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The present report aims to provide a detailed overview of the principal programs, projects and activities undertaken by **50P** from January to December 2024.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My Dear Friends and Associates,

The organization has for long kept its focus on prevention against human trafficking, and for the same reason, education is the key factor in fulfilling this aim. People in the communities in low-income areas, have forgotten to dream. Lost in their routine lives of doing manual labour, petty jobs and feeding their families, they do not save any time or energy to dream, to dream of doing something big, something meaningful for the society they live in. Their daily lives do not hold the space to think of something much more profound than life cycle of obtaining basic literacy, job for sustenance, marriage and children.

to dream again- and to dream big. Till the 9th class, we teach children, and also plan to extend the facilities up to class 12th, as well as prepare them for competitive exams. Through education, we encourage them to strive further and break out of their routine lives and expectations to do something impactful in the society. Education is the key to open their doors to new dreams, ones which will make them soar high and achieve profound milestones in the long run.

Through education, we also connect with our adult population in our communities. We make them realize the value of correct and informed decision making, and maintain optimal health and hygiene to foster a healthy environment. Awareness for us is not a choice- it is a requirement to function as efficient human beings leading purposeful lives, thriving to achieve even more.

Our goal is to expand our assistance to our communities, and especially our students, to maintain a better quality of life through standardized facilities. We will continue this handholding till our communities are empowered enough to dream big and achieve huge successes!

We thank all of our partners and associated in various capacities who have been instrumental in bringing the joy and fulfillment in the various activities this year. We look forward to presenting the impact of coming year.

In Solidarity

Ms. 02. Debabrah

Roma Debabrata

BACKGROUND

Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust (hereafter 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 was 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-judgmental support and care. 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.

The Trust holds a consultative status with UN-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 International) networks in their commitment to bring an end to sexual exploitation of children.

marginalized communities in Delhi and elsewhere in the country. As part of its empowerment program, Thousand Dreams- an independent social enterprise (initiated by \$70P) is led by young activists who have transformed their lives from a victim - to survivor - to warrior. In addition, "Koshish", a self-help group initiated by \$70P, and led by women and young adults' hardwork is also catering to various events with a vast variety of cuisines.

Mission

The mission of **SOP** is to promote the establishment of an egalitarian society through the political, social and economic empowerment of victims of trafficking and violence, helping them in their journey of victims to survivors and ultimately agents of social change

Vision

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

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 on techniques to combat new methods used for trafficking.

- ♣ Create networks with civil bodies and non-profit organizations to combat human trafficking and all forms of oppression against children and women.
- ♣ Organize meets, conferences, workshops and programmes to create awareness and focus on the prevention of all forms of oppressions against women and children;
- Research latest emerging trends of trafficking and violence against women and children and publish handbooks or research papers on the same;
- ♣ Advocate for the improvement of legal policies about issues related to its field of activity;
- Facilitate repatriation and restoration of foreign citizens who fell victims to the menace of trafficking and help victims in retaining confidence, reuniting with family and rehabilitating;
- ♣ Create a gender just and resilient Community Vigilant Model as well as women's Self-Help Groups to empower and assist survivors in our communities in gaining access to employment opportunities;
- ♣ Create sustainable and safe community for women and children to reduce vulnerability of women and children through Community Intervention Programmes;
- ♣ 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;
- ♣ Support and encourage children and women to use effective communication skills at grassroots level;
- Create secure spaces for the victims;
- ♣ Create a non-judgmental open space called the Midway Home ready to accept marginalized/ wronged/ violated women and children through provision of safe care, protection and accommodation, trauma counselling services, medical assistance, legal aid, education and vocational skill training;
- ♣ Identify victims of various forms of exploitation through local stakeholders. Provide skill based training to victims suffering from various forms of exploitation;
- Focus on grassroots Non-Governmental bodies' empowerment in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal.

CORE VALUE STATEMENT

marginalized 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 organizational growth which in turn nurtures talent and promotes organizational excellence. 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/victimized 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.

As per the strategy of the organization, 60% of activities are dedicated towards Prevention

SUPPORT TO SURVIVORS

and children. The organization provides food, shelter, education, tuition, emotional, psychological, legal, technical as well as financial support to its survivors till they have the capacity to stand on their own feet. To provide holistic tools to empower such women, **STOP** has given aftercare shelter to five at-risk women, who are also given mental and emotional counselling, food allowance, medical help, smartphones, stipends, transport allowance, amongst many other basic amenities.

