



PRAJWALA

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A World Free of Sex Slavery



*'If we choose 'zero tolerance' for any violence against women and children,
the world will automatically become safe for all.'*

Dr. Sunitha Krishnan

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Prajwala is a pioneering Indian anti-trafficking organisation based out of Hyderabad. Focussed on ending trafficking for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or sex trafficking, the organisation has completed significant work to challenge sex crimes against women and children.

Founded in the year 1996, by two visionaries Sunitha Krishnan (Padmashree awardee) and Late Brother Jose Vetticatil in response to the eviction of a traditional redlight area in Hyderabad, the organisation's first response was to set up an education program for the vulnerable children of women in prostitution as a means of preventing intergenerational exploitation.

Over the years, the organisation has evolved comprehensive programs addressing prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, reintegration and advocacy. Many innovative interventions designed by the organisation including safe homes providing holistic rehabilitation, demand reduction, campaign 'Men against Demand', community awakening campaigns 'Swaraksha', one stop crisis centres for entry or 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 the 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. The organisation also has been responsible for the cyber crime portal of the country to report case of videos of rape/gang rape and child sexually abusive material.

After successfully rescuing over 25,500 women and children from sex slavery and rehabilitating 23,000, Prajwala is considered as a path-breaking organisation in the anti-trafficking sector becoming the voice of millions still enslaved and paving the way for alternatives and responses to end this modern-day slavery.



Dr. P Balamba
President

I write this message for Prajwala's annual report with great hope and pride for the organisation's continued mission and vision to eradicate sexual trafficking in India and beyond under the inspiring leadership of Dr. Sunitha Krishnan.

Over the years, Prajwala has assembled a wonderful group of individuals, and is continuing to do so year after year, who are not only staff but a fabric of the Prajwala family.

Prajwala's journey to achieve this mission has not always been smooth sailing. One recent challenge has been the uncertainty of post Covid outlook just like any other NGO. These spanners thrown in the works has not dimmed the determination of the team to strive for a goal that was shaped some 26 years ago which is worthy of the highest respect and support. This is a testament to the body of work the organisation has built up over nearly three decades and taking the supporters with them along this journey.

I have great pride in knowing that the Prajwala family have always worked with the greatest of ambitions tied with the utmost professionalism, integrity and accountability. I am proud of the work the team has completed this year and am looking forward with great excitement on the work the team will embark on in the following years.

Jai Hind!

Dr. Sunitha Krishnan

Founder

Padma Shri Awardee



Every year I look back on what we have done and how far we have traversed towards our destination and I feel both hope and despair. Hope because of the world of difference we bring to the lives of victims that we directly serve and despair because of the world of victims still captive in sex slavery who continue to grow. The penetration of technology has only worsened the scenario with predators gaining newer avenues to spot and trap victims and coerce into situations of exploitation. Situation becomes grimmer by the day with technology providing a safe harbor of anonymity for the criminals.

Prajwala continues to seek new and innovative strategies to respond to these emerging trends. A big part of this year's approach was to strengthen the capacities of the team to tackle the constantly changing scenario. The urgency of the situation pushed us to relook at the targets that had to be achieved this year and rework on the performance appraisal. The team has risen to the occasion and have put their might to achieve what is mandated for their intervention.

The sense of gratitude I feel for all our supporters, collaborators and donors is immense. Through the support we receive from all over the world we have built a strong movement to fight trafficking. It is also gratifying that the organization has reached a stage where all systems are in place and I can take a back seat now.

A big part of my confidence is our Governing Body members who pitch in their strength which acts as a solid pillar for the organization. Rekha Abel and Lalita Iyer do need a special mention in this regard. Their physical presence holds the team together in all turbulent times.

27 years leading this mission has taught me several things chief among them is to respect and nurture our partnerships. Our collaborative partnership with state and non-state partners has brought us together as one unit to achieve one common goal-combat human trafficking.

As we review our outcomes and impact, I am filled with pride and joy for what we have accomplished and also a greater sense of responsibility on how much more we have to achieve. This annual report is an indicator that we are constantly evaluating ourselves and we will continue to improve our efforts.

Team Prajwala thanks every individual who has made it possible for the mission to continue.



Dr. Rekha Abel
Joint Secretary

Warm Greetings to all of you!

It gives me great pleasure and pride to write this message for Prajwala's Annual Report for 2022-23. At the outset, I place on record my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation for the entire Prajwala team under the able and committed leadership of Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, who has built a team based on conviction, compassion and commitment.

