mothers are involved in identification of beneficiaries, monitoring the center and mobilizing resource support.

ACTIVITY	
Mothers involved in Centre Management	157
Mothers' Committee Meetings	112
Amount raised by Mothers for the Centre	9,630 INR

#### 5. Baseline Survey

Due to Covid Pandemic there was large scale reverse migration. Fear of virus and breakdown of livelihood forced thousands of migrants to rush back to their home towns. The communities where the centres are located are inhabited by a large migrant section most of whom fled to their home towns. The pandemic created a new set of vulnerable population whose lives and livelihood were completely destroyed. To understand the new role of the Learning Centre a "baseline survey" was conducted to identify 'at risk' children which included orphans, semi-orphans or children from difficult circumstances(broken family, mother in prostitution, differently-abled parents) . The entire survey was conducted by teachers/trainers with the support of mothers committee in their respective communities. A survey format was evolved and all risk factors were



taken into consideration before the survey was conducted. The secondary information was gathered from Municipal Office and frontline workers such as Asha Workers and Anganwadi workers.

Areas	Houses Visited	Vulnerable Families	At Risk Children	At Risk Children from Survey Admitted till Jan 2021			Total
				Educational	Open 10 <sup>th</sup>	Vocational	
Wadi Mustafa	1470	650	138	35	11	11	57
NRS Nagar	869	582	118	9	2	1	12
Asad Baba Nagar	1383	565	97	15	4	4	23
Uddamgadda	2451	614	91	23	1	1	25
Malakpet	770	538	93	25	8	13	46
Singareni Cly	3000	1000	181	19	5	0	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>9943</b>	<b>3949</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>187</b>

## 6. Scrutiny Committee

To foster community partnership and community ownership each Learning Center set up a Scrutiny Committee comprising of the local police officer, frontline workers from Health and Women & Child Welfare Departments known as Asha Worker and Anganwadi Worker and two representatives from the mother's committee. From this year onwards the admission process which was largely centralized was de-centralised and the scrutiny committee became the recommending body for any admission. The recommendations requests will be placed by the centre in-charge based on the Baseline Survey which would be independently verified by the committee and recommended for admission. The Committee would meet every quarter for the purposes of enrolment. In this year one meeting of the scrutiny committee was held and 187 children were approved for admission.

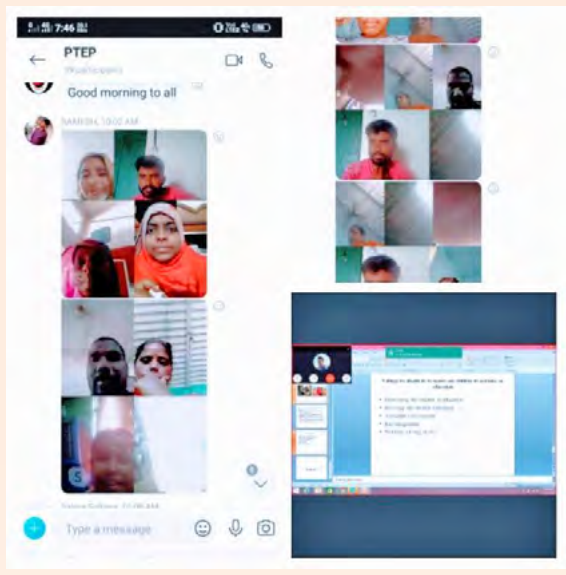
## 7. Covid Relief

As the Covid Pandemic hit the entire nation, each of the communities where the Learning Centres were also located was also impacted. Each centre team decided to mobilize their own resources to support the local community with dry groceries. As a first step each of the staff contributed for the groceries of five families. Additionally each staff also stitched 25 reusable masks which was distributed in the community. The team also took part in the Covid Relief Work targeting fleeing migrant workers and transgenders organized by the management.

## 8. Flood Relief

The year 2020-2021 was a double jeopardy for most communities in Hyderabad with Covid Pandemic and floods hitting at the same time. Most of the learning centres located in low lying areas were submerged and a majority of the centres were subjected to massive damage. A committee was set up within the organization to assess the damages. The hunger and starvation in the community compelled the organization to provide groceries to all the community. In some places financial support was also extended as an immediate relief. The Learning Centre Teams were involved in both flood relief work and also restoring their own centres from the wreckage caused by the flood.

PREPARING FOR EDUCATION DURING COVID TIMES AND COVID RELIEF WORK





## CENTRE ACTIVITIES INSPIRE OF THE PANDEMIC







## VOCATIONAL UNITS IN COVID TIMES



## MOBILE SERVICING AND JUTE WORK



## JOB PLACEMENTS AND PRODUCTION UNITS





## II. COMMUNITY BASED PREVENTION PROGRAM

Community Based Prevention Program (CBPP) is engaged in preventing sex trafficking through mass sensitization programs, campaigns and rallies to awaken the community to end the supply and dedicated efforts to reduce demand for prostitution. The team partners with local community members, police department officials and district administration to raise awareness about sexual crimes and sexual slavery. It also empowers individuals to take ownership of their local community to become more responsible, informed and vigilant citizens through formation of Community Vigilance Groups (CVGs).

This year, despite the challenges caused by Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown, the team managed to conduct multiple sessions for important stakeholders like students, men and anganwadi teachers. Additionally, CVG members were responsible for stopping 16 child marriages in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

#### 1. Programs for Anganwadi teachers

Anganwadi teachers can play a very important role as they have close access to young children adolescent girls. This year, thousands of Anganwadi teachers were made aware of the laws and acts of human trafficking both online and offline. Further, on follow up with previously trained Anganwadi teachers, we found out that **118 members** conducted awareness programs to adolescent girls and women on the issue of human trafficking this year. Government Departments like the Anti-Human trafficking Unit, Vikarabad, Sakhi One Stop Center, Vikarabad and District Legal Service Authority, Nalgonda also contributed proactively to the Anganwadi Teacher trainings.

Sl. No	Online Webinars	Participants	CVG	CVG Members
1	12	346	1	` 10

Sl. No	Physical Programs	Participants	Total
1	39	Anganwadi Workers	2061
2	-	Supervisors	91
3	-	CDPOs	27
	39		2179

#### 2. Programs targeting students

Students studying in Government schools and colleges come from the lowest strata of the society. Most of them are first generation learners and are for the first time stepping out of their homes to get exposed to the outside world. The chances of luring or trapping them into an exploitative situation is very high. The programs conducted in schools focus on cases involving love, film roles and modelling which are the common baits used to trap young students from schools and colleges. The initial program is followed by identifying students for school/college vigilance and thereafter training them to take up vigilance activities. Due to the Covid Pandemic educational institutions were closed for the this academic year in spite of the same a few programs were organized when for a few weeks lockdown was relaxed and schools were reopened briefly.

