



RED-LIGHT AREA MAPPING:
**FALKLAND ROAD &
VASHI-TURBHE**

2020

About Prerana

Prerana is a civil society organization that started working in the Red-Light Areas (RLA) of Mumbai in 1986 first with a view to eliminate inter-generational trafficking i.e. trafficking of the children of the sex-trafficked prostituted women into the sex trade, its allied activities or exploitative labor. To achieve this, Prerana evolved several path-breaking interventions, piloted them, evolved a success story out of each intervention, and disseminated them widely to facilitate their mainstreaming. Prerana expanded the scope of its intervention to address the issues of the prostituted women of the RLAs especially to fight violence against them and to protect their legal and human rights.

Services in the Red Light Areas

Night Care Centers (NCC)

The Night Care Center program was initiated as a response to an expressed need for the safety and well-being of the children of the prostituted women. The NCC is a safe shelter, located in the red-light area where children are taken care of so that they are away from the red-light areas during the dangerous night hours when their mothers are soliciting. The NCC provides services such as – protected shelter, wholesome nutrition, health check-ups and referrals, mental health support, education support, safe play options, safe sanitation options, along with opportunities for skills development, awareness sessions, and an overall platform for holistic personality development and growth.

The NCCs have a comprehensive nutrition and health component which adopts a holistic and comprehensive approach with regard to service delivery. Carefully planned nutritious meals are served to children four times a day (six times during Prerana's Day to Day Summer Camp). The health and medical services have a systematic process that includes a complete general health check-up, periodic follow-ups, and end-to-end support for the management of specific medical conditions.

Apart from this, our NCC teams also work to enable access to social security documents like Aadhar cards and ration cards, access to public distribution systems, hold meetings with the mothers on various issues and concerns related to their (including their health) and their children's wellbeing. At present, Prerana runs four NCCs, which are located in/near the red-light areas of Kamathipura (two NCCs), Falkland Road, and Vashi-Turbhe Stores.

Institutional Placement Programme (IPP)

IPP was evolved in consultation with the mothers in the red-light area. Mothers who feel their children aren't safe in the brothels, and in some cases, children themselves who express their safety concerns are referred to the Child Welfare Committee and then placed into child care institutions. These mothers want to de-link their children from the traumatizing exposures of RLAs and place them in long-term residential care and protection. At present, IPP is a structured intervention that involves collaborations with the government and non-government mechanisms to ensure successful protection and rehabilitation of vulnerable and at-risk children. The IPP program is run across all the three redlight areas we work in.

Educational Support Programme (ESP)

ESP is an intervention that caters to all educational needs of children in the NCCs - curricular, co-curricular, or extracurricular. The team keeps a track of the progress made by the children at their respective educational institutions by visiting their schools and colleges regularly. They also actively follow-up with the mothers and keep them updated on the educational progress of their children. Besides this, the programs team organizes study classes during the evening hours wherein qualified teachers provide support to school/college-going students in their studies and project work. Prerana also collaborates with other donors to provide educational scholarships for students who want to pursue advanced or professional degrees, and to those students who have to pay school/tuition/extra coaching fees. This program is deployed at all the Prerana NCCs through a dedicated team of social workers, teachers, and other resource persons.

About Red Light Area (RLA) Mapping

Over the years, Prerana has witnessed significant changes in the RLAs. Since 2011, Prerana began routinely mapping the RLAs of Kamathipura, Falkland Rd. and Vashi Turbhe. Through this exercise, the team of Prerana's social workers have been able to identify the changing structures and dynamics of the RLAs. Understanding this is crucial for planning welfare and developmental services and strategies. The annual RLA mapping is undertaken in the months of February and March.

Through this document we aim to share an update on the current number of brothels, services, and organizations functioning in the RLAs of Falkland Rd. and Vashi-Turbhe with a reference to data collected in 2016.