Prajwala, under the leadership of Sunitha Krishnan, has continued to draw upon its endless reserve of compassion and empathy and responded to the needs of those most at risk. Forever seeking new ways of responding and working to identify vulnerable communities, this year is remarkable for Prajwala's engagement with the transgender community and extending and joining hands with them to prevent the selling and buying of sex.

I salute the victims and the survivors who dare to dream and pray that all their dreams of dignity come true. We at Prajwala remain committed to the children and the women, and when they smile, we smile. All the very best to Sunitha and team in the year to come. 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 for women and children. I pray that Prajwala's light continues to shine strong.

Lalita Iyer
Treasurer



As the world returns back to some sort of normal post multiple waves of Covid-19, the team at Prajwala with a determined drive continue to forge ahead to eliminate sexual trafficking from our society.

Even if one girl is taught a skill and then repatriated to her own people is a feeling of great relief and a moment of pride, which is gone in a whiff because there are so many others still to be taught and nurtured.

Prajwala has many of these moments and we are proud of them, but the cycle has to be treaded upon for things to move. Like in nature there are seasons, Prajwala, filled with caring human beings, ready to learn, also go through a cycle. Most of them remain on their seat, keeping balance and looking ahead, staying on the path.

I wish the team all the strength and love to continue with their passions and skills to protect, restore and rehabilitate the lives of survivors of sexual trafficking and bring the light of hope and renewed vigour in the hearts of supporters, donors, friends and the nation in fighting this abominable crime.



Narendra Paruchuri
Member

Economic independence is the hallmark of dignity for a woman. Primarily she is not dependent on another person and this earning also comes after learning a skill. Prajwala, teaches its girls to be on their feet, provided they are given the time and bandwidth to teach a skill.

Many of the girls are also keen on education and quite a few have also made Prajwala proud by completing professional courses. Armed with an education and a skill, these women can face any adversity. While we hope that they do not get stalled in their endeavours, we also pray that they continue to get encouragement from all sources in the future.

We also pray for the continued focus and perseverance of the staff of Prajwala to work with unabated energy in seeing the end of sexual trafficking and sexual crimes in Telangana and beyond.

Dr. Franky Norohna
Member

I would like to acknowledge the Almighty and the divine blessings that have continued to be bestowed upon the Prajwala team and to its founder and inspiration Sunitha Krishan. I pray that the blessings continue to flow for the work that takes true warriors of justice to embark on and complete.

I have the privilege to witness and be part of a vision that exemplifies true humanity and am proud of the Prajwala staff, volunteers and the wider family. I want to express my respect and admiration for the team in their continued determination and pursuit to see a world free from any form of trafficking.

The team will face many challenges and obstacles along the way, so it is paramount that they are backed by the necessary support required by all of us from the Board and management to Prajwala's supporters.

I wish the team the very best to continue their mission and to take us along for a powerful and transformative ride into a future absent from all forms of trafficking.

May the jwala of Prajwala shine in each one of us.

Vision

Eradicate sex slavery and commercial sexual exploitation in all forms.

Mission

Prajwala believes that the worst form of human rights 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 completed 26 years of sustained mission in the fight against sex trafficking and sex crimes. Through a shared drive of ending sex slavery and sexual exploitation and gaining valuable lessons along the way, the organisation has become a best practice model in providing services for prevention and rehabilitation of women and children rescued from commercial sexual exploitation. During the financial year 2022-2023, a team of 202 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 includes committed professionals from diverse backgrounds including individuals with post graduate degrees in management and social work. It is the dedication and commitment of the team that makes Prajwala a successful needs-based organisation. Prajwala also includes a small percentage of very committed volunteers who have dedicated their skills for this mission.

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Prajwala's Interventions

Prajwala has evolved a comprehensive set of interventions over its lifespan, that aims to address sex trafficking and sex crimes in a holistic manner. It is one of very few pioneering organisations in the world that has addressed the issue from all ends with considerable success ranging from prevention, rescue, rehabilitation, restoration and reintegration which are the five-pillars of the organisation.