Sl. No	Programs	Students	Total
1	5	680	680

### 3. Demand Reduction

Men and boys who buy sex constitute the 'demand' for prostitution. The need for paid sex is fuelled by pornography and women being shown as sexual objects by mainstream media. While most efforts to prevent human trafficking and in particular sex trafficking has largely focused on the supply front targeting vulnerable women and girls a holistic approach to prevention will be to also address the demand. Men and boys are targeted through schools, boys' hostels, employee unions and trade unions.

Sl. No	Programs	Students	Total
1	3	320	320

### 4. Online Series

Responding to the situation and the limitations, decision was taken to adopt alternative methods to fulfill the same objectives. A strategic virtual series was planned with survivors of trafficking and key stakeholders such as judicial officers, prosecuting officers, legal advocates, police officers and parliamentarians. Titled **#RealityCheck** as a **#EndHumanTraffickingSeries** the online episodes were held every Friday for two months completing 6-episode series with one more extra inaugural episode on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020- World Day Against Trafficking in Person. The online conversation held on zoom was live on Facebook reaching out to thousands of public. The zoom corner had 200-500 participants every week. Eminent panelist from across the country including Former Supreme Court Judge, legal luminaries and dynamic police officers participated in the virtual series. A total of **38,813** were reached out and sensitized through the virtual engagement.

## Training of Anganwadi Workers





## Empowering Anganwadi Workers as Change Agent



## Training Young Adolescent Girls





## Demand Reduction Programs





## Reality Check Series

**#EndHumanTraffickingSeries**  
A series of virtual conversations with experts on human trafficking in India

**Chasing the Traffickers**  
With Super Cops

**Moderators**  
Sunitha Krishnan  
Founder, Pragna  
Sally Kader  
Cultural Affairs Advisor  
U.S. Consulate Hyderabad

**Guests**  
Mahesh M. Bhagwat, IPS  
Commissioner of Police,  
Banshodha, Telangana  
R. Suresh, IPS  
IGP, Guntur South Zone,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
Anishan Padanab, IPS  
Commissioner of Police,  
Pune-Chinchwad, Pune

Why are the traffickers ahead of our enforcement mechanism? Is there a collective, social endorsement for crime? Can the police alone fight this organized crime of trafficking in persons? What can become a game changer? What could lead to deterrence? These super cops will join us in answering these uncomfortable but pertinent questions.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 4:30 PM**

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**#EndHumanTraffickingSeries**  
A series of virtual conversations with experts on human trafficking in India

**Is the Indian Criminal Justice System Victim Centric?**

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**Guests**  
Justice (Retd.) Madan B. Lokur  
Former Judge,  
Supreme Court of India  
Ms. Nandini Chaudhary  
Principal Judge,  
Family Court, Warangal,  
Maharashtra

Why is the rate of conviction in human trafficking cases so low? Why are the victims scared to face the court? What are the obstacles in delivering justice for victims of trafficking? These and many more questions will be explored during this candid conversation with two legal luminaries.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 4:30 PM**

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**Victim Representation: A Myth or Reality?**

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Aparna Bhat  
Advocate,  
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Prof. Nitya  
Assistant Public  
Prosecutor, State of Andhra  
Government of Andhra

While the accused have legal rights to represent themselves, the victim is at the mercy of the Public Prosecutor. Does she not have the right to represent? Why is justice delivery an ordeal for the victim? Why does the law not recognize her agency? This and many more questions that plague your mind will be put forth before eminent lawyers and public prosecutors.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 4:30 PM**

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## RESCUE

Rescue is the removal of a victim from an exploitative situation. The Prajwala Rescue & Restoration Team assists victims during a rescue and thereafter for the entire legal process until they are restored and reintegrated back into the society making the entire intervention more victim-centric.

The initiatives of this team are as follows:

1. Rescue and Restoration Program
2. Rape Victim Support Program
3. Vikalpa Crises Counselling Centre/Sex Offenders Support Program

### I. RESCUE AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

Every day millions of women become victims of trafficking. These victims are subjected to endless cruelty by traffickers, pimps and customers. This results in not only physical harm, but also a lot of emotional trauma. Survivors of trafficking often suffer lifelong consequences due to the physical and mental trauma such as anxiety, panic attacks, attachment disorder, depression, substance abuse, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), tendency to self-harm, eating disorders etc. Post-traumatic stress disorder is one of the most common disorders found among the trafficked victims.

For the process of rescue, restoration and protection of the victims, the Rescue and Restoration Team primarily assists the police in rescue of victims and also provides an array of services such as legal support/aid, victim witness assistance, recovery of victim's belongings, support during trial and support for restoration and rehabilitation.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant lock down, there were a lot of unprecedented challenges and most of the work and legal issues had to be dealt virtually. This practically changed the way the team operated as the local legal counsel was the only person who could engage with the courts. In pre-pandemic times the team was used to approaching the judicial officer directly but post-pandemic as the court proceedings were all virtual only the legal counsel could file petitions.

A total of 279 victims were rescued during the Covid pandemic of which 13 are minors and 32 are foreign nationals.

However, the team still managed to take the following steps towards the rescue and rehabilitation of the victims:

#### 1. International Rescue Operations

The team assisted in the rescue of 32 victims belonging to Nepal, Bangladeshi and Uganda from different parts of the city and facilitated their rehabilitation through the safe shelters operated by the organization.

#### 2. Collection of Information Regarding Traffickers

As most victims are hostile and suffer from serious trust deficit, trained survivors who are part of the team provide the victim peer counselling which slowly build trust in the victims. The team thereafter collects information of traffickers, solicitors and others involved in sex trafficking crimes through interactions with victims. This data was then handed over to the National

Investigation Agency, CID or Police departments who take action against the traffickers based on information provided. Information from 18 new victims lead to the arrest 30 more traffickers.

### 3. Assisting Courts in Home Investigation Report (HIR)

The team assisted local courts in conducting **172 Home Investigation Reports** as per **Sec 17** of ITPA. The home investigations were conducted pan India and in Bangladesh and Nepal. A significant number of investigations were conducted virtually through the support of partner NGOs.

### 4. Victim Grievance Redressal Mechanism

Every victim who is admitted in Prajwala is provided access to express her grievance and seek redressal. Any grievance related to police stations and court is directed to Rescue Team. Most of the grievances are related to recovering of personal belongings which is in police custody, conducting an enquiry into the family's status or applying for self-petition in the court. A total of **177 grievances** were resolved successfully by the team.