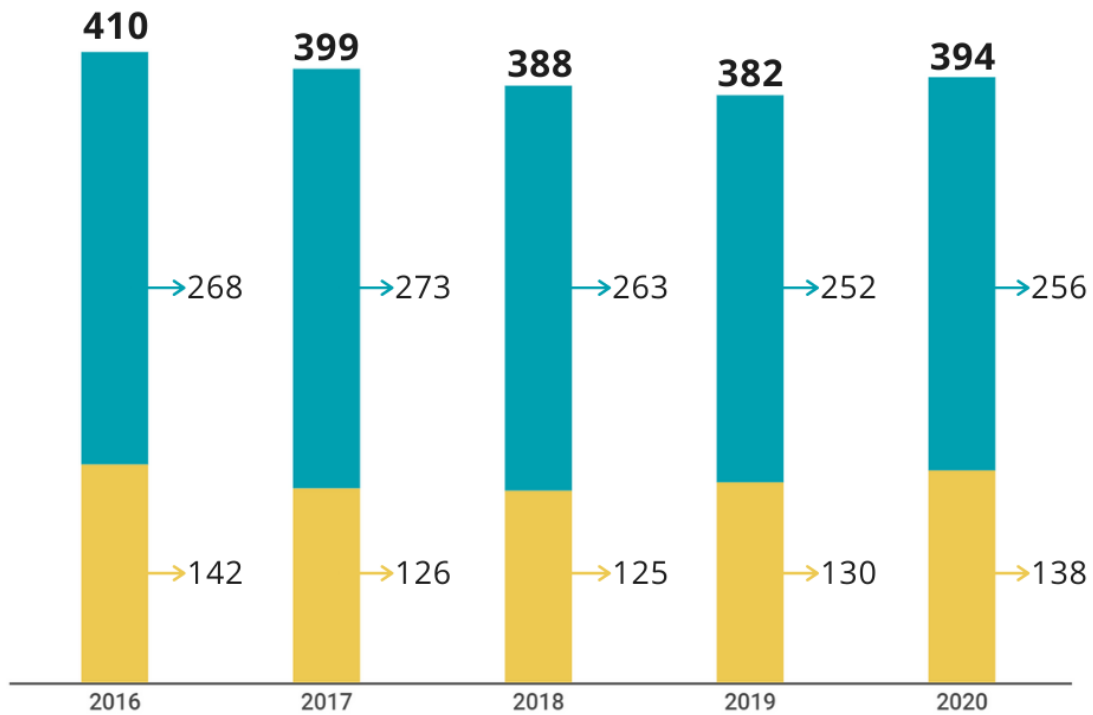
FALKLAND ROAD

The Falkland Rd. RLA is situated on a single street comprising of narrow and short by-lanes. The main road (named P.B.Marg) is lined with buildings that constitute of brothels. Much like the Kamathipura RLA, the Falkland Rd. RLA, one comes across old and extremely dilapidated infrastructure and superstructures. The electrification and water supply systems are deteriorated and frequently cause mishaps. The walls are covered in red-colored stains of the sputum thrown after chewing betel nut paan which is a common habit among the residents and visitors while the lanes are dotted with garbage

The brothel buildings are juxtaposed in line with each brothel housing on an average of 15 women in a compact space of approximately 12'x7' or 80 Sq. Ft area. Each brothel has an average of two to four 4'x6' beds. These beds are what the women use as their space for dhandha (attending to their customers) as they call it, and their home for both them and their children. The beds are separated by just a thin tattered sheet of linen.

The streets are lined with a variety of commercial establishments like restaurants, tea stalls, paan/bidi stalls, clinics run by private doctors or quacks (unlicensed medical practitioners), and theaters screening B-grade films.

BROTHELS



● No. of brothels on the **left** side of Falkland Rd. ● No. of brothels on the **right** side of Falkland Rd.

Note: The above division has been made while standing on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Rd. facing P.B.Marg (Falkland Rd.)

- The Team noted that a total of **394** brothels were functioning out of the Falkland Rd. RLA in **2020**.
- A total of **21** buildings located on Falkland Rd. were covered in the RLA mapping exercise of 2020.
- Over the last 5 years i.e. 2016 to 2020, there has been decrease in the total number of brothels functioning out of the RLA. In **2016, 410 brothels were functioning** out of the area while in **2020, 395 brothels were functioning** out of the area.
- Since 2019, there has been an increase of **12** brothels in the area. Some of the reasons for this observed were:
 - New rooms were built on the terrace of buildings in the area. These rooms function as brothels and are made out of metal sheets.

- Buildings that were unoccupied in the previous years reopened with brothels in them.
- Previously shut brothels (shut due to renovation or raids) were reopened.
- In May 2019, the Mumbai Police conducted a raid at one of the buildings on Falkland Rd. During this raid, 141 girls were said to have been rescued. A few weeks after the raid, the building once again began functioning as a brothel.
- 1 building that previously had brothels till 2017 has gone into redevelopment and been demolished. 1 building that had brothels till 2017 has been left unoccupied since.

