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STOP Trafficking and
Oppression of Children
& Women

Research Unit

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The present report aims to provide a detailed overview of the principal programmes, projects and activities developed by STOP from 1st January to the 31st of December 2015.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to share STOP's endeavours with you. The support and best wishes from our well wishers strengthen us to fight all odds and counter one of the most pressing issues of today: gender violence and trafficking in human beings.

2015 has been a very good year for STOP. We adopted the community of Tughlakabad where work has progressed manifold, with numerous health camps and workshops being held. The participation of the community has grown with each project along with our acceptance.

The involvement of the girls with vigour and interest at different vocational trainings and workshops makes us proud to see them aspire to do well for themselves and their families.

These achievements would not have been possible without the continuous efforts and hard work of the staff and the support we receive from our friends and well wishers. My heartfelt thanks to every stakeholder of the organization who believes in our cause and work towards the goal of establishing a society where violence does not exist.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your encouragement!

Roma Debrabata

Founder and President,

STOP Trafficking and Oppression of Children & Women

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Introduction

The crime of trafficking in human beings is a multibillion-dollar criminal industry that affects the lives of millions of people all over the world. The Global Slavery Index of 2014 has estimated that around 35.8 million people are victims of human trafficking in a global level and that 61% of such cases usually takes place in India, China, Pakistan and Russia (The Global Slavery Index, 2014¹).

According to the information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau of the Ministry of Home Affairs, in 2014 were registered a total of 5,466 incidents related to the crime of trafficking in human beings in India. This data shows an increase of 38.7% compared with the previous year as well as of 59.7% relating to the year of 2010 (Ministry of Home Affairs, 2014²).

In order to counter this crime, in 1998 the NGO Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust (RBC TRUST) launched **STOP**, a global movement that has been, since then, actively involved in the fight against human trafficking and all other forms of violence and oppression of women and children in India.

With the aim to heal the past, engaging the present and investing in the future, over the last two decades STOP has been helping several victims of trafficking and abuse. Not only through the performance of several rescue operations in India and trans-border areas, but also by focusing in the restoration and repatriation of the survivors and above all, on their empowerment.

In order to improve the recovery of the victims that arrive at the Aashray Family Home, STOP is not only providing formal and non-formal education, but also skill development training. The main focus of the organization is therefore moving from rescuing operations to the development of preventive and reintegration initiatives.

The present report, structured in two main parts, aims to present all the projects and activities that were developed by STOP in the year of 2015. The first part is a brief overview of the organization, of its internal structure, vision, mission and main objectives. In this section are also highlighted its different areas of intervention as well as a comprehensive description of the intervention process.

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1. The Global Slavery Index (2014). *The Global Slavery Index 2014*. Hope for Children Organization Australia Ltd, Australia. Available at: <http://www.dh-cii.eu/>
 2. Ministry of Home Affairs (2014). *Crime in India 2014 Compendium*. Available at: <http://mha.nic.in/>

The second part presents a detailed description of all the programmes and activities that were developed during this past year, including the infrastructure improvements, the prevention projects, the educational, professional and vocational trainings, among other initiatives.

About STOP

STOP is a global movement under the aegis of RBC Trust, a non-government and non-profit organization operating in New Delhi since 1990. The RBC Trust was instituted by a diverse set of motivated stakeholders with the aim to ensure justice and equality for women and children through the development of socio economic services.

Acting in a multidisciplinary and holistic way, the RBC Trust has been evolving over the years and today is working with a set of professionals and activists from different fields and backgrounds. In addition, due to its prominent work in the fight against all forms of violence and oppression of children and women in India, this NGO has, since 2007, a special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

Since STOP was founded, in 1998, that it has been extremely active in the coordination of several initiatives, as the implementation of community prevention projects, the performance of rescue operations and the provision of restoration and repatriation services for different types of victims of violence and abuse.

Having witnessed some changes in terms of its corporative structure, STOP currently obeys to the following internal structure:



Vision

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

Mission

The mission of STOP 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, to agents of social change.

