

STOP

STOP Trafficking and Oppression of children & women

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The present report aims to provide a detailed overview of the principal programs, projects and activities undertaken by STOP from **November, 2022 to December, 2023.**

Ramola Bhar Charitable Trust, established in 1990 (Accredited with Special Consultative Status of the United Nations Economic and Social Council)

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FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK

My Dear Friends and Associates,

The social impact sector has been one of the crucial areas of work, demonstrating its true zeal and role in the community working for social development. As an organization strongly believing and strategically operating to ensure right based approach, beneficiary centric assistance, and evolving democratically based on constant needs and feedback from the community, this year the team of **STOP** has worked in the domain of Gender justice and digital equity, child protection, livelihood for vulnerable women, environment sustainability, healthcare, education, food security and much more.

The organization has initiated its activities in the community intervention practices through the model AID (Awareness, Intervention, and Direct Services) at the grassroots and increased its beneficiary base in terms of geography and programmatic activities. Besides community intervention, the organisation has also performed activities enhancing networking and advocacy activities. The organization has organized and conducted workshops in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, particularly aiming the grassroots-level NGOs at the cross-border trafficking zones of the said regions. The Trust has also founded a coalition for combatting Human Trafficking across the whole of South Asia, acronymed SACRNPT. Another major area of work has been care and support to survivors, especially the ones who had been restored and being reintegrated. With livelihood support through micro finance to survivors to academic assistance, the team of **STOP** has been working to help the survivors be back on their feet after the hurdles they've faced during COVID.

The organization sadly announces the demise of one of its Trustees, Dr. Rumma Shyamsundar.

We thank all of our partners and associated in various capacities who have been instrumental in our activities this year. As we move forward the organisation is moving further to enhance its community safeguarding mechanism through robust training and reducing gender inequity in digital space. We look forward to presenting the impact of coming year.

In Solidarity



Prof. Roma Debabrata

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 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.

STOP, as part of its preventive strategy works with vulnerable women and at-risk children in some of the most marginalized 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 a victim - to survivor - to warrior. In addition, “Koshish”, a self-help group supported by **STOP**, and led by women and young adults’ hardwork is also catering to various events with a vast variety of cuisines.

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 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 a non-judgmental open space ready to accept marginalized/ 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 in survivors in form of accommodation, food, educational, medical and counseling;
- ✦ Help victims in retaining confidence, reuniting with family and rehabilitating;
- ✦ Facilitate repatriation and restoration of foreign citizens who fell victims to the menace 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 legal policies about issues related to its field of activity;
- ✦ Create sustainable and safe community for women and children by utilizing legal tool 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/ handbook;
- ✦ Prepare care leavers for reintegration in to the society through applying Group Home model;
- ✦ Focus on ensuring community health as a step towards enhancing focus on safety of women and children;

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

CORE VALUE STATEMENT

STOP strives to create an engendered and gender-just society through social and economic empowerment of 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.

SUPPORT TO SURVIVORS

STOP provides an After-Care or Midway home to survivors of any kind of violence for the affected women 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 legs. Currently the organisation is supporting over 10 survivors in livelihood and academic endeavours. Two beneficiaries are pursuing their higher education in B.Sc. Hotel Management and Bachelors in Social Work. Two beneficiaries are currently receiving primary school education. Post-pandemic, one beneficiary has been given 14000 rupees to start her own business. Another beneficiary has received rupees 30000 to open up her own beauty parlour. While these two have been able to come out of the Midway Home and carve out their own lives independently, one young woman sought financial help from us, as her abusive household didn't favour her will to work. **STOP** has provided her with shelter temporarily, along with work which comes with a dignified pay value. Another survivor is currently engaged in taking Computer Classes on Diploma of Financial Accounting, a course of one year.

INNOVATIONS

- I. **STOP** developed the first coalition, SACRNPT, for preventing and combatting Human Trafficking by synchronizing the knowledge of civil societies. It focused on understanding the gaps in prevention and intervention at the grassroots level, and subsequently evolving a regional plan for the prevention of human trafficking in the whole of South Asia. On 16th of January 2023, **STOP** organised a seminar on Strategy Consultation on Prevention of Human Trafficking in South Asia, at TERI Retreat Centre, Faridabad. The outcome of the event, “SACRNPT”, echoed a collaborative approach to tackle the discussed challenges and tools of exploitation through cooperation.