COMMERCIAL & OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Grocers, Food Stalls etc.



Paan/Bidi Shops

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
22	22	22	22	24



Restaurants & Food Stalls

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
20	20	19	19	19



Beer Bars

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
4	4	4	4	4

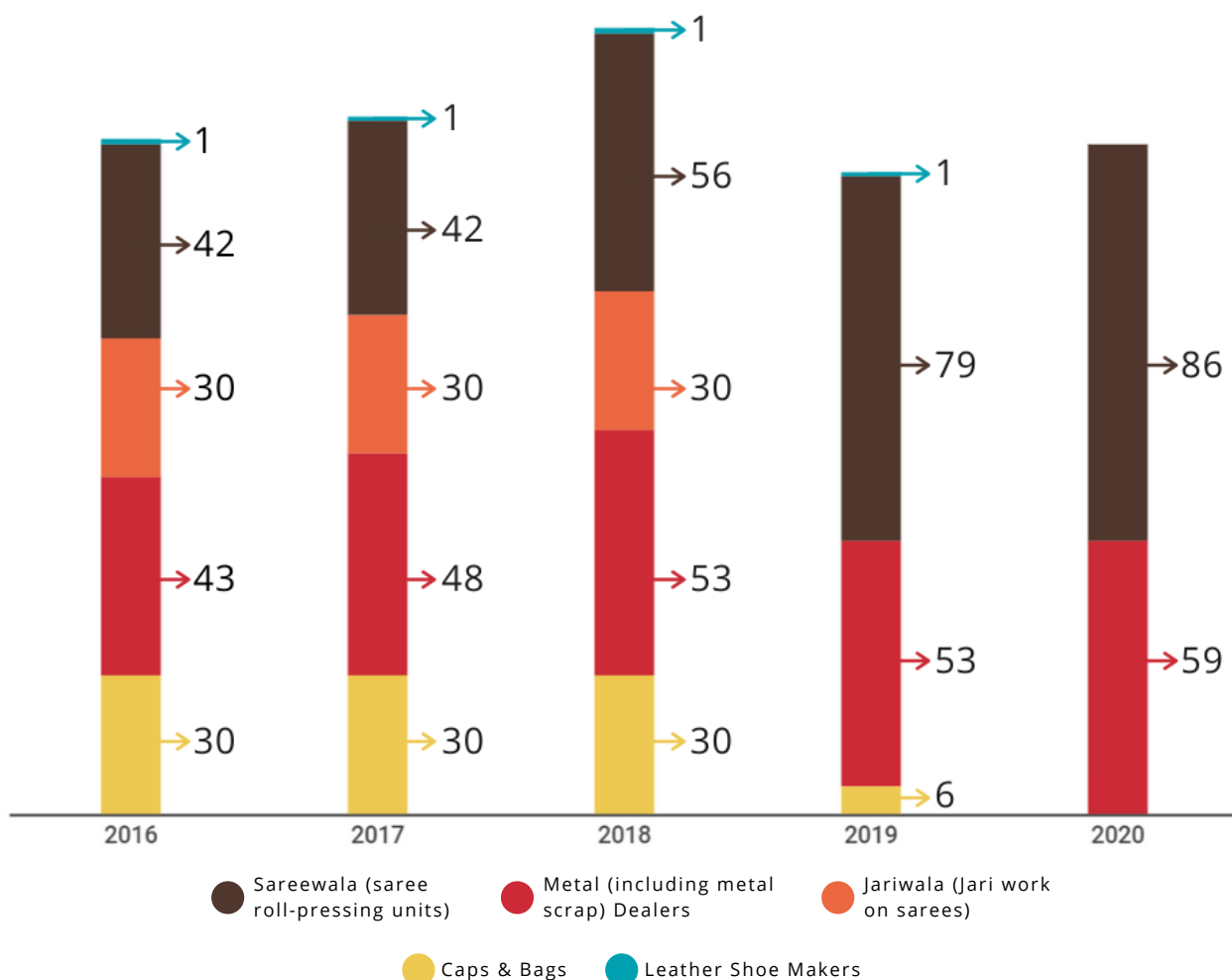


Ration Shops (Grocers)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2	3	3	3	3

COMMERCIAL & OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

2. Manufacturing Units



- In **2016** **30** 'Caps & Bags' units were functioning out of the RLA, the number considerably decreased in **2019** to **6**, by 2020 all the 'Caps & Bags' units were converted into 'Sareewala' units.
- In 2019 all the 'Jariwala' units were converted into 'Sareewala' units.
- Since 2016, there was 1 'Leather Shoe Making' unit in the RLA, in 2020, the same was shut down and converted into a 'Metal Dealer'.
- As of March 2020, 'Sareewala' and 'Metal Dealers' are the only manufacturing units in the RLA.
- Some of these units are located within the brothel buildings and in some cases have replaced the brothels.