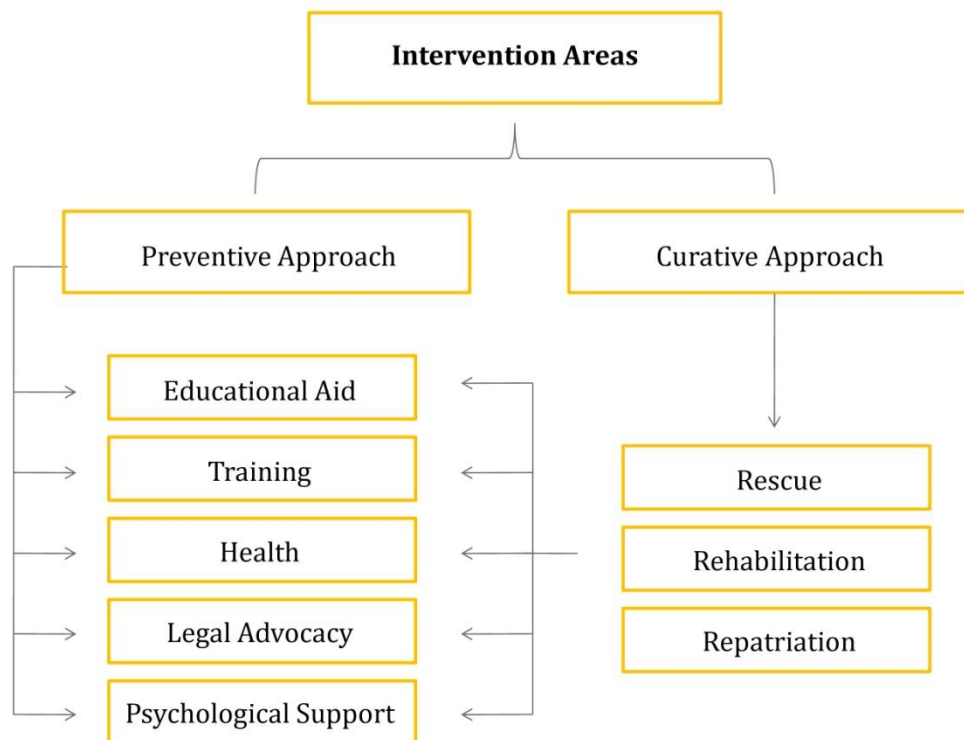
Objectives and Achievements

Through the use of a multidisciplinary and human rights based approach, STOP:

- Organizes and conducts rescue operations of trafficking victims from different highly exploitative situations;
- Provides survivors with appropriate and safe accommodation, trauma counselling services, medical assistance and legal aid;
- Assists in the repatriation and restoration processes of foreign and Indian citizens who have become victims of trafficking;
- Supports and encourages children of vulnerable communities and survivors of violence to engage in formal and/or non formal educational services as well as in professional and vocational trainings;
- Creates women's self-help groups to empower and assist the survivors in gaining access to employment opportunities;
- Advocates for the improvement of legal policies about issues related to its fields of activity.

Intervention Areas

In order to accomplish its mission, STOP adopts a holistic rights-based approach in the following two areas of intervention:



In the context of its preventive measures, STOP works at the source, transit and destination areas of the communities which appear to be more prone to violence and trafficking of women and children.

As far as the curative approach is concerned, and in addition to the above mentioned services, STOP also provides safe accommodation for different types of victims of violence and abuse, such as victims of trafficking in human beings, victims of domestic violence and victims of sexual abuse.

The Process of Change

The process of change starts with the outreach activities. These activities are usually performed by two different types of specialized groups, the Women Self Help Groups (Mahila Mandal) and the Vigilant Groups. Both groups are composed by members of the communities and its main goal is to keep a close watch on activities that may be considered suspicious or fall in the areas of intervention held by the organization.

Representing the first initial contact with any relevant situation that might arise in the community, these two groups have the possibility to perform early

identification in cases related to trafficking in human beings, domestic violence, abuse or lack of economic sustainability.

