

# An Important Note For You

# Dear all,

We are so grateful for you support in the past years. This year marks Oasis India's 27 years of making India better for women and children. As we have begun this new financial year in April 2022, we strategically discussed and are in the process of rolling out the five year plan for Oasis India. The next five years are crucial for us as we seek to strengthen our programmes and processes in the organisation. We have also established more clarity and direction in achieving our goal as a human trafficking prevention organisation in India.



### Why anti-human trafficking?

Economic distress often leads to human trafficking. India is a source, destination and transit nation for both labour and sex trafficking. In India,

90 percent of trafficking occurs domestically (intra-state or inter-state), and 10 percent occurs across national border.

The brothels of Kamathipura and Grant Road in Mumbai where we have worked for more than 20 years, harbours girls from the impoverished villages of different states in the country and neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan. Their entry into sex work begins at a very young age. They were either sold into slavery by their own spouse, families or coerced and lured into trafficking through fraudulent promises of marriage or employment opportunities. Lack of opportunities in the rural areas drives youth to migrate to the cities for a better standard of living and earning a livelihood, exposing them to exploitation and abuse.



# Why Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Response & Climate Change Adaptation?

Traffickers gain control over vulnerable victims during environmental disasters or pandemics. Instability after a disaster can make people vulnerable, especially to trafficking. People may be more vulnerable because they are displaced from their homes (temporarily living in a shelter), separated from family and friends, disconnected from supportive services or unable to safely earn income and be self-sufficient. In the

recent times, many case studies have also presented the correlation between the crisis of natural disasters and its effects contributing to trafficking of persons. (For example: Read article on 'How the sex trade preys on Ukraine's refugees')

Through these interventions we hope to make trafficking history in India. We are excited to begin executing our five year plan and your support is very important for us to do what we do!

Your support is crucial!

**Give Today** 

# UPDATES FROM THE FIELD



## Shyamli's Story

As a transgender, Shyamli has faced rejection everywhere. Today, she has completed our hairdressing training and is ready to take on the world.

Read her story



#### A Well Deserved Award

Nambikai Siga Social Welfare Trust awarded our very own Prakash A, Chennai staff with the 'Ambedkar Social Thinker Award'. Every year a social worker is selected from North Chennai for their dedication to the community and its people. Prakash received this recognition this year and we are very proud and grateful for his commitment. He has worked with Oasis India for the past 13 years dedicating his time and skills to uplifting lives in our Chennai communities.



### A Father's Joy

When Oasis India's after-school

programme was inaugurated in our

village, it was truly a relief for us. My son,

Seigunlun, 12, joined ASP last year and

we see many positive changes in him.

Read their story



## **Big League Experiences**

Our under-12 football team in Bangalore played matches against professionally trained teams - Bangalore Arrows Football Club and Sports Village Quarters Football Club.

The boys bagged the runner-up medal in this very challenging game. They had a lot of fun

and were encouraged to play well in the upcoming matches.







# REPORT HAVING BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED AS A CHILD AGED 0-17 YEARS

#ChildSexualAbuse

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#### Child Sexual Abuse Awareness

India is home to 19% of the world's children. According to ChildLine Organisation, India has the world's largest number of CSA cases: For every 155th minute a child less than 16 years is raped, for every 13th hour, a child under 10, and one in every 10 children sexually abused at any point of time. When the world went under lockdown because of the pandemic, it was observed that in the first 11 days of the lockdown itself, CHILDLINE received 3.07 lakh calls of which 92,105 calls were about regarding the abuse and violence on children. A 50% increase was found in the number of calls during this period. India's children are not safe.

We educated our online followers on protecting children from child sexual abuse. Click on any of our social media links to take a look at some important statistics on child sexual abuse in India and #CarefulParents, a series, where our staff gave tips on how they protect their children.

Source: WHO, My Body is My Body Programme

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