COMMERCIAL & OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

3. Entertainment



Movie Theaters

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
12	13	13	13	11

- As of March **2020**, **11 movie theaters** are functioning out of the RLA i.e. Alankar Cinema, Nishant Talkies, Moti Talkies, Taj Talkies, Alfred Talkies, New Roshan Talkies, Dream Land Cinema, Gulshan Talkies, Royal Talkies, Super Plaza Talkies, Naz Imperial talkies.
- Between 2019 and 2020, Silver Talkies and Shalimar Talkies were closed down.
- These theaters are mainly frequented by men and screen mostly b-grade films.



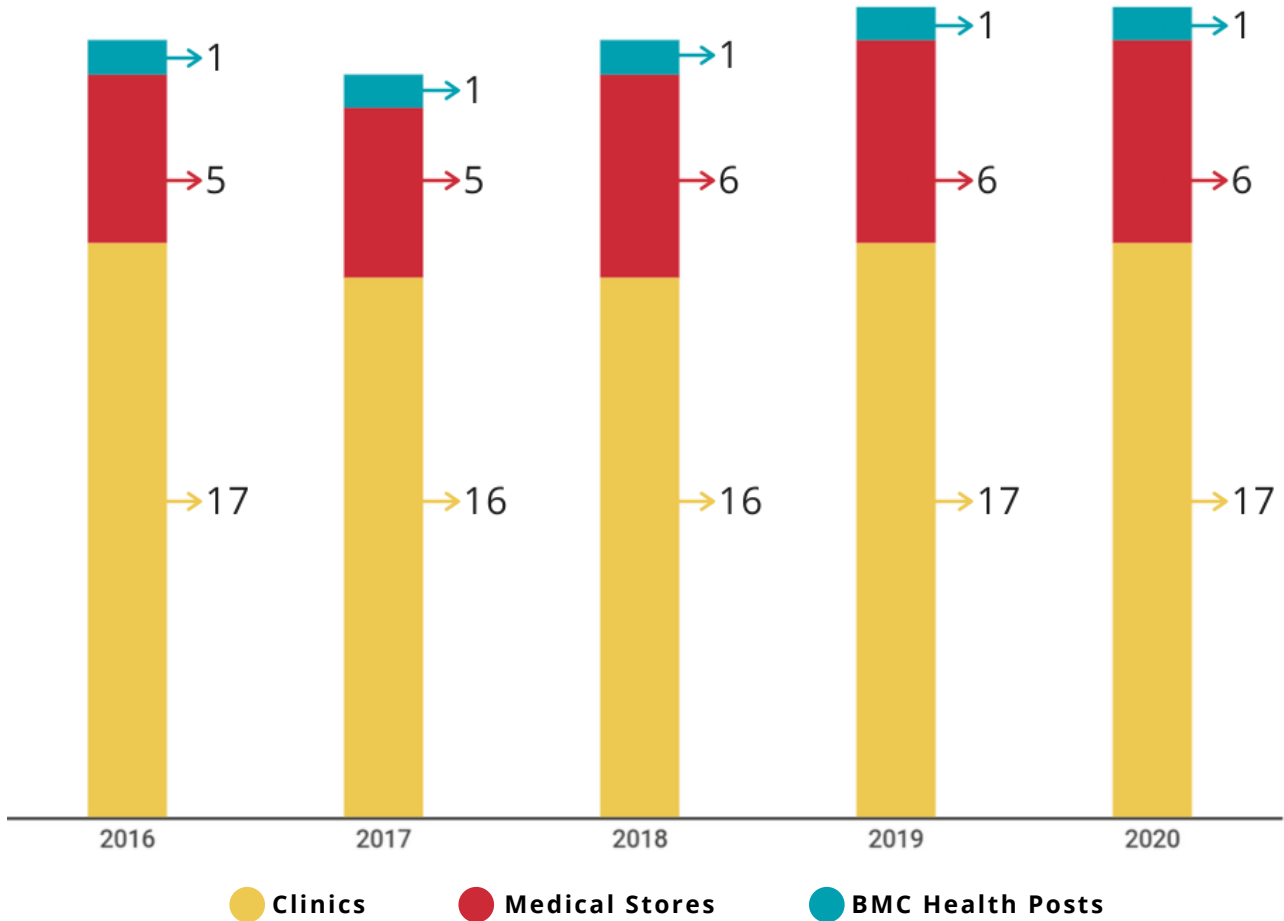
Video Game Parlors

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
3	2	2	1	1

- There is **1** video game parlor located near Alfred Talkies.