### 5. Family Reintegration

A legal entity such as the Court or the Child Welfare Committee is the only authorized body to direct the release of a survivor from the shelter. The Rescue & Restoration Team have the responsibility to hand over the survivor to the family after due diligence, submit the exit papers to the Court/CWC and follow up the survivor. This year as per court orders, **200 survivors** were reintegrated to their families. As per the organization's protocol all the survivors were followed up on regular basis. As per the follow up reports **91 survivors** were supported with monthly groceries during Covid lockdown phase.

### 6. Repatriation

The process of international repatriation starts with a court order. This is preceded by a nationality verification with the support of a International Partner in that country. The court order with the nationality verification is then forwarded to the concerned High Commission/ Embassy for temporary travel permit. Finally all the requisite papers are handed to Foreign Regional Registration Office for facilitation of the 'Exit Permit' and repatriation.

This year 31 foreign nationals were safely repatriated to their country of origin. The team worked closely with International Partners Maiti Nepal, Justice & Care, Rights Jessore and Bangladesh Women Lawyers Newtwork. Foreign nationals from Nepal and Bangladesh were safely restored to their country.

Parameters	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Total rescue	1	3	4	20	20	16	28	26	37	25	45	54	279
Adults	1	3	4	18	20	14	28	25	37	25	40	49	264
Minor	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	5	04	13
Children of victims	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	02
Family Reintegration		3	6	10	13	17	20	27	28	33	21	22	200
Follow up after reintegration	-	-	-	-	17	15	23	7	6	18	3	02	91
Total Accused arrest	3	3	3	27	23	27	28	44	72	42	74	101	447
Absconding	-	-	-	6	1		1	5	6	3	4	11	37
<b>HIR</b>													
International	-	-	12	6	5	2	5	3	1	7	4	3	51
National		-	-		9	2	2	5	-	-	6	08	32
Telangana & Andhra Pradesh	-	-	-	1	6	9	14	15	14	4	12	14	89
Status Reports to Court					2	2	6		3	6	2	02	23
<b>Court Appearance</b>													
164 Statement			1	6	4	20	18	19	12	22	24	20	146
Claimant identification				1		2		6	2	5	2		18
Parents' permission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	01	-	-	04	06
Medico legal check-ups	6	16	9	6	8	9	11	18	8	8	12	03	114
FIR Copies Received	1	3	4	14	15	14	19	23	20	17	31	23	189
Detention orders received	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	05
Prajwala Petition	-	-	5	8	10	-	02	-	3		8	09	45
Immediate Relief	-	-	-	-	21	15	13		0	0	0	13	62
Civic Identification (Aadhar Card)			1		4	2	4	16	0	0	29	11	67
Victim belongings recovery from brothels		1	3	5	6	11	8	16	12	12	13	38	125
Repatriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	13		7	6	-	31

## Home Investigation



## Family Reintegration





## Repatriation



## II. RAPE VICTIM SUPPORT PROGRAM

This intervention aims to provide supportive services to child victims of rape/sexual assault. The team reaches out to the family of all reported cases of child rape in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana within 48 hours of the case being reported and extends all support to fight legally and also access the existing Government support system for interim relief and rehabilitation. In case of a threat perception to the life of the child, she is provided safe shelter and protection.

All support is provided to the child in the shelter which includes:

- Victim witness assistance
- Interim Relief
- Compensation
- Civic Identification- Aadhar Card, Bank Account
- Social Reintegration

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

This year a total of 39 child victims were reached out based on various news reports. Of them 19 were found to be children under grave threat from the perpetrators and were admitted to the safe shelter on the directions of the Child Welfare Committee.

The team visited all the concerned police stations, interacted with the families providing them all information regarding the legal rights of the child and made a risk assessment of the threat perception.

### 1. Victim Witness Assistance

Conviction in a case of sex crime is only possible when the victim is supported and protected during the long and lengthy legal battle. Victim witness assistance includes supporting the victim in her legal fight by escorting her to the court, supporting her to identify the perpetrators, giving necessary assistance to testify and face the trial.

A special team went to Badrachalam to provide counselling and support to families of five child victims. In one case DNA test was arranged at TRFSL – Telangana Regional Forensic laboratory.

This year 17 children testified with conviction not less than 10 years Rigorous Imprisonment in 10 cases with fines.

### 2. Interim Relief & Compensation

The fight for justice is also about damages a victim faces due to the violation and the State support she receives. Any child victim is entitled to interim relief from the Department of Women & Child Welfare and compensation from the court for the damages.

Due to the pandemic the awarding of interim relief and compensation was delayed. While 23 victims applied for relief and compensation only one of them received it.

One victim received of Three Lakhs compensation from District Legal Services Authority in Cr.no 477/2016 with two lakhs being deposited in a fixed deposit.

### 3. Family reintegration

The confidence of a child survivor to face the society and reintegrate with the family is achieved

after two or three years of support which includes safe shelter, psychological counselling, health care and educational support.

This year 13 children were successfully reintegrated with their families.

Activity	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Victim's Testified	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	5	4	3	17
Victims produced before CWC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	4	10
New Admissions	-	-	-	-	2	7	-	2	-	-	5	3	19
Family Counseling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	3	1	16
Family Reintegration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	4	13
Received FIR Copies	-	-	-		2	7	-	1	-	-	5	3	18
Applied Immediate relief fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	33
164 Statement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	4
Compensation from DLSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Convictions	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Bank Accounts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	2	25
Aadhar Cards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	5





**IRF Cheques Received**



**Bank Account opening**



**Prajwala Humanity celebrations**



**Aadhar enrollment**



**Webinar meeting**



**Mask Stitching**



**Food distributed**



**Grocery distribution**





**Court Produce**



**SIR conducted**



**Aadhar centre**



**Bank Account opening**



**Family Reintegration**



**New Admission**



**Transfer to Annathapuram**



**Travel expenses support**

### III. VIKALPA CRISES COUNSELLING CENTER

As an entry/exit strategy to curb street prostitution and reduce demand Vikalpa Crises Counseling Centre was established in collaboration with the Hyderabad City Police.

At present, Vikalpa Center operates in the North zone and has successfully been able to eradicate street prostitution in and around Secunderabad Railway Station with active collaboration from the Hyderabad Police Department under Mr. Kalmeshwar Singhanwar, the current North Zone DCP Hyderabad Police is divided into 4 police zones -North, South, East, West and Central for smoother functioning.

While the main aim of Vikalpa is to change the mindset of woman in prostitution by behaviour modification and also reduce demand, this year the entire focus has been on 'demand reduction' by counselling sex buyers.

