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STOP Trafficking and Oppression of Children and Women

**The present report aims to provide a detailed
overview of the principal programs, projects
and activities undertaken by STOP from
March, 2020 to September, 2021.**

**Ramola Bhar Charitable
Trust, estd. 1990
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From The President's Desk:

My Dear Friends and Associates,

The last year has been a time that has tested patience and presented challenges in our society like never before. A pandemic that shook the world has led to people striving to lead their lives with very little means. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all industries, all sectors and all strata of our society, our community. While issues are faced by individuals from family safety to healthcare to psychological stability, there are people who have been more affected by others in many fields as the pandemic itself unfolded with its first wave in 2020 and second wave in 2021.

While being deeply concerned about the ongoing situation, I am at the same time proud to present to you a crisp report that showcases actions carried forward by team of Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust-~~STOP~~ amid the pandemic. From the very early days of the country being impacted by COVID pandemic, our organization took diligent preventive action, ensuring public safety as well as safety of those who are relentlessly working in the community to end violence against women and children. Universal right to food and food security was massively threatened by the pandemic. As most of the population in the areas where the organization operates is daily wage earners involving physical labour, most of the families were left without any form of food support. Amid the first lockdown, teams of ~~STOP~~ reached out to the marginalized vulnerable population in the community through dry ration support to selected families. Our efforts only grew with time and over **1200 families** were served over the course of six months with dry ration support, health and hygiene goods. More than 500 educational kits were given to children so they could continue to walk on their academic journey.

The organization has always set women and children to be one of the top priorities. Although the pandemic disrupted the regular model of intervention and support in the community, the organization innovated and found different methods to provide support to vulnerable women and children. There was spike in violence against women especially in domestic setup. Our dedicated teams based in the community-assisted women who reported experience of any form of violence. Amid lockdown, the zealous volunteers approached women facing distress and provided necessary assistance. Pandemic has put children out of school which has been a big challenge with regard to ensuring their safety. Through homeschooling initiative, our

team reached at the doorsteps of children ensuring uninterrupted academic endeavors while maintaining their safety.

While teams in Delhi were assisting our communities, the team of **STOP** in West Bengal was knee deep, literally and figuratively, providing COVID and Amphan support. In May, 2020, West Bengal was struck with a devastating “Amphan” cyclone, which added to the misery of people who were struggling due to COVID. We provided assistance to over 300 families with temporary shelter, food support and educational kits to children.

The girls under group home facility continued their academic and personality growth endeavours with equal enthusiasm. The girls were provided with digital facility to participate in online classes. In addition, co-curricular activities also continued for their development.

Alongwith community intervention, the organization also conducted research as part of a global study on “Sexual Exploitation of Boys” in partnership with ECPAT international. The study focuses on legal framework analysis and responses by frontline service providers to understand what challenges are faced by service providers at the grassroots level. The study was conducted by documenting responses from over 100 service providers.

The pandemic did halt physical interaction; however, **STOP** continued its partnership, collaboration, and advocacy efforts across the country as well as internationally. Virtual networking activities connected us with partners in sharing and discussing our efforts and vision for future. **STOP** submitted its response for the Annual Trafficking Report published by the US Dept. of State every year.

This report is a true statement on how civil society organizations/ NGOs can come together and assist a nation deserving one of the most difficult and unprecedented times. True power lies in solidarity. As we continue to fight multi-fold issues, the organization will keep strengthening its efforts.

Hope the hard work of the team is reflected in the report.

In solidarity



Roma Debabrata

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1. Background

Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust (hereinafter mentioned as RBC Trust) was established in 1990 by academicians, professionals and grass root level activists to create a habitable society and ensure justice and equality for women and children in particular. *STOP* Trafficking and Oppression of Children and Women were initiated as a

movement under the Trust in 1998. Since its inception, it has continued to focus on the recovery, repatriation, and survival of trafficked women and children despite insurmountable odds and provides non-judgemental support and care.

Vision

STOP 's vision is to eradicate human trafficking and all types of violence against children and women

The trust holds a consultative status with ECOSOC, is the founding member of Action Against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC- Delhi Chapter) and associate member of the End Child Prostitution And Trafficking (ECPAT) network in their commitment to bring an end to sexual exploitation of children. As an organization, *STOP* envisions a gender just world, free from all forms of slavery and abuse. It works on specific strategies and actions to make it possible.

STOP, as part of its preventive strategy works with vulnerable women and at-risk children in some of the most marginalised communities in Delhi and elsewhere in the country. As part of its empowerment program, *Thousand Dreams*- an independent social enterprise (supported by *STOP*) is led by young activists who have transformed their lives from victim - to survivor - to warrior. In addition, “*Koshish*”, a self-help group led by women and young adults’ caters to various events with a vast variety of world cuisine. *Thousand Dreams* and *Koshish* both produce apparels and accessories for local and foreign clients, as a group enterprise. It also manages *Koshish* Catering Service (Self Help Group), a vertical that serves Indian delicacies and some chosen western cuisine at different events locally.