SERVICES

1. Medical Facilities



- The Clinics functioning out of the RLA are mainly run by 'quacks', (unlicensed medical practitioners).
- The BMC Health Post is located just outside the area.

2. Government Facilities



Police Station

- There is just **1 Police Station** surrounding the RLA i.e. VP Road Police Station. Two Beat offices are located within the RLA.



Public
Bus Stop

- Khabata Lane Bus Stop is located right outside the RLA.

SERVICES

3. Educational & Recreational Facilities



Private Schools
& Colleges

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
7	7	9	9	12

- A total of **12** Private schools and colleges have been functioning within and around the RLA.
- Wilson High School; Union High School; Aryan High School; Lilavati Lalji Dayal High School & College Of Commerce; Chikitsak Samuha's Shirolkar High School; Sardar High School; Marwadi Vidyalaya; Vanita Vishram High School; Sant Gadhage Maharaj college; Sharda Sadan High School; Seva Sadan High School; Siddharth College.



BMC Schools

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
5	6	6	5	5

- Currently **5** schools run by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) in and around the RLA i.e. West Khetwadi Marathi Municipal School; Durgadevi Municipal School; Jaganath Shankar Seth Municipal School; Sindhi Galli Middle School; Majid Galli School.



Gardens

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1	3	3	3	3

- There are 3 main gardens located in and around the RLA i.e. Durgadevi Municipal Garden; Shivsahyadri Garden; 12th Lane Khetwadi BMC Garden