The sex buyers apprehended by the police are brought to the counselling centre and thereafter a three pronged approach is followed:

- Professional counselling by trained counsellors
- Counselling by Family Members
- Counselling by Faith Leaders

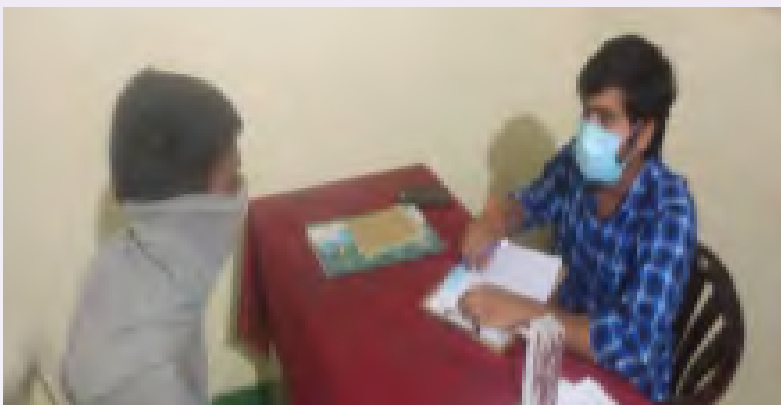
The impact of the intervention is felt in zero recidivism.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Street prostitution has been curbed in North zone.
- **33** sex buyers were caught, counselled and handed over to police stations for appropriate action to be taken.
- A total of 20 petty cases were registered against sex offenders at 3 zonal police stations.
- A total of 20 sex buyers were convicted with fine.
- The centre coordinated with railway police, Child line and NGOs to gather information related to minor victims and traffickers.
- A follow up was done to find out the current status of victims and solicitors from 2016 to 2020.
- Information regarding online prostitution was collected.
- 1 decoy operation at was conducted in Secunderabad Area.

Parameters	Impact
Number of customers	33
Total Cases	33
Total Convictions	20

## Counselling





## Meeting with faith leaders



## New Year Gift Distributions



## Tasks



Zoom conference with friends  
about prajwala



Distribution of blankets

## REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION

A range of therapeutic services are provided through the various shelters run by the organization.

These homes serve to heal and build trust, hope and self-esteem through its various programs. The Protective Homes managed by the organization include:

1. Emergency Shelter
2. Children's Home
3. Adult Shelter
4. Co-Managed Shelter-Hyd
5. Co-Managed Shelter-Vijayawada

The homes provide a holistic rehabilitation through psychological healing, educational/vocational/economic empowerment and restoration of civic identity.

The various homes as per the needs of the residents have customized programs.

The Emergency Shelter is a transit home that provides temporary support to the victim in terms of first response medical care, legal support, basic life-skills and employability training. The victim thereafter is shifted to the age appropriate shelter.

The Children's Home provides all support to the child victims motivating them for education. The home has in-house education centre and an open school. The children are admitted to mainstream schools and colleges based on the threat perception in their lives. There is also an Aftercare facility to help support children who have attained 18 years or above whose family do not want to support they can stay and pursue education or job opportunities outside.

The Adult Shelter provides a range of crafts as life-skills and motivates the women to take up vocational trades as per their aptitude. The Economic Rehabilitation program consists of Employability Training and Training in Book-Binding, Screen Printing, Welding and Carpentry.

The Co-managed shelters are run in collaboration with the respective Governments and follow all the protocols of the Adult Shelter.

Additionally, there are 2 co-managed homes which are partnered with the AP and Telangana State Governments at Kukatpally and Vijayawada.

PARAMETERS	IMPACT
Victims provided shelter	314
New admissions	174
Victims re-integrated with families/society	73
Economic Training	190
Education	100
Life-skill training	200
Repatriation of foreign nationals	18

Activity	Numbers
Number of ETU trainings conducted	12
Number of Residents trained	109



Number of survivors place jobs in Prajwala interventions	23
Number of survivors placed outside jobs	21
Number of survivors own business running	4

## Employability Training







## Exposure visit



## Employability Orientation





## Job Placement & Physical Follow ups



## Counselling at work place



## SURVIVOR ADVOCACY PANEL



The Survivor Advocacy Forum was established with the objective to advocate survivor's rights and cater to survivors' grievances and issues. The survivor committee with a 5-member core committee panel selected among the survivors lead and monitor all activities of the forum.

The core committee members take charge of their responsibilities on a rotational basis so that all members in the committee get an opportunity to lead. The survivor's forum has become an independent department this year with budgets allocated.

The main activities of the forum are:

- Providing counselling to new victims admitted in Emergency shelter and orienting the new victims on their entitlements from the Government.
- Identifying and supporting survivors who need emergency financial support
- Lead the reception committee for any guest orientation and exposure
- Organize events and programs
- Follow up survivors who are reintegrated and connect them for appropriate support.
- Provide restored survivors immediate support through restoration unit

This year apart from all the activities the survivor's forum facilitated the funeral of three survivors and also reached out to survivors who were badly effected due to Covid pandemic.

Activity	Number
Orienting new victims about their civic rights	118
Motivating victims to fight for legal rights	69
Orienting visitors	240
Exit counselling for reintegrated survivors	140
Resource Persons for Police/Judiciary Training	10
Survivors provided groceries as Covid Relief	100
Survivors provided support in kind through restoration unit	15





**Counselling new victims**



**Relief for reintegrated survivors**



**Special activities of the survivor forum**







**Receiving and Orienting officer guests**



**Forum Meeting**



**Counselling of released victim**



## VICTIM-CENTERED ADVOCACY

### *Capacity Building of Duty Bearers for Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Persons*

Between January 2017- January 2020, a project titled “Combating TIP through Victim Centred Approaches in India”, was implemented with the overall goal to reduce human trafficking in India. Prajwala, together with the Catholic Relief Services, and with the support of the US State Department successfully implemented this project in four states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Jharkhand with the dual objectives of (a) Increasing successful victim-centred investigations and prosecutions and (b) Improving comprehensive services for victims.

Despite its far-reaching impact, law enforcement and victim identification efforts in India continue to remain limited compared to the scale of the problem. Lack of awareness among lower-level law enforcement and judicial officers is one of the major factors preventing prosecution and conviction for human trafficking crimes.