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

Prevention

- a. Vocational Education
- b. Community Awakening
- c. Demand Reduction

Rehabilitation

- a. Psychological Rehabilitation
- b. Education/Economic Rehabilitation
- c. Civil Rehabilitation
- d. Access to Justice

Advocacy

- a. Policy
- b. Legal
- c. Media

Rescue

- a. Victims of Sex Trafficking
- b. Victim of Sex Crime

Reintegration

- a. Family Reunion
- b. Independent Living
- c. Marriage



Although illegal, human trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation continues to thrive in India. With Covid19 still lurking in the periphery, the vulnerability of women and children to trafficking is still ever present. Traffickers are recruiting women and girls both locally and online, for sexual exploitation. Children have been particularly vulnerable and have been trafficked for sexual purposes, forced marriages, forced begging and for forced criminality

It is in this context that Prajwala has continued to persevere with determination to prevent human trafficking. Disrupting trafficking safely mandates building the resilience and awareness of communities and empowering vulnerable people and the wider community.

The three major prevention strategies are:

1. Vocational Education

Prajwala started working with the children of women in prostitution in the Old city soon after the evacuation of Mehboob ki Mehendi in 1996 to prevent inter-generational entry into prostitution. Now the space has expanded to a wide range of vulnerable children and their mothers to protect them from the environment they live in.

Trades Offered

- Mobile Repair and Service
- Jute Products
- Dress Designing
- Fashion Technology

Educational Centre

The education centre and the open school mainly caters to vulnerable children who are orphans, semi-orphans, children of women in prostitution and children from broken families. Education centre is meant for children above 10, the open school is meant for dropout children above 14.

Vocational Centre

There are a number of children who need to take up economic responsibilities for the family due to multiple reasons. The vocational centre has been designed acknowledging the needs of the family and at the same time recognising that a young adult will be less prone to exploitation if he/she is properly skilled in a trade which is viable in a job market.

7 Education Centres

- 1012 Students
- 281 Students Mainstreamed

Vocational Centre

- 501 Trained
- 220 Trainees Employed/Self-Employed

2. Community Awakening

Prajwala's Community Based Prevention intervention uses mass anti-sexual trafficking sensitization programs, campaigns and rallies to awaken the community (boys and men above 14yrs) in a concerted effort to reduce demand and end the supply 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 the formation of Community Vigilance Groups (CVGs)

Community Based Prevention Training

- School Students
- Police Sensitisation Training
- Frontline Workers Training
- Anganwadi Workers

IMPACT

During a Community Based Prevention Training, a young girl mustered up the courage to share that she was being sexually abused by her uncle. She moved with her mother's brother while her parents were in another village for employment reasons.

When she refused to comply with the uncle's wishes, she was beaten. Prajwala informed the Head Teacher and our Rape Victim Support Program and worked together to inform the police which eventually led to the arrest of the accused.

The young person is in safe custody of her parents now.

Awakening Programs

- 195 Programs
- 68605 participants

Anganwadi Workers Training

- 91 Trainings producing
- 91 CVGs
- 6683 members

Anganwadi Workers

conducted 3919 training programs
84057 participants



3. Demand Reduction

a Men and boys who buy sex constitute the 'demand' for prostitution. The need for paid sex is fueled by pornography and women being sexually objectified by mainstream media. While most efforts to prevent human trafficking and in particular sex trafficking have largely focused on the supply targeting vulnerable women and girls, a holistic approach to prevention needs to also address the demand. Men and boys are targeted through schools, boys hostels, employee unions and trade unions.

Demand Reduction

- ▶ Holistic Approach
- ▶ Police Collaboration
- ▶ Decoy Operations
- ▶ Counselling

b In an attempt to reduce the demand, the organisation in collaboration with the police attempt to identify the vulnerable places with regard to street prostitution, conduct decoy operation to find out the sex buyers and counsel them. The main objective of this counselling is to change the attitude of women in prostitution and mindset of males buying sex, through different strategies and techniques so that there will be very less or no demand for paid sex in and around vulnerable places.

c For this to happen, the organisation seeks help from trained counsellors, family members and faith leaders who can bring in a positive change in the very attitude of sex buyers. Family members are also provided counselling.

IMPACT

Prajwala's Sex Buyers Change Program team was involved in a rescue operation of a minor girl (17yrs old) at Secunderabad railway station. Our team then worked with the police to find a shelter home (Swadhar) through the government operated Sakhi centre.

Counselling Provided

- 370 sex buyers
- No repeat offenders
- 140 cases charged

Family Counselling

- 317 family members

Follow-Up Counselling

- 104 individuals



Despite the determined efforts to prevent sex trafficking, a significant number of women and girls are trafficked and are subjected to endless cruelty, physical harm and emotional trauma. Removal of the victim from the place of exploitation becomes crucial.