Regular meetings are held in the facilities of RBC Trust, promoting the exchange of information and, in the case of a special situation of vulnerability, a specialized team will try to meet the needs of the affected individuals/community, mainly through the development of specific community prevention projects, such as the creation of awareness campaigns and didactic workshops as well as through the provision of educational, professional and vocational training services.

In addition, since the women and children of these communities are often neglected from quality health care services, STOP also provides them with medical and nutritional assistance through access to free health clinics established in two different regions of Delhi: Bawana and Tughlakabad.



However, if any suspicion of trafficking or abuse is confirmed, then a special team will perform a rescue operation in close cooperation with the local authorities and, after being rescued, women and children are provided with non-judgmental and rights-based assistance services at the shelter Aashray Family Home.

The Aashray Family Home, in operation since 2007, is located near Delhi and has the capacity to accommodate at least 50-60 female victims at any given time, providing a wide range of supportive and educational services, such as individualized treatment plans, trauma counselling, legal aid as well as medical and psychological assistance.

In addition, during their stay in the Aashray, survivors also have access to education and professional trainings (such as cab driving, hospitality management, beautician skills, handicrafts, tailoring and theatre skills), along with other recreational

activities, like martial arts, classic dance, drama and several types of indoor and outdoor games.



With the aim to promote self-sustainability and economic independence, STOP has also created a specific Empowerment Programme called “Thousand Dreams”. This tailoring and handicraft business has been running as a vocational training initiative since 2014 and has already established successful partnerships with different companies around the world, namely, with “Salila Rising” in the USA and “AZADI” in Germany.

Programmes, Projects and Activities

The year of 2015 has proven to be a year of important transitions within the organization. With the aim to ensure better working conditions and training facilities, STOP improved the existing infrastructure and developed new projects aimed to self-sustainability.

Moreover, 2015 was especially dedicated to projects focusing on prevention, mainly in the context of health care and educational services, with the creation of several community development and welfare programs.

Infrastructure Improvements

In 2015 the facilities of the RBC Trust had suffered remarkable infrastructural advancements in its main Office, which is now a restructured three-story building and will serve as a multi-purpose facility. Therefore, and besides its main function of Administrative and Financial services as well as its Rescue, Protection and Empowerment Unit, the Office now also incorporates the newly created Research, Documentation, Fund Raising and External Relations Unit.

With such improvements, the Office now not only offers a safe and healthy environment for its workers but also for its visitors, friends, donors and volunteers.

Another important infrastructure improvement carried out along this past year was the establishment of two informal educational centres in the vulnerable communities of Tughlakabad and Bawana. Thus, through the use of well-trained and professionally qualified teachers, STOP is now also able to provide primary educational services in these two facilities as well as tuition classes and vocational training services.

The purpose of these two centres is to provide alternative educational services for all the children and women that might be faced educational needs, by helping them to fill their educational gaps and, ultimately, by preparing them for the attendance of formal education.

Prevention Initiatives

In the field of prevention, during 2015 a total of 26 awareness events were conducted, out of which 20 were concerned with the establishment of regular meetings with the specialized groups (the Mahila Mandal and the Vigilant Groups) with the objective to maintain the on-going activities in their fundamental purpose of identifying possible cases of vulnerability and abuse in the communities, and the remaining 6 were didactic workshops.

The goal of the workshops, targeting women and adolescent girls, was to raise awareness about two main themes: legal advocacy and health literacy. While the legal advocacy workshops were performed in collaboration with the legal advisor and were mainly focusing on the laws regarding domestic violence, women's rights and human rights, the health literacy workshops focused primarily on reproductive and sexual health.

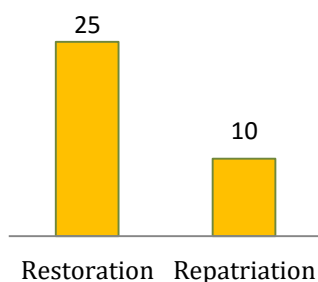


(Health Literacy Workshop)

Assistance Measures

In the curative context STOP provided various types of assistance for the total of 35 women and children, victims of different crimes: trafficking for commercial sexual and labour exploitation, domestic servitude and also many other forms of abuse and neglect.