**In this backdrop and taking forward the learnings from the JTIP project, in September 2020, Prajwala with the support of the US Consulate General, Hyderabad started a Project titled “Capacity Building of Duty Bearers for Preventing and Combating TIP”, being implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha for a duration of 12 months.**

The key project objectives are to: (a) develop ready-to-use Handbooks to assist all the relevant duty bearers i.e., Judicial Officers, Prosecutors, CWC, Labour Officers and CSOs to understand the law, their respective roles and responsibilities within this and also those played by other related stake holders and (b) develop and execute training workshops to build the capacity of district-level officers to apply the skills outlined in the Handbooks.

In light of the prevailing COVID 19 environment, activities were such envisaged that may be operationalised effectively through the medium of on-line platforms and remote connectivity.

**Project Achievements:** These Handbooks, designed to assist members of five groups of duty bearers – Judicial Officers, Prosecuting Officers, Child Welfare Committees, Labour Officers and Civil Society Organisations, represent a unique effort by Prajwala to collate existing laws, policies and judgements that empower duty-bearers to effectively deal with cases of human trafficking, while keeping the victim at the centre of focus. The process spanning over a period of 5 months entailed extensive research, dialogue and coordination with varied stakeholders ranging from the civil society and government counterparts, resulting in the development of 15 Handbooks (set of 5 for each state). During this time, Dr. Krishnan also personally coordinated with the respective representatives of the duty bearers of the three states i.e., the Hon’ble Governor’s; Director of Prosecutions; Secretaries, Women and Child Development; the Labour Commissioner’s and Civil Society Representatives, for their Foreword’s to be included in the Handbook’s. In this context, while initially it was planned to have the release of the Handbook’s to be done by the respective Chief Justice of the States, it was decided that it would be more prudent to have the release done by the respective State Governor’s, as a more neutral state body.



## RELEASE OF HANDBOOKS

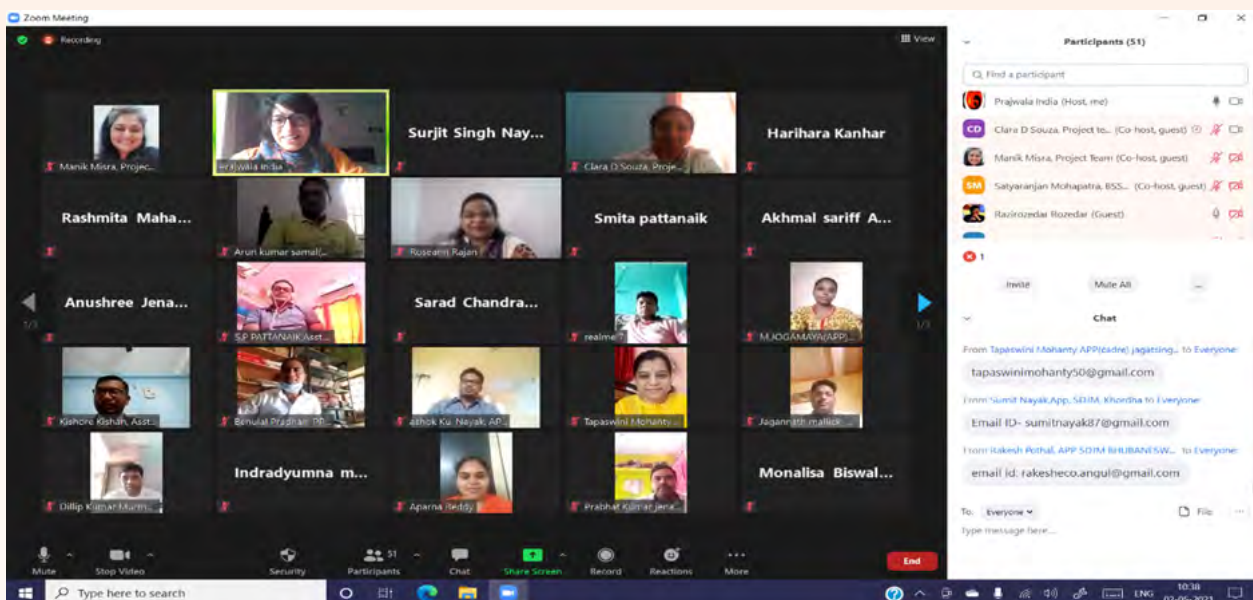
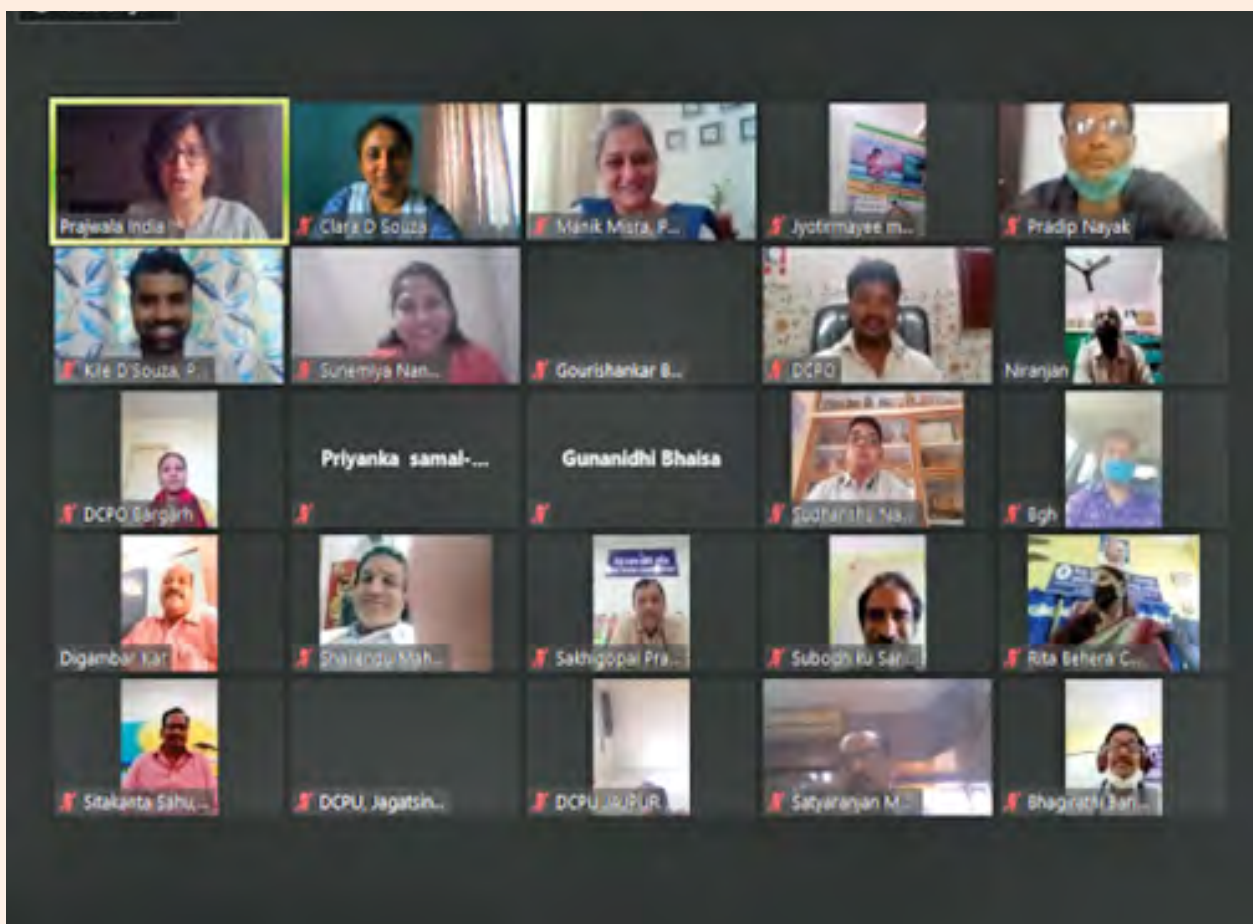
Following intensive consultations by Dr. Krishnan, the **Hon'ble Governor of Odisha**, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, consented to release the same at the Raj Bhavan on 24th February, 2020, in the presence of the respective representatives from the Duty Bearers and the project partners.