Two children of two survivors have been enrolled in receiving education in proper schools and are given daily tuitions as well.

One survivor had completed her BSW (Bachelor in Social Work) under the aegis of **\$70P** and has currently been enrolled in MHRM (Masters in Human Resource Management) and has also been given employment in this organization to empower her both financially as well as academically. She has also been given free accommodation, health check-ups and travel reimbursements while undergoing the bachelor's as well as master's degree.



The health insurance(s) of many at-risk women and their children have been maintained by **SOP** apart from the salary/stipend that they receive on a monthly basis. A survivor has also been given employment as well as vocational training to hon her tailoring skills under Thousand Dreams, a social enterprise initiated by **SOP**. BSH, a course in Hotel Management, has been sponsored by **SOP** for another child of an at-risk woman, who now is completing a paid internship in person, which will surely give her an advantage for getting a stable job opportunities. She had also been given free accommodation, health check-ups and travel reimbursements while undergoing the bachelor's degree.

Accommodation, medical intervention, mental counselling, providing college admission, daily tuition, providing rent, food allowance, stipend as well as smartphone for educational and communication purposes were provided to another at-risk woman as well.

Each at-risk woman and their children sheltered by **STOP** have been assisted by the organization to create their identity cards, for example, AADHAAR and PAN card. Two of such survivors have also been involved in the vocational training courses given in our SHG, Koshish, in the form of baking courses, and in our social enterprise, Thousand Dreams, where the basics of tailoring are learnt.

STOP also keeps conducting periodic reunion of all its survivors to check on their general well-being, if they have any needs which can be meted out by this organization, like pursuing higher education, any

form of vocational training, or employment opportunities. Such survivors have also benefitted a lot in improving their overall lifestyle.

INNOVATIONS

strives to provide assistance to all the survivors and people in its communities, especially through the indestructible tool to build meaningful lives - education. Last year, STOP had already created separate educational space for taking remedial classes for not just 3rd to 8th class, but the 9th class as well, in both its communities. **TOP** also periodically conducts spot tests for both the teachers as well as students, to ensure that the quality of education, both imparted and received, keeps on getting better.

This year, the 19th of April witnessed the start of a six months long Teacher's Training Programme with the community teachers of **STOP** to directly increase their quality of education and indirectly help the students to perform better as well. This time, **STOP** has successfully assisted to give scholarships to twenty five aspiring students.





STOP strives to bring out the best in each of its students. To achieve this purpose, the organization holds essay writing competitions, encourages students to read the newspapers everyday, enhance their general knowledge and show their flair at poetry.

An educational field trip was also planned for increasing the general awareness of about fifty students on the 21st March, 2024. They were assisted by Shirine Marian Tigga, Project Coordinator, Sakshi Gaur, Psychological Counsellor, Mamta Gopal and Gulnuma, Community-in-Charge(s), and all the community teachers of *STOP*. They went to visit to the National Science Museum and the Natural History Museum in New Delhi to hon their skills in both these subjects.





Along with education, communication is also an important stepping stone to build successful, empowered lives. **STOP** took this concept and gave it an innovative approach by conducting effective communication workshops, especially for the youngsters in its communities. Organized to reach out to an audience waiting to explore life in its fullest potential, the young generation were taught not just to communicate effectively, but also how to express themselves in ways which could enhance their verbal as well as nonverbal skills. Apart from the workshop, students are generally encouraged to speak out what they write or imagine to improve their speaking skills.

PUBLICATIONS

has published handbooks supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) dealing with topics mentioned below in both Hindi and English:

- 1. Fundamental Rights and Freedom
- 2. Health and Hygiene
- 3. Human Trafficking
- 4. Domestic Violence
- 5. Child Marriage
- 6. Child Labour
- 7. Cybercrime
- 8. Education





ADP had also organized two consecutive awareness programmes in Uttarakhand in the months of September and October, 2024. The following newspaper articles reflected upon our indomitable efforts to combat human trafficking and other forms of violence against children and women in cross-border trafficking areas like Uttarakhand, which is a gateway to the Indo-Nepal border.



EVENT ENGAGEMENTS

• On the 6th of February, 2024, three delegates from the British High Commission came for an hour long visit to **STOP**. They were the representatives from the Social Development Team from Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Team, under the Government of the United Kingdom. They were

welcomed by the members of **STOP**. Emily, Diana and Catherine were given a brief introduction about the team of **STOP**, after which they were shown a short film on one of our survivors. This was followed by a short presentation showcasing the strong partnership of ECPAT International and **STOP** throughout the years.

