

Our Voice : A Society free from Trafficking of Children and Women

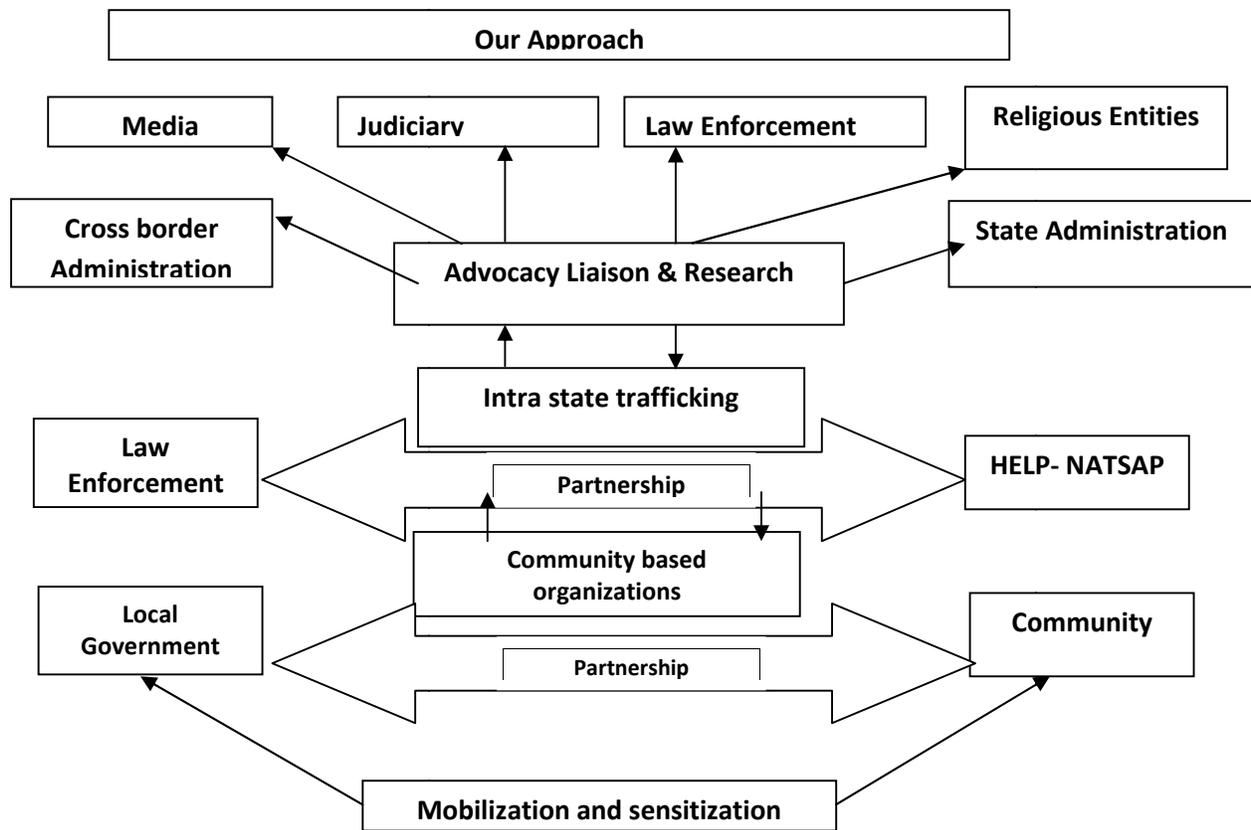


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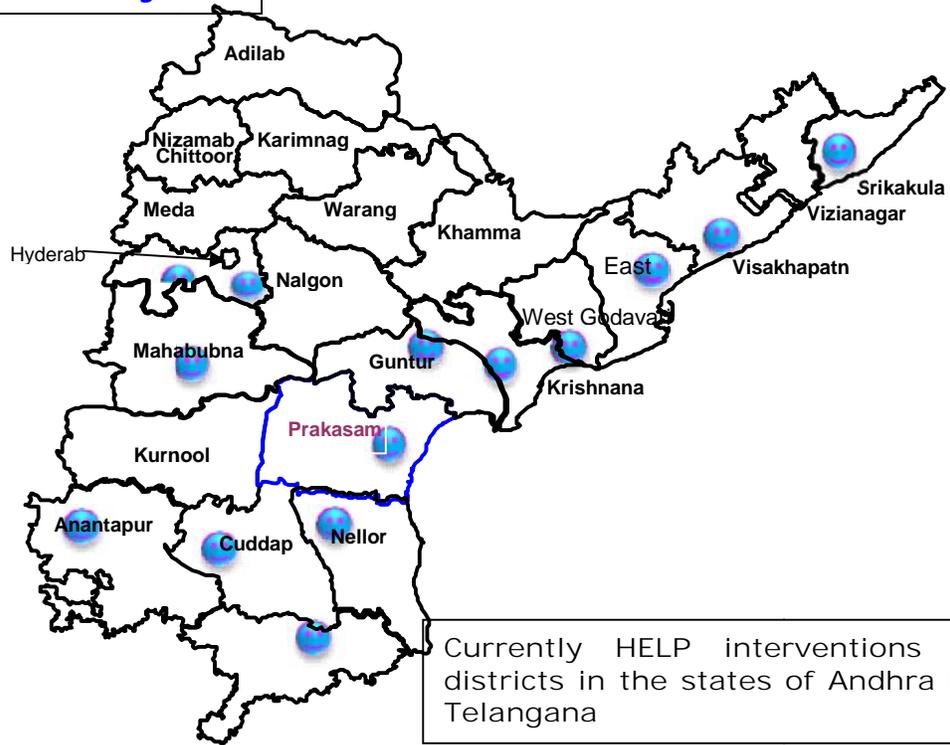
Annual Report

Creating Sustainable Livelihood

Anti Trafficking activities initiated by the HELP organization



Geographical Coverage



LOOKING BACK

HELP was born out of a crusade to protect vulnerable girls and women from crimes like domestic violence, trafficking for flesh trade, child prostitution, child labour and various forms of exploitation and Abuse. A group of socially committed professionals like journalists and social workers together formed HELP organization in 1993 to fight against all the social evils inflicted upon our women population. Most of all, its special focus has always been on preventing trafficking for forced sexual slavery, rescuing flesh trade victims and rehabilitating them. This social organization also actively works to find justice for the lot of victimized girls and women by engaging in criminal investigation and waging legal battles against the criminals. It has highlighted the trafficking issue with its strong advocacy from the local to national and international levels.

HELP is a developmental organization, a NGO operating in the states of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, India focusing on Counter Trafficking initiatives for the most vulnerable sects - women and children. Other than (and because of its uni-focal and grass root intervention) its work in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, **HELP** is an important policy-influencing organization in the County. It is also one of the first organizations in the State to holistically approach the issue of trafficking in persons and carried out a range of activities as a part of its Counter Trafficking Measures- from Campaign, Advocacy and sensitization of various stakeholders on the issue for the Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Socio-economic Reintegration of trafficked victims.

HELP works towards four main objectives and these have always guided the organization in its everyday work. Basically, child protection being the main overall aim of the organization HELP has taken the Right of the Child approach and has designed its programme under four different issues:

- Prevention of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children
- Prevention of Second Generation prostitution and facilitating services for women in need in RLA and capacity building of developing community based organizations to work towards Child Protection and Welfare of Children and women who have returned from violence of trafficking
- Reintegration and mainstreaming of survivors rescued from trafficking.
- Advocacy on issues related to the protecting the rights of the children.

Last year, on May 14, HELP completed 22 years of its experience through difficult and challenging journey and gathered experiences which HELP shared with many stakeholders involved at different phases of the work done so far in its voyage.

The journey started in 1992 and got registered in 1993. The study on Status of Women & Children in Prostitution got HELP to realize how vulnerable children before being trafficked and even after being rescued from brothel prostitution and organized trafficking net. Some very special activities were started as early as 1998 after understanding the abuse and exploitation on children and women living in the red light area. The Right to Education was what we adopted as our medium of work. By 2001, we initiated the drop-in-centers in red-light areas of coastal Andhra Pradesh. Nearly 16 more organizations joined us through **NATSAP** network to run these drop-in-centers for 0-6 age group and provide care, nutrition and prepared the children for schools. With 10 such centers under HELP only and more than 25 centres under 16 such **NATSAP** member organizations covered all children of that age group in the 35 prostitution/ red-light areas of coastal AP. This prepared the children for school and was accelerated HELP's activities with children in the Red-light areas. This network partnership gave a position to HELP's understanding of the need of protecting these children from various vulnerabilities.

ACTIVITY SECTORS			
Prevention Aspects	Advocacy	Rescue	Rehabilitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention Homes • Non-formal Education • Vocational / Income Generation Training • Community Safety Net • Interception • Mainstream Education • Safe Migration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass community awareness • Rights-based training for teachers • Linkage & net working with line departments and CBOs/CSOs • Cross sectoral meetings • Information and resource centre • Community out reach programmes • Orientations/Trainings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release / withdrawal • Repatriation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family identification and reunion • Filing court cases against the pimps • Right-based training to survivors • Gainful employment • Self Help Groups among survivors • Crisis counseling • Mainstreaming in formal schools • Criminal Apprehending • Life skills • Re-integration • Follow up

The Issue...