Governor of AP, His Excellency Shri. Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, released the Handbooks, on 8th April at his Office, in the presence of Padmashree Sunitha Krishnan, Founder & General Secretary, Prajwala. Due to COVID restrictions, this was not a public event.







## ROLL-OUT OF DISTRICT TRAININGS

The roll-out of district level trainings for the respective states began in March 2021 and is expected to be completed by October, 2021, covering the entire length and breadth of the 3 states and moreover, in the process, institutionalising the Handbooks in the states, thus taking it beyond the life term of the project cycle.

## ADVOCACY

The covid Pandemic compromised the advocacy efforts in a very big way as the year mostly was dedicated to dealing with crises that pandemic had triggered. The main efforts taken this year:

**Legal Advocacy:** A Public Interest Litigation was filed in the High Court of Telangana for extension of lock down as a means of public safety. While the PIL was rejected on the grounds that it was public policy matter of the government it did create a lot of ripples in the Government to review the lockdown. The other pending case in the High Court for Telangana for the establishment of Child Welfare Committee was successful in ensuring 30 new Child Welfare Committees in all the districts of Telangana. This achievement was after 2years of struggle in the High Court.

**Policy Advocacy:** A lot of efforts was put in virtually to bring in policy level changes. Sunitha Krishnan, Founder, General Secretary assisted the Government in framing the rules for the Juvenile Justice Act. As a part of the core committee the rules were framed and has been forwarded for Government approval.

The plight of transgenders witnessed during the lockdowns motivated the organization to recommend for a comprehensive policy for transgenders. The organization drafted a policy and has submitted it to the Chief Secretary. The organization was also responsible for setting up a Transgender Desk at Cyberabad Commissionerate.

Resource persons from the organization conducted several virtual sessions to bring in policy changes.

**Media Advocacy:** The use of social media was amplified during the pandemic for the purposes of advocacy. An entire series on survivor centric advocacy efforts was kick-started on the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, The World day Against Trafficking in Persons. This event which brought former Supreme Justice Madan B Lokur, Supreme Court Advocate Aparna Bhat, Activist Ravikant, Psychiatrist Achal Bhagat together with 100 survivors from all over South Asia. Survivors moderated the session with the experts and created a platform for an open understanding on the issues of human trafficking. This was followed with a web series of six episodes titled #RealityCheck as a part of #EndHumanTraffickingSeries moderated by Sunitha Krishnan and Salil Kader from US Consulate of Hyderabad. Each episode brought together stakeholders such as judicial officers, prosecutors, civil society organizations, political leaders and police officers. This social media series was touted as one of the best efforts in sensitizing on human trafficking issues.



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**Ms. Swati Chauhan**  
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### Is the Indian Criminal Justice System Victim Centric ?

Why is the rate of conviction in human trafficking cases so low? Why are the victims scared to face the court? What are the obstacles in delivering justice for victims of trafficking? These and many more questions will be explored during this candid conversation with two legal luminaries.

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Why are the traffickers ahead of our enforcement mechanism? Is there a collective, silent endorsement for crime? Can the police alone fight this organised crime of trafficking in persons? What can become a game changer? What could lead to deterrence? Three super cops will join us in answering these uncomfortable but pertinent questions.

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While the accused have legal rights to represent themselves, the victim is at the mercy of the Public Prosecutor. Does she not have the right to represent? Why is justice delivery an ordeal for the victim? Why does the law not recognise her agency? This and many more questions that plague your mind will be put forth before eminent lawyers and public prosecutors.

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## #EndHumanTraffickingSeries

A series of virtual conversations with experts on human trafficking in India

**Is there political will to end human trafficking ?**



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Sunitha Krishnan  
Founder, Prajwala



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Do our elected representatives understand the impact of an organized crime like human trafficking on the lives of people they serve? Do they use their good offices to influence proactive interventions? Are criminal syndicates using political clout to escape punishment? Let's get some responses from our political representatives.



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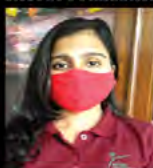
**SURVIVOR ADVOCATES IN CONVERSATION WITH DUTY BEARERS**

### Survivor Advocates



Reshma Mohammad  
Prajwala

Namrata Borikar  
Rescue Foundation



Ella Sangma  
Impulse NGO

**REACH  
CHECK  
RC #6**

### Duty Bearers



Swati Chauhan  
Principal Judge,  
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Rachakonda, Telangana



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Founder and President  
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## Series Finale

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Addressed at MIT, MIT World Peace University webinar. Topic: National Women’s Parliament – 2021 on 13th January 2021



National Girl Child Day was celebrated by ‘Kanya Kiran’, a unique initiative of KIIT & KISS, across 34 places including 30 district headquarters of Odisha on 24th January 2021. On the occasion, a national virtual webinar on ‘Kanya Kiran – Educating Girl Child for Building an Equitable Society’ was organized at KIIT. Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, Founder, Prajwala joined as speakers and addressed participants.



Sensitization for the Telangana State Women’s Commission on various laws related to gender based violence on 21st January 2021





Session on Covid -19 & Human Trafficking in INDIA organized by U.S. Consulate, Hyd on 29/1/2021



FEBRUARY 2021

Anti-Human Trafficking First convergence meeting@18th Feb 2021 at Cyberabad commissionerate & set up of first transgender desk.