1.1. Mission

The mission of *STOP* is to promote establishment of an egalitarian society through political, social and economic empowerment of victims of trafficking and violence,

helping them in their journey of victims to survivors and ultimately to agents of social change

1.2. Objectives:

The objectives of **STOP** are based on organization's strategy, focusing on preventive action, increased focus on global advocacy, geographical expansion of outreach programmes to remote rural villages in addition to urban slums, exploring possibilities in aftercare services and research and development of techniques to combat new methods used for trafficking.

- Create a non-judgmental open space ready to accept marginalised/ wronged/ violated women and children
- Provide survivors with appropriate and safe care, protection and accommodation, trauma counselling services, medical assistance and legal aid, education and vocational skill training. Support is also extended to children and survivors in the form of accommodation, food, educational, medical and counseling support.
- Help victims in retaining confidence, reuniting with family and rehabilitating.
- Facilitate repatriation and restoration of foreign citizens who fell victims to the scourge of trafficking;
- Support and encourage children of vulnerable communities and survivors of violence to engage in formal and/or remedial educational services as well as professional and vocational training programs.
- Create gender just and resilient community free from all forms of violence against women and children
- Create women's self-help groups to empower and assist survivors in gaining access to employment opportunities.
- Advocate for the improvement of policies and programs including legal provisions related to its field of activity.
- Create sustainable and safe community for women and children by utilizing legal tools envisaged under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- Identify victims of various forms of exploitation through local stakeholders.
- Provide skill-based training to victims suffering from various forms of exploitation.

- Research latest emerging trends of trafficking and violence against women and children.
- Promote research/documentation/ publication of handbooks.
- Prepare care leavers for reintegration into the society through applying Group Home model.
- Focus on ensuring community health as a step towards enhancing focus on safety of women and children.

1.3. Core Value Statement

STOP strives to create an engendered and gender-just society through social and economic empowerment of marginalised women and children by adopting a right-based, collaborative, transparent and participatory approach across all decision making processes within the organisation to foster personal and organisational growth which in turn nurtures talent and promotes organisational excellence.

The organization's role as one of the globally recognised movements for addressing human trafficking derives its mandate from an overarching goal to establish an egalitarian society that promises gender equality by spearheading crusade against all forms of exploitation/ violence against the marginalised section of the population, mainly children and women by creating groups of new change makers in the society through social and economic empowerment.

It provides quality education, marketable skill training and leadership opportunities through creation of social enterprises and community self-help groups geared towards transforming those vulnerable/victimised souls into becoming survivors empowered to spearhead social change. *STOP* fosters creation of resilient and empowered grass-root communities with increasing capacity for self-improvement.

1.4. Innovations:

In the year 2020-2021, the organization has been dedicated towards assisting its adopted communities in Delhi and West Bengal in these difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance was provided to people focusing on healthcare and hygiene, food security, education, and natural disaster. An innovation had been initiated in West Bengal through the project for “Amphan cyclone support”. The second innovation was in the area of arranging remedial education classes for children enrolled in the community. The organization initiated, home schooling for children enrolled in remedial non-formal classes. Another innovation was

in the area of healthcare support and was geared towards vaccination drive to minimize the impact of COVID pandemic in the general population.

Extending support to victims in “Amphan” cyclone struck areas in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

The year 2020 had witnessed some of the most unprecedented challenges in recent times. West Bengal suffered from a major environmental challenge along with COVID-19 pandemic, as the region suffered from the aftermath of a devastating cyclone “Amphan” which made people, who was already struggling with the loss of livelihood and hunger, homeless as well. The impact of the cyclone was grave on the local population. The geographical location of South 24 parganas, West Bengal makes it vulnerable to heavy rainfall and floods. Nonetheless, the cyclone increased the vulnerability of local population dramatically. The organization after careful analysis and survey of the scenario at the grassroots level, created an assistance programme to tackle homelessness, food insecurity, lack of health and hygiene support and disruption of educational facilities.

The team of **STOP** visited remote locations to identify most affected victims of “Amphan” and collected data on the forms of assistance that would help them during the pandemic. During the process of data collection it was realised that most of the suffering families were in desperate situation to find some form of livelihood support. The organization assisted them with temporary shed, food support in the form of dry ration, health and hygiene requirements of the family and basic educational materials to keep children engaged. Additionally, the organization also assisted affected families by providing them with counselling sessions for dealing with incidences of domestic violence, violence against children and women, parents forcing their underage children to work, prevention of trafficking and so on. For over a period of six months, the **STOP** team travelled to the remotest corners of the district to ensure that the most severely affected families received necessary support to survive these difficult times and could focus on achieving livelihood sustainability.

