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INCLUSION


Oasis India's monthly e-newsletter

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Hi Communication,

In 2013, the General Assembly held a high-level meeting to appraise the Global Plan of Action. Member States also adopted resolution A/RES/68/192 and designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. This resolution declared that such a day was necessary to “raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.”



SAVE THE DATE

Want to be a part of the fight against human trafficking? Share what you know with friends and colleagues.

If you are in Mumbai, we will organise a session at your office on July 30th.

KNOW MORE. DO MORE.

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Oasis India has anti-human trafficking (AHT) as its key focus in disadvantaged communities. We partner with local authorities, including the police, railway protection force and child welfare committees to prevent women and children from being trafficked for labour or sex. In our journey towards achieving this goal, we have had the privilege of working with many individuals from the red-light area (RLA).



Rupa's* mother is a sex worker in Kamathipura. She grew up in the RLA, always protected by her mother. In 2017, Rupa's mother finally decided that it is best for her daughter to move out, therefore she brought her to Oasis India's day-care centre where young women and children come for counselling and learning. Rupa desperately wanted to leave her past behind and she began looking for opportunities to earn a living.

Our staff encouraged her to be a part of the vocational training at Blue Edge where students learn spoken English and computer skills. An excited Rupa joined Blue Edge and aced the 6-month course. In June 2018, she finally graduated and now works in a bank. She is a true example of how an individual can determine their destiny irrespective of their present or past.

*name changed



Farah was scared that he would kill her daughter and her.

How do you identify a victim of trafficking?

Many times, victims of trafficking are not held in brothels alone. They could be among us, in our community. There are many red flags or indicators of potential trafficking situations. To identify them, we can check whether

- the individual(s) can leave or come and go as they please
- the individual is under 18 and is engaged in commercial sexual activity
- the individual works excessively long and/or unusual hours
- there are unusual physical security measures present, such as bars on windows, barbed wire, security cameras, constant surveillance, etc.
- the individual avoids eye contact or does not seem to be allowed to speak for themselves
- the individual is in control of his/her own identification documents
- the individual seems to have local knowledge and be aware of his/her location

Source: humantrafficking.unc.edu



Sheela, our social worker in Mumbai writes about the everyday struggles of a woman in the RLA.

Life of a sex worker

The community vigilance groups (CVG) we helped start in several neighbourhoods have been actively speaking up on issues such as human trafficking through street plays, skits and sensitisation programmes.



Evangelin, our AHT Coordinator in Chennai writes about inculcating a sense of responsibility for change among the residents of Basin Bridge in Chennai.

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Hear the voices that chant for change! Our CVG members talk about why they are passionate about promoting dialogue and reflection in the society.

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Everybody has a story. Even pimps who traffic innocent women and children.

The untold truth

Can you be a part of Oasis' journey to #MakeTraffickingHistory? Yes.

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