Andhra Pradesh particularly Coastal Andhra Pradesh is identified as a high supply zone for sending and transiting girls from other states for sex. It also sends its own women and girls to states of Mumbai, Calcutta, Goa, Chennai, Orissa and inter districts for prostitution, Marriage and cheap Labour. It also traffics boys and girls for begging as child Labour. The trafficking, sale and prostitution of girl children have become major problems in Andhra Pradesh particularly in Coastal Andhra. Hundreds of girls and women travel on a regular basis and traffickers from organized crime syndicates trap them. **HELPS** statistical findings show that, in Coastal Andhra Pradesh alone, there are about 25,000 sex workers earn their bread by selling their bodies.

Human Trafficking is increasingly being recognized as a complex process, a systematic, economic phenomenon, involving the interplay of several contributing factors and vulnerabilities that are created by social, economic and in some cases, political factors. The most common purpose for the Trafficking of Women and Children is Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE), though there is a parallel demand for trafficked persons for the purpose of bonded labour, organ transplantation, and supply zones. In India, Andhra Pradesh is a source, destination, and transit state for trafficking of women and children for cheap labour, Beggary etc. But even for those who have been trafficked for purposes other than Commercial Sexual Exploitation, CSE is a common form of violence that most of them have to face. Human Trafficking has been identified as the third largest source of profit for organized crime, following arms and then drug trafficking, generating billions of dollars annually also, it is highly lucrative for the reason that it requires very little investment besides chains of contact persons between demand points and for the purposes of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and other forms of exploitative labour. Children and women are trafficked from the rural villages of Andhra Pradesh to the major towns of AP and other main cities like Mumbai, Goa, Pune and Delhi of the Country.

Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation has been theorized to be one of the major reasons for the sharp rise in the number of people living with HIV/AIDS in India. UNAIDS, the UN'S AIDS prevention agency has estimated the number of people living with HIV/AIDS to be 5.7 million and out of which 50,000 are children. These figures are not only alarming but demand that some form of preventive or control measure

needs to be taken as soon as possible. Challenges faced are the lack of understanding and awareness of the concept of human trafficking. It is thus urgent to demystify the term and reach out to break the silence and the ignorance surrounding it, and ultimately communicate this awareness among the important stakeholders and the community at large.

For this very reason **HELP** views its Counter Trafficking Measures as an uni-focal campaign against Trafficking which is not limited only in curative efforts like rescuing and rehabilitating the victims of CSE, but also extends to preventive measures and thus **HELP** has taken upon the responsibility of sharing its learning with the community, and provide support services for creating a safe space for vulnerable women and children.

Major Projects of HELP:

1. Name of the Project : *Rehabilitation of Second Generation Children through Education*

Supported by: Business Community Foundation – BCF & Letz change Foundation

Target Group: Children of Women in prostitution

Location of the project: Machavaram Village, NG Padu mandal, I Prakasam dist (AP)

Area of operation: Coastal Andhra Pradesh

Objectives of the project:

- Protecting the children of sex-workers from all kinds of abuse and exploitation through providing shelter and food.
- Prevention of Second Generation to be Trafficked
- Ensuring counseling and Education
- Ensuring Vocational and life skill education.

ASHA SADAN – A HELP run Residential Care home : This is the ‘core programme’ of HELP and also a seat of learning for the organization. Majority of the programmes implemented by HELP stems from the learning and experience obtained in the course of HELP’s interaction with the shelter home inhabitants. HELP runs two homes (one for college going children at Kanaparthi and another one for children of women in prostitution at Machavaram). These shelter homes were started in an attempt to provide a safe environment for Children rescued from commercial sexual exploitation and children of women in prostitution. The term shelter has multiple connotations. Perhaps the simplest interpretation of the term indicates a safe refuge where individuals are provided with basic amenities. The vision behind **ASHA SADAN** was not to merely create a space where basic needs like food and clothes of the children would be met but to design and implement a programme with the objective of mainstreaming its inhabitants.

Provision of health and education for the children of sex workers: The current programme being implemented at **ASHA SADAN** is multifaceted and encompasses, Education, Mental Health interventions, involving Cultural programmes, vocational trainings and Economic initiatives.

- At present in the home 13 boys, 31 girls out of 49 children are staying by the end of March 2016.
- A part from this 5 children (children 1 boy and 4 girls) getting education at colleges outside the Asha sadan home, but they will come to the home only during vacations and other holidays. College fee has been paid by HELP along with the accommodation and basic needs as well.

Status of the Children in home as on March 2016.

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
Engineering IT 3rd year	1	0	1
Inter 2 nd	0	2	2
10 th class (regular school)	0	1	1
9 th	2	1	3
8 th	2	2	4
7 th	2	4	6

6 th	1	1	2
Directly appearing for 10 th & 7 th classes as private candidates (above 13 and 15 years)	1	13	14
B Group	4	7	11
C Group	1	0	1
D Group	0	4	4
	14	35	49

Key achievements of the year:

- During this academic year 2015-16 one girl named as Siva Lakshmi is attending SSC examinations in English medium from 21st Mar 2016.
- From 15th Apr 2016 a total of 10 girl children are going to attend 10th examinations through AP open school system who are dropouts of 8th – 10th standards.
- Two girls are going to attend 1st year degree examinations from 28th Apr 2016 through distance mode from Ambedkar Open University.

Addressing the Integrated educational needs including Life skills and vocational skills:

Bridge course Education: This wing consists of two teachers and one part time teacher for evening tuitions. The programme being implemented at the Home is a unique blend of formal and informal education.

Providing formal education for the children who mainstreamed in local government school. But they will reside in Home and provided with food, accommodation along with additional inputs.

The methodology of bridge course in the transit centre followed in each of the classes is customized to cater to the need of the particular group.

- Individual and group counseling sessions are regular as part of home activities to the children. And also addressing peer conflicts among children through group counseling sessions. These sessions are used as a platform for crises management where each and every child can voice her/his problem and seek help.
- **Family counseling sessions:** These sessions come to play a good role once the children's family has been indentified and attempts to restore her are being made. During these sessions the families are counseled and sensitized regarding the changed needs of the children.

Vocational Trainings: Continuing vocational trainings in the home in various trades which are existing so far.

No. of children getting trainings shifts wise in various trades.

SL.	Trade	At Home		
		Boys	Girls	total
1	Beautician course	0	8	8
2	Computers	7	7	14
3	Dress-Designing	0	12	12
4	Embroidery	0	0	0
3	Sanitary napkin	0	10	10
4	Bakery	5	10	15
5	Hand crafts	0	10	10



Dress designing cum tailoring:

During Sep 23rd to 23rd Nov 2015 i.e a total of 60 days a training program has been conducted on dress designing and tailoring by Durgabai Deshmukh Telugu Mahila Pranganam – ONGOLE. This is the affiliated organization to Govt Of Andhra Pradesh. Since they have good rapport with Mr Ram Mohan, they have consented to impart training to the children in home. A total of 20 girl children have participated in this

training and the course curriculum include preparing dresses, blouse, petty coats, panties, frocks etc., the trainers have distributed certificates and tool kits to the participants after completion of the course.

International Day of the Girl: On 24th Jan 2016 international day of the girl child has been celebrated in home with the association of CHILDLINE 1098 and DCPU. A small meeting has been conducted in the home so as to make aware on the significance of the day to the children in the home. Mr Anand – Child Welfare Committee members and Mr Sagar from CHILDLINE were the resource persons. They have explained the importance of the day along with various vulnerabilities that the girl children are facing now a day. They stated that, even after creating robust awareness still there are



Infanticides are incidental. Moreover, there is such alarming situation prevailed towards abuse, exploitation and trafficking of girl children for various purposes mainly for commercial sexual exploitation.

The resource persons have advised to learn life skills and pertinent knowledge on child protection issues so as to protect themselves and to cope up with future challenges. If they capacitated in such way, they will be confident enough and need not fear of any such vulnerable situation and could live a life of dignity in future.

Cultural competitions have been conducted on this auspicious occasion and prizes have been distributed to the winners so as to encourage them further and to improve their participation skills.



Republic Day: On the day of 26th January 2016 all the children in the home have celebrated. Local High School Head master and teachers have attended to the program. Children have performed cultural performances and flog hoisting has been done by the children of the home. On this occasion children have performed a puppet show on child rights which dragged the attention of the guests. They have appreciated the performance of the children and admired HELP efforts in motivating and trained the children in such good activities

Training in Meditation:

Training on meditation has been conducted for 6 days from 4th to 10th Nov 2015 by Pyramid Dhyana Kendra of ONGOLE. All the children in the home have participated in these classes in the morning 6 – 8 am every day. The trainers have described both in theoretical as well as demonstrative



mode so as to make the participants to understand and practice the learning from each session. They have explained all the components of various methods of meditation along with its effectiveness in common and how it will be useful in reducing stress, tension and how it will balances the mental equilibrium too. Children have participated very actively throughout weeklong classes/sessions since it is very innovative for them and might recognize the importance of meditation through the detailed description of the trainers. They have enjoyed a lot and learnt the week long course. The trainers have explained different exercises to cope up with the routine stress and anxiety and how these exercises come in to handy to provide relief.

