



Events || December, 2016

Research.

- The data analysis of the state-wide Rapid Appraisal Study How POCSO Act Unfolds on the Ground is nearing completion.
- The report of the Study on Indo-Nepal Cross Border Child Trafficking is being revised.

Visitors to ATC Prerana

- Ms Ariel's Olswanger, a volunteer with Safe Horizon, USA visited Prerana and spent a day (on 23rd December'16) visiting different projects of Prerana and understanding the work. Safe Horizon project brings together ten providers from all over the world to explore best practices for working with survivors of human trafficking, while developing a strong network of providers well-versed in the movement. Safe Horizon will develop a set of globally minded 'principles of practice' that will be shared widely with other service providers.
- Dr. Joyeta Ghoshal, Associate Director of APCO-Worldwide (India) an independently owned global communication, policy advisory and healthcare consultancy firm visited the ATC of Prerana on 29th December 2016 and had a long discussion with Dr. Pravin Patkar on the situation of human trafficking in India and the policy changes required to deal with it.

Awareness Campaigns

- A symbolic 'Walk for Freedom' to raise voice against gender based violence was organized on Wednesday, 7th December, 2016 by ATC-Prerana in collaboration with students of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. The Walk was a part of the 'Every 8 minutes' and the '16 Days of Activism' campaigns that ATC-Prerana participates in every year. The Walk for Freedom was on behalf of the enslaved and trafficked girls and young women all over India, and was conducted with the aim of speaking out against child trafficking. Around 80 people, including students from St. Xavier's and Prerana's beneficiaries participated in the Walk.

Training & Capacity Building Conducted by ATC

- Ms. Priti Patkar conducted a training on child sexual abuse and POCSO Act 2012 for a group of 42 women Police officers working in the jurisdiction of Thane City Commissioner on 20th December 2016.
- On 27th December Dr. Pravin Patkar and Ms. Priti Patkar of the Prerana ATC conducted a training program on Anti Human Trafficking for 42 police officers from across the state of Maharashtra. The day long training covered i) Conceptual Clarity on Human trafficking, ii) Cross border trafficking, iii) Rescue, iv) Role of POCSO and JJ Act in Anti Human Trafficking cases and, v) Rehabilitation. The training was organized by Maharashtra Police Academy Nasik in collaboration with IJM.
- On December 18, 2016, Dr. Pravin and Ms. Priti Patkar of ATC - Prerana conducted a day long Child Rights Advocacy workshop for 45 children from different tribal pockets of the Karjat tribal block of Raigad district.