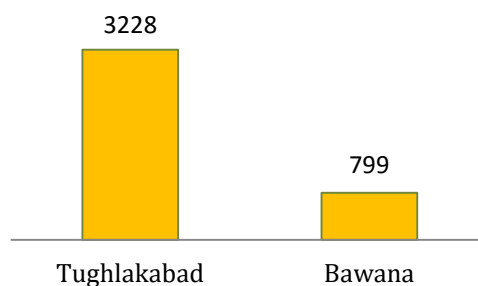
Of these 35 assisted victims, 5 of them were rescued this year. One was Bangladeshi and the rest were Indian victims. All the victims were provided with restoration or repatriation services. The diagram below outlines the restoration and repatriation statistics of 2015:



Concerning the restoration services, these have included: safe accommodation, medical assistance and legal aid. STOP provided medical assistance in different

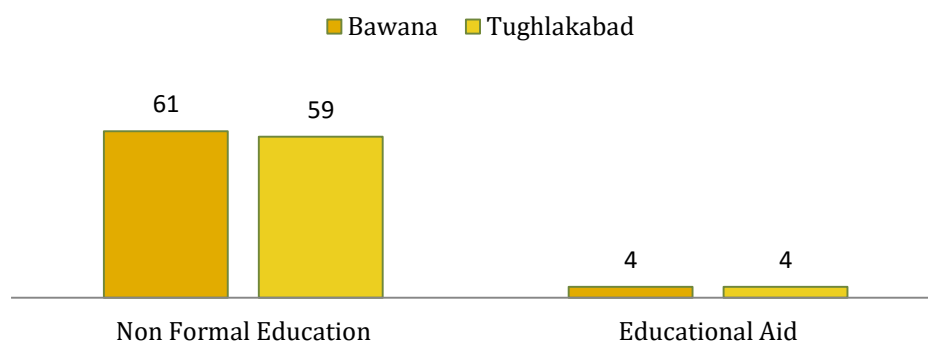
hospitals: Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital; Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital; Maharishi Valmiki Hospital; All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); Satyawati Raja Harishchandra Hospital and Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital.

Regarding the assistance initiatives held in the prevention field, these were mainly related to the delivery of medical assistance in the two Free Health Clinics established by STOP. The following graph shows the number of patients (old and new referrals) that have been treated in both clinics:



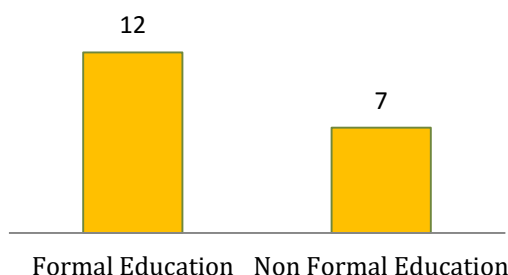
Educational Aid

In relation to the community prevention programmes, the following chart highlights the number of children attaining non formal education at the centres as well as the number of children who had received educational aid for the attendance of formal schools:



Along with non-formal education, children from these communities also experienced joyful and educational trips to the India International Trade Fair, the International Book Fair, the National Rail Museum and the India Gate. In addition to its recreational purpose, these initiatives also provided them with new experiences and improved their cultural knowledge.

With regard to the curative context, 19 of the girls living in the Aashray Family Home attained the following two types of educational programmes:



Professional and Vocational Training

During 2015, STOP provided several professional and vocational training opportunities for the women and girls of the Aashray Family Home.

In the context of professional training, 5 of the girls benefited from this type of professional programmes. For instance:

- 2 girls are in their 3rd Year of the B.A. (Honours) Hindi at Aditi Mahavidyalay, University of Delhi;
- 1 girl is enrolled in the Bachelor of Social Work course at Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi;
- 1 girls has completed a 1 year Certificate Course in Advanced Computer Training in Khazani Institute, Delhi and is now working in the field;
- 1 girl is pursuing a Masters in Social Work in Indira Gandhi National Open University, Delhi and working with STOP as a full time staff.

