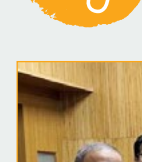


Learning, innovating and growing into the new year.

As we approach the close of an impactful year, we're proud to reflect on the progress we've made in the last three months. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors and partners, we've empowered individuals to discover the safety champion within and fostered environments where safety, dignity, and freedom are at the forefront. As we step into the new year, we're energized and ready to build on this momentum, continuing our shared mission to make the world a safer place for all.



Pahal



With the team of Venture Centre in Pune

“Awareness is the greatest agent for change.” – Eckhart Tolle

Raising awareness is crucial in driving change, empowering individuals, and creating a collective commitment to build safer, more inclusive communities. Pahal sessions are designed to spark conversations about safety related issues. These sessions are engaging to ensure that everybody has the knowledge to recognise and address potential risk situations in different spheres of life.



An awareness session with the women of Ritinjali

We initiated 3 new collaborations this quarter while holding 28 sessions in total across 3 cities in India.

Over 10 sessions targeted youth groups, providing information on risks to their personal safety as they prepare to enter the professional world. We continue to work with youth in Etasha Society and Ritinjali and have started a new partnership with Bright Future India,

an organisation that works with youth and prepares them with skills needed for their future as changemakers for our work with youth.

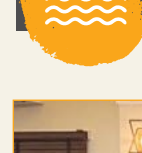
Some of our other sessions focussed on exploring child protection as a theme with groups of educators, parents and community workers. With children, we conducted personal safety education sessions leveraging tools like storytelling for their better understanding.

We continue to support networks of grassroots organisations through our partner Pratyek. Our session with them on the implementation of POCSO with a focus on the role of the support person and compensation was received well. In November and December we also interacted with the team and partner organisations of South Asia Women Foundation India,



In session with the parents at CHIP Mumbai

Partner Organisation	Participants	Topics covered
Venture Centre	Parents	Child Protection
CHIP Mumbai	Parents	Child Protection
Sarthak Prayas	Children	Personal Safety and Child Sexual Abuse
Ritinjali	Youth / Children	Risks to youth/ child protection
Deepalaya	Children	Personal Safety and Child Sexual Abuse
Teach For India, Pune	Team members	Parent Engagement on Child Safety
Indus Action	Team members	Orientation on POSH at the workplace
Lakshyam	Teachers	Child Protection
Lotus Petal Foundation	Team members	Child Protection/ POSCO
South Asia Women Foundation	Team members of grass root organisations	POSH/ Child Protection / Creating Safe Spaces
PratYek	Team members of grass root organisations	POSCO- the role of support persons and compensations



Leher



Training with the CPOs of Loreto

“Building capacity is not just about transferring knowledge, but about empowering individuals to create lasting change.” – Kofi Annan.

With a resolve to build more safety champions, we visited Mumbai to execute phase 2 of 'Leher' with CHIP Mumbai. 26 balwadi teachers from Kandivali and Mulund were trained towards creating safer classrooms by being able to identify, respond and prevent abuse. We also followed up with the group of adolescents to do a quick recap of facts shared with them in previous training sessions, and reinforce their understanding of the issue. On the last day we conducted an awareness session for 40 parents from the nearby communities. This interaction was observed by CHIP's staff members and teachers as well, with a motive to follow up on similar conversations themselves later in the future.

In November, a 3 day training was conducted for all Child Protection Officers from the 38 Loreto schools of India. The training focussed on equipping the CPOs with the awareness, knowledge and skills needed to carry out their role in the schools towards identifying, responding to and preventing child abuse. Continuing to support the Loreto schools commitment to safe work and learning spaces, two training sessions on the POSH Law and the working of an Internal Committee were conducted for the Internal Committee members of Loreto North and North East schools.

The feedback we received from these training sessions left us satisfied and motivated to take up more of such conversations in the coming year.



Interaction of creating safe classrooms with the Balwadi teachers in Mumbai

Leher Testimonials

I especially appreciated the real-life examples and interactive elements, which made the content more relatable and easier to apply. The emphasis on both physical and digital safety was invaluable, providing a holistic approach to child protection. Additionally, the resources and tools shared during the session will be extremely helpful in implementing safety measures at home and in the community.

Overall, it was an excellent and eye-opening experience, and I feel much more confident in my ability to safeguard children after attending. Thank you for such an impactful workshop! - CPO, Loreto

It was an intensive and extensive workshop spread over two days. However, at no point did we feel bored or exhausted. That is because the resource persons took a lot of care to make it very engaging and the high level of interaction really kept us interested. They made us aware of the importance of having an open mind and being non-judgemental. The resource persons Neha and Anamika are really very knowledgeable in their field and could clear our doubts with great clarity Overall - IC Member, Loreto

The activity which was done during the session was very helpful and fun. Can be easily practiced with students. - Teacher, CHIP Mumbai

The Safe Spaces Project



Interactions and activities continued in all three locations where the safe spaces project is active. Review meetings were also done with the teams of all three partner organisations with additional support and training on the issue and their role in strengthening the safe spaces.

At PratYek, the sessions this quarter focussed on child rights using games and discussion followed by the safety mapping exercise. The adolescents led our team into their communities, while viewing it through the safety lens, assessing which spots are safe and unsafe. The discussion helped them understand different perspectives of different individuals for the same places.

At Shakti Foundation, the first session with the parent group was held in November, helping them understand the objectives of the project in their community and to assess their awareness of risk and safety with regard



Safety Champions of Shakti Foundation ranking abuse prevalent in their communities

to their children. The adolescent groups used the safety mapping and ranking tools to explore and identify risk in their own neighbourhoods. Deep and honest conversations helped them see that age, gender and other factors can impact whether one feels safe or not in a place. They are now beginning to understand critical risks in depth and have started with understanding risks in the online world.

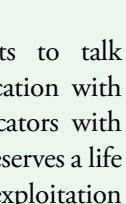
At Laksh Foundation, a module on exploring gender was conducted for the adolescent safety champions at Dhauj and Alampur. The module used stories, group activities and poetry to help the groups understand terms like sex, gender, gender roles, stereotypes and patriarchy. At the end of the module, the adolescents made pledges to change one action towards a more gender equitable world.



A walk into the community, at PratYek

मैं अपने पापा को समझाऊंगी की मम्मी की घर के कामों में मदद करें
मैं अपनी मम्मी के साथ उठ कर कामों में हाथ बटाऊंगा

Child Safety Week 2024



Like every year, this year too we participated in Child Safety Week, observed annually from November 14-20th. The theme this year was #ProtectedByPOCSO, an effort to inform people about the POCSO Law, with an intent to create awareness about Child Sexual Abuse. In the light of the same, we stepped out into our neighbourhood and

asked people from various walks of life if they have ever heard about the 'POCSO Law'. To our surprise, hardly anybody could answer the question. And answers like 'POCSO ek bimari hai' not only left us amused but also disheartened. You can watch this voxpop video on our instagram handle @ngomuditafoundation

We continued our efforts to talk about personal safety education with children, parents and educators with the belief that every child deserves a life free of abuse, violence and exploitation and that it is high time, that our country people realise, that children in India are #ProtectedByPocso.

We hope to make a bigger impact in 2025! For that, we seek your kind support. Your small contribution can help us start more conversations, initiate more programs with more organisations and build more safe communities. Every donation counts.

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