♣ On the 28th of February, 2024, **SOP** was represented by Smritikana Ghosh Paul and Narayani Bhattacharya, who participated in FICCI's Roundtable on Developing Analytical Approach for Assessment of Gender Budgeting in India. Revered Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Minister for Minority Affairs, was invited as a guest speaker, along with few other eminent public figures from different walks of life.





♣ \$70\$ was represented by its Documentation Officer, Narayani Bhattacharya, who participated in the ten days training, held from the 27th of May to the 6th of June, 2024, on Storytelling and Filmmaking for the Social Development Sector under Azim Premji, and received a certificate for the same. The workshop encompassed certain crucial skills required for understanding and executing the nuances of making films and videos. Each lesson covered by the Academy focused on making films focusing on the development of non-profit organizations. The programme was designed to explain both the theoretical as well as practical applications of camera, lights, colours, angles, sizes, movements, types of shots, types of films to make professional films based on a strong storyline.



4 On September 30, 2024, **SOP** was represented by Sakshi Gaur, the Psychological Counsellor, who attended the Sustainability CSR Live Week event, a prominent international gathering for professionals in aid and development of the social sector. The daylong event featured a conference with seven different sessions with multiple panellists, exhibition of CSR Good Book 2024, workshops, and awards. As part of the CSR Good Book launch, it showcased India's top sustainable and socially responsible brands, corporations, and public sector enterprises. **STOP** actively participated in this "Grantor - Grantee" platform, contributing to the promotion of CSR initiatives and sustainability efforts within the community. The event provided a solid platform for engaging discussions and networking.





♣ On October 25, 2024, Mobile Creches NGO hosted "Nanhe Kadam Baal Utsav" at Pragati Maidan's Art and Craft Museum, New Delhi. This unique event was designed to engage children in fun-filled, interactive activities without the use of smartphones or gadgets, fostering creativity, imagination, and a sense of community. \$70P\$ was invited and represented by Poonam Choudhary, Field Coordinator and Counsellor, and Mamta Gopal, Centre in Charge (Tigri Community). The event featured delightful activities that captured the spirit of childhood. The highlight for many was Ao Nani ki Kahani Suno (Come, Listen to Grandmother's Stories), where timeless tales brought smiles to eager faces. Nanhe Kadam Baal Utsav successfully showcased the importance of handson, screen-free engagement for children. \$70P's collaboration further emphasized the shared commitment to empowering and protecting children.



At the Ekatva – Green Diwali Festival on October 27th, 2024 at Sunder Nursery, Delhi, **50P** was represented by its psychological counsellor, Sakshi Gaur. Addressing an audience of over 5,000, Sakshi spoke on human trafficking, sharing alarming statistics and highlighting **50P**'s mission to combat the oppression of women and children. She recounted the inspiring story of **50P**'s founding by Roma Debabrata and detailed its impactful work and achievements. **50P** was honored with the "Changemaker of the Year" award by Ashoka Innovation, celebrating its dedication to creating a compassionate and sustainable world.





The team of **STOP** celebrated the Winter Carnival amongst all its employees. Our members exchanged not just gifts but smiles, hugs, and a whole lot of love.



SPUWAC (Special Police Unit for Women and Children) **MEETINGS**:

In the periodic meetings held by the SPUWAC SPUNER (Special Police Unit for North Eastern Region) cell, two representatives from \$70P\$, namely Narayani Bhattacharya and Mamta Gopal, attended the event and contributed to the valuable discussions, held on 13th March and 26th November, 2024. This partnership allows NGOs to share certain case studies which could use SPUWAC's help to reach the required solution or reconciliation. The former one housed an IAS officer and the latter, a Deputy Commissioner of the police force. We talked in depth about some of our cases and what the Cell could do to provide support to the affected ones. The issues discussed revolved around the gaps and loopholes in laws misused by criminals to trap innocent and vulnerable children, women as well as men. Two of our Communities' cases were also analysed in great detail.









COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES, DELHI

The facilities provided by **570P** to its Community Outreach Centres in Tigri Tughlakabad are recorded annually, and the latest data is given as follows:

1. Number of patients to whom **Health Services** have been provided:

Tughlakabad: 2402 Tigri: 1214

2. No. Of Members in **Vigilant Groups:**

Tughlakabad: 5
Tigri: 5

3. No. Of Members in **Youth Groups:**

Tughlakabad: 30 Tigri: 25

4. No. Of Members in Mahila Mandals:

Tughlakabad: 110 Tigri: 110

5. No. of **Domestic Violence** cases:

Tughlakabad: 75 Tigri: 34

6. Number of children in our **Educational Centres**:

Tigri: 81 Tughlakabad: 120

TUGHLAKABAD

- At Tughlakabad Community, **SOP** hosted the International Women's Day on the 6th of March, 2024, packed with inspiring stories, interactive sessions, and moments of celebration. The crowd, consisting of women of all ages, was captivated by the stories shared during the event. From pioneering scientists to ground breaking activists, women who have achieved remarkable feats over the years were celebrated and applauded.
- ♣ \$70\$ collaborated with Jan Sahas, a Non-Profit Organization to set up a camp for providing certain public services to \$70\$'s Tughlakabad Community residents. On the 17th of August, 2024. About a hundred people got the benefits of new E-shram ID, Abha ID, Labour and Voter ID cards. A few of them also were helped in opening their new bank accounts.









♣ On the 21st of November, 2024, **\$70P** recently spearheaded a transformative community awareness program in Tughlakabad, tackling the pressing issue of drug abuse. The program included an impactful street play by students, vividly depicting the devastating effects of drug addiction on families and communities. Expert talks highlighted preventive measures, identification of early signs, and ways to

support individuals at risk. Interactive sessions encouraged audience participation, fostering a shared commitment to addressing this issue. An **Essay Writing Competition** for students from Tigri and Tughlakabad Education Centres further engaged young minds. Topics explored the media's influence on drug use, the role of family in prevention, and addiction's impact on relationships. Winners, Palak and Hasan, captivated the audience with their speeches and received awards for their outstanding essays.







On the 22nd of November, 2024, Dr. Gerlinde, a long-time friend of **SOP**, visited Tughlakabad to engage with the community and staff. Her visit included a series of impactful activities, starting with a meeting with staff at the community center. She then interacted with children from families affected by recent demolitions, offering emotional support and encouragement by listening to their stories and aspirations. She also held an interactive session with 9th standard students, discussing their career goals and sharing insights from her own professional journey. She later participated in a community event at Durga Mata Mandir focused on drug awareness and prevention, organized by Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust and supported by SPYM. Drawing from her experience in addiction recovery, Dr. Gerlinde spoke about using acupuncture as an alternative therapy for drug withdrawal, emphasizing a holistic approach to treatment. Her visit inspired hope and reinforced community collaboration.





On the 22nd of November, 2024, **TOP** conducted a revision training session for Tughlakabad's women, focusing on practical application of knowledge gained from eight previous training programs addressing issues like domestic violence, child marriage, health, education, and human rights (sponsored by APPI). The training was conducted by the Project Coordinator, Shirine Marian Tigga and Psychological

Counsellor, Sakshi Gaur, respectively. Mahila Mandal Volunteers mobilized participants, engaging them in discussions and situational assessments to reinforce their learning and empower action. Activities included a detailed recap of prior training, practical exercises on legal measures and support systems, and a questionnaire testing real-life application of knowledge. Tughlakabad youth volunteers supported participants with reading and writing tasks, fostering community collaboration. The session highlighted confidence-building and impactful feedback, demonstrating participants' readiness to address abuse and injustice. It also provided valuable insights for the organizers to evaluate and enhance training effectiveness.







An Effective Communication Workshop, held at **500**° s Tughlakabad Community, on the 10th of December, 2024, aimed to equip students with vital communication skills through engaging activities. Welcoming an audience of around 30 students from the 6th to the 9th class were **500**° s Team members, Sakshi Gaur and Shirine Marian Tigga. It began with an introduction to active listening, where students practiced paraphrasing and participated in the "Sit and Jump" activity to enhance attentiveness. Nonverbal communication was explored next, focusing on body language, gestures, and eye contact. Students enacted scenarios using only non-verbal cues to understand its impact. The final segment emphasized verbal communication, highlighting clarity and relevance. A dialogue exchange activity allowed students to practice concise, dynamic conversations in English. Hands-on activities made the session interactive and educational, fostering a deeper appreciation for effective communication's role in academic and professional success.