Initiation of Homeschooling of children in vulnerable communities:

The year 2020 from its first quarter presented the organization with challenges. While health, livelihood, and safety of women and children were huge concerns, the disruption in the schooling education was witnessed as one the major challenges towards our efforts to achieve the aim of ensuring safety and education of children in the marginalized and vulnerable communities where the organization operates. While gatherings were prohibited, schools and our remedial classes also were put on hold. Over the period of few months during the pandemic, our vigilant groups in both communities observed the adverse impact of these

disruptions on children, women and even families as a whole. *STOP*, under the guidance of its founder devised its prevention programmes to assist families and population of the community to achieve stability which would prevent them from becoming victims of situations that would put women and children under any kind of threat. The information received from the field sometimes raised concerns about the organization's management options. There were numerous reports of domestic violence and intimate partner violence in the community. Due to loss of livelihood and prevalent lockdown, tension within families was increasing. Children not being able to go to school were found to be roaming without any supervision in the community. While these were the short-term effects often witnessed, in terms of long term the organization evaluated that such prolonged disruption in educational activities of children could become a major challenge as many of the children might permanently opt out of school system. In addition, the impact of such loss of livelihood would linger on the families in the community for longer than few months. All of these alarming factors led the organization to provide for well a rounded support system to the children enrolled under the remedial, non-formal education centre operated by *STOP* in the community. While the Centre worked to assist children with assignments from school, the organization developed a team of teachers and two tutors to visit children in clusters at their homes. The aim was to provide academic support as well as be aware of challenges faced by children at home. The pandemic made accessibility to beneficiaries difficult especially to women as most of them generally have only one digital device in the household which would often be engaged by male members and sometimes children in the families. Rise in the use of Internet was another major concern as children were vulnerable within the houses as well because of growing incidences of cyber crime and child pornography.

Our band of hardworking volunteers reached out to children at their neighbourhoods and conducted home visits thrice a week to ensure that the students had adequate support for the assignments they received from schools as well as extra support to cope with the new structure of education. The home schooling has been proved to be an extremely effective technique to understand not merely the academic status of students enrolled in our classes but also their safety quotient within their homes as well as in the neighbourhood. Over 100 students have benefitted from the provision of homeschooling in the adopted communities Tughlakabad (Churriya Mohalla) and Tigri J.J camp.

Project “Health100”- a tech-driven initiative towards ensuring maximum vaccination in target communities:

During the second wave of the pandemic, the country suffered tremendous loss in terms of life as the impact of second wave was far more devastating than the first wave of 2020. While the country was trying to face challenges as a result of the second wave, reports of third wave were already threatening safety of all, especially those belonging to the vulnerable sections of the population. The organization observed the lack of quality healthcare access in the community and hesitancy towards vaccination which was putting the population at high risk during the pandemic. Based on the need assessment of our communities, the organization developed a novel mobile application called “Health100” which had three components to ensure support to our community as it sought to build facilities to ensure maximum vaccination. The app had three main components; management of field volunteers, doctor consultation and vaccination booking. The application helped in raising awareness in the community and breaking myths surrounding Covid and the vaccination process.

As a part of the project, groups of 15 volunteers from within the community were trained to take forward the initiative. The organization organized multiple camps in the months of August, September, and October 2021 and arranged to vaccinate over 6000 beneficiaries in the communities. The organization also partnered with government and army to conduct vaccination drives as per their requirement. The initiative is unique as it used technical tool and digital innovations to reach maximum no of unvaccinated population in its project area.

2. Programmes, Projects and Activities:

2.1. Recovery

The organization performed recovery for a beneficiary and her child in December. The survivor of the domestic violence and exploitation was recovered along with her seven-year-old daughter. They are under care of the organization and the beneficiary is being trained under Koshish initiative and her daughter is enrolled in the formal school system.

2.2. Restoration

STOP facilitated the restoration of 10 girls under Aashray. All the girls were handed over to family members. The girls have found different career options to sustain themselves financially.

2.3. Repatriation

Due to the pandemic, registration activities slowed down as international travels were restricted. However, the organization worked towards strengthening repatriation activities such as documentations e.g. travel permits, etc. for 8 survivors, (five men and three women) staying in different states of the country.

2.4. Rehabilitation: A Sustainable Model for Victims of Different Difficult Situation:

Aashray Family Home C/O- Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust, project: Since its inception, STOP has been striving to explore and implement a model for providing safe stay and support facilities that strikes a fine balance between having a learning environment and space to explore their own interests. The residents of “Aashray family home” have been assisted by the organization to facilitate them with necessary tools and techniques to emerge as survivors from the traumas of their past. It is a carefully structured setup that fosters psychological, mental, physical and emotional well being. As a determined effort, the organization assists young girls in acquiring a sense of dignity and self-sufficiency.