Prajwala's Rescue and Restoration team works closely with all stakeholders to facilitate the rescue of victims of sex trafficking and sex crime as well as repatriation, reintegration with family and community and the provision of post rescue support such as legal aid, recovery of belongings and

At the operational level the team supports the local police and the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit to conduct the actual rescue operations. The stages of rescues can be described as follows:

1. **Information/Intelligence Gathering**

a

Common source of information is usually the victim herself as she feels compelled to support the criminal justice system for emotional closure as well as to support other victims

b

Information from community - The Community Based Prevention program targets men as a part of the demand reduction program. Some of these men become key informants and contribute to supplying credible information.

2. **Validation of Information**

a

Any information received is further validated by establishing a confidential and a decoy operation of the place of exploitation. Validation via a detailed surveillance of the place of exploitation is important for a successful rescue operation including the arrest of all criminals and understanding the risks, entry and exit points and safe navigation of the place.

Rescue Operations

- 47 Rescue Operations with Anti-Human Trafficking Unit

299 Trafficking Victims Rescued (5 minors)

Recovery of Belongings

- 177 Recovery of Belongings for rescued victims

3. Rescue Operation/Exit/ Emergence

a

Prajwala supports the police in a rescue operation by identifying and providing assistance in the place of exploitation while the police look at the crime and the criminal.

b

While most victims of sex trafficking are rescued from brothels or place of exploitation which could be even a house, lodge, hotel, resort, massage parlour, beauty parlour but when it comes to victims of sex crime (minor), they are moved to a place of safety only when there is clear threat perception as expressed by parent or guardian or the parent or guardian themselves are perpetrators.

c

Prajwala provides support during the court proceedings and the safe custody of the victim of sex trafficking once a court order has been provided. If the victim is a minor, then she is produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) which is the legally competent body to take decisions about children.

d

In terms of sex crime - Prajwala only works with minor victims of sex crime who are admitted only through CWC.

IMPACT

Prajwala's Rescue and Rehabilitation team received 2 new admissions to our shelter home from Kushaiuguda Police Station (add date). The girls informed us that they were from Bangalore which presenting identification documents to verify that. After a few months in our shelter home, they noticed that Prajwala was working tirelessly and with success to repatriate Bangladesh national survivors. (Continued next page)

IMPACT

That built up the courage in one of them, who notified us that they are rather from Bangladesh and the initial identification documents were fake. She informed us that she lost her parents and was staying with her sister. She illegally entered West Bengal from Bangladesh with a friend of hers who promised her a job but instead sold her for prostitution in Bangalore. She initially tried very hard not to do it but through torture she was coerced into being raped by customers 10 times a day. She was also frightened as she did not have any legal documents to return back home. She was being prostituted out to 3 states – Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Over a couple of years after Prajwala worked closely to build her self-confidence by engaging both of them into our Employment Rehabilitation Program, she was motivated to tell us everything about the accused. We informed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and a trafficker who went by the name 'Rippon' was arrested. An FIR was lodged by the victim and then in an unexpected turn of events, 7 cases of girls who were rescued by Prajwala in the last few years were interconnected with Rippon.

The knock-on effect was the breaking of a trafficking racket where 2 local Telangana brokers (jailed and fined) were arrested and 16 other Bangladeshi and Hyderabad brokers were arrested (case ongoing). Prajwala worked with the NIA to also expedite the judicial and repatriation process and supported the survivor in all aspects – psychosocial support, legal support, transport, shelter, food etc.

We received the repatriation order and successfully repatriated the survivor back to Bangladesh. They are now with family and Prajwala's rescue team connected them with a local NGO who helped in successfully finding employment.



Rehabilitation processes are time and resource intensive. Prajwala implements a trauma informed rehabilitation process which involves three phases:

1. First Response

The first response period lasts one month where the victim is first removed from the place of exploitation then provided all aspects of trauma counselling with the necessary health care. The involvement of survivor advocates and peer counsellors is vital at this stage to build trust and to educate the victim of her rights while connecting with the necessary legal services.

This is the period of confusion and internationalisation of behaviour leading to mal-adaptive coping mechanisms in the form of aggressive behaviour, lack of trust, and attachment to the abuser combined with withdrawal symptoms due to substance and alcohol abuse.

Prajwala in addition to providing assistance with all legal protocols, also provides basic life-skills and employability skills. Our Emergency Shelter provides first response support.