Anti-Human Trafficking First convergence meeting@20th Feb 2021 at Rachakonda commissionerate The AHTU convergence meeting of @RachakondaCop brought together officials from Immigration, Labour, Women & Child, Legal Services Authority & civil society partners as one united force to address all gaps.





Governor of Odisha Prof Ganeshi Lal released Handbooks on Human Trafficking for all duty bearers in Odisha supported by US consulate collaborative partnership with Mr. Achyuta Samantha KISS(Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences)



First ever ‘Transgender Community Desk inaugurated by Shri. V.C. Sajjanar, IPS #CP Cyberabad police in collaboration with Prajwala and SCSC at Gachibowli Police station



Kanti Rekha program for Doordarshan, Yadagiri.



Telangana American Telugu Association virtual event on International Womens day celebrations on 7th March 2021



On 13th March 2021 Group I cadre (RD, IFS, etc.) 10 members visited Prajwala as a part of Parivartan yatra



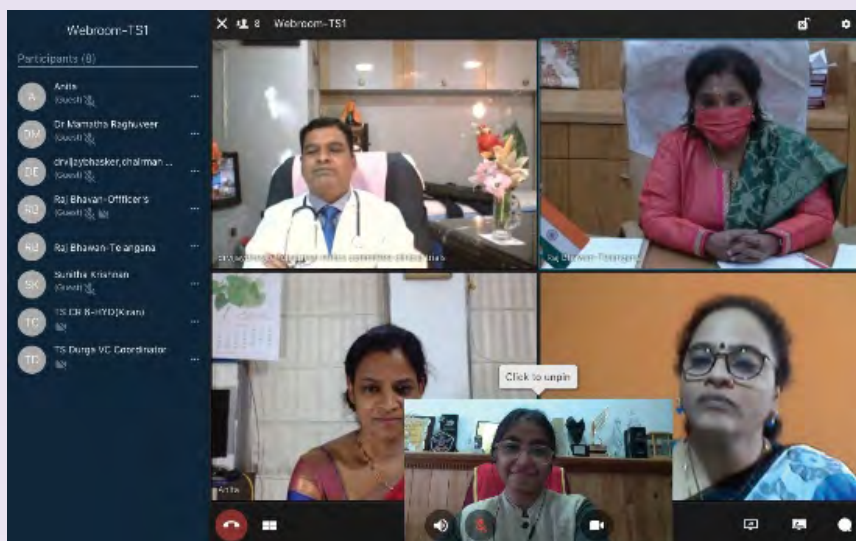
Addressed CSW NGO parallel event at the UN on Human/ Child Trafficking on the 19th March 2021 speak at Soroptimist International on child trafficking.





## ACCOLADES

Ms. Krishnan felicitated on 17th September 2020 by Governer Ms. TAMILAISAI Soundararajan for work on the eve of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendramodi's birthday.



Ms. Sunitha Krishnan has been awarded one among 12 Indian Icons were awarded on National Youth Day on January 12, 2021.



## COVID PANDEMIC RESPONSES

When Covid19 struck the world the jolt was felt everywhere including Prajwala interventions to combat trafficking. The economic devastation that followed the lockdown combined with the largest humanitarian crises of migrants fleeing to their states and the radical penetration of the virtual world not only accelerated human trafficking but also brought in strengthened versions of cyber trafficking impacting the lives of thousands of children. During these dark phases when significant part of the world moved out of the physical domain and preferred virtual engagement Prajwala chose to make use of each of these adverse situations as an opportunity to respond against human trafficking. The following measures were taken during the period of 2020.

**COVID RELIEF:** Responding to the unfolding disaster, relief operations were organized to ensure communities do not starve and even the most excluded would get all support.

Daily packed meals were distributed to 10,000 migrant workers who were fleeing the state by foot. 5000 Transgenders, rag pickers, survivors of trafficking and refugees were provided two months groceries. 35,000 reusable face masks stitched by survivors of trafficking was donated to Health Department for all the front-liners.

**CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF:** As most of the staff at Prajwala are field workers and are front-liners in the community they were technically disadvantaged and had poor skills to work online. As an intensive program spread over two months, staff were trained to use the online medium. Trial runs were made using zoom, skype, google meet up, Go To Meeting & other meeting Apps with all the staff. In two months 160 of the 185 staff were trained on how to use the online platforms. The time was also utilized to train staff on various topics including the legislations related to trafficking, cyber-trafficking and legal compliances.

**INTERNAL STRUCTUAL & POLICY CHANGES:** In order to directly respond to Covid situation a quarantine facility was established in the shelter to receive all the newly rescued victims. The 20 bedded quarantine facility was critical in continuing the rescue operations even during the Covid pandemic. When the staff on frontline duties got infected with Covid, the organization was forced to set up a Covid Hospital for the care & protection of such staff. A Covid Protocol was also drawn taking into consideration the mobility restrictions and potential risk to exposure.

### ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING INTERVENTIONS:

- **Training Manuals:** Three comprehensive training manuals on human trafficking for Anganwadi Workers (Frontline Community Workers of the Government), Demand Reduction and Community Vigilant Group was prepared to standardize the capacity building training of all stakeholders.
- **Anganwadi Workers Training:** 892 Anganwadi workers were trained using the Training manual. The initial training for 300 workers was done on zoom which was then followed by two days physical training with all Covid Protocols
- **Training on Demand Reduction:** 50 men were trained using the Demand Reduction Manual physically in three batches.
- **Virtual Anti Trafficking Series: #RealityCheck** a virtual series was started to sensitize duty bearers and stakeholders on human trafficking. The series covered hundreds of judicial officers, prosecuting officers, legal experts, civil society organizations, parliamentarians and survivors of trafficking. The Series which was conducted on zoom was telecasted live on Facebook and thereafter the videos were posted on Youtube. 500 judicial officers, 500 prosecuting officers, 40 civil society organization and



100 survivors of trafficking participated from 14 states and two countries. 38,000 joined Facebook to view the series.

- Rescue Operations: 120 women and girls were rescued during the pandemic and were provided all support for rehabilitation.

All Prajwala Operations became full-fledged physically from November, 2020.

## COVID RELIEF

















## ADMINISTRATION HEAD OFFICE



Any organization's basis to function smoothly is a good HR administration and an efficient finance team as its backbone. Prajwala promises both so that the day to day management of activities by various interventions is carried out effectively.

