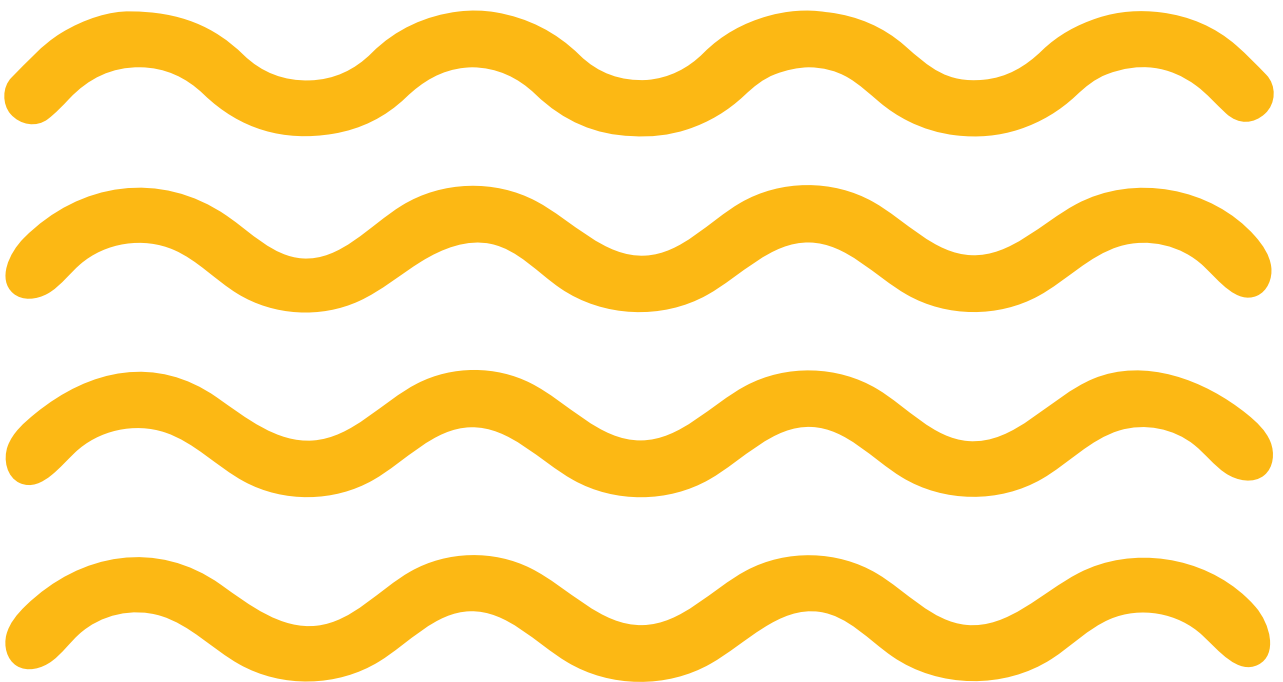


# ANNUAL CONFLUENCE 2021 LEHER REPORT

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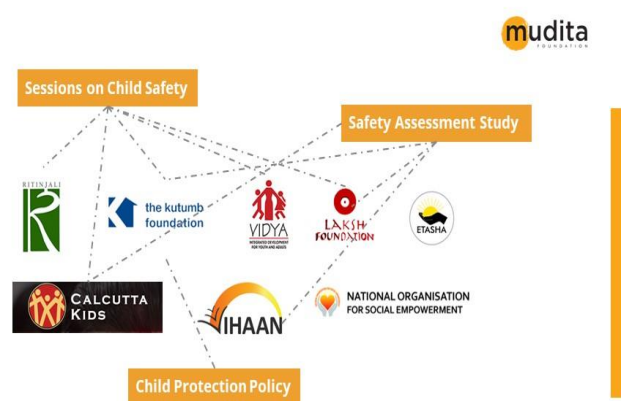
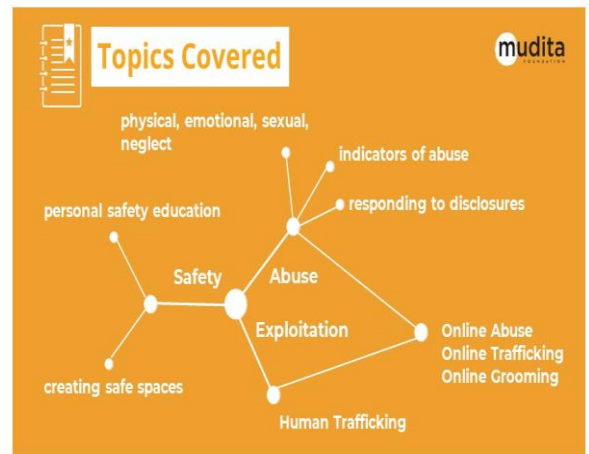


**GLIMPSE OF LEHER 2020 – 2021**

Leher is a structured program using appropriate and context specific tools for capacity building for education, empowerment and action, to facilitate creation of safe environments, protection of survivors of violence and making safeguarding a mandate within all NGOs, schools and other civil society organisations.