TIGRI (JJ COLONY)

On 8th February 2024, \$\textit{FOP}\$ hosted a vibrant cultural event, "Harmony in Diversity: A Cultural Experience," at the Adarsh Senior Citizen Association, Tigri. After a warm welcome by \$\textit{FOP}\$'s counselling psychologist, Sakshi Gaur, and an inaugural lamp-lighting ceremony, Mr. Bhattacharyya, Retd. IAS Officer and Central Information Commissioner, delivered a motivating keynote address. Mrs. Bhattacharyya performed three inspirational melodies while Tigri Police representative Mr. Ravinder shared vital helpline information. The event featured captivating folk and classical dance performances from diverse states like Sikkim, Kashmir, Gujarat, and West Bengal. Highlights included a welcome hymn inaugural solo and an exquisite Odissi performance by Adreeja Paul. Additionally, musical performances and Nukkad Nataks (street performances) showcased community talent, encouraging creativity and self-expression.





- At Tughlakabad Community, **SOP** hosted the International Women's Day on the 6th of March, 2024, packed with inspiring stories, interactive sessions, and moments of celebration. The crowd, consisting of women of all ages, was captivated by the stories shared during the event. From pioneering scientists to ground breaking activists, women who have achieved remarkable feats over the years were celebrated and applauded.
- An impactful Anti-Human Trafficking Day event was organized by **SOP** at the Tigri community, on the 30th of July, 2024. The primary objective of this event was to educate the public about the stark realities and dangers associated with human trafficking. The event sought to raise awareness by informing the community about the tactics employed by traffickers, recognizing the signs of trafficking, and providing guidance on how individuals can protect themselves and others from falling victim to such exploitation. An audience of around 200 people were warmly welcomed by **SOP** Team.













On the 17th of October, 2024, **SOP** organized a comprehensive Legal Literacy Awareness Program in Tigri. The program educated over 230 participants on critical topics such as domestic violence, child labor, child marriage, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act. Esteemed advocates and experts shared legal insights, empowering the audience with knowledge and actionable steps. The event featured compelling street plays performed by students from Tigri and Tughlakabad centers, addressing issues of child labor and domestic violence, resonating deeply with attendees. **SOP**'s dedicated team, along with long-time supporters, ensured the event's success. Through initiatives like these, **SOP** continues to foster informed, vigilant, and proactive communities, contributing significantly to social change and legal awareness. Join us in supporting these transformative efforts!



The psychoeducation session held on November 8, 2024, in one of **STOP**'s Communities, Tigri, focused on teaching positive self-talk to 25 students from classes 5 to 8. Facilitated by **STOP**'s Psychological Counsellor, Sakshi Gaur, the session aimed to highlight the role of self-talk in shaping emotional well-being and personal growth. Students learned that positive self-talk, characterized by kind and supportive thoughts, can boost confidence, reduce anxiety, and enhance problem-solving skills. Emphasis was placed on its importance for children aged 10-14, a critical period for building self-esteem and resilience as they form identities and face academic and social challenges. The sessions concluded with a discussion on integrating positive self-talk into daily routines, empowering students to manage emotions better, build resilience, and approach challenges with a healthier mindset.







COMMON COMMUNITY EVENTS OF DELHI

The month of January welcomed Peter Rex and Elke Rex from Germany, on 25th January, 2024. They came to visit both the communities **STOP** supports and also participated in the Republic Day activities **STOP**'s community staff and students had organized.







Throughout the whole month of May, the two communities of **SOP**, namely Tigri and Tughlakabad were trained in the first phase of trainings based on human trafficking, human rights, deaddiction, child marriage, domestic violence, cybercrime, education and such related topics. Narayani Bhattacharya, Shirine Marian Tigga and Sakshi Gaur facilitated these trainings.





- ♣ The second phase repeating all these trainings once again was conducted during September to November, 2024 in both these communities. Shirine Marian Tigga and Sakshi Gaur facilitated these trainings.
- From October 9th to 16th, Psychological Counsellor Sakshi Gaur organized a Mental Health Week at **570P**'s communities' education centers at both Tigri and Tughlakabad. It was a transformative initiative, aimed to raise awareness about mental health and equip students with tools to manage stress, enhance their emotional intelligence (EQ), and navigate life's challenges effectively. Through these engaging sessions, students developed essential life skills, including empathy, resilience, and emotional regulation. **570P**'s Mental Health Week was a powerful reminder of the importance of mental health education.





♣ SOP's Communities celebrated the Indian Independence Day a day before the 15th of August, 2024.









↓ The two Communities of **STOP** celebrated the Teacher's Day on the 5th of September, 2024.





♣ \$70P's Communities celebrated the festival of lights, organizing diya making competition in both Tigri and Tughlakabad.







♣ The Communities of **SOP** celebrated Children's Day on the 14th of November, 2024, with great pomp and splendor.







