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Research.

- The data analysis of the State wide study How POCSOA Unfolds on the Ground is underway.
- The 1st draft of the report of the study Indo-Nepal Cross Border Child Trafficking a Rapid Appraisal Study undertaken by Prerana ATC at the behest of CARITAS India was highly appreciated by the sponsors.

Visitors to ATC Prerana

- Nine staff members of Teach For India's Gujarat Operations Team attended an orientation program at Prerana on 10th November 2016. The team was keen on understanding Prerana's intervention in red-light areas and its link it to the government education system.
- As part of its new initiative to keep its employees closer to the ground, a team of 5 members from Dasra visited Prerana on 23rd of November 2016. The visit comprised understanding the work of Prerana, interacting with the children and the team followed by a Q &A with senior leadership of the organization and visit to the red-light area. This visit was on 23rd November.

Documentation & Publication

- Dr. Pravin Patkar was invited by the editor of Ityaadi, a Marathi Diwali special issue to write an article on the changing configuration of the exploitative sex trade. The 15-page long article was published in the Diwali special issue in October 2016.
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Awareness Campaigns

- The international initiative 16days of Activism was celebrated by ATC Prerana from 25th November to 10th December to highlight the harmful traditional practices which are still prevalent. Awareness was created on issues like:
 - Female foeticide
 - Female genital mutilation
 - Forced early marriage
 - Culture based commercial sexual exploitation like Devadasis and the practices among some of the communities like Bedia and Banchhadras of South and Northwest India.The campaign received a phenomenal response on Prerana's social media pages.

Training & Capacity Building Conducted by ATC

- Prerana ATC was invited to train a group of 32 social workers on i) Understanding of Immoral Traffic Prohibition Act (ITPA) and ii) Risk assessment and working with trafficked women & girls on 1st November 2010. The social workers were to be placed in the Special Cells in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

- The ATC Team facilitated a training of NGO representatives and local elected women representatives on POCSO Act 2012. The training was organized by Thane CHILDLINE, Salam Balak Trust and Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation. In all 32 representatives attended the training.
- Prerana ATC was invited by Vidhyamandir Trust Palanpur Gujarat on 15th November, 2016, to conduct training on Child Protection with focus around child sexual abuse, laws related to the same and how should schools develop prevention strategies. In all 37 teachers and administrative staff attended the training. The training was facilitated by Ms Aarti Gor, Ms. Kashina Kareem and Ms. Priti Patkar. Vidyamandir runs 8 schools in Gujarat.
- Prerana ATC Team in collaboration with International Justice Mission conducted an orientation cum training on the Juvenile Justice Act with special focus on “Children in need of care and protection” on 8th November, 2016 which was attended by 46 participants from 17 organizations.

Training & Capacity Building attended by ATC

- On 19th November 2016, the Prerana ATC team attended a Convention on Child rights organized by Save the Children and Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) to discuss and share experiences related to children in need of care and protection to reduce their vulnerability within and outside the governmental systems.