2. Long Term Rehabilitation

This stage of rehabilitation includes the provision of psycho-social interventions, advance life-skills, education, livelihood training employment options and access to all victim assistance such as immediate relief and compensation. This is the stage where the rescued person starts understanding the specific situation of exploitation and herself being the victim.

The Adult Home (Ashanikethan), Children's Home (Asthanivas) and previously the Co-Managed Rescue Home (Prajwala exited this in Nov 2022) provides long-term rehabilitation. Prajwala's Emergency Shelter Home provides immediate support before transition into Ashanikethan and Asthanivas.



**500
Victims
Rehabilitated**

3. Community-based rehabilitation

In the initial stages of rehabilitation during the transition from victimhood to being a survivor and the willingness to integrate back into society, a victim requires a support system to counter social stigma and ostracization. This support is even more crucial when the family of the victim refuses to accept her. Prajwala's community-based rehabilitation program provides needs-based counselling, family interactions, access to employment and self-employment, after-care support and safety-net support. The After Care Home in Ashanikethan in Amangal and the Survivor's Network (a group of approximately 14) provide the community-based rehabilitation.

Our longer-term rehabilitation comprises broadly of four main components:

1. Psychological Rehabilitation

2. Education/Economic Rehabilitation

3. Civic Rehabilitation

4. Access to Justice

IMPACT

- ▶ 3 children completed intermediate exams with A grade
- ▶ 17 children achieved gold and silver medals in district karate championships
- ▶ 3 children received 3,00,000 interim compensation
- ▶ 1 victim received final compensation for 5,00,000
- ▶ 332 admissions in our Emergency Shelter Home (299 adults and 33 children)

**9044
Individual
Counselling
Sessions**

1. Psychological Rehabilitation

Prajwala uses a trauma informed approach to provide the most effective psychological support. All of the 329 victims admitted in all the shelters were provided with holistic psychological support via the provision of individual counselling, peer group counselling, group therapy and trauma care. 55 Victims received specialised psychological treatment from Druthi and Mindfree Hospitals.

Psychological support also includes folk performing arts such as Kolattam, Chakka Bhajana, martial arts such as karate, active lifestyle such as agricultural training and organic farming and mindfulness via yoga, meditation and daily debriefs.

Faith and belief systems play an important role in a victims life so Prajwala includes multi-faith prayers and celebration of multi-faith events to foster positive mental health and well-being.



2. Education/Economic Rehabilitation

An integral component in the rehabilitation process is to foster the foundations of education for children as well as equip adult survivors with employ-ability skills for self sustenance and self-determinism.

Education

Prajwala's Learning Centre is the bridge for rescued children to transition effectively into mainstream education.

33

Children Studied in Astha Learning Centre

31

Students Mainstreamed in Education

Economic

Prajwala Employability Training Unit (ETU) provides 5-day training and skills development for future employment. The Employability Rehabilitation Program provides the necessary training in book binding and printing, carpentry, welding and dress making as well as employment opportunities for the trainees. Prajwala Industrial Training Institute provides 3 courses - dress making, carpentry and welding.

312

Individuals Trained by ETU

96

Number of survivors placed in jobs

91

Number of ERP trainees

Aadhar Card Recovery

- 244 Aadhar Cards Recovered

Obtaining Immediate Relief Funds for 146 Victims

₹29,20,000

Bank Accounts Opened

- 171 Bank Accounts

3. Civic Rehabilitation

A major component of exploitation is the coercion of victims to change their names and adopt new identities. Changing of identities several times creates challenges for the victim in accessing support such as immediate relief fund, interim and final compensation, pensions etc. Prajwala via our Victim Centred Advocacy program helps support victims obtain their Aadhar card which allows the restoration of identity in the civic space and opens doors to attaining services from financial institutions and government.

Through the Victim Centred Advocacy Program, a victim received disability pension for life (₹3016/month) from the Telangana Government.

IMPACT

- Our Victim Centred Advocacy team through their dedicated efforts advocated for 4 victims to receive interim compensation. For the first time in Telangana state, an adult, let alone 4 trafficked victims received interim compensation.
- Our Victim Centred Advocacy team as part of Prajwala for the first time obtained the Transgender Certificate for Transgender persons in the organisation.