STOP's communities celebrated the Winter Carnival with great enthusiasm!





COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES, WEST BENGAL

The facilities provided by **SOP** to its Community Outreach Centre in West Bengal are recorded annually, and the latest data is given as follows:

1. Vocational Trainings:a. Digital Smartphone Handling: 50b. Tailoring and Stitching: 50c. Incense Stick Making: 50

2. Assistance to Tiger-Victim's Families:
a. Vocational Training: 20
b. Education: 3
c. Materials (Sewing Machine, Bicycle): 4

for many years. Since West Bengal is near the Indo-Bangladesh border, it serves as a porous gateway for the traffickers for carrying on their cross-border trafficking activities. *\$70P*, in its indomitable efforts to combat human trafficking, has partners in this region mainly to increase the awareness about human trafficking and also to create safety mechanisms for the common people of West Bengal so that they stay aware about and protected against human trafficking.

The Jharkhali Field Visit was conducted in the month of September 2024, by two representatives of \$70P\$, namely Smritikana Ghosh Paul, Senior Programme Manager, and Narayani Bhattacharya, Documentation Officer. The programme was divided into roughly three days, spanning a detailed discourse on student's awareness about prevention against human trafficking and a thorough discussion with our successfully vocational trainees. The response from both the targeted audiences was quite positive and the Visit confirmed that \$70P's work in Jharkhali has created much more, indepth awareness against human trafficking, while also making many at-risk women stand on their own feet.







♣ The Senior Programme Manager of **\$70P**, Smritikana Ghosh Paul, and Dr. Gerlinde visited the Sundarbans in West Bengal from the 23rd to the 28th of November, 2024. During those days, a number of

meetings with at-risk women, children, aged people and survivors were held with the **STOP** Team. A separate meeting with the Hotel Owner's Association, Jharkhali, was also held during this span of time. An awareness workshop highlighting the ills of human trafficking was also conducted in order to empower vulnerable children and women.













NETWORKING AND INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

In the reporting period, the organisation has engaged with its partners and stakeholder at every level; local, national, regional, and international. The organisation has held the Consultative status in the UN-ECOSOC office for a long time and has duly participated in its major events and activities. It also been actively involved with regional activities as part of the ECPAT International network and ATSEC international network in devising future plans and strategies for the regional action to tackle emerging forms of human trafficking. The organisation has been actively engaging with partners to develop future plan on combatting human trafficking on an international stage. *SIOP* also established a Secretariat of South Asia Coalition of Resilient Network to Prevent Human Trafficking, acronymed SACRNPT.

This year welcomed Dr. Regina and Dr. Gerlinde who are 500 's friends from Germany.

♣ On the 29th of April, 2024, Mukti South Asia under ECPAT International had organized an event dealing with child sex trafficking in Aloft Hotel, Aerocity. *STOP* was invited and represented by two

members from **500**, namely Senior Programme Manager, Smritikana Ghosh Paul and Documentation Officer, Narayani Bhattacharya.

♣ On the 3rd of July, 2024, Mika and Lotte came from Sweden as a part of **STOP**'s close contacts in Sweden, with the mission to observe the way our organization works to prevent human trafficking. They had a long conversation with our Founder, Roma Debabrata, about our awareness workshops and community intervention programmes for combatting human trafficking.



♣ **\$70P** was invited and represented by Ms. Smriti Kana Ghosh Paul, Senior Programme Manager, **\$70P**, who attended a Regional Workshop in Kathmandu from August 26th–29th, 2024, organized by ECPAT International. It was mainly focused on analyzing civil society movements, addressing child sexual exploitation and abuse in the whole of South Asia. Key discussions included the scale, scope, and trends of exploitation, with emphasis on gender, emerging challenges, and collaboration with private sectors, governments, and communities. Sessions explored topics like child exploitation in travel and tourism, the impact of climate change and humanitarian crises, trauma-informed approaches amplifying survivors' voices, access to justice for child victims, and child safeguarding standards and requirements.







The National Consultation on Countering Cyber-Enabled Human Trafficking was a consultative programme held in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, on the 29th of September, 2024. **SOP** was invited and represented by the Documentation Officer of **SOP**, Narayani Bhattacharya. An audience of over five hundred governmental and civil bodies were given a warm welcome by Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, Founder of Prajwala and a Padmashree Awardee, who was at the heart of the entire consultation. The programme enhoused two different sessions; the first one was the launch of the interactive session, where details

about the book were discussed, and the second session entailed suggestions given from all the government and civil society dignitaries to improve and enhance the research done to formulate the book. **STOP** 's representative also gave suggestions, which were noted down. The Consultative programme was quite effective in reaching out to an audience committed to creating a safer cyber-space in all the online platforms.