The model rests on a carefully crafted structure which was developed as per the requirement of the target group. The main component are the belief of creating a home away from home, ensuring financial independence of each individual, imparting of basic and need based educational support, training in different profession/vocation, courses that will help them achieve marketable skills, legal and medical support when needed and a carefully monitored follow up policy. These aspects of the Aashray model have assisted hundred of girls in their journey to empowerment so far.

During the pandemic, the movement was restricted but their pursuit of education, skill, and independence continued. Girls were assisted by fellow residents based on their educational levels. A number of extra curricular activities were organized internally by *STOP*. All girls were assisted with digital means for their educational requirements. The survivors under the aftercare model of mid-way home were imparted training and educational support to help them build meaningful livelihood options. While the senior residents took charge of different aspects of the training module, younger residents became engaged in multiple areas to discover their fields of interest. Children of two of the senior residents under the aftercare services also received support for pursuing their academic aspirations. The young adults are currently completing their academic courses along with learning the skills of their interests.

3. Community Intervention programme :

Slum clusters continue to be one of the targeted areas by traffickers and perpetrators threatening safety of women and children living in such marginalized and vulnerable communities. As these communities are considered as source, transit, and destination in trafficking scenario, these communities continue to have high vulnerability quotient and are at the centre of preventive activities. The population living in the communities are of floating nature wherein they migrate from one place to another in search of livelihood. Such migration increases the vulnerability of the population as they are unaware of the perpetrators lurking to take advantage of their difficult situation. *STOP* provides assistance that is both curative and preventive. The aim is to assist people with direct services and generate awareness so as to decrease their vulnerability in a new location.

At present, **STOP** is working with five slum clusters. The operations of the organization are at full capacity in Tughlakabad (Churriya Mohala), Tigri (J.J. Colony), Govindpuri, Valmiki Colony in addition to Bawana where the organization continues to provide handholding support to the residents. The objectives of working at the community level are as follows:

3.1. Objectives:

- Health support to all the members of the community.
- Education support to first generation learners and support to dropout girls who had dream to study but were not able to continue because of their difficult circumstances.
- Community empowerment programme through strengthening Mahila Mandal, Youth group, Community vigilant group and Self Help Group.
- Vocational skill training to help women become economically independent.
- Fostering a gender just and equal community.
- Building resilience amongst women in community for bringing about long-term effective social change.
- Safety and security of women and children.
- Combating Human Trafficking in all its ramifications.

3.2. The bottom-up approach of STOP:

- Specific to the communities where the organization operates, Trafficking is an issue that is difficult to grasp in the first instance. **STOP** generates awareness and creates network of vigilantes who shares the common passion to end trafficking as well as understand the confidentiality required for the clandestine task of recovery (when the need arises) or prevention of trafficking. The community workers and change agents connect with the community through regular interactions, awareness programs and other services. This helps the organisation create presence where issues such as drop out of girls, substance abuse and addiction, domestic violence, child marriage, dowry, etc. are immediately brought to the attention of the organizational representative(s). The above-mentioned issues are widely recognised as warning signs and places the individuals in the at-risk category.

- **STOP**'s goal is to be connected with the community based on mutual trust and respect. This helps us to be aware of possible perpetrators and emerging challenges that hinder the safety of women and children. The intervention model has its focus on women and children. Nonetheless, the efforts to increase male participation are continuous through all our activities.

3.3. Assistance to fight COVID-19:

Assistance provided by **STOP** in the year 2020 has been largely dominated by the steps taken to prevent spreading of the pandemic as well as provide aggressive assistance to the members of the community with the aim of preventing any form of violence. However, the pandemic presented dynamic challenges as movement within the community itself was restricted. All activities under the **STOP**'s model of intervention were channelized towards ensuring community safety and prevention of the pandemic along with physical assistance to cope with it. As the surge in cases of COVID started occurring from March of 2020 onwards, the organization as a preventive measure, put a halt on usual activities and diverted support by providing telephonic assistance to the community members. All wings of the community intervention such as Health, Education and community empowerment activities were operating to assist people amid Pandemic. In addition, the organization worked towards ensuring food security to some of the most vulnerable families living in the communities. The organization assisted over 1200 families with dry ration and health and hygiene goods support.



On left beneficiaries queuing for ration distribution while maintaining social distancing.

On right beneficiaries receiving ration and hygiene kit.