Visit by Addl District Magistrate and Principal Magistrate of JJB:

On 10th Jan 2016 Hon'ble Addl Magistrate and Principal Magistrate of Juvenile Justice Board of Prakasam District have visited the home. They have interacted with the children and staffs of home and inquired on their wellbeing. They have spent a good time with children and have given such a message which is encouraging and inspires them in achieving good position in future. Further, they explained on legal provisions for crimes against children and concerned legal action by the courts. They have influenced the children not to hesitate to complain against the perpetrators at any situation so that those who commit such heinous crimes will in to the clutches of law. They have spent nearly 3 hours with children and children too enjoyed their company a lot and become courageous. Children responded that, they will sure to complain against such offenders who violates their rights and commit crime against them.



International women's Day: CHILDLINE 1098 team have visited home on 8th March 2016 and celebrated the International Women's day. They have explained the importance of the day and have illustrated the various



achievements by the women now a day. They have organized cultural program and competitions to the girl children and have distributed prizes to the winners which was encouraged them and improved their participation levels. The team has felicitated the staffs of the home on the occasion with shawl and mementos.

Children's day celebrations

Date: 14th November, 2015.

Venue: ZPP High School, Machavaram

Guest: Mr.Anand, CWC Member, Prakasam District

HELP Asha Sadan Home has organised children's day celebrations in ZPH School. Children from our home along with the children from elementary and high schools altogether nearly 300 children have participated in the rally. which was organised from ZPH School to Raparla centre for encouraging the village people for protecting children and child rights. Then they formed as human chain. The rally was inaugurated by the CWC Member Mr.Anand from Prakasam District.



Ms.Jayasri, Counsellore Asha Sadan children home explained about the child as per our constitution that those who are under 14 years should not be in work place, which will be punishable by the act. If anybody keeping the child as worker they should pay the penalty as per norms of the government. He spoke about the child marriages also against to law; all the participants are the responsible for avoid child marriages. Ms.Nagalakshmi, Programme Manger HELP organisation explained about the UN convention and child rights, Right to Survival, Right to Protection, Right to Development and Right to Participation. Child should not face any kind of abuses and need to take care of that by every citizen. Mr.Krishan Murthy, Head Master – ZPP High School spoke about the elders should not show any kind of discriminations from childhood, teach good level of education with the support of society.

2. Rescued Victims from Human Trafficking :

Name of the Project : *Rehabilitation /Transit centre for trafficked survivors*

Supported by: TdH- Netherlands

Target Group: Rescued Trafficked survivors

Area of operation: Rescued girls from Andhra Pradesh and referrals from outside states.

It is evident that there are multiple challenges in a case management process of trafficking victims' right from rescue till their restoration. These challenges require involving systemic stakeholders at all levels including line departments especially needs the attention of law enforcement agencies as well as Judiciary. In our experience, some of the challenges we faced have been mentioned below i.e. also intervention wise so as to get clarity on diversified issues involved in the crime.

Objectives of the Program:

The **Rescue, Rehabilitation, Re-integration and Prosecution Program** at **HELP** fulfils the four-fold objectives of undertaking rescue operations, providing trauma counseling at transit centre, conducting home investigations and supporting the judicial process. The objectives are:

- a) To rescue and provide trauma counseling to victims of commercial sexual exploitation while extending to them the moral, financial, emotional and social support required for their transformation and reintegration.
- b) To strengthen entry and exit strategy for rescue of victims, provide psycho-social support, victim/witness protection services, facilitating rehabilitation and immediate relief support services by the state through

G.O.Ms No.1 & 28 refer for rehabilitation and facilitate reintegration through trauma counseling centers in police stations.

- c) To change the perception about trafficking among policy makers, law enforcement agencies and judiciary through capacity building programs and bringing out victim-friendly legislation.

They provide safe shelter as well as counselling, medical check-ups and non-formal education classes to rescued girls and write up the history and profile of each, trace parents or guardians and arrange reunions, identify and file criminal cases against traffickers and work with police to intercept potential victims and apprehend criminals. Rescued girls have formed surveillance teams which have been instrumental in helping police identify criminals and have served as a major deterrent to trafficking. They also raise public awareness and mobilise concerned citizens to fight against trafficking. Requests for help to locate missing girls, rescue girls from brothels and provide legal advice in cases of domestic violence and polygamy number about six or seven every week in the transit house

Achievements:

In light of the increasing number of victims being referred to **HELP's** shelter home for temporary shelter, counseling services and rehabilitation support services by the courts, CWCs, police and government agencies, since inception of the project a total of **1975** women/girls were admitted into **HELP- Asha Nivas**. With this large influx of new residents, many noteworthy activities and events took place, for the current reporting period **2015-16** includes.....

- 89 girls/women received shelter for this year
- **3** pregnancy tests were given in which **3** young girls were found to be with child. Women who were expected to give birth received monthly medical checkups, and **10** children were born in the hospitals.
- 5 traffickers were convicted in trafficking cases registered in the year 2010 & 2012. They have been sentenced with 3 to 7 year rigorous imprisonment along with a fine of Rs. 5000/- to 7,000/.
- Nearly 27 children & women were rescued from various places of state of Andhra Pradesh with the collaboration of CID-AHTUs. Above 45 cases have been lodged under various provisions of ITPA & JJ Act.
- Training was provided to survivors on important psychosocial areas such as decision-making, conflict resolution, anger management techniques, and effective communication. The victims also learned critical skills such as maintaining punctuality, discipline, appropriate personal appearance, stable relationships, and good time management.
- Functional literacy classes were conducted for **75** rescued children / women using easily decipherable and participatory methods to enhance writing, reading, speaking and listening skills in English as well as Telugu. As a result, 70% of the participants have learned to effectively read and write at a basic level.
- 10 girls got immediate relief funds through district administration Rs. 10,000/ (by cheques).
- 20 girls received voter cards and ration cards through district administration as per GO Ms.No.1 / 2003
- All newly admitted victims were given assistance with submitting applications for health and ration cards, in addition to being given free medical and legal aid.
- This year, **35** victims were restored to their families after home investigation reports were conducted. This involved visiting the houses and interacting with the families of victims to ensure their safety and well-being.
- In collaboration with national partner NGOs who have network with HELP organisation (such as SAKTHI VAAHINI, STOP in Delhi, Prerana, Rescue Foundation & Justice & Care in Maharastra, Sanlaap in West Bangal and Right Josor in Bangladesh, ARZ - Goa), **12** victims were referred to **HELP** in this year for rehabilitation and re-integration services.

3. Prevention of Human trafficking at Source Areas

Name of the Project : To ensure Child Rights among vulnerable communities

Supported by: Terre des hommes – Netherlands

Target Group: women and children in 25 Tribal thandas

Area of operation: Kadiri Revenue division, Ananthapur district, Andhra Pradesh

Objective: Promoting sustainable mechanism to combat human trafficking and sexual exploitation in source and demand areas in Anantapur dist by involving communities within five years through building network / linkages with destination NGOs & Line departments

Activities

- Awareness meeting in communities to sensitize the people on importance of CBOs, Village level meetings and conducting Kalajatha through children
- Formation of village level committees (children committees including adolescents), Mother's committees, Community Vigilant Groups)
- Establishment of Motivation Centers
- addl education inputs to the school going children and drop-outs
- TOTs on life-skill education to the selected children
- Vulnerability assesment by the trained children in the communities
- Formation of Bal panchayats through elections
- capacity building trainings for CVGs members on trafficking/abuse/CSE
- Exposure visits to CVGs
- capacity building trainings for Mother's committee members on trafficking/abuse/CSE
- capacity building trainings for Children committee members on Child Rights/ trafficking/abuse/CSE
- capacity building trainings for Member of Bal panchayat on advocacy & lobbying/how to run parlar panchayats etc., (second year first quarter training)
- Training to NGO staff on Child rights / abuse / human trafficking
- Establishing of activity centre (in two areas as piot basis) in demand areas
- trainings on handi crafts, soft toys etc..for girls.. Computer etc for boys (six months)
- Micro credit support for 2 areas for selected and trained adolescents
- orientation to local school teachers on protection/stigma reducation of children sex-workers in all prostitution localities
- one day orientation to CWCs, ICPS,ICDS and local NGOs on JJ Act for ensure complaints on the incidents of Child Abuse/exploitation and trafficking
- Conducting a small study with identifies victims on present status of their rehabilitation.
- Dist level interface between survivors and line departments (WD&CW, CWC, Police, Legal services Authority, Etc) and presenting the findings of the rehab study.
- interface between media personnel and adoeseent representatives at district level
- preparation and dismination of IEC material
- management/up-date Case Management Tool tracking abuse/missing & trafficking cases
- stake holder orientation (PRI/ICDS staff) on Missing/abused & trafficked children
- collecting information on missing /abused and trafficked children and ensure registering cases through news papers, police stations
- developing the Case Management Tool for misisng/abused & Trafficked children data updating
- networking between destination area organisation and project area organizations for sharing the missing & trafficked children information
- District level capacity-building trainings to police personnel on JJ Act, ITPA, protocols to be followed during pre and post rescue operations

- Establishing linkages with the Public Prosecutor to avoid too many adjournments and to follow up court proceeding of the cases through legal advisor
- Ensuring the regular attendance of victims and witnesses at the Court, with support from the local NGOs and the police.
- ensure joint prosecution of traffickers at source and destination areas by encouraging the rescued victims and their parents to lodge complaint against source area traffickers/pimps under section 164 IPC at source area.
- building pressure on the policy makers and planner on the issues of abuse and trafficking

School/college Children's Organisation: The formation of over 25 school children's organisations during the year indicates a very positive trend, which will be built on during 2012. They are also in link with Bala Panchayats talking about the concerns and have collected supporting data related to the issues raised in Children's Grama Sabha and ward Sabha.