### ADMINISTRATION – HEAD OFFICE

The Administration at Head Office looks after overall HR related work, maintenance of the campus, organic farming and security. The primary function of the administration team is to look into appointments, interviews, promotions, terminations and other related work as per management directions and a department's requirement. It provides vehicular support for interventions during programs, for emergency services like medical for ES or legal to travel to court and/or daily transportation for its staff. It supports visitors' accommodation and other requirements if necessary. The security services have been now handed over to Rudraksha Security Agency Pvt Ltd. ensuring the safety and protection of ES residents and staff. Eco management and organic farming are also other major activities of the administration team, which ensures that all vegetables and fruits are grown organically with minimal fertilizer use. There are bio gas plants, which recycle waste. The team ensures that electricity, water supply and lighting are all properly working.

Administrative Department of Prajwala holds the distinctive responsibility of holding all the programs and operations of the organization together. The department has several central roles that are key to the smooth functioning of the shelters, learning centers, production, training. It is directly responsible for effective implementation of the organizational policies viz., HR Policy, Procurement Policy, Warehousing Policy, etc. It is essentially the backbone of the organization and carries out its responsibilities with great diligence

The primary function of administration team is look into Human resources ( Recruitment, terminations, Orientation of policies, Transfers) and Campus Maintenance ( STP, Generator, Biogas, Solar) and general administration such as requisitions, advances and settlements and other related work as per management directions and a department's requirement. The team ensures that electricity, water supply and lighting are all properly working well.

- **Lock down activities:** During the lockdown phase the work from home tasks done by the team included masks stitching, introduction to social media, Covid relief and virtual sessions on administration related subjects. The team self-financed grocery kits and distributed in their immediate neighbourhood each adopting five families.
- **Staff Welfare**
  - Medical Insurance:** As a staff welfare initiative medical insurance was introduced this year. This was a critical support as many staff were Covid infected and needed this much required support.
  - Provident Fund:** For the first time in the organization, provident fund was introduced. The was a long pending need of the staff which was finally fulfilled.
- **Prajwala For Humanity celebrations :** As a part of the larger team the administration team played a key role in the Navaratri Celebrations which was this year themed as 'Prajwala For Humanity'. The nine days were celebrated by acknowledging the effort of supporters and honouring their work.



**Stitching of masks**





**Grocery kits distribution**



**Birthday Celebrations**





**Covid Warriors got a warm welcome**





**Prajwala Humanity Celebrations**



**Supported staff during floods**





**Prajwala Milan Program**



**Procurement Panel**





**Annual Day celebrations**

## PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATIONS

Covid pandemic triggered newer situations and emergency needs. All the donors and collaborators of the organization continued with sustained support to the organization. New partners joined to reach out to the emergency requirements.

### SUSTAINED DONORS

Misereor / KZE, Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), Mission Inclusion, Freedom for All, Home of Hope (HoH), Oak North Global Pvt Ltd, Asset India Foundation and Apollo Hospital, US Consulate of Hyderabad continued with their support to the organization.

Individuals from all over the world continued to support us through various platforms such as Dana Mojo, Global Giving Foundation, UK-Online Giving Foundation, Benevity Causes, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)-America and Give India Foundation.

### NEW DONORS

Responding to the needs emerged from Covid pandemic new donors came forward to support for the economically devastated migrants and also improve the conditions of the public health system.

Manoj Saxena, Rahul Saxena and Pallavi Saxena were three individuals who came forward to support for Covid Relief.

Probationers of the National Police Academy and Oremus Corporate Services Private Ltd also came forward to provide Covid relief Support.

Nalagonda.Org a group of Indian Diaspora in US supported the organization to strengthen the public health system.

### INDIAN NGO PARTNERS

Rescue Foundation , Sanlaap-Kolkata, International Justice Mission, Balasore Social Service Society, Shakti Vahini, Freedom Firm, Bhartiya Kissan Sangh, Nirbhaya continued to be our preferred NGO partners this year also.

### INTERNATIONAL NGO PARTNERS

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association, Maiti-Nepal, Justice & Care, Vital Voices, Arora International, AGFUND and Rights Jessore have collaborated this year for various international efforts.

### GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

The organization works closely with Police Department, Women & Child Welfare, Education, Health and Social Welfare.



## AUDITED FINANCIALS

### Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2021

Particulars	Sch.	31.03.2021		31.03.2020	
		Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
<b>Sources of funds:</b>					
Capital Funds	1		2059,28,161		2036,04,292
Restricted Funds	2		162,09,455		139,39,344
<b>Liabilities</b>	3				
For Capital Assets			20,296		-
Other Current Liabilities			28,96,818		19,81,135
			<b>2250,54,730</b>		<b>2195,24,771</b>
<b>Application of funds:</b>					
Fixed Assets	4		1267,49,488		1327,48,193
Current Assets, Loans & Advances					
Cash & Bank Balances	5 & 6	193,77,004		129,08,611	
Short Term Fixed Deposits		749,05,729		701,01,233	
Closing Stock		12,34,741		13,54,442	
Other current Assets	7	27,87,768		24,12,292	
			983,05,242		867,76,578
			<b>2250,54,730</b>		<b>2195,24,771</b>

## Income & Expenditure Account for the period ended 31st March, 2021

Particulars	Sch.	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
<b>Incomes:</b>			
Donations from Indian Donors	8	157,12,152	196,25,084
Donations from International Donors	9	508,96,459	573,37,421
Economics Rehabilitation Programme Receipts	10	37,76,051	65,68,346
Bank Interest		50,84,948	50,74,426
Other Income	11	6,35,385	1,13,647
		<b>761,04,994</b>	<b>887,18,923</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Prevention - PTEP	12	83,56,139	109,61,041
Prevention - CBPP	13	30,27,225	30,19,469
Rescue and Restoration Program - RRP	14	37,87,919	46,56,980
Rehabilitation - Shelters for Adult Victims of Sex Trafficking - Ashaniketan	15	119,96,783	130,67,918
Rehabilitation - Home for Child Victims - Asthanivas	16	69,32,448	90,14,285
Rehabilitation - ERP	17	58,51,338	96,76,589
Rehabilitation - Rape Victim Support Programme	18	3,89,133	4,49,991
Advocacy	19	13,530	11,63,809
Administrative Expenses	20	160,32,326	134,51,485
Rehabilitation - Emergency Shelter	21	40,33,026	37,27,394
Advocacy - JTIP	22	29,32,105	92,22,090
Rehab Co-Managed Home	23	14,00,090	2,16,526
DOS - Virtual Workshop	24	24,47,091	-
Depreciation	4	65,81,971	69,19,469
		<b>737,81,124</b>	<b>855,47,045</b>
Excess of income over expenditure		<b>23,23,870</b>	<b>31,71,878</b>





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