STOP in all its intervention programmes has adopted strategy to engage volunteers and field support staff who are also residents in the community. The aim is to ensure that maximum resources are optimally used not only for project implementation but also to ensure that the community is strengthened from within as there would be trained individuals acting as change agents. This also aligns with our long-term goal of ensuring self-sufficiency of each community that the organization adopts and assists. Amid the pandemic, this strategy showed its true potential in the difficult times of the emergency. After the first nation-wide lockdown was imposed, movement of all sorts was prohibited. Nonetheless, our assistance programme was efficiently implemented with help of our dedicated band of volunteers. Survey was conducted in small clusters of neighborhoods to assist the families who were facing the worst brunt of the lockdown. As part of our emergency relief efforts, the team gathered essential food items that could ensure sustenance for at least a week. As time passed, devastation due to the pandemic was experienced widely as even after the lockdown was lifted, people could find no means to earn their livelihood. The organization took immediate action to bridge this gap by identifying the most affected families and provide assistance to them that would be sufficient for several weeks. This activity was conducted for over six months. The assistance wasn't limited to dry ration as each relief kit consists of items to ensure their health and hygiene of the entire family. A COVID prevention kit was also added with masks for each member in the family, a bottle of sanitizer, sanitary item for women and children to avoid any kind of infection. People from both communities Tughlakabad and Tigri were assisted.

Success Indicators: 1200 vulnerable families who were affected by the pandemic and had lost any scope of livelihood were assisted through dry-ration support. Differently abled members were also assisted as well as people who are suffering from HIV AIDS. All four communities wherein the organization operates were assisted.

Challenges and Achievements: The entire initiative of dry ration was initiated amid lockdown, which made identifying individuals difficult. The volunteers and field team of the organization participated in the drive even after taking risk of getting affected by the

3.4. Education Assistance:

Education plays a vital role in the community intervention model of *STOP*. The remedial, non-formal classes conducted by organization in the community are designed to ensure education, safety, development, and nutrition of children enrolled under the programme. This year due to pandemic, the regular model was placed on hold and the organization innovated to provide home schooling/tutoring to children enrolled under the programme. The community was divided geographically and a team of three consisting of one teacher and two tutors were identified in each community to ensure that there are no gaps in their academic endeavors. The tutors identified young adults who were pursuing higher education. The model-facilitated access to children amid the pandemic as well as monitor any risk factor that any child might facing in their area. Groups of few students in each neighborhood were formed to conduct classes thrice a week. The visits also helped volunteers stay connected with families of the children to understand their issues that might affect children in any adverse manner. While the short term and constant effort was directed to avoid any gap in the beneficiary's education process, the long-term goal was to ensure that there were no drop-outs as many families were experiencing immense financial distress.



Picture of our teacher conducting home schooling sessions in community.

Another salient feature of the initiative was the assistance it provided to the tutors. We identified girls as tutors who were facing challenges in their families as their education was disrupted, family had little means to survive which risked their education as many families were feeling stressed and wanted the young ambitious girls to marry when all they still

wanted was to continue with their education. With this project, we ensured that the tutors appointed benefitted in their further academic endeavours with the financial independence they received as a part of the project.

Success Indicators: A total of 100 children received support as part of the homeschooling initiative. More than 150 children were assisted with educational kits to help them focus on their academic pursuits. Identified young adults who had career aspirations but due to COVID they were adversely impacted. By supporting these young adults as tutors, they could support their family financially as well as continue to follow their academic aspirations.

Challenges and Achievements: The home schooling was done in batches. It was a challenge to get the teachers and tutors properly trained to maintain all COVID protocols that would ensure safety of their own as well as children and their family members.

3.5. Health100: A tech-driven initiative to ensure vaccination

Amid the second wave of the pandemic the challenges faced with regards to healthcare access were unprecedented. While all strata of society were bearing the brunt of the pandemic, the impact it had on the marginalized vulnerable population required immediate attention and intervention. To assist our community, the organization initiated project “Health100” to assist members of the community to get vaccinated whilst bridging the gap that was hurdling the process of vaccination. With plenty of misinformation in the community regarding vaccination, the entire process of vaccination was curtailed as the hesitancy hurdling people from undergoing inoculation. While still experiencing second wave, there were already reports from experts over a third wave of the pandemic which would be even more devastating as compared to the second wave. This called for immediate intervention plan.



Team of Health100 identifying unvaccinated population in remote locations of the community.

With sole aim to minimize the impact of COVID-19, especially the third wave, the organization developed a end-to-end solution strategy to assist the target community in bridging the gap and going from vaccine hesitancy to vaccine readiness. Due to the restrictions imposed amid pandemic, the regular intervention strategy required to be revamped. Technology became one of the strongest tools to connect during these difficult times and so to address the challenges and continue to connect with the community at large, the organization developed a mobile application which would help raise awareness, book appointments for vaccination whilst showing availability of vaccine doses in the nearest vaccination centre, and getting free of cost consultations for people in the community post-vaccination if faced with challenges. Another salient feature of the application was to be able to manage the entire team working on field remotely though the mobile application. The project was structured in three departments; two teams of community working with command centre setup in the head office of the organization. The application facilitated one point management of all field activities. Prior to initiating field activities volunteers with access to internet and digitals means with the zeal to work towards community service were identified.