Building capacities of the college children's organisations: Training programmes for representatives of 25 school / college children's organisations have been conducted to enable them to expand their membership and to function with increased efficiency. Process Report of these workshops has been prepared. They have gained skills to identify problems, gain information to support their demands and present them before the Panchayats in the Children's Grama Sabhas and Ward Sabhas.

Achievements:

- 15% of the issues addressed by the Community
- 50 performances given by the children throughout 20 villages
- 25 bal panchyat members meeting conducted and issues of children discussed and addressed
- 20 grama sabhas conducted one in each village
- 75 issues raised through Bala Panchayaths
- Community came forward to involve in the project activities and 20 community people joined as members in the Groups like..Mother's committees and CVGs
- 125 issues identified and addressed by the CVGs, Mothers committees etc groups
- Taken initiatives to prevent the second generation being trafficked
- 25% issues have been addressed by the CVGs
- 5 Girls belong to Anantapur district have been rescued from Bombay police and re-integrated in Tanakallu mandal near by Kadiri.
- 40% drop-out children joined in mainstream education through the motivation centre in the first year
- 30% dropouts mainstreamed and are providing additional educational inputs through motivation centres
- 125 children trained in life skill education through TOT
- 400 children trained in first phase Life skill education by the master trainers in new 10 villages
- 75 child abuse issues brought to the notice of the CVGs by the children
- 40 adolescent children (20 boys and 20 girls) have been trained in vocational trainings such as tailoring, saree paintings and embroidery for girls and cell phone mechanism and motor driving for boy children.
- 55 most vulnerable families have been identified among the target areas and are provided with Income Generation support services.

4. Strengthening Child Protection System for prevent Human Trafficking

Name of the Project: Improved rehabilitation and reintegration services through strengthened state run protection systems for child victims of trafficking in Andhra Pradesh

Supported by: Terre des hommes Foundation – Lausanne

Target Group: children in Govt run shelter homes in Hyderabad, Vizag & Tirupathi & CWC members, DCPUs, childline 1098, SJPU & DPOs in 10 districts of A.P & 1 district Telangana state.

Area of operation: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

Objectives:

1. Improved capacities and functioning of CWCs
2. Improved and integrated care giving services for children in 9 government Shelter Homes of AP & Telangana.

ACTIVITIES:

Ongoing training to CWCs on database system

Ongoing training to CWCs on strengthening database system is an eminent program conducted during 6th and 7th Apr 2015 at Tirupathi that made immense impact on CWCs of 6 districts. In this training, involved the CWC chairpersons and members, superintendents of juvenile homes run by Government from respective districts; NGOs running the children homes with the permission of Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Govt. of A.P. also have been participated. The Deputy Director, Dept. of Juvenile Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh was the chief guest to the training program and Mr. Kismat Kumar – Ex Director Dept. of Juvenile Welfare, Govt. of AP and Mr. Ram Mohan were the resource persons.



IMPACT of the Program:

- Resource persons have clarified many difficulties facing in the field by CWCs.
- They came to know the appropriate application of sections of JJ (C&PC) Act while disposal of the cases.
- Got good idea on set-up including roles and responsibilities of DCPU.
- They have learnt to deal with the cases of adoption and sponsorship and make use of DCPU and other child protection mechanisms in service delivery.
- They got valuable information on adoption, after care and POCSO cases that enable them to deal those cases effectively.
- They came to know the provisions given under Act and Rules for various child protection mechanisms such as DCPU & SJPU which allows the CWC to get their assistance officially.
- They have understood that, the CWC need not hesitate to issue proceedings even to district level departmental heads such as Project Director – WD&CW where there is failure in service delivery to the children in need of care and protection services.
- They learnt the historical background of child rights, its origin, gradual evolution till the enforcement of current legislation of JJ Act.

CPC training at Tirupathi

During 6th and 7th May 2015 an orientation program to Child Protection Committee has been conducted at CCI for girls at Tirupathi. Ms Paromita – Program Manager for Child Protection from Tdh Foundation was the resource person.



Program Manager Mr. Pavan introduced Ms. Paromita PM -CP from India Delegation Office – Kolkata. He also introduced Ms Nagalakshmi PO – CCI from HELP who joined newly in to the project to the Superintendent and other key staffs of the CCI as well as children in the CCI. Mrs. Naomi - Case worker has assisted in interaction with children. Ms Paromita has explained 2 days schedule and learnt about their day wise activities in CCI. Girls explored their talents in Dance, YOGA, Drawing, singing and hand writing and so on like handicrafts. Ms Paromita has taken up whole session with the support of HELP staff in terms of translation wherever necessary also with the involvement of children. She has divided all the children in to groups and asked about their interests and dislikes and so on so as develop a kind of intimacy with them for smooth running of the training.

Ms Paromita has asked the groups to prepare a story line on charts by having thorough discussions among the groups. In this session children prepared and presented some case studies on girls who belongs to deferent age groups like 8yrs-10yrs, 11yrs-15 yrs and 16yrs -18 yrs and .in this stories they mentioned different factors which are influenced them to come out from their families and what are the problems they have faced inside and outside of their homes by the parents and analyzed their feelings, fears and emotions in different situations according to the storyline.

On second day of the training, the session has started with the presentations through the group discussions held on first day of the training. Children have prepared good stories and have presented very vigorously expressing their feelings, fears and emotions. During the presentations Ms Paromita has intervned and asked to explain in more detail by the children so as make them to understand the situations required protection for themselves and coping mechanisms. Then she has explained the way and means of organizing CPC meetings and key issues involved in identification of protection issues and redressed mechanisms.



Impact:

All the children have understood the factors led them to come out of their families and how to cope up with future challenges hereafter. They understood the life skills needed to face the circumstances at both inside and outside the CCIs. The children of CPCs come to know the importance of roles and responsibilities of CPC and convening periodical meetings and issues to be discussed.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons - 2015

People representatives, officials of line departments, NGOs, CWCs, DCPUs, CHILDLINE 1098, DPOs and police as well as Judiciary officials have participated across the state of Andhra Pradesh.



On the occasion of World Day against Trafficking in Persons, 2015 HELP has observed the day across its operational districts in the state with the support of Tdh Foundation. A poster and other IEC material on the issue of women and child trafficking have been prepared and inaugurated by the higher officials of Judiciary like Hon'ble District Judge and Senior Civil Judge cum Secretary for DLSA, officials of police, RDDs and Project Directors of Dept of WD&CW and so on. As a result of HELP's advocacy efforts, the Dept of Women Development and Child Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has issued a special circular

Memo No. **2875/A – ICPS/2015 Dated 28.07.2015** in which it is instructed all the RDDs, RJDs and PDs of Dept of WD&CW to join with HELP in observing the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, 2015.

The Chairpersons and members of CWCs at concerned districts have taken lead role and rest of the child protection mechanisms such as DCPU, SJPU, DPOs of Dept of Juvenile Welfare and CHILD LINE 1098 have involved and have contributed their commendable services for making the day a big success through conducting poster inauguration, rallies and meetings/interactions with concerned stakeholders.

The officials who have participated as chief guests and guests of honors in these events have appreciated the efforts of **HELP** with the support of **Tdh Foundation** in addressing various issues of child protection with a core focus on trafficking in the state. They admired that, HELP is facilitating such a good interactions and trainings as well as meetings between various stakeholders including officials of line departments, child protection mechanisms as well as NGOs which is very helpful to improve the cooperation and coordination between Government and Non Government agencies mainly between CWCs and other child protection mechanisms run by state.

Dance Movement Therapy workshops

In light of the proposal for conducting **Dance Movement Therapy** at Hyderabad and Tirupathi girls' homes, agreement between HELP and SANVED has been done during the month of Aug 2015. The workshops were commenced at CCI for girls at HYDERABAD from 7th to 12th Sep 2015 and 2nd to 7th Nov 2015 at CCI for girls at Tirupathi in accordance with the ToR submitted by SANVED. A team of Ms Rangana, Ms Thilottama and Ms Jhuma have acted as trainers and are assisted by Ms Nagalakshmi – PO CCI from HELP and Ms Jyothi & Ms Anusha – Mentors of respective CCIs along with few key staffs of CCI. Ms Mythili – Superintendent of CCI at Hyderabad and Mr. Nanda Gopal Superintendent for CCI at Tirupathi and other key staff including case workers, teachers and medical officer have also been participated and encouraged children a lot. Mr. Subrat PO – Tdh Foundation and Program Manager from HELP also been facilitated for smooth running of the workshop through coordinating with Dept of JoW and Superintendents of the CCI usually with SANVED too.