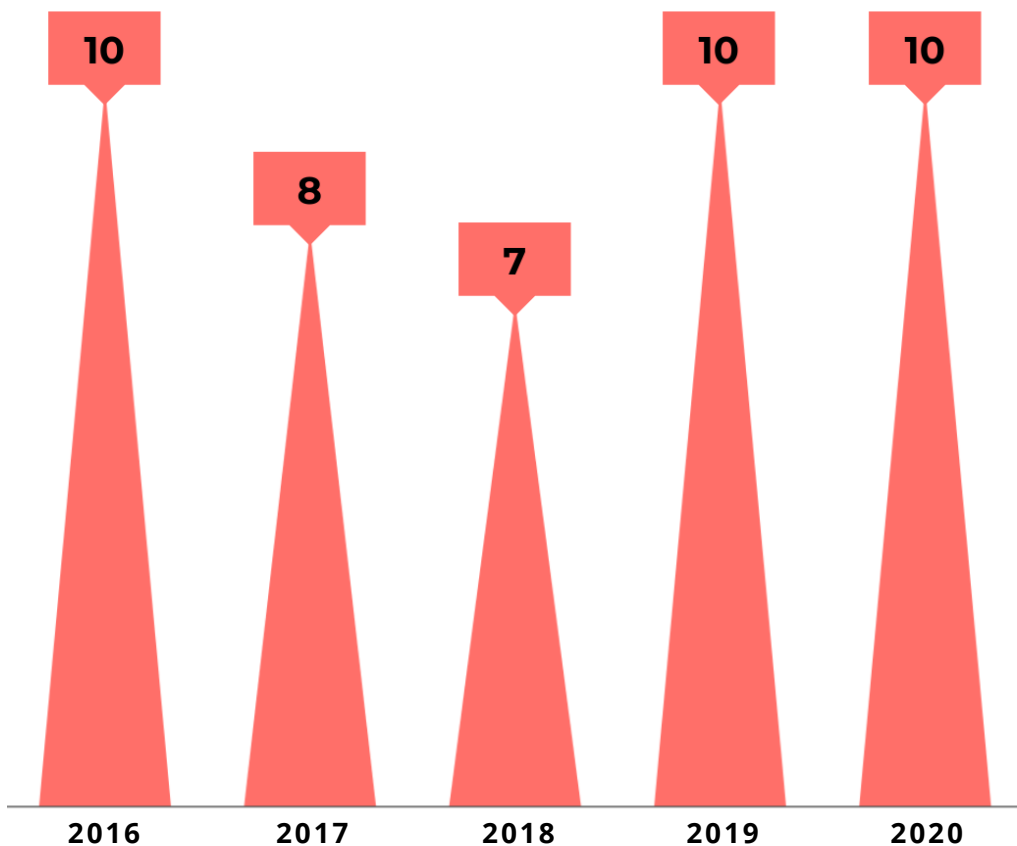


Library

- Since 2016, there has been 1 library functioning out of the RLA. This library is operated by Lodha Foundation and has been running since 2011.

SERVICES

4. Non Governmental Organizations



- As of March 2020, **10 NGOs** are currently providing various services in the RLA. The NGOs are as follows:
 - **Social Activities Integration (SAI)**: SAI works on health care, provide medical services in the RLA along with vocational training for the women and sponsorship's for children.
 - **Navjeevan**: Navjeevan is an Open Shelter providing day and night care services for children in the RLA. They also run a Legal Aid Clinic and provide health facilities.
 - **Association for the Welfare of Persons with a Mental Handicap in Maharashtra (AWMH)**: AWMH provided counseling services and care for children with special needs.
 - **Apne Aap Women's Collective**: Apne Aap provide day care services, pre-school education, exclusive study classes for girls, sponsorship's for children. They also run a self-help group, distribute groceries among the HIV+ women, provide medical services and vocational training for the women of the RLA.
 - **Asha Mahila Sanstha**: Asha Mahila Sanstha provides health care services for the women in the Kamathipura area. They provide counselling services for women living with HIV/AIDS, conduct outreach visits, offer medical health care for women diagnosed with Tuberculosis and also distribute condoms to women in the RLA.
 - **Lodha Foundation**: Lodha Foundation runs the only library within the RLA. They also provide children with educational sponsorship's and vocational training.
 - **Indian Association for Promotion of Adoption and Child Welfare (IAPA)**: IAPA provided educational support through study classes and sponsorship's. It also facilitates vocational training and run a Child Guidance Clinic.
 - **Oasis India**: Oasis provides medical facilities, day care services for children from the RLA along with offering educational support though Study Classes and sponsorship's for children. They also provide vocational training and job placements.
 - **Sanjeevani**: Sanjeevani provides pre-school services for the children of the RLA.
 - **Savera NGO**: Savera provides women with vocational training and job placements.