Picture (left) of a beneficiary advocating for vaccine after receiving her first shot

Following extensive training of conducting online meetings, booking doctor consultation on the mobile application and booking appointments, activities at the grassroots were initiated wherein surveys were conducted to focus on specific challenges that the community faced with the second wave. Gradually the team worked towards registering beneficiaries who were ready to undergo vaccination. With support from change agents and advocates for pro-vaccination from within the community, volunteers of the team worked with members of the community to clear their concerns and doubts pertaining to vaccination. After a systematic, gradual process the team of Health100 completed it's target of vaccinating maximum members of the community has been achieved.



Picture of volunteers identifying beneficiaries to be vaccinated



Picture of a community member receiving their vaccine shot

Success Indicators: Over 6000 people have been vaccinated residing in the areas where STOP conducts its activities. Partnered with the local governing authorities for organizing vaccination drives. Invited by the State level team of Govt. of India to facilitate one of the largest district nodal vaccination camp. Partnered with army residence colony to ensure vaccination of local residents.

Challenges and Achievements: From the point of implementation of the project, there were various hurdles as people were hesitant to even discuss vaccination. People were hesitant in providing basic information as fear mongering was high. Organizing camps without any hassle was a challenge which was mitigated by the team under effective project implementation leadership.

3.6. Community Empowerment Activities:

The community empowerment activities were also diverted to address specific challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The members of all three pillars of *STOP*'s community intervention programme; Mahila Mandal (Women's group), Vigilant Group and Youth Group were engaged in meeting COVID-19 related challenges. While the regular model of intervention programme implemented by the organization had to be put on hold, the team assisted members of the community through various ways, e.g. short visits in neighborhoods and connecting through digital means. The three groups of change agents worked actively in identifying the most affected families for ensuring dry-ration support. The youth group worked actively in assisting children under the remedial classes' programme of the organization. As soon as the government imposed nation-wide lockdown in March 2020, members of the community were informed of the online/telephonic availability of our volunteers and field workers for addressing issues connected with safety of women and children.

3.7. Vocational Skill Training:

In 2020-2021, vocational training of women in batches in the community had to be placed on hold. Nonetheless, activity of making masks was continued as a part of vocational skill training programme.

3.8. Balmiki Mohalla

During the reporting period, the community members residing in Balmiki Mohalla were extended support in the form of dry ration as well as telephonic counseling to face challenges confronting women and children. The vaccination drive was also extended to the community.

3.9. Govindpuri

Govindpuri community was assisted with food support to families who had no means to provide for their families. The field workers and volunteers of *STOP* worked closely with the community to address issues of violence against women and children. The team of "Health100" project also worked closely with the population to ensure vaccination within the community.

3.10. Bawana

STOP extended support to the Mahila Self Help Group.

4. Research and Publications:

While year 2020-2021 had been dominated by field work and assisting vulnerable communities at the grassroots level, **STOP** conducted various research activities with equal rigour.

- In 2020-2021, **STOP** partnered with ECPAT International on a “Global Study on Sexual Exploitation of Boys”. The study consists of detailed legal analysis by collecting responses from front line service providers in 11 countries, including India. **STOP** led the study in India and analysed the current legal framework. The first stage of analysing legal framework involved detailed analysis of the laws implemented in India and how they would be effective if there are instances of sexual exploitation of boys. In the second stage of the research, the organization involved over 100 frontline service providers from across the country to understand challenges that first hand responders face while dealing with exploitation of small boys. While the study focused on boys, the research and response is not restricted to boys only. The responders have been gender neutral and experiences of dealing with both girls and boys have been collated and analysed. The survey was conducted in three languages, Hindi, Bangla and English. The study report is currently under publication by the ECPAT international.
- Two booklets were prepared as training guides for trainers dealing with various forms of violence against women and awareness on cyber crime with specific focus on women and children. The booklets aim at most prominent issues faced within the communities. The booklets are under publication and will act as useful resource for building capacity of our community workers and frontline service providers.
- Research on challenges faced specifically within the communities was conducted. As part of the COVID assistance initiative of dry ration distribution and vaccination drive, **STOP** had collected data on challenges faced by people as a result of the pandemic.

5. Highlights on Global Advocacy:

5.1. Collaborations, End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT International)

In 2020-2021, *STOP* has been an active participant in all activities organized by ECPAT International. *STOP* as one of the national members of ECPAT International works closely with the organization and contributes towards it as a part of its regional and global advocacy. *STOP* actively participated in the five-year strategy-building meeting of ECPAT. It also actively participated in The General Assembly Pt. 1 MEETING (Pt. 2 to be conducted at the end of 2021). *STOP* submitted thematic report to the Special Rapporteur (United Nations) on the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children. It has initiated preparation for the next thematic report to the Human Rights Council aimed at exploring gender dimension of sale and sexual exploitation of children and the importance of integrating a human rights-based and a non-binary approach to combating and eradicating sale and sexual exploitation of children.