Lechar International conducted a programme in IBIS Aerocity on the 13th of November, 2024. A closed-door meeting brought together ECPAT representative Guillaume Laundry and notable NGO founders and esteemed members, including Roma Debabrata from \$10\mathbb{P}\$. The event highlighted the multifaceted challenges of child trafficking, particularly its growing presence on online platforms. Discussions shed light on how traffickers exploit undiscovered traps and channels, including the misuse of voluntourism, to ensnare innocent children into trafficking networks. Roma Debabrata emphasized that ignorance about the existence and consequences of trafficking remains a major barrier to impactful solutions. She stressed the need for awareness at the grassroots level, as many solutions fail to penetrate deeply into society where they are needed most. Participants highlighted systemic gaps, such as the mislabelling of trafficking cases as mere kidnappings and the neglect of trafficking narratives in Child Welfare Committees. The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to eradicating child trafficking globally, driven by shared resolve and actionable insights.







♣ \$70P was invited and represented by Smritikana Ghosh Paul, the Senior Programme Manager of **\$70P**, in numerous webinars enlisted below:

Webinar(s) with APPI (Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives):

Detailed discussions took place on the following topics on the mentioned dates:

- 1. 13th August 2024: overviewing upon Human Resources
- 20th Sept 2024: detailing upon the procedures and do's and don'ts related to reporting of the Form
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Webinar(s) with ECPAT International:

Detailed discussions took place on the following topics on the mentioned dates:

- 1. 15th May: Child participation strategies and child sexual exploitation in Humanitarian Contexts
- 2. (14th of November, 28th of November, and 13th December, 2024): Safeguarding of children
- 3. 22nd October: The Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse related to the Law Enforcement Practices
- 4. 23rd December: South Asia Regional Coordination Meeting specially highlighting upon the importance of best practices of every NGO and civil bodies

Webinar with ATSEC:

21st February 2024: Discussions about the future of ATSEC- USAID Asia Counter Trafficking-in-Persons (Asia CTIP) Project

Webinar with FCRA By Standard Charter Bank

25th April 2024: Discussions about FCRA risk management analysis & Various objections observed for the accounting practices

Webinar with Space2Grow in collaboration with PACTA:

27th November 2024: Discussions about Verifiable Parental Consent

STOP spreads the knowledge of prevention of human trafficking and other forms of oppression on children through capacity-building of grassroots organizations in the following areas of India:

UTTARAKHAND:

STOP is in constant association with many grassroots-level organizations and civil bodies in Uttarakhand for many years. Since Uttarakhand is near the Indo-Nepal border, it serves as a porous gateway for the traffickers for carrying on their cross-border trafficking activities. **STOP**, in its indomitable efforts to

combat human trafficking, has partners in this region mainly to increase the awareness about human trafficking and also to create safety mechanisms for the common people of Uttarakhand so that they stay aware about and protected against human trafficking.

On the 13th of March, 2024, on the occasion of International Women's Day, **STOP** organized One-Day Round Table on Developing Action plans for inclusion and economic empowerment of women at YMCA Guest House, New Delhi. **STOP** chose to target its grassroot level organizations in Uttarakhand state. Shirine Marian Tigga, Project Coordinator of **STOP**, found and coordinated with all the grassroots level organizations for one full month to conduct this event successfully.











♣ \$70P conducted an online meet with the Uttarakhand Team of 20 grassroots level organizations on the 19th of July, 2024. The meet was organized by Project Coordinator, Shirine Marian Tigga, and various discussions took place revolving around small scale program ideas that were proposed by various NGOs from Uttarakhand in the offline meet aforementioned.

The first District Level Stakeholder Meeting was held in Rudrapur on the 19th of September 2024, organized by **\$70P** and Mahila Samiti initiated by Mrs. Heera Routela in US Nagar, Uttarakhand. This event was themed on violence against women and human trafficking, keeping in mind the increasing rate of crime against women in the Udham Singh Nagar District, as reported by various newspapers and the community members specially located areas bordering Nepal. Various government dignitaries from DALSA, AHTU, deputy CMO, ICDS, SSP, One Stop Centre, DPO, PCPNDT, women and child district officials, Mahila helpline, CDPO Mahila Kalyan were present in this august meeting. An audience of more than a hundred people were welcomed by the team of **\$70P** and Heera Routela.