4. Access to Justice

Access to justice for the sexual crime committed on the victim is a slow and frustrating process and in many instances the victim does not receive justice. Prajwala's team works closely and collaboratively with the prosecution and criminal justice system to ensure that justice is accessible to all victims and the processes are expedited. Victims are provided the necessary support to understand the legal system and the psycho-social to record their evidence in the form of the 164 statement.

168 victims recorded their evidence before the magistrate. It is an important step in providing actual evidence against the accused. In addition, 137 Home Investigation Reports (HIR) and 21 accused were identified.

IMPACT

RAPE VICTIM SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Reached out to 121 Rape Victims
- 74 Victims moved to safe shelter (including 29 Prajwala)
- 18 Victims received Interim Relief Fund
- Obtained 9 Orphan Certificates for child victims



The primary goal of Prajwala's rehabilitation initiative is for eventual reintegration of survivors back into family (where it is safe to do so) and mainstream society. Reintegration can be a lengthy process and determined by several factors such as family stigmatisation and rejection, survivors' emotional capacity to deal with challenges, judicial timelines etc.

Prajwala, over time has developed multiple practices that has been tried and tested. These practices build the self-sufficiency, self-worth, emotional and economic independence and coping mechanisms of survivors to reintegrate into community.

Our reintegration initiatives are as follows:

- a After Care Home** - Young adults over the age of 18 are provided with a safe space to continue further education such as college and taught life-skills such as cooking, home maintenance and independence.
- b Restoration** - Our team provides survivors with support to reintegrate back with family if the family is willing to accept her. We also equip the survivor with the independence skills necessary for reintegration into society when the family are unwilling to accept the survivor.
- c Repatriation** - Our team works closely with the respective foreign embassies, High Commissions, Police and the Foreigners Regional Registration Office to prepare and execute the safe return of a foreign national victim. We assist in nationality verification, travel and exit permits with international partners and relevant authorities
- d Survivor Advocacy Panel** - The purpose of this initiative is to create a safety net and a support system for survivors in the process of reintegration into family and community for successful restoration. The advocacy panel itself comprises of survivors themselves who assist other survivors by connecting them with needs based services such as employment, medical care, education and life support including funerals.

IMPACT

- 12 children supported in After Care
- 316 Family Reintegrations including 18 children
- 244 Followups after Reintegration
- 27 Women and girls repatriated - Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, Thailand

Efforts to ensure rights as specified by various policies in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for all the victims of sex crime and sex trafficking continues throughout the year in terms of interim relief, compensation and civic identity. This is a sustained battle as the officers in the concerned departments do not implement these as a matter of normal course of duty and require persistent efforts to process the same.

For the first time, due to legal advocacy interim compensation was awarded to an adult victim by the District Legal Services Authority. This is a path-breaking achievement as till then only minor victims were considered for interim and final compensation.

Legal advocacy efforts were strengthened with NCPCR conducting a series of judicial trainings and Prajwala being invited as one of the domain experts to address senior judges from all over the country. Such sensitization training programs have always led to better victim centered justice.

For the first time in the country a Declaration of Intent for Mutual Cooperation was signed between the southern states as a part of the Regional Consultation On Working Together To Combat Trafficking which was organized in collaboration with 'Shakti Vahini' and the US Consulate of Hyderabad and Kolkatta. This consultation brought together all the government stakeholders in the criminal justice system from the southern states of India. The advocacy efforts led to a declaration of intent being signed by all parties.

In collaboration with the District Legal Aid Services in the Ranga Reddy District, a special Legal Aid Clinic was established in the organization which ensures free legal aid for all the victims.

Advocacy efforts for a comprehensive Anti-Trafficking Law has not seen the light of the day this year as the Central Government chose to prioritize amendments to existing Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act.

The policy advocacy efforts resulted in Ms Sathyawathi Rathod, the Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Welfare of Telangana State, releasing the Training Manual for Anganwadi workers on Human Trafficking prepared by the organization. This has created a uniform course material for all Anganwadi workers across the state. Honoring the frontline officers on this occasion has provided the much-needed incentive for unrecognized efforts of the officers.

Sensitization sessions were held for All India Services (AIS) & Central Civil Services (CCS) and police officers on the multi-dimensional aspects of human trafficking and its impact on victim.

Starting with partnering with women in prostitution who are also mothers, over the years with the evolution of the organization, many more stakeholders have become partners in the cause. Prajwala has recognized the importance of forging partnerships among international representatives, national and regional Indian government agencies, civil society organizations, corporate businesses and educational institutions to strengthen the mission in all its dimensions.