5.2. Collaborating with United States of America Embassy, New Delhi.

STOP works closely with several embassies as part of its aim to have a global collective that focuses on ending violence against women and children. Every year the organization actively participates in the annual “Trafficking in Persons” report published by the US Department of State. In 2020, the organization gave the required inputs for preparations of the report. In November 2020, on the occasion of 16 days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, a representative of *STOP* was invited as panelist to present views on the current situation of gender based violence witnessed in the society. In March 2021, a representative of the organization was invited on the occasion of “Women’s History Month” celebration as a participant of a group of seven women to be celebrated for the work their organizations performed in the field of women empowerment and elimination of gender based violence.



STOP invited on the occasion of Women's history month.

5.3. Contributions towards United Nations:

STOP holds a special consultative status of the ECOSOC (UN). The organization has been an active participant and contributor to several meetings conducted online. Among few of the highlights of the engagement with UN, the organization submitted a question and answer form and attended the UN General Assembly Special Session on COVID-19. Another achievement in the year was publication of a statement submitted for the High-level Segment, 2021. The written statement submitted by the organization was published in the official documents of the meeting.

6. Highlights of Networking Activities:

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, daily activities had started to shift from physical to online platform. The months of July and August had been busy months for STOP as a partner with various national, regional and global advocacy groups to combat the twin scourges of human trafficking and violence against women and children. The interactions occurred on a variety of platforms. Following is a date wise description of each such interaction:

- Trafficking in Women : Emerging Challenges, Barriers and Rehabilitation Provisions by National Commission for Women, Govt. of India (10th July)

- The implementation challenge of Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act 2012, Victim and witness protection mechanism during legal procedure and the way forward by BNWLA- Bangladesh (29th July)
- Discussing post-COVID situation and issue of human trafficking by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (30th July)
- Spreading awareness regarding the world against trafficking day by Model United Nations Club, VIT (3rd August)
- Regional conference on Frontline Response to Trafficking in Persons Enabled by the Internet by UNODC (5th Aug)
- Regional meeting on sex trafficking from Bangladesh to India: Situation, service and challenges.
- Meeting organized by US embassy on Trends of trafficking during covid-19.
- Invited by the American Centre to deliver talk on “Discussion on Legal Aid/Support Available to Women Facing Violence”.
- 20 volunteers of *STOP* were invited to attend a meeting organized by the National Commission for Women celebrating women from various fields as COVID warriors.
- *STOP* received special invite by the National Commission for Women for celebration of International women’s day.
- Women’s day celebration with Farcap Germany- Focus on women led small enterprises- Prof. Roma Debabrata and Ms. Sonali participated as speakers. Ms. Janki acted as interpreter of Ms. Sonali.

7. Success Stories:

Aarti:

*Aarti lived in Aashray for over 11 years after she lost her mother. Upon her mother’s death, Aarti’s father refused to take responsibility of her. After sometime Aarti’s father also passed away, leaving Aarti with no support and increasing her vulnerability by everyday passing. After request, Aarti was taken under care of *STOP*. Aarti was placed in government school and pursued her academic goals alongside other students at the Aashray family Home. Aarti always displayed good performance in academia as well as her co-curricular activities. In*

the due course of time, she learnt Taekwondo, Yoga, spoken English and dance. She has cleared her graduation. She was also invited in 2017 as one of the representative in Cultural Caravan visiting three countries across Europe; Germany, Austria, Denmark. Her performance during this three month trip was also appreciated by organizers. In 2021, she cleared her first round of interviews in one of the leading airlines and we wish her all the best for her future.

Sonam:

*Sonam lived in Aashray family home for over 19 years. After her parent's death, Sonam came under care of her elder sister who was married. Her brother-in-law was a daily wage earner. The family had little means of surviving and as an outcome of this Sonam at a young age use to go rag picking in morning and evening. One fine day, a gang of local criminals attacked her. Sonam managed to escape, however, this put her in a extremely vulnerable condition. Sonam's sister approached the organization to support her sister and gave her custody to the organization. The organization assisted Sonam in her educational endeavors. Sonam is now a post-graduate in Social Work. She learned spoken English. She worked with **STOP** for few years. With the experience and education she received as part of the **STOP** family, Anita is now working with another NGO.*

8. Koshish- a self help group:

With a vision to provide economic independence to the survivors/vulnerable women, Koshish (meaning endeavor) was formed in the year 2006. With the support from Femmes d' Europe, and Indian Railways, and many other organization, a commercial work space was setup for Koshish in 2018. The beneficiaries of Koshish were provided with training, handholding and market linkages in the area of catering and retail food production. The Self Help Group has empowered the women associated with it by helping them attain sustainability through constant skill training to develop and sustain their catering business.