The whole workshops have been run in an auspicious and enabling environment for both children as well as trainers with the assistance and encouragement of CCIs and HELP staffs. On the final day the trainers have distributed certificates to all the children who have participated and the children really augmented with heartfelt gratitude to the trainers and were aspired to spend few more days with them because of the intimacy developed between. Anyhow, the children have made a promise that they would practice the learning on regular basis and also share with rest of the children in the home as well as new comers. The superintendent and other key staffs once again extended their cordial gratitude to HELP, Tdh Foundation and Human Dignity Foundation for organizing such a tremendous and effective workshop which has given lots of relief to the children from their stress and trauma. Mr Subrat has advised children to not leave the learning and it would be more helpful if they continue and practice on regular basis. Program Manager from HELP has expressed thanks to the Dept of Juvenile Welfare for accepting to organize the workshop in CCI and also to the superintendents of the respective CCIs along with other key staffs in the CCI for their great support and cooperation throughout these workshops.

Joint Training to Stakeholders of Child Protection System

A joint training to stakeholders of Child Protection Systems has been conducted on 15th Oct 2015 at Eluru of West Godavari Dist. In view of the building capacities and knowledge on Juvenile Justice System along with relevant legislations and also to improve coordination between various child protection mechanisms run by state in Andhra Pradesh, HELP with the support of Tdh Foundation has organized a joint training to the Child Welfare Committees, officials of Dist Women and Child Development Agency, representatives of shelter homes recognized by the Govt. of A.P, staffs of Dist Child Protection Unit and also from CHILDLINE 1098 as well as local NGOs working on the issues of child protection. The training has been planned in a view of improving cooperation and coordination between all these child protection mechanisms, to create a common platform for sharing their knowledge as well as challenges in performing their roles and responsibilities for strengthening the Juvenile Justice System in the district.

In this training a total of 93 participants include CWC chairperson and members, officials of Dist W&CDA, Licensed Homes, DCPU staffs, CHILD LINE 1098 staffs and local NGOs of West Godavari District were participated. Mr. G Chandra Sekhar, Project Director – Dist Women & Child Development Agency, West Godavari Dist was the chief guest and the Resource persons were Mr. AL Kismat Kumar, Ex Director - DoJW and Mr. NVS Rammohan, Project Director from HELP.

IMPACT:

CWC, Inspection Committee, WD&CDA, DCPU, CHILD LINE, NGOs were participated and gained knowledge about Importance of the coordination and cooperation between various child protection mechanisms while delivering rehabilitation and re-integration services, importance of Licensing Act for authorization to homes as per GO Ms. No. 30 of Dept of WD&CDA and existing child protection mechanisms including their roles and responsibilities as per the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 amend 2006 along with clarifications for their doubts/challenges.

All the children home license holders have had clarity on authorization of Child Welfare Committees in terms of permission for any reception of the new child in and out in the homes. They also took clarifications on children home License details, CNCP issues, especially reporting system when there are cases from Trafficking and POSCO.

State Level Convergence meeting with CWCs & DCPUs

A state level convergence meeting has been conducted at VIJAYAWADA on 2nd Nov 2015. In this meeting, the chairpersons from all 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh as well as the Dist Child Protection Officers from all DCPUs in the state. This is the intervention which is expecting by all child protection stakeholders since very long back and one of the major agendas of CWCs to get solution for seeking prompt assistance by DCPUs in case disposals of CNCP in the state.

Hence, the activity is really an immensely helpful for not only child welfare committees but also to the District Child Protection Units since they ought to work on regular basis at their respective districts in dealing with the cases of children in need of care and protection services. This coordination would show utmost impact on the work of rest of the child protection mechanisms in the district like Special Juvenile Police Unit, CHILDLINE 1098 and also District Probation Officers of Dept of Juvenile Welfare. Because, the coordination between Child Welfare Committees which is the apex authority constituted under JJ Act, 2000 and Dist Child Protection Unit which is the unit provided in the Act to be responsible to build convergence among all child protection mechanisms and line departments and assist CWC as well as JJB.





There were a fruitful discussions held in the convergence meeting between CWCs and DCPOs and interestingly group discussions and presentations have been carried out by both groups on challenges they are facing from each other in case disposal as well as facilitating effective rehabilitation and re-integration services to the children in need of care and protection services in the district. The distinguished facet of the convergence meeting was, the chairpersons forum have submitted a strong representation to the newly

appointed Joint Director for Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh on the issues/challenges they are facing since long back in terms of inadequate resources available for their effective performance, administration issues and lack of man power as well as delay in provision of revised honorarium for sittings and so on. One of the important and very crucial points of the representation is merging the District Child Protection Units in to Dept of Juvenile Welfare which they are functioning under the control of Project Director Dist Women and Child Development Agency at present.

Finally, the Joint Director has assured to discuss on the issues in representation submitted by the CWCs with concerned Principal Secretary of Govt of Andhra Pradesh and accelerate the process to address as much as possible issues on priority bases. He has appreciated the efforts of HELP and Tdh Foundation since they have organized such a wonderful state level convergence and providing a good opportunity for his to meet with all CWCs on a common platform.

CRC week celebrations



CRC week celebrations conducted at all the 3 CCIs i.e. Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad and Tirupathi from 14th to 20th Nov 15. In VIZAG Ms Zelie Schaller and Ms Paromita Chowdhury – Program Manager CP and Mr. Subrat Kumar Panda – Program Officer - Tdh Foundation have participated in inauguration ceremony as special invitees in which First Class Metropolitan Judge – VIZAG was the chief Guest. HELP with the support of Tdh Foundation has facilitated the children in all the 3 CCIs to participate in various games and other cultural activities on the occasion of CRC week in their respective CCIs and has distributed prizes

to the children. All the children have been encouraged by the mentors and were motivated to participate in the events throughout the week. During CRC week celebrations HELP has facilitated children in all the 3 CCIs to participate in various activities organized for encouraging the children and planned for both informative and recreative.

SCOPING EXERCISE on Alternative Care systems in A.P and Telangana

Tdh Foundation has proposed to conduct a study on status of Alternative Care Systems in A.P and Telangana through a scoping exercise in line with the recommendations of Mid-Term Evaluation by Mr. Geoff so as to chalk out the consequential strategy in both the states in future. Accordingly, Mr. Ian Forber Pratt – Founder President from Foster Care India of Rajasthan has assigned for the scoping exercise on status of Alternate Care Systems and the field visits have been scheduled for scoping



exercise from 27th to 31st of Jan 2016.

Mr. Ian has visited the field operational areas/districts of the project and met with various personnel from child protection mechanisms run by state. HELP staffs have organized the field visits according to the schedule of Mr. Ian Anand under the supervision of Mr. Ram Mohan – PD HELP and Mr. Subrat - PO – Tdh Foundation for having interactions with CWCs, DCPU staffs, DPOs of Dept of Juvenile Welfare and NGOs working on Child rights and Child protection issues in A.P and Telangana.

IMPACT:

All the participants have responded vigorously to the consultant in line with the questionnaire prepared by him for understanding the situations and status of Alternative Care Systems and its practice and also the functional levels of key child protection mechanisms like CWC and DCPU as well as implementation of concerned legislations and ICPS guidelines in both A.P and Telangana.

Cartoon poster making work shop

During the reporting period, cartoon poster making workshop has been conducted in CCI for girls at Tirupathi on 8th & 9th Dec 2015. Mr. Hari Venkataramana was the resource person who has facilitated effective sessions with the children like in earlier two workshops conducted at HYDERABAD and VIZAG



during last month. He has given priority to the interest and ideas of children participated in the workshop. He prepared the concept by keeping in view of creative attitude, views and opinions of children on various child protection issues. So that children also have eagerly involved in the 2 days workshop and have participated very actively in the sessions.

Practical session and individual activity: All the children have drawn some pictures whatever they like in their surroundings environment like birds and animals and so on.

Children have drawn different pictures and find out the basic shapes whatever they used in their drawings with the support of facilitator/trainer.

Conceptual drawing: Mr. Hari, facilitator has explained different cartoons related to the issues of the children like education, child labor and other violations of child rights and has drawn some visualization which is very attractive. In addition, he has encouraged the children to create few of such imaginary drawings. Accordingly, children also have drawn some visualization by keeping in view of the issues of child rights.



Facilitator saw the entire picture and made corrections in those pictures regarding expressions and shapes.

Outcome with this activity:

- All children gained basic knowledge towards drawing and poster making.
- Participated very actively and experienced in creating visualizations based on different concepts of child related issues.
- Children were inspired to make New Year greeting cards.
- Children understood how to draw cartoons by using different shapes including a good message.

CCI staffs and mentor opined that it would better to encourage the children to practice these drawings at least thrice in a month with the support of class teachers. Children also requested the same to enable them for practicing these learning as and when there are such possibilities.