“SACRNPT, 2023”

- II. In order to inculcate the campaign called **STOP** inside the DNA of all the grassroots level NGOs all over India, it held two Capacity-Building Workshops on laws and procedures related to anti-trafficking in the Nainital and Dehradun regions of Uttarakhand on 2nd and 4th of December 2022, and in the Manali and Solan areas of Himachal Pradesh on 13th and 15th of March 2023, respectively. **STOP**'s representatives explained all the legal procedures related to human trafficking, the organization's methods of prevention, and assisting women to become independent. All these workshops were conducted using **STOP**'s own resources. In all, almost a hundred grassroots level NGOs were empowered to deal with Human Trafficking and other forms of violence against children and women.



Nainital, 2023



Dehradun, 2023



Himachal Pradesh, 2023

III. STOP launched the first ever report concerning the sexual exploitation of boys along with ECPAT International. A meeting was organized on the 25th of April, 2023, to launch the study meeting of “Global Boys Initiative: Sexual Exploitation of Boys: India Report”, at Hotel Holiday Inn, Aerocity. The event focused on introducing the study, involved the panellists to shed light on the topic from various viewpoints, and creation of an Action Plan prepared through recommendations given by the participants as well as the panellists.



ECPAT and STOP, Meet on Sexual Exploitation of Boys, 2023

IV. Several Workshops For Changemakers have been successfully conducted by **STOP**, sponsored by Azim Premji Foundation. Eight modules on Child Marriage, Cybercrime, Health and Hygiene, Education, Domestic Violence, Child Labour and Human Trafficking were made. The main objective was to raise awareness on the social evils and train them to become our First Responders in the case of any abuse happening to any woman or child in our Communities. From 24th May to 14th June 2023, seven topics with a special focus on India were presented and discussed with the Community Mahila Mandal hailing from Tigri and Tughlakabad. Phase II was conducted during the span of two months from 19th September 2023 to 12th October 2023. In total, training was provided to 120 women with the objective of creating awareness, inculcating a knowledge base of various social issues enabling them to function as the First Responders for our communities.



24th May to 14th June 2023



19th September - 12th October, 2023

V. **STOP** organized an event in the Jharkhali district of South 24 Parganas, Sunderbans, West Bengal, on the 29th of September, 2023. The project was titled: Women empowerment Project (Sustainable Livelihood and Digital Empowerment). A gathering of around fifty women were welcomed by all our members. The main objective of the programme was to make the underprivileged women and children aware of the consequences of human trafficking, as well as digital empowerment through vocational trainings for women.





South 24 Parganas, Sunderbans, West Bengal, 2023

COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES

The facilities provided by STOP to their Community Outreach Centres are recorded annually, and the latest data is given as follows:

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

Tughlakabad: 2012
Tigri: 1117

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

Tughlakabad: 5
Tigri: 5

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

Tughlakabad: 35
Tigri: 20

4. No. Of Members in **Mahila Mandals**:

Tughlakabad: 30
Tigri: 30

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

Tughlakabad: 20

Tigri: 22

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

Tigri: 75

Tughlakabad: 75



Amongst our diligent efforts to give quality education to the most backward communities inside our Outreach Centres, we have created a more formal space for each of our children to study and blossom, regardless of their origins and social conditions.

TUGHLAKABAD

STOP conducted its awareness workshop on Prevention Against Human Trafficking in Prachin Shiv Mandir, Tughlakabad, on the 28th of July, 2023. The workshop was attended by over three hundred women and youth, mainly from our Communities. The role of the community as first responders and the need for establishing a close link between the NGO, i.e. **STOP** and our Mahila Mandals and vigilantes, was the constant refrain.





Workshop on Prevention Against Human Trafficking, Tughlakabad, 28th July, 2023

Community Activities of Tughlakabad

Independence Day Celebrations, 2023





Tughlakabad, Raksha Bandhan, August 2023



Tughlakabad, Janmashtami, September, 2023

TIGRI (JJ COLONY)

On the 12th of December, 2022, **STOP** members, along with Gerlinde Ma'am, made a visit to the Tigri community. **STOP**'s members along with a few students of Tigri showed her a park, which had been occupied by people playing cards. Using the Right to Information Act, **STOP**'s members cleared the park of these people playing cards, and cleaned it completely. On March 17th, 2023, **STOP** organized a Community Awareness Programme in Aadarsh Senior Citizen Association, Tigri. An audience of about three hundred women, men and children were welcomed by our members of **STOP**. Dirk Sir, hailing from Holland and engaged in several social welfare activities, was invited as the special guest lecturer. Discussions were held about the various types, processes, ways and means of trafficking, and its spread in the global scenario along with live interactions from the audience.