Highlights of the year:

Koshish was regularly supplying supplementary food to the students of Remedial classes of Tughlakabad and Tigri but due to COVID crisis Koshish had received lesser no of orders from its friends circle, trustees, advisors and staff members of **STOP**.

Koshish also provided catering services to prestigious ONGC Corporation, a Maharatna CPSU during the years.

9. Thousand Dreams:

Launched in 2015, Thousand Dreams (TD) is an independent start-up social enterprise, with incubation support by **STOP** and run by a group of empowered women and young adults. The venture assists at-risk women and girls to get trained as well as attain knowledge, support and awareness of their rights. Thousand Dreams aims at channelizing the interest, skills and efforts of vulnerable women and survivors of trafficking and oppression into income generating activities. Steadily, Thousand Dreams is evolving into a leading social enterprise and a marketable brand across the globe in the apparel and accessories sector. Its mission is to emerge as a market leader for imparting necessary skill to first generation vulnerable and at-risk women and girls thereby transforming them into agents of social change. Its specialties include manufacture of all sorts of ladies and gents' garments, uniforms, apparel, accessories, artificial and cosmetic jewelry, beadwork, bags etc.

Highlights of the year:

1. Thousand Dreams had delivered/ exported its products under specific orders thrice to Germany.
2. Thousand dreams also supplied uniforms to Delhi university and Little Heart Hospital
3. Thousand Dreams also catered to ONGC

10.Way Forward:

The organization will continue to work dedicatedly to combat all forms of violence against women and children with specific focus on ending human trafficking. Prevention will be one of the key components of future programme interventions of *STOP*. The organization plans to link its activities of awareness generation with emerging needs of the community to strengthen efforts of women empowerment. The organization aims to lay special focus on girl child nutrition and digital literacy of women as unique intervention plans for the coming year. *STOP* will also continue efforts in the healthcare through vaccination and medical consultation. The organization will continue its collaboration with global organizations such as ECPAT, ATSEC, UNECOSOC, and others.

(Annexures of financial report and funders is enclosed.)

11.Financial Report

INDIAN INCOME TAX RETURN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT <small>[Where the data of the Return of Income in Form ITR-1 (SAHAJ), ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-4(SUGAM), ITR-5, ITR-6, ITR-7 filed and verified] (Please see Rule 12 of the Income-tax Rules, 1962)</small>				Assessment Year 2020-21	
PAN	AAATR4872P				
Name	RAMOLA BHAR CHARITABLE TRUST				
Address	A-25,,, CHITRANJAN PARK, NEW DELHI, DELHI, 110019				
Status	AOP/BOI	Form Number	ITR-7		
Filed u/s	139(1)-On or before due date	e-Filing Acknowledgement Number	877060481231220		
Taxable Income and Tax details	Current Year business loss, if any	1	0		
	Total Income		0		
	Book Profit under MAT, where applicable	2	0		
	Adjusted Total Income under AMT, where applicable	3	0		
	Net tax payable	4	0		
	Interest and Fee Payable	5	0		
	Total tax, interest and Fee payable	6	0		
	Taxes Paid	7	0		
	(+/-)Tax Payable /(-)Refundable (6-7)	8	0		
	Dividend Distribution Tax details	Dividend Tax Payable	9	0	
Interest Payable		10	0		
Total Dividend tax and interest payable		11	0		
Taxes Paid		12	0		
(+/-)Tax Payable /(-)Refundable (11-12)		13	0		
Accreted Income & Tax Detail	Accreted Income as per section 115TD	14			
	Additional Tax payable u/s 115TD	15			
	Interest payable u/s 115TE	16			
	Additional Tax and interest payable	17			
	Tax and interest paid	18			
	(+/-)Tax Payable /(-)Refundable (17-18)	19			
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12. List of Top Funders

The Ford Foundation

German Friend Circle

MAS Foundation

Solstice Institute

Prof. Roma Debabrata (Individual Donor)

13. Testimonials

Vishwanath Bhattacharya, Senior Consultant, Vascular Surgeon, NHS (UK)

“Impressed by the work you do and moved by the stories your girls. We live in a bubble with our small struggles, girls of STOP have seen the worst of humanity and still standing strong.”

Manishi Mehru, Academician, Rajasthan

“Today we visited the Head office of STOP and experienced various areas of work. The staff is very professional. We are impressed by the dedication of each individual in the office. I hope for this organization to grow and continue to spread its activities and touch many more lives.”

Margret Macleod, First Secretary, Public Diplomacy, Embassy of United States

“Thank you for explaining the amazing work you do”