In relation to the girls who have attended vocational training:

- 3 have successfully completed their training in Hotel Management, delivered by Youth career Initiative;
- 14 are being trained in different forms of hairstyling, make-up and other routine beauty regimes;
- 20 are attaining classes of fashion design, stitching and tailoring
- 10 are learning bead embroidery.



Furthermore, for the community prevention programme, in order to help the women and young adults of these communities to become self-reliant and to prevent them from becoming victims of trafficking or abuse, STOP developed several empowerment projects, primarily through the offer of vocational training initiatives delivered by professional trainers in the community centres of Bawana and Tughlakabad.



(Vocational training initiatives held for the community prevention project)

Many of these young women had been engaged in different types of training workshops, such as business development, management, beauty courses, tailoring and handicraft. For instance:

- 29 had successfully completed a GDA (General Duty Attendant) and 20 of them are now employed with Max Hospital, Saket;
- 12 concluded the Hotel Management training at the Institute of Hotel Management, PUSA;
- 23 were trained in various aspects of beauty culture.



Programmes of Self Sustainability

This past year the entrepreneurial initiative “Thousand Dreams” was legally registered as a garment and handicraft business and already successfully completed its first bulk order. With the goal to improve and expand the business, six new sewing-machines and several stitching materials were purchased for large-scale production.

Furthermore, the products of *Thousand Dreams* were promoted in various fairs and exhibitions throughout the year. For instance, several of the products and beaded accessories made by the girls were showcased at a promotional event at the Austrian Embassy.

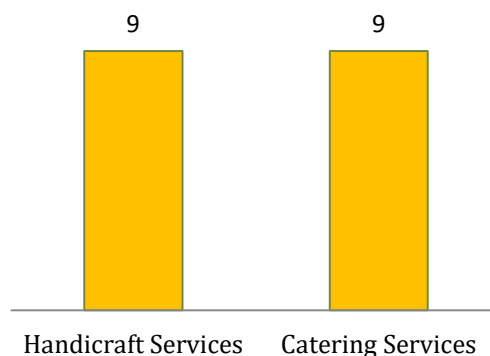
In addition, the girls have also already successfully completed various orders for different clients, such as the USA and the Mexican embassies in Delhi as well as a German clothes chain and a USA based company.

KOSHISH is another self-sustainable employment initiative established for the survivors with the aim to deliver handicraft orders and catering services for different entities. In order to accomplish its mission as well as to publicize their work, during 2015 the team had successfully delivered numerous handicraft orders and catering services at different exhibitions such events held at: the Austrian Embassy, the Australian High Commission, the AWA, the Jamia Bazar, the International Bazaar, the OZ Haat, the DurgaPuja Fair at CR Park and also in the Luminous Light Power Corporation on the occasion of International Women’s day.



(Events for the promotion of KOSHISH catering and handicraft's services)

In total, during 2015 the KOSHISH's Team participated in 18 events (internal and external):



These events were also a great learning opportunity for the KOSHISH Team, since it allowed them to become aware of the challenges in the Arts & Crafts business, realising the need for design assistance in such a competitive market. The Team had also executed a professional catering order for the farewell of the former Regional Representative of the South Asia UNODC Office.

In addition, KOSHISH has also established a successful partnership with the India Meets India (IMI), an online platform for selling products made by charitable organizations, and since then, its products are available on the IMI website: <http://www.indiameetsindia.org/>.

Other Events and Initiatives

A 3 day meeting organised by STOP, in partnership with ECPAT International South Asia Network, was attended by members of several organizations from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Europe. This event took place between 24th and 26th March 2015 at the Tivoli Garden in Delhi and the girls from the Aashray Family Home made a dance performance.

Moreover, STOP also established several educational partnerships with the following institutions: the Institute of Hotel Management; the PUSA Institute; the Max India Foundation and the Transport Department for External Employable Trainings.