Workshops on Positive Disciplining to Children and Staff among CCIs

3 day workshops on positive discipline have been conducted at CCI for girls at HYDERABAD from 21st to 23rd Jan 2016 and from 9th to 11th Feb 2016 at CCI for boys at VIZAG. Mr. Vasudeva Sharma – Executive Director for Child Rights Trust and also Ex member in Karnataka SCPCR and Ex Chair person – Child Welfare Committee for BANGALORE URBAN was the key resource person and he has assisted by Mr. Naga Simha who is also one of the Director from Child Rights Trust – BANGALORE. The resource persons have been assisted by HELP project staffs under the supervision of Mr. Subrat – PO – Tdh Foundation (at CCI for girls HYDERABAD). During the 3 days workshops, one day was completely allocated for staffs of CCI and rest of the 2 days was assigned for children in the CCIs. All the staffs and children have been participated very vigorously in the workshop and learnt the methods and measures of positive disciplining.



Before commencing the factual subject matter of the workshop, the resource persons have asked the expectations from Home staff. The below mentioned expectations have been expressed by the staffs:

- Children admit in CCI from different back grounds and also with different mental conditions. So, how we treat them alike?
- How to motivate the Children who were not interested to sit in class room even we motivated them?
- Children don't have discipline and sensitivity towards other children; some time they behave abnormally. We are unable to facilitate them in proper way.
- Some of the children follow our suggestions until they stayed in home only after leaving home, they are behaving differently.



Mr. Vasudeva Sharma garu has briefed out on JJ Act, 2015 and key provisions regarding importance of the shelter homes with an interpretation of different disciplining methods.

Then he has discussed with participants about happiest and angriest experiences while dealing with children including reasons and responses. Participants have shared their happiest experiences with children during their stay in CCI and also mentioned few concerns that they feel inconvenient as below:

- If children behaved abnormally we will try to counsel them through explaining of consequences of that particular situation through story telling.

- To avoiding misunderstandings and dominations among the children we will concentrate on them especially on new comers. Because, they always try to escape from home. In accordance with the suggestions by the resource person, participants have performed few role plays on below issues:

- * How a child behave on 1st day after enter into home.

- * Suicide attempts by the depressed child.

- * Child to superintendent interaction for finding the address of child staying in home

In the evening session, Mr. Nagasimha has explained about important articles related to child rights and child protection issues in UNCRC. And also explained about different punishment practices in schools, homes and also problems facing by the staffs because of different behaviours by the children. Group discussions on how the home staff will treat if a VIP child admitted in to a shelter home?

All 4 groups discussed in their groups and presented the outcomes of their discussions. During rest of the two days also the resource persons have conducted the workshop both in lecture and participatory methods with group discussions and role plays and mainly through some moral stories where the children could understand the essence of the workshop easily.

BAL SEVAK AWARDS: On 6th Mar 2016 HELP in collaboration with Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services and Welfare of Street Children, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has organized a joint training program at VIJAYAWADA to CWCs, DCPUs, CHILDLINE 1098, officials of Dept of Juvenile Welfare along with the NGOs working on the issues of Child Protection across the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Sri BDV Prasada Murthy – Joint Director – Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services and Welfare of Street Children, Govt of Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest.

Addressing the issue of child protection is a complex intervention needs utmost cooperation and coordination between different child protection mechanisms run by state and their proactive performance in discharging their duties. Hence, it is required to have a periodical congregation of all these stakeholders at least once in a quarter delivers fruitful outcome in the area of child protection for addressing the challenges and difficulties faced by relevant stakeholders. So HELP has conducted a joint training involving all the child protection mechanisms on to a common platform so as to



elevate their field level challenges and mutual discussion to address them in an auspicious manner.

Further, encouragement is essential to enrich the capacities of any individual or institution either of Government or non-government in any developmental sector. By keeping in view of the extensive work and commendable services by both Government and Non-Government organizations and its personnel

from all over the state in the area of child welfare and child protection, the Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Govt of A.P in collaboration with HELP with the support of Tdh Foundation has proposed to present the BAL SEVAK Awards – 2015 on the occasion of Child Rights Week Celebrations in the month of Nov 2015. But, due to heavy rains, floods and disruptive transportation of both road and rail in the month of Nov 2015 the proposed program was postponed.



In this connection, BAL SEVAK Awards – 2015 distribution ceremony is materialized to celebrate on 6th Mar 2016 at Hotel SWARNA Palace – VIJAYAWADA.

JD Sri Prasada Murthy assured that, this **BAL SEVAK** award will be institutionalized more systematically with the collaboration of both Government and NGOs like HELP to encourage all the child protection mechanisms and NGOs working on the issues of rights of children and their protection. He once again appreciated the best efforts of HELP for initiating such a wonderful practice and congratulated all the award winners on this auspicious occasion. Then he presented awards to all the people who won from their respective categories from all over the state.

Then all the awardees have expressed their cordial gratitude to the Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services and Welfare Of Street Children, Govt of Andhra Pradesh, HELP and Tdh Foundation for recognizing their services in the area of Child Welfare and child protection and presenting such a noble award at state level. They have expressed that, this BAL SEVAK Award would enhance their responsibility hereafter and have assured that, they will work hard in future too. They have submitted their request to the department of Juvenile Welfare that, this kind of best practices by the government will certainly encourages and motivate them for future best performance and Lakhs of children who are in vulnerable conditions will be benefited by this initiative and also the Juvenile Justice System in the state will be substantiated and the state becomes more child friendly.

STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP on JUVENILE JUSTICE (Care and Protection of Children) ACT, 2015

On 13th Mar 2016 a State Level Workshop on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 has been organized jointly by HELP and CID of Andhra Pradesh at Acharya Nagarjuna University, GUNTUR. Hon'ble Justice Sri Ramesh Ranganathan, HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, HYDERABAD was the Chief Guest and the workshop was presided over by Mr. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao, IPS – Addl. Director General of Police – CID of Andhra Pradesh.



GUESTS:

1. Hon'ble Justice Sri Shyam Prasad – Convenor – State Legal Services Authority
2. Mr. Manmohan Singh – Home Secretary – Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
3. Mr. RP Tagore, IPS – In-charge Director General of Police, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
4. Prof A Rajendra Prasad - Vice-Chancellor – Acharya Nagarjuna University
5. Mr. S Umapathi, IPS – Retd. IGP – CID of Andhra Pradesh
6. Mr. NVS Ram Mohan – Secretary - HELP

PARTICIPANTS:

1. Secretaries – District Legal Services Authorities of 13 Dist of A.P

2. Principal Magistrates – Juvenile Justice Boards of 13 Dist of A.P
3. Addl. SPs of SJPU from all over Andhra Pradesh
4. Deputy Superintendents of Police - Dist Crime Records Bureau from 13 Dist of A.P
5. Deputy Superintendents of Police – Women Protection Cells from 13 Dist of A.P
6. Chairpersons from Child Welfare Committees – 13 Districts of A.P
7. Dist Child Protection Officers – 13 Dist of A.P
8. Superintendents of Observation Homes for both boys and girls across the A.P.



The new **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015** has been enforced on 1st Jan 2016 with the assent of Hon'ble President of INDIA on 31st Dec 2015. There is very specific role has been assigned to the police department i.e. Special Juvenile Police Unit to protect the children and discharge their duties in case disposal proceedings of both Children in Need of Care and Protection as well as Children in Conflict with Law. In line with the specified legislative provision the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Home Department has issued a special **GO.Ms No. 12 dated 11/02/2016** designated all Addl.

Superintendents of Police/Dy. Commissioner of Police or Addl. Deputy Commissioners of Police, Andhra Pradesh as *heads of Special Juvenile Police Units* under the direct supervision of the respective Unit officers in district, Jt. Commissioners / Dy. Commissioners of Police (Crimes) in Commissionerates and the Station House Officers/ Sub Inspectors of Police of all the Police Stations including Railways in the State of Andhra Pradesh as *Child Welfare Police Officers* to discharge the mandated functions.

In this context, the Crime Investigation Department of Andhra Pradesh has taken initiative to conduct a state level workshop on new Juvenile Justice (C & PC) Act, 2015 so as to ensure all the SJPU unit officers and Child Welfare Police Officers shall discharge their duties properly while dealing with the cases of children in accordance with the provisions of said ACT.

HELP is the nodal NGO to CID of Andhra Pradesh. In this context, HELP has proposed to invite both CWCs as well as DCPUs also to the state level workshop and making the special and specific agenda on discussions and session on Preparation of FAQ for SJPU and to gather inputs and suggestions from multiple stakeholders from almost all the Child Protection Mechanisms run by state that involved in the workshop. The CID of A.P has agreed for the same and resulted in the successful workshop at state level.

Impact:

Hon'ble Justice Ramesh Ranganathan has appreciated the efforts of HELP with the support of Tdh Foundation in bringing out such an immense and invaluable book which will be very helpful to the SJPU in discharging their duties. All the officials including Hon'ble Chairman for State Legal Services Authority, Home Secretary, In-Charge DGP and Addl. DGP – CID of A.P have hope that this FAQ will come in to handy to the officers and guide them in performing their duties as per the provision of the Act. All the participants including CWCs, DCPUs, JJBs, DLSAs and also the superintendents of respective observation homes have extended their cordial thanks to HELP and Tdh Foundation and also to the CID of Andhra Pradesh as well as Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Correctional Services and Welfare of Street Children, Govt of Andhra Pradesh for organizing such a robust state level workshop on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and also for preparing FAQ for SJPU and other child protection mechanisms as well.