Community Activities of Tughlakabad





Tigri, International Yoga Day, May 2023



Tigri, Raksha Bandhan, 31st of August, 2023



Tigri, Janmashtami, September, 2023

Meeting with the Mahila Mandal (Women's collective)

Tughlakabad



Tigri



Meeting with the Youth Group

Tughlakabad



Tigri



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 at the US mission to develop future plan on combatting human trafficking on an international stage.

STOP had been invited to be a part of the Panel Discussions on Gender-Based Violence scheduled on Thursday, 16th of March, 2023. The talks included the resources each could provide, from giving courage, medico-legal aid and counselling, to filing a FIR and fighting in the court, remotely as well as physically. They especially focused on foreign nationals as victims and the international and national laws pertaining to giving them justice in the Indian courts. It included questions revolving around the victim's consent to conduct an invasive medical examination, as well as how to deal with each specific case, using an ideal mix of non-verbal gestures and friendly verbal communication, at psychological, physical, medical, legal levels, with constant assistance from civil bodies like **STOP**.



Panel Discussions on Gender-Based Violence, 2023

Two staff members of **STOP** were invited to participate in the latest SPUWAC (Special Police Unit for Women And Children) meeting held on the 15th of June, 2023. The DCP and ACP, along with many other

prominent NGO's were physically present during the meeting. They gave a short presentation on our activities, operations, latest workshops, and the reason for which we had gathered in the august meeting.



SPUWAC (Special Police Unit for Women And Children) Meeting, 2023

STOP and ECPAT International collaborated on an intensive research on the topic of sexual exploitation of boys in India, which was a part of the wider research conducted at a global level. This culminated into a two day long summit arranged from the 6th to 8th of June, in Casablanca, Morocco. One of our representatives was invited to participate and represent our country. Our input was reflected quite deeply in the research, and key challenges to boy's exploitation being much the same worldwide received a big nod from the audience.

STOP participated in an event organized by the ATSEC {Action Against Trafficking Sexual Exploitation of Children, India network} in The Kenilworth Hotel, Kolkata, on the 27th of September, 2023. The programme focused on the grave issue of cross-border trafficking in the border areas of West Bengal and Bangladesh.

On 28th October 2023, an engaging talk by the Founders of the 'She Is Not Your Rehab' (Matt Brown and Sarah Brown) was organized by the New Zealand High Commission. Two of **STOP**'s members attended the event. It focused on the importance of innovative domestic violence prevention and the founders' personal experiences.

REPATRIATION

As part of **STOP**'s commitment towards combatting and eradicating Human Trafficking, the organization is actively working to repatriate survivors of trafficking to their country of origin. In the month of October 2023, one of the trafficked victims from Tashkent, Uzbekistan, was returned back to her homeplace after an arduous struggle of more than a year. The protracted process went through several hiccups and stagnations before finally being approved from the Court of Law and other concerned authorities and civil bodies.



We are elated to announce that Ms. Smriti Kana Ghosh, Senior Programme Manager of **STOP**, has been selected as a member of the Internal Complaint Committee under Survey of India, Ministry of Science and Technology (Govt. of India) through nomination from Prof. Roma Debabrata.

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.

ENACTUS, a group formed in the Aryabhata college, teaches processing of certain hand-made crafts to the survivors at **STOP**. This workshop was organized under a project called “Palaash”, which was started by Enactus in 2020. This time, they came in the month of November, 2022, to teach a specific process themed on tie-dye. Several young women from **STOP**’s Communities took this training.



In the year 2023, on the 28th of June, the Koshish Team celebrated the Mango Festival with a lavish lunch, thandaai and best-quality mangoes.



Bhandara, Chhatarpur, 2023

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. In the year 2022-23, dresses, bags, kurtas, scrunchies and a lot more were made.

EVENT ENGAGEMENTS

On 20th March 2023, Udayan Care organized a one-day session based on an initiative, called the “FIT-Families Together Initiative”. Two members from **STOP** participated in this event. The initiative was to encourage building more foster-care homes in India, at least one in each state.

The Azim Premji Foundation invited two employees of **STOP** to participate in an awareness programme on “Understanding Gender, Power, Patriarchy and Using Gender Awareness”. The organizers reported it as an intensively interactive session, which were mostly comprised of games and evaluation of case studies primarily focused on India.

Project Responsible Netism was established by Ahaan Foundation, who invited us for a two day online workshop on “Building Digital Rakshak” in the month of August, 2023. Two members from **STOP** participated actively in this event.

TESTIMONIALS FROM VISITORS

Every year, **STOP** is privileged to host people and supporters from various backgrounds who are in solidarity with the movement to end all forms of violence against women and children as well as Human Trafficking.

"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 **STOP**.*

-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)

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