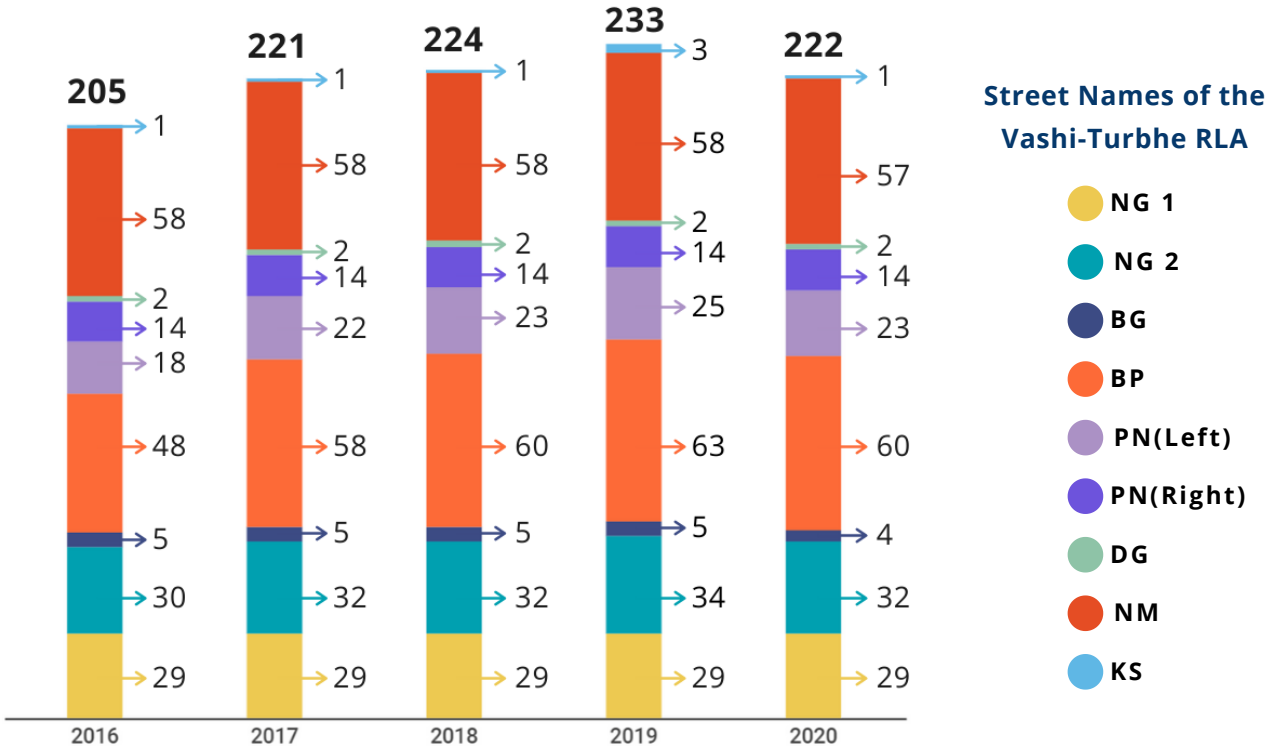
VASHI-TURBHE

The Vashi-Turbhe RLA is much smaller compared to the Falkland Rd. RLA, a major difference being the absence of 'pucca' vertical buildings. The area is composed of 'kuccha' hutments. As compared to the red-light areas of Kamathipura and Falkland Rd. the Vashi-Turbhe RLA is still growing in size.

The proportion of pimps to girls was higher and that distinguished the Vashi-Turbhe RLA from Falkland Rd. RLA. The captivity of the prostituted women was worse than in the Falkland Rd. RLA and the women lived in 'bondage', facing severe restrictions on their freedom to move around. The prostituted mothers were highly vulnerable and there was acute and visible malnourishment among their children.

Prerana began its work in the Vashi-Turbhe RLA in 2001. Since then it has seen a considerable change in the dynamics of the area. A majority of the women in the area come from Nepal, Bangladesh and Kolkata. Women in the Vashi-Turbhe RLA migrate and in some cases are moved by the perpetrators from other RLAs like Kamathipura in Mumbai and Budhwar Peth in Pune etc. for various reasons. The RLA is concentrated into one specific area and the women aren't allowed to solicit outside of this area.

BROTHELS



- In **2016**, **205 brothels** were functioning in the RLA, in **2017** the number **increased by 16** and in **2019** it further **increased by 12** brothels. During the RLA Mapping activity in **2020**, the Team noted that the brothels in the area decreased **11** which shut down.
- **1 brothel** located on '**BG**' street shut and has been replaced by an NGO that works with women and children in RLAs and runs a center there.

COMMERCIAL & OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Grocers, Food Stalls etc.



Paan/Bidi Shops

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
5	5	5	5	5



Tea Stalls, Beer Bars & Restaurants

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
3	3	3	4	3



General Stores

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
3	3	3	3	4



Ration Shops (Grocers)

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2	2	2	2	2

COMMERCIAL & OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

2. Manufacturing Units



- In **2019, 30 manufacturing units** were functioning out of the RLA, in **2020**, this number dropped to **15 units**.
- These units are located within the RLA.

3. Mics. Establishments



DJ + Decoration

- Since 2016, **1 DJ & decoration service** has been functioning out of the RLA.



Tailor

- Since 2016, **1 tailor** has been functioning out of the RLA and is located at the entrance of the area.

SERVICES

1. Medical Facilities



Clinics

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2	3	3	3	3

- Terna is a clinic located near the RLA which opened in 2017.
- Bombay Teen Challenge and Sahaara (NGOs working in the RLA) run clinics within the RLA.



Medical Stores

- There are no medical stores in the RLA. The women go to the Turbhe store area or K.K Road to purchase medicines.

2. Educational & Recreational Facilities



Schools

- Since 2016 there are **3 schools** located in and around the RLA i.e. Navjeevan Hindi High School, Samta Vidyalaya and NMMC Marathi Medium.



Garden

- In 2019, **1 public garden** opened up right outside the RLA.

3. Government Facilities



- There are **5 public toilets** in and around the RLA.

SERVICES

4. Religious Facilities



- Since 2016, **2 temples** have been functioning in the RLA i.e. Naag Mandir and Durgadevi Mandir.