5. Open Shelters for children in need in urban and semi urban areas

Supported by: Ministry of social justice & empowerment through Dept of Juvenile Welfare, Govt of AP.

Target Group: children who are need of care and protection.

Center established: Machavaram village, near Ongole Town, Prakasam dist

Area of Operation: Prakasam Dist

Beneficiaries: total 72 children in this year

The large numbers of homeless children, pavement dwellers, street and working children and child beggars, left on their own and in need of care and support, is an urban phenomena of great concern. 29% of India's population resides in urban areas, half of which from socially deviant behaviors in addition to fulfilling their basic requirements for food, nutrition and health. These shelters shall also have provisions for health care, quality and flexi-time education and vocational training, including provisions where children can safely keep their belongings and earnings. Counseling guidance and life skill education shall also be provided for channeling these children's energy into productive endeavors. The objective of such a service is to provide an opportunity for the increasing number of vulnerable children in urban areas to be protected from abuse and neglect on the street and provide them access to alternatives.

In the long term, these children would be weaned away from street life and enabled to lead a dignified and productive life Target group Open Shelters in urban and semi-urban areas cater to all children in need of care and protection particularly beggars, street and working children, rag pickers, small vendors, street performers, orphaned, deserted, trafficked and run-away children, children of migrant population and any other vulnerable group of children. The scheme essentially targets the homeless and street children ensuring protection of their rights and mainstreaming in the society by creating accessibility of developmental services to them.

Objectives: These Open Shelters, run by either NGOs or State Governments/UTs, are not meant to provide permanent residential facilities for children but will complement the existing institutional care facilities. The objectives of these Open Shelters include:

1. To attract above-mentioned target group of children from their present vulnerable life situation to a safe environment.
2. To wean these children away from the vulnerable situations by sustained interventions.
3. To guide these children away from high risk and socially deviant behaviors.
4. To provide opportunities for education and develop their potential and talent.
5. To enhance life-skills and reduce their vulnerabilities to exploitation.
6. To reintegrate these children into families, alternative care and community.
7. To carryout out regular follow up to ensure that children do not return to vulnerable situations.

Achievements for this year:

- Provided shelter for 288 children
- 250 children re-integrated to their families
- 32 children receiving the education through formal & non-formal
- Out of 32 children 10 girls join in vocational education trainings

6. Name of the Project: Targeted Intervention for prevention of HIV/AIDS

Supported by: AP State AIDS Control Society.

Target Group: Female Sex Workers & MSM's

Area of Operation: 5 Mandals in Prakasam Dt.

Goal of project: To reduce the incidence of HIV and STI among the sex workers, their clients, MSM/TGs in Prakasam district and thus reduce the risk of transmissibility of HIV to general population in Andhra Pradesh".

Objectives: To empower the sex workers, their associated population, MSM/TGs in the adoption of safer sexual practices and treatment seeking behavior through Behavior Change Communication (BCC).

- To reduce the incidence of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) with improved identification, diagnosis and treatment of STIs among the sex workers, MSM/TGs
- To increase correct and consistent use of Condoms among the sex workers, MSM/TGs through appropriate social marketing interventions.
- To increase correct and consistent use of condoms and reduce the incidence of STI among high-risk male population in coastal AP.

Indicator wise achievement:

- No. Of KPs registered in the project : 1200
- Outreach contacts done : 100%
- Tracking of the KPs : 100%
- Regular Medical Checkups (RMC) : 1150
- KPs treated for STIs : 2 (100%)
- Internal examination : 1150
- No. Of referrals for HIV tests (ICTC) : 1080
- No. Of condoms distributed : 22000
- No. Of hot spot groups formed with KPs : 27
- No. Of hot spot group members : 1200. 100%

7. Name of the Project: Childline 1098

Supported by: Ministry Women Development & Child Welfare, Govt of India through Child Line

Target Group: Street children, Children in vulnerable condition & children need of Care & protection

Area of Operation: Prakasam Dt.

Objectives:

- To reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergencies on 1098.
- Awareness about CHILDLINE 1098 amongst every Indian child.
- To provide a platform of networking amongst organizations and to provide linkages to support systems that facilitate the rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection.
- To work together with the Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Communication, Media, Political and the Community) to create child friendly systems.
- To advocate services for children that are inaccessible or nonexistent.
- To create a body of NGOs and Government organizations working within the national framework and policy for children.
- To be a nodal child protection agency in the country, providing child protection services to children in need of care and protection.
- To contribute and work towards strengthening and participating in a global movement that addresses issues related to child protection and ensures that children's voices are heard.

Achievements:

- 54 child labor rescued
- 155 child marriages stopped
- 51 child sexual abuse cases registered
- 29 corporal punishment cases registered
- 6 abandoned children found
- 8 children rescued from human trafficking
- 1 JCL children produced before JJB
- 56 children rescued from begging
- 146 run away children found
- 57 children missing and found

**9. Name of the Project: Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of the Children
(Preventing Child Exploitation and promoting Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of the Children)**

Supported by: Terre des hommes – Netherlands

Target Group: Children and Women from target communities.

Area of operation: 60 Vulnerable Communities from 3 districts of Andhra Pradesh state i.e 20 villages from each district Anathapuram, Kadapa , Chittoor.

Objective: To protect Children from exploitation and promote Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of the Children in the target villages.

This project was started in the month of January 2016 in partnership with likeminded NGOs. HELP formed parents into consortium with the partners NGOs to effectively implement this project in the target area i.e RAIDS in Kadapa District, ROPES in Chittoor District and HELP is directly implementing this project in Anathapuram District of Andhra Pradesh.

This project is commencing in the state of Andhra Pradesh in partnership with TARUNI in Warngal District and SVK in Mahabubnager District covering 15 villages from each district.

Activities

- Project induction training was for the Partner NGOs and Staff.
- Baseline survey conducted.
- Vulnerable Assessment survey conducted.
- Community Awareness meeting were conducted to promote Child Rights.
- Formation of adolescent girls groups and sensitization on Child Rights and Issues.
- Formation of Mothers committees for protection of Child Rights.
- Formation of Bal Panchayat and training on Child Rights and Acts related to Children.
- Convergence with Government line departments for effective implementation of the programs.
- Promotion and Strengthening of Community level child protection mechanisms.
- Formation of village level Child Protection committees.

Achievements:

- 1567 Children participated in awareness raising session on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights.
- 11246 community members participated in awareness raising session at community level.
- 13 child marriages were stopped with the support of CMPOs and local CBOs.
- 46 adolescent girl groups were formed and trained on Child Rights.
- 60 judiciary staff were trained on issues of violation of SRHR.
- 36 Children received education support.
- 60 mothers' committees were formed with 1240 members for protection of Children.
- 16 cases of violation of SRHR were reported by the community members.

HELP Operational Assessment

Disclosure

We believe that **HELP** is a transparent organization that emphasizes proper information disclosure and accountability. Even though the audited financial statements are not available on its web site, the information is readily available on request. Its financial statements include the details of various administrative and program expenses as well as details of grants/donations and other incomes. **HELP** also provides the salary details of its staff. Staff Salaries of **HELP** is paid not later than 5th of every month and is adjusted in their individual bank accounts.

HELP publishes monthly newsletters, which provide information about the organization's activities during that specific period. Anyone can subscribe for the newsletter for free and is also available on its web site.

HELP has provided the names of its board members and full time staff on its offices along with their brief profiles and specific responsibilities they handle within the organization. Its provisional revenue statement for the year 2007 shows a breakup of international and Indian sources of funds and also provides names of significant donors and their specific contribution.

Clear Strategy

HELP has a policy of refining its strategy based on continuous self- assessment and impact analysis of its programs. To enhance the effectiveness of its activities, **HELP** focuses on self-sustainability. For long term revenue generation, it seeks lasting partnerships with donors (corporations / foundations / individuals). The process of curriculum development through evaluation and practical experience is a key component of the organization's strategy.

Execution on Strategy

HELP strives to create partnerships with the government as well as local and international organizations, so that it could get the advantage of resource sharing. With the **HELP** of its local partnerships, **HELP** utilizes the resources of local PRIs, sports clubs, drama and art schools, computer training centers, libraries, municipal parks, etc. We believe that **HELP** has generated fruitful partnerships with various government agencies as well. **HELP** has partnered with various international foundations like... Plan International, Groupe Developpement-France, TB Alert India, Terre des Homes (G), Global fund for children, Business Community Foundation, and Give Foundation. The support gained from these agencies has enabled **HELP** to grow rapidly and make its programs more sustainable.

HELP has a strategy of building multidimensional partnerships with corporate organizations. It engages volunteers from the corporate sector, both to coach the children and to sponsor and run the recreational activities.

