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Research.

- The data Analysis of the Maharashtra State level study on POCSO Act is nearing completion.
- The revised Draft of the Report of the research study Indo Nepal Cross Border Child Trafficking has been submitted to the sponsors

Visitors to ATC Prerana

- Hollywood actress, model and photographer Ms. Elisabeth Granli referred by ECPAT International, South Asia office visited Prerana ATC from 10th to 30th January, 2017 and helped with a photography project.
- US Consul General Mr Thomas L. Vajda and his wife Ms. Amy Sebes from Mumbai visited Prerana on the evening of 30th January, 2017. They spent 90 minutes in interacting with the adolescent children of Prerana on the art of resume writing, visiting the activities of younger children and discussing with Dr. Pravin and Ms. Priti Patkar of the ATC Team.



Documentation & Publication

- On 6th January, 2017, Dr. Pravin Patkar released his comments on the prevalent confusion and perceived conflict between IPC and POCSO Act w.r.t. sex with one's wife who is between the age of 15 and 18 years. The comment was in the context of Mr. Kailash Satyarthi of Bachpan Bachao Andolan moving the apex court to seek clarity on this conflict. Dr. Patkar's comments were found very useful by officers of Unicef who shared it with other stake holders like ProChild Coalition, Justice to Children etc.

Training & Capacity Building Conducted by ATC

- Dr. Pravin Patkar conducted a session at a National Stock Taking Exercise on Child Survival and Protection organized by organizations working on child rights in New Delhi on 19th January, 2017. The workshop was organized to comment on the upcoming National Plan of Action/ National Policy on children.
- Ms. Priti Patkar conducted two single day long workshops on Child Rights Advocacy in Jalna district of Maharashtra for a UNICEF supported project.



Training & Capacity Building Attended by ATC

- The Union Ministry of Women & Child Development in India hosted the 1st meeting to set up a National Alliance for Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation with a specific focus on Child Sexual Abuse Imagery on 16th January, 2017. Hon. Minister of Women & Child Development, Ms. Maneka Gandhi had made the announcement of the formation of a national alliance during the launch of India's Internet Hotline to report Child Sexual Abuse Imagery by Prerana's Aarambh in partnership with Internet Watch Foundation. She reiterated that the statistics presented at the launch shocked her and triggered the thought of putting together a multi stakeholder alliance to tackle the issue in India.
- Dr. Patkar was invited by India Alliance for Child Rights, New Delhi to contribute to a 2 days long national level consultations on the inputs to be given to the Government of India's presentation at a High-Level Meeting to take place in Malaysia on 16th and 17th January, 2017.
- The Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace Committee and Savitribai Phule Gender Resource Centre of MCGM had organized a consultative meeting on 21st January to discuss the issue of developing appropriate standard operative procedure to bring in uniformity in the administrative response for the implementation of POCSO Act in MCGM. The agenda also included the discussion on the role of the PSH Committees in this context as there were such committees in schools and hospitals run by MCGM.

Agenda points will include:

- *Operationalizing the mandatory compliance under POCSO Act for MCGM.*
- *Role of the Administration with reference to this compliance.*
- *Role of PSH Committees constituted under the Prevention of sexual Harassment at workplace Act in these cases.*
- *Modalities of this compliance in different workplaces of MCGM like Hospitals and Schools.*

In all representatives of 8 NGO's, individual experts and members from the different offices of MCGM were present for the meeting.

Mrs. Priti Patkar and Ms. Reshma from Prerana participated in this meeting.

Policy Analysis & Advocacy

- ATC-Prerana continued its advocacy on the proposed Anti Human Trafficking Bill.