On the 23rd October 2024, **SOP** held a stakeholder meeting hosted in the SSB campus conference hall, in collaboration with the SSB unit of the Indian National Army at Jauljibhi, a village on the Indo-Nepal border, Uttarakhand. The meeting brought together government officials (DM, CDO, SSB, police, ASHA workers, etc.), NGOs, Panchayat leaders, community leaders, and media representatives. This gathering fostered a supportive network among local bodies and organizations, emphasizing the need for collective action against cross-border trafficking and sexual violence. Discussions focused on the POCSO Act 2012, ITPA 1956, cross-border trafficking, and child sexual violence. The meeting reinforced support networks for tackling these critical issues, laying the groundwork for future initiatives aimed at enhancing community awareness and strengthening protective measures for women and children in vulnerable regions.









HIMACHAL PRADESH:

not has its partnership with the grassroots level organizations in Himachal Pradesh. Due to repeated violence committed against women in the said region, not decided to empower the regional grassroots organizations to combat the said crime in their respective regions.

♣ \$70₱ organized a regional conclave over a roundtable conference entitled "Developing Action Plans for Inclusion and Economic Empowerment of Women" on the 27th of March, 2024, in The Muse Sarovar Portico, New Delhi. Members from around twenty organizations gathered to discuss the ongoing region-specific challenges and issues affecting the women of Himachal Pradesh.







REPATRIATION

In the first week of April, **STOP** also conducted successful repatriations of two Bangladeshi victims back to their homelands.

INITIATIVES BY STOP

KOSHISH (SHG)

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; a commercial work space was setup for Koshish by 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.

In the reporting period, Koshish has continuously served the society by preparing varied food items especially during the festive times of Durga Puja, the autumn festival, and Diwali, the festival of lights.

ENACTUS, a group formed in the Aryabhatta college, teaches processing of certain hand-made crafts to the survivors at **SOP**. On the 9th of April,2024, some students from ENACTUS group, Aryabhatta College came and taught the community members of **SOP** the popular art of Tie and Dye. They also shared their knowledge of using organic colours, and showed three different ways of doing the said technique.

THOUSAND DREAMS

Launched in 2015, Thousand Dreams is an independent start-up social enterprise, with incubation support initiated by **STOP** and run by 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, it 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 thereby transforming them into agents of social change. Its specialties include manufacture of all sorts of ladies and gent's garments, uniforms, apparel, accessories, artificial and cosmetic jewelry, bead work, bags etc.

- ♣ On 25th and 27th of April, 2024, Thousand Dreams, a social enterprise incubated under **\$70P** had conducted two separate shootings of its apparels for showcasing in its online forum. The next set of shoots were conducted on the 18th of December, 2024.
- ♣ Dr. Regina Vogt-Heeren and Elke Klemenz from Germany came to visit Thousand Dreams from the 14th till the 18th of October, 2024. They gave new designs and patterns for spring and summer collection apparels and accessories for 2025-26.



TESTMONIALS

"Amazing work! Keep on doing what you do. Looking forward to working together to protect women and children"

-Claude Rochon (High Commission of Canada, New Delhi

Thank you for explaining the excellent work you do!

-Margaret MacLeod- Foreign Services Officer, US Dept. of State (High Commission, New Delhi)

A wonderfully organized setup providing livelihood to abused and trafficked girls and helps them in their repatriation. Great to know about them, and glad to be in association with \$10P.

-Satwant Sayan, President Rotary International Delhi Medium Dist. 3011

 $Truly \ humbling \ experience \ seeing \ all \ of \ you \ doing \ such \ a \ wonderful \ amount \ of \ work.$

-Dr. Vishwanath Bhattacharya, Consultant NHS (Gov UK)

"It was a deeply impressing und moving encounter with women whose husbands are killed mainly by tigers, and thanks to STOP, they receive vocational training in making dress and incense sticks which they can offer for sale on the local market, in order to finance their livelihood at a low level. Often however, the low income is not enough and requires local official support in the form of weekly food parcels known as "rations". Learning how to use digital tools (cell phones) is an important source of support in addition and is particularly favored by the younger generation of women. At the same time, education and protection of women and girls regarding human trafficking is an essential part of STOP's social work in that area. Poverty and social backwardness makes you vulnerable to trust the promises of human traffickers and thus falling in unknown dependence and abuse of all kinds."

Dr. Gerlinde Büchinger-Schmid, MAS

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