Ethics

HELP is not affiliated with any political or religious group and it works with due commitment to fulfill its mission. The organization puts adequate emphasis on transparency and accountability. It also strives to utilize maximum funds for program implementation and cut down on administrative and overhead costs. For these reasons, we believe that the organization maintains a high standard of ethics in its functioning.

Conclusion

HELP has opted to work for a cause which cannot be considered a conventional field of work for Voluntary organizations. The rapid growth of **HELP** from a single man's idea to a dynamic and sustainable organization proves the usefulness of its mission. Continuous refinement of its strategy and development of its curriculum through impact analysis highlights the organization's commitment to fulfill its mission. **HELP** focuses on enhancing its resources so that it can reach out to many more children in a sustainable way. We believe that donating to **HELP** would **HELP** in improving the lives of destitute children who are desperately in need of such **HELP**.

Credibility Alliance Norms Compliance Report

IDENTITY

HELP is registered as a Society (non- governmental organization) under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. (Reg. No. 133 of 1993 Dt. 11th May 1993) with the Registrar, Nellore – Andhra Pradesh.

Organization details are available on HELP’s website: www.HELPap.in & www.Traffickinginap.com
Email: HELPap2002@yahoo.com, HELPap@gmail.com

HELP is registered u/s 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and with the Commissioner of Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (FCRA Reg. No. 010330068 Dt.4th June 1997).

Visitors are welcome to the addresses given on the “contact us” link on our website: www.helpap.in & www.traffickinginap.com

Name & Address of main Bankers:

General A/c :	FCRA A/c
<ul style="list-style-type: none">ICICI Bank Ltd., Gandhi Nagar, NELLORE – 1Andhra Bank, Kurnool road, ONGOLE- 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ING VYSYA Bank Ltd, Trunk road, ONGOLE-1

Name & Address of auditors: M/s Narotham Madhav & Ramesh, Chartered Accountants,
7-823, Z.P.Colony, Mangamur Road, ONGOLE – 2, A.P, India.

MISSION AND VISION:

Vision: The vision of HELP is to create a safe, supportive and responsive society protection rights and dignity of every child in Andhra Pradesh. HELP has a long term view of preventing child trafficking, child prostitution and second generation prostitution

Mission: HELP strives to prevent trafficking by educating boys and girls in schools and communities in different parts of the state and by training teachers, professionals, police, government authorities and the general public about the harm of sexual exploitation and ways to resist and combat it, through its regional networks, affiliated individuals and groups by serving as an umbrella

GOVERNANCE:

Details of Board Members: (as of March 31, 2016)

sl	Name of the member	age	Sex	Position on board	occupancy	Area of competency	Meetings attended
1	Mr.K.N.Murthy	52	M	President	Journalist	Advocacy	5/5
2	Mr.N.V.S.Ram Mohan	52	M	Secretary	Journalist	Advocacy	5/5
3	Smt. Girija Kumari	43	F	Vice-president	Social worker	Peoples movement	5/5
4	Mr. Nageswara Rao M	53	M	Treasurer	Farmer	Social mobilization	5/5
5	Mr.Prabhakar Rao	52	M	Member	Business	Social mobilization	5/5
6	Smt. D.Vijayalakshmi	35	F	Member	Social worker	Women	5/5

						mobilization	
7	Ms.Jaya sri	28	F	Member	Counseling	Counseling services	5/5
8	Mr.B.K.S.Rayudu	48	M	Member	Hardware eng	Advocacy & lobby	5/5

- None of the Board Members are related to each other.
- The HELP Executive Body met 5 times in the FY 2015-16, on 10th July 2015, 30th July 2015, 12th Oct 2015, 5th Dec 2015, 17th March 2016. The Board meetings are documented and circulated.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- No director received salary from the organization.
- No other remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid since inception of the organization, to any Board members,
- No reimbursements have been made to any Board member,
- Remuneration of 3 highest paid Staff Members Rs 1,40,000/- p.a, Rs. 1,20,000/- p.a,
- Remuneration of the lowest paid full time regular staff member: Rs. 48,000 p.a

STAFF Details: (As at March 31, 2016)

<i>Number of paid workers in the organization</i>	<i>No. of Persons</i>
Regular Full time	52
Regular Part time	0
Full time contact staff	0
Part time contact staff	5
Consultants	0
Other paid members include Paid-volunteers	8
Un-paid volunteers	25

* All members are “volunteers” giving their time for organization. They are not included in the details above

* Are any of the staff members related to any Board members? No

DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF (as at March 31, 2016)

<i>Slab of gross salary (in Rs.) plus benefits paid to staff</i>	<i>male</i>	<i>female</i>	<i>total</i>
Less than <5000	0	12	12
5,000 – 10,000	12	20	32
10,000 – 25,000	17	3	20
25,000 – 50,000	2	0	2
50,000 – 100,000	0	0	0
100,000 >	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	35	66

Total Cost of National Travel by all staff during the year: Nil

Total cost of International travel by all staff during the year: Nil

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS STATEMENT

	Schedule	As at March 31	
		2016	2015
RECEIPTS			
Opening Balances			
Cash on Hand			
FCRA		14,956.50	14,324.50
General		15,420.85	10,996.85
Cash at Bank			
FCRA		30,85,232.69	16,09,225.97
General		10,53,697.74	4,38,464.90
Donations		359,602.70	2,93,750.00
Grants for Project / programmes	A	1,66,29,927.00	1,58,08,035.17
Bank interest		1,12,552.76	58,338.61
Sundry Creditors		18,80,111.00	7,72,784.50
Advances (Adj)		91,251.00	26,541.00
TOTAL		2,32,42,752.24	1,90,32,461.50
PAYMENTS			
Strengthening child protection systems AP	1	63,35,836.00	49,62,486.94
SAMRAKSHA Programme Expenses	2	34,49,944.90	36,24,484.34
HUDHUD Programme Expenses	3	20,33,094.15	7,03,908.85
Reduction of STI and HIV / AIDS	4	15,72,374.00	17,04,318.00
Health & Education inputs for the children of Crisis Residential center	5	1,98,971.00	2,09,711.50
Prevention and reduction of child trafficking and child marriages	6	3,58,068.00	
Sensitization of T.B			7,13,262.70
Child Line programme	7	10,53,235.00	7,42,863.00
Open Shelter for Children	8	21,35,405.00	17,73,736.00
Destination unknown children on move		1,10,200.00	
Support & protection for the SGBT		17,345.11	1,51,892.00
Prevention child Exploitation and promoting SRHR	9	15,55,199.17	
Administration Expenses	10	46,504.25	86,888.00
Swaraksha rally programme		31,600.00	
FIXED ASSETS			3,600.00
Transit home Expenses			93,520.39
Unspent grant return			1,231.00
Advances		1,01,437.00	91,251.00
Cash & Bank Balances:			
Cash on hand		26,272.35	30,377.35
Cash at bank		42,17,266.31	41,38,930.43
TOTAL		2,32,42,752.24	1,90,32,461.50

INCOME & EXPENSES STATEMENT

	As at March 31	
	2016	2015
INCOME		
Dept of Juvenile Welfare		4,85,000.00
Give Foundation		6,069.44
Donations	3,58,000.00	2,93,750.00
Bank interest	44,230.73	
TOTAL	4,02,230.73	7,84,819.44
EXPENSES		
Administration Expenses	46,504.25	86,888.00
Open shelter for Children		1,05,000.00
Bank Interest		4,196.20
Bad debts	72,946.59	
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	2,82,779.89	5,88,735.24
TOTAL	4,02,230.73	7,84,819.44

BALANCE SHEET

	As at March 31	
	2016	2015
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
CAPITAL FUNDS	42,52,347.07	37,58,611.83
Add: Fixee assets during the year	37,000.00	
Excess of income over expenditure during		
Add: the year	2,82,779.89	5,88,735.24
Undisbursed Year marked (Specific) fund	38,32,894.70	34,87,613.80
Sundry Creditors :	40,92,017.50	19,86,906.50
TOTAL	1,24,97,039.16	98,21,867.37
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Fixed Assets (at cost)	43,06,353.00	42,69,353.00
Deposits		7,000.00
Current Assets, loans and Advances		
Sundry Debtors	38,45,710.50	
Advances	1,01,437.00	13,76,206.59
Cash on hand	26,272.35	30,377.35
Cash at bank	42,17,266.31	41,38,930.43
TOTAL	1,24,97,039.16	98,21,867.37

For. Narotham Madhav & Ramesh,

Chartered Accountants
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(Ram prasad)
Proprietor

Thank You All...

In this report I would like to thank all our members of the Executive Committee, our general members, Life Members, Staff & Consultants, our funding supporters, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Government of India for their extensive support, continuous suggestions in the partnership which has helped us achieve important success and helped us to Save, Protect, Rescue, Rebuild the lives of hundreds of girl children and women.

I would like to thank the newest member of our team “Mr. RAVINDRA MYNAMPATI” who helped us design and put up our new website. They are working as a part of our team in making the website interactive and accessible for all of us.

I cannot but end this report without thanking our printers “Print Zone Vijayawada”, and others who help us with our designing, printing of news letters, magazines, training modules and posters.

With regards
Yours

Ram mohan NVS & KN Murthy

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