Case Studies

Yamuna*, 22, a native of Bangladesh had an alcoholic husband who did not provide for her and their one year old daughter. Having to take care of her infant, Yamuna accepted a job offered by a person she had recently met. This person became her trafficker, took her to Hyderabad and sold her into prostitution. On a raid performed by the police, Yamuna was rescued and sent to an organization in Hyderabad that later has contacted STOP for her repatriation. STOP carried the process of repatriation in association with the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association. Yamuna was reunited with her daughter and is currently living with her parents at their family home.

Radhika*, 30, used to work as a full time domestic help to a family in Delhi. Her employer prohibited her from meeting or contacting her husband or children and kept her in confinement. When Radhika had the chance, she made a phone call to her husband and subsequently he got in touch with the guard of Aashray Family Home. On the basis of the information provided, STOP rescued Radhika who resided in Aashray for a month, being later reunited with her husband.

**Names were changed for identity protection.*

Quotes

"When I started living in Aashray, it was not just a home for me but a family. Everybody treated me like their sister and the bonding was really strong. My association with STOP has been really long since 2003 and I am really happy about the contributions STOP has made to my growth."

Rama Reddy, former beneficiary of STOP. Currently leads Koshish Catering Service and All Women's Group.

"STOP gave me the opportunity to learn something new and valuable which aligns to my area of interest. Currently, we are sharpening our skills in creating outfits that are sent abroad for sale. It's a great feeling to know the products we create are valued and used by others"

Malini Roy*, beneficiary STOP, works on projects of Thousand Dreams.

Partners

We are grateful to our following partners for their immense support and contributing in STOP's fight against violence and trafficking of women and children.



The Greenbaum Foundation



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Governance

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Prof. Roma Debabrata, founder and managing trustee of RBC Trust and President of STOP started this movement back in 1990. She has been awarded by the Ashoka Fellow for Human Rights for her dedicated efforts. Formerly she served as a professor of English in Miranda House, Delhi.



Dr. Rumma Shyam Sundar is the chairperson of the board of trustees who served as a retired Officiating Principal of Miranda House. Currently she is also the chairperson of Delhi Mahila Samaj. Her association with STOP has existed for more than a decade.



Dr. Kanta Raj serves as the Associate Professor of Arvind College, Delhi. Specializing in counselling, Dr. Raj conducts various counselling sessions in STOP for beneficiaries of different age groups.



Dr. Sudershan Pathak is the Chairperson of the Delhi Social Welfare Board. She served as professor of the Delhi University and her association with STOP is close to decade.



Mr. Ashok Chakravarty is the former Chief Investigating Officer of National Human Rights Commission.



Er Debabrata Chakraborti serves as the Technical Advisor of the RBC Trust and has been on the board since 2000.

TEAM 2015:



Smritikana Ghosh joined STOP in 2013. She is the Project Manager of the community projects and family home and also serves as the Senior Counsellor to the beneficiaries.



Joana Daniel-Wrabetz consults STOP as the Director of the Research Data Collection and Analysis Unit. She has been with STOP since 2014.



Poonam Chowdhury joined STOP as the Field Officer in 2012. She handles community interventions and is part of the Rescue Team.



Shalini Parcha joined STOP in July 2015 as the Research Officer.



Preeti Kumari joined STOP in 2015 as the Livelihood Project Manager. She leads Thousand Dreams and coordinates for Koshish



Munmun Sarkar has been serving as the Training Officer of Beauticulture to the beneficiaries of STOP.



Shantanu Chatterjee has been serving as the Accounts Officer since 2001.

Financials

Projects	
-Education, health and empowerment of survivors	
-Networking	
-Combating human trafficking at the source in Bawana community, Delhi	
-Education and livelihood training for recovered survivors	
-Rescue and repatriation of survivors -Advocacy	
-Education and vocational training of survivors	
-Community based charity work	
-Running and maintenance of the Aashray Family Home	
-Rescue, repatriation or restoration of survivors	
-Education	
-Contingency/Emergency fund	
Total sum of donations	INR. 1,30,21,383.45
Minimum running costs/year	INR. 80, 00,000 + extra for additional projects/programs as & when sanctioned.

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