**Impact and outreach**  
**1 year**  
**8 partners**  
**70 sessions for capacity building on safety**  
**125 participants**  
**20000+ individuals in vulnerable communities**



### What we met for

1. To bring all partners together on one platform to share their experiences, efforts and challenges in advancing a safe environment
2. To discuss future possibilities within the programme and with partners
3. To reiterate the call for action - to integrate safety within partner organisations' existing objectives

### What ensued

An enriching conversation spanning over 2 hours with 7 partner organisations from across 5 locations, represented by 10 dynamic individuals.



### What was discussed and shared

Common objectives and purpose towards safer communities emerged through the discussion

Purpose of joining the programme –

- Build capacity of our teams towards child safeguarding and protection
- Build awareness of our children and communities
- Learn tools we can use to assess the risk in the communities we work in
- Reflect on our own systems and processes
- Strengthen our Child Protection policy and implement the same
- Keep every child in our schools and communities safe

Impact of the partnership –

- More aware teams
- An increase in confidence to talk about issues of safety
- More courage in our teachers and students to stand up for child safety
- Tools for assessment of risk within communities to identify children's notions of safe and unsafe spaces
- Children's study helped us to initiate the conversation with children
- Stronger child protection and safeguarding programme with a policy and prevention interventions
- Open discussions on case management in shelter homes

Challenges faced –

- Implementing the programme with our communities
- Speaking to children about the risks
- Keeping teams motivated
- Scheduling sessions with shelter home staff

Support needed from Mudita Foundation –

- Continuous engagement through newsletters, presentations, videos
- Focus on building local leaders who can take this forward within communities
- Involve parents and conduct awareness sessions for them
- Resources like small skits, nukkads, videos

## **What we came away with – a commitment to integrate safety, into all we do, collectively**



To conclude the Confluence, an activity was done with ribbons. Every individual present in-person was given 3 ribbons (2 yellow and 1 red). While the yellow ribbons represent the key operational areas and work of the individual's organisations, the red one represents their commitment to creating safe spaces and tackling risk to safety. Every person was asked to use the ribbons to represent how they think safety and their programmes could be integrated. After a few minutes of focused activity, the following images emerged –

A braid is a metaphor of coming together, creating a circle of protection.



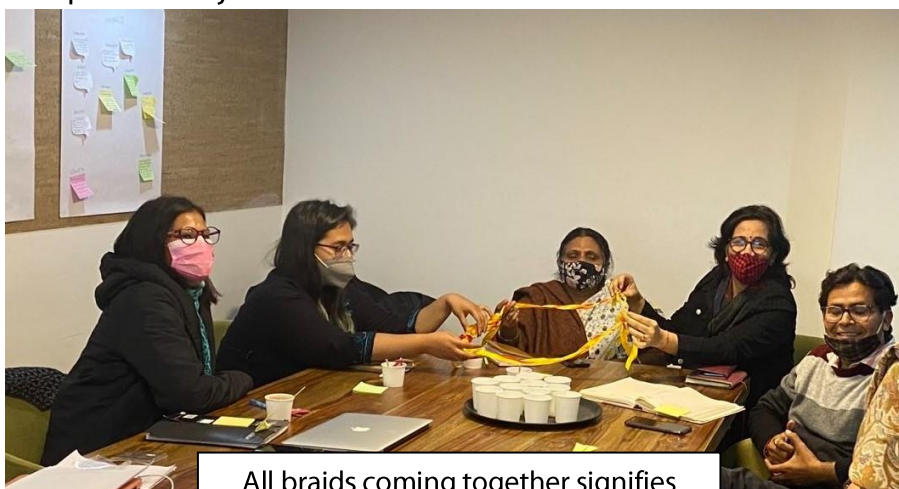
In a plait there is a hidden strand, that is safety. It continues to be a part of the braid.



I have created a bow to imply that safety is like a gift that Mudita Foundation has given to us. It was the missing thing and now all dots are connected.



Everyone present found creative ways - a red link in a yellow chain, a braid, an intertwined plait - to express that the commitment to safety must be integrated into every programme and intervention in the organisation to ensure that they are truly able to work towards the creation of safer spaces and communities. What strengthens this is when all organisations also come together to create a safer world through collective responsibility, collective effort and collective impact. What will make this effort larger is when we invite and influence other partners to join this circle.



All braids coming together signifies collective effort to create collective impact.

## LIST OF ATTENDEES

Name of individual	Organisation
<b>Attended in person by 9 people from 6 organisations</b>	
Madan Lal Sharma	Laksh Foundation
Shouman Javed	Ritinjali Foundation
Apurva Banerji	Etasha Society
Amrita Devi	Kutumb Foundation
Vinita Kumar	Vidya India
Joyita Ambett	Mudita Foundation
Anamika Rathaur	Mudita Foundation
Neha Pradhan Arora	Mudita Foundation
Jasmine Bhatia	Mudita Foundation
<b>Attended online by 4 people from 4 organisations</b>	
Austin Mobley	Kutumb Foundation
Chandan Kumar Das	Calcutta Kids
Jaya Singh	Calcutta Kids
Roque Coutinho	Vihaan
Prakash Kumar	Vihaan
Abha Jeurkar	Mudita Foundation