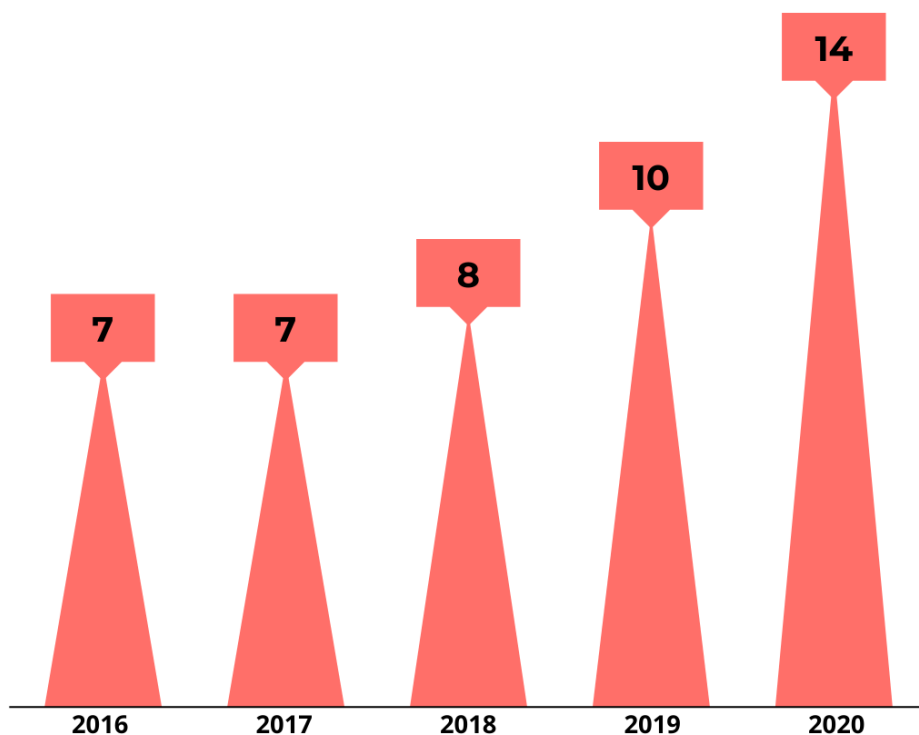


Christian Prayer Rooms

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
6	6	6	6	7

- There are no 'church' buildings, though NGOs such as Bombay Teen Challenge, Mana Prayer House, Sahara, Sahasi emberse, Asha Kendra, Rahab Scope and White Stone conduct prayer meetings at their office premises. These meetings are attended by the women and children.

5. Non-Governmental Organizations



- As of March 2020, **14 NGOs** are currently providing services in the RLA. The NGOs are as follows:
 - **White Stone:** White Stone works with the women in the RLA providing medical and health care along with vocational training such as tailoring and jewelry making.
 - **Sahaara:** Sahaara works with women and children in the RLA providing health and medical care. They work with the HIV+ women and those with TB by providing meals.
 - **Asha Kendra:** Asha Kendra runs a day care center and a balwadi for children from the RLA.
 - **Sahasee Embers:** Sahasee Embers runs an Open Shelter for children from the RLA, provides vocational training for women and health care.
 - **Bombay Teen Challenge:** BTC provides health facilities and runs an adult literacy program for the women of RLA.
 - **Manna Prayer House:** Manna Prayer House runs a balwadi and provides breakfast for the children from the RLA.
 - **Prem Kiran:** Prem Kiran runs a balwadi, provides milk and eggs for those in the RLA and lunch for the women and children of the RLA. They also run an adult literacy program for the women in the RLA.
 - **Tree of Life:** Tree of Life runs a balwadi for the children in the RLA. They facilitate vocational training such as beauty parlor training and tailoring for the women.
 - **Love Without Reason:** Love Without Reason runs a day care center for children and provides vocational training for women and adolescents in the RLA.
 - **Rahab Scope:** Rahab Scope runs a play school and provides vocational training for women.
 - **Alert India:** Alert India provides vocational training for youth, provides job placements and creates awareness around health.
 - **International Justice Mission:** IJM runs a legal clinic in the RLA.
 - **Adhar Sheela Kendra:** Adhar Sheela Kendra provides vocational training for women.
 - **Apne Aap Women's Collective:** Apne Aap conducts outreach within the RLA and provides health and medical services in the RLA.



DISCLAIMER

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