Prajwala has received financial support from Misereor, Misson Inclusion, Oak North Foundation, Revathi Subramaniam Family Foundation and US Consulate of Hyderabad this year. This constitutes 60% of our funding. The rest of the 40% is mobilised locally through Dana Mojo and Give India platforms.

At the field level our network of civil society partners have played a crucial role in the growth of the organization.

A number of community projects have also supported Prajwala's work such as Asset India Foundation and Project Roshni, Dana Mojo. At the international level Friends of Prajwala in United States have played a pivotal role in facilitating a global movement to combat trafficking.

At one end partnership with the community and at the other partnership with the State Government with Department of Women Development & Child Welfare, Telangana State Police, State Legal Services Authority, Department of Education and Department of Health has been the reason for the sustenance and existence of the organization.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh recognized the tremendous contribution of the organization and bestowed the 'YSR Lifetime Achievement Award' on its founder Sunitha Krishnan on the occasion of Andhra Pradesh Formation Day. This is a great tribute to the trail blazing crusade of the founder. The award carries a cash prize of 10 lakhs.

The State Government of Kerala recognized the efforts of the founder with the annual 'Vanitha Ratnam Award' on the occasion of Women's Day. The unparalleled contribution of Sunitha Krishnan in designing the 'Nirbhaya Policy' and leading it from the front in its implementation in Kerala was duly recognized and appreciated. The award carries a cash award of one lakh rupees.

'Moolthwa Vishwa Award' was bestowed upon Sunitha Krishnan by a Mangalore Based organisation Moothwa Foundation Charitable Trust. The award function was held at Roshni Nilaya the alma mater of the founder.

As a recognition for the unstinting efforts to empower women and girls, the founder Sunitha Krishnan was bestowed Honorary Doctorate (Honoris Causa) by the Rama Devi Women's University, Odisha. This was done in the presence of Her Excellency President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu.



Prajwala
(A Society for Poor and Deprived)
Hyderabad
Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2023

Particulars	Sch.	31.03.2023		31.03.2022	
		Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.	Amount Rs.
Sources of funds :					
Capital Funds	1		21,59,08,191		21,48,57,737
Restricted Funds	2		1,21,38,109		1,84,36,994
Liabilities	3				
For Capital Assets			20,296		20,296
Other Current Liabilities			27,17,466		28,85,059
			23,07,84,062		23,62,00,086
Application of funds :					
Fixed Assets	4		11,73,42,656		12,22,99,242
Current Assets, Loans & Advances					
Cash & Bank Balances	5 & 6	2,72,01,587		3,26,21,166	
Short Term Fixed Deposits		8,21,38,681		7,72,60,892	
Closing Stock		3,26,156		8,88,807	
Other Current Assets	7	37,74,982		31,29,979	
			11,34,41,406		11,39,00,844
			23,07,84,062		23,62,00,086

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Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2023

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	Sch.	31.03.2023	31.03.2022
Incomes :			
Donations from Indian Donors	8	2,43,47,972	1,47,96,534
Donations from International Donors	9	5,02,41,379	6,66,95,195
Economic Rehabilitation Programme Receipts	10	73,93,619	24,43,110
Bank Interest and Interest on Tax Refund		39,25,661	35,44,099
Other Income	11	13,71,269	12,24,507
		8,72,79,899	8,87,03,445
Expenses :			
Prevention - PTEP	12	1,33,34,584	1,32,02,470
Prevention - CBPP	13	49,70,194	38,36,064
Rescue and Restoration Program - RRP	14	57,00,587	47,51,064
Rehabilitation - Shelters for Adult Victims of Sex Trafficking - Ashaniketan	15	1,34,77,958	1,36,92,516
Rehabilitation - Home for Child Victims - Asthanivas	16	1,15,09,524	79,44,924
Rehabilitation - ERP	17	1,08,80,847	69,00,236
Rehabilitation - Rape Victim Support Programme	18	8,84,454	6,47,435
Advocacy	19	10,54,672	2,06,851
Administrative Expenses	20	1,18,76,004	1,36,02,246
Rehabilitation - Emergency Shelter	21	61,68,439	52,56,916
Victim Centered Advocacy - VCA	22	6,97,855	12,95,163
DOS - Virtual Workshop	23	-	23,46,831
Depreciation	4	56,74,327	60,91,154
		8,62,29,444	7,97,73,868
Excess of income over expenditure		10,50,455	89,29,576

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