



New partnerships, new programmes, more conversations, more awareness ... more safety champions!



Pahal



Awareness sessions with Medhavi youth members

Conversations on safety as a right for every child, youth and women

This quarter a significant number of our interactions were organised for youth groups from various organisations. We continued our monthly sessions at Etasha Society with the new batches in their employability program. A detailed module was tailor made for all the centre heads mentoring this program at Etasha Society to introduce them to the information being shared with the youth groups and help them understand its relevance.

We collaborated with two new organisations working with youth groups - Antarang and Medhavi. Over 40 young boys and girls from these organisations attended our interactions on 'Risks to youth's safety.'

We reconnected with Alternate Atlas and met their new team of outdoor educators. This online session focussed on understanding the need for child protection and the basics of the POCSO law. 2 such sessions were held for the community workers of UnInhibited. These sessions were simultaneously translated in Marathi and Kannada to meet the needs of the team members joining from different states. In September, Ms Neha Pradhan from our team visited the Lotus Petal Foundation in Silokhera,



Session on Creating safe classrooms with teachers of Lotus Petal Foundation (Gurgaon)

Gurgaon (Haryana) and trained 25+ primary and middle school teachers on 'creating safe classrooms'.

Testimonials

"I will take consent from every person from today. If anytime there is a situation of harassment, I will call the contacts." – Participant, Etasha Society

"मुदिता फाउंडेशन के साथ मेरा अनुभव बहुत अच्छा रहा क्योंकि यह पहली बार था और मेरे मन में जो भी सवाल आ रहे थे मैंने सवाल रखा और मुझे उसका तुरंत जवाब मिला तो यह मुझे काफी अच्छा लगा और साथ-साथ जो भी अपने सवाल रख रहे थे उनका भी जवाब दे रहे थे और अपने कार्यक्रम को जो भी वह प्रशिक्षण कर रहे थे उसको आगे बढ़ा रहे थे साथ ही साथ अगर कोई सवाल आ भी रहा था तो हम लोगों से भी मशवरा लिया जा रहा था कि अगर हमारे पास भी कोई उत्तर है कोई सजेशन है तो हम में से भी कोई दे सकता है और बहुत ही सरल तरीके से वह हर चीजों को समझ रहे थे धन्यवाद उनका।"

– Educator, Uninhibited

Total Outreach

Pahal
(awareness sessions)



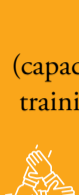
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Sessions



252

Youth and Adults



3

Collaborations



66

Youth and Adults

Safe Spaces



3

Villages



9

Teachers



100

Adolescents



20

Interactions



300+

Children in the age 10-18 years in one village survey



74

Youth and Adults

The Safe Spaces Project –

Learning and sharing for children and youth in the community leading to increased resilience



Collation of data for the community survey

A total of 9 visits were made to the three villages of Faridabad where we are executing our 'Safe Spaces Project' with Laksh Foundation. In the village where we started our pilot last year, we finally completed an extensive survey on understanding awareness of children (aged 10-18 years) about their rights and entitlements in context of risk and protection from abuse, violence and exploitation. Data from over 300 children in the village has been collected and this mammoth task would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of all the teacher trainees who have been a part of our project since last year and about 15 members of the adolescent group.



Awareness session of teachers in the local govt. primary school

In the other two villages, our awareness sessions continued with the adolescent groups. Child rights, abuse, risk and exploration of critical issues of exploitation and abuse were some of the topics covered with them. We also met the government school teachers in these villages and two sessions were organised in the primary schools of these villages for the teachers on 'Understanding Child Sexual Abuse & the POCSO Law'. The project has gained a visible momentum and we are delighted to see the collective action on ground.



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Games and activities as part of the capacity-building of teachers from Chintan

Building first responders in communities

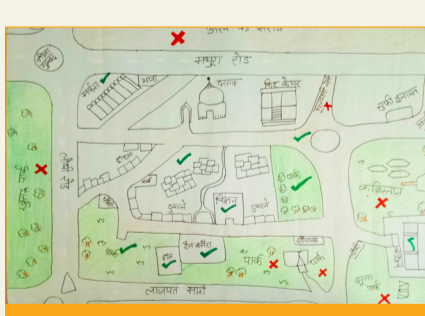
In August we partnered with Teach For India's 15 Child Protection Officers (CPOs) from across the country, and trained them on 'Engaging Parents Towards Child Protection'. A first of its kind, this two-part interaction explored creative ways to emphasise the role that parents play in the safety and well being of their children and the partnership that must be strengthened while considering their contextual challenges. The CPOs created a road map towards starting the parent engagement program in their respective cities with the help of the tool kit provided.

We followed up with the teachers and student leaders at Navjyoti India Foundation (Urban program) to review the execution of their action plans developed earlier this year during the capacity building training.

One of our new partnerships is with Chintan – an organisation in Delhi that works to reduce and manage waste while advocating for sustainable consumption. They work with communities of waste-pickers and strive to ensure that their children remain safe from abuse and exploitation by supporting them through learning centres and libraries in these vulnerable communities. A team of 26 teachers and programme staff got trained over 16 hours in identifying and understanding the risks that are prevalent in their own communities, responding to children who may be in situations of risk or abuse and developing plans using appropriate strategies for prevention of abuse. Games, group discussions and activities, case studies,

demonstrations and tasks done after the session with the students all led to a stronger commitment, a collective responsibility and an action plan for the next six months to work towards awareness and prevention in their own communities. We look forward to working with this dynamic team towards creating safer communities.

A three day detailed online training on 'Risks to youth's safety' was designed and implemented for the young members of Medhavi, the alumni group of Medha, to help them become safety champions and take up action projects within their communities towards building a safer community. We are excited to see them come up with interesting project ideas and execute them on ground in the upcoming three months.



Safety-mapping done by teachers for their own community

"मुदिता फाउंडेशन के साथ मेरा अनुभव बहुत अच्छा रहा मुझे कई ऐसे विषयों के बारे में जानकारी मिली जिनसे मैं अवगत नहीं थी मैं खुद भी जागरूक हुई और मैं इन विषयों के बारे में लोगों को भी जागरूक करना पसंद करूंगी।"

– Member, Medhavi

"It was a great learning opportunity, the sessions provided nuances of dealing with the sensitive issues and provided tools to identify cases, which is mostly not covered and one does not know about it. Great resources to read and self learn."

– Teacher, Chintan

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