



RESCUE FOUNDATION



Annual Report 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Organization:

Since 22 years our mission has been to reinstate human rights to victims of human trafficking, from Bangladesh, Nepal and India who are sexually abused and are sold for forced prostitution.

Rescue Foundation, as the name suggests specializes in rescuing the unfortunate victims from the clutches of the anti-social elements in and around the country. We realized that merely rescuing them does not guarantee their reintegration in society. Our experienced investigators successfully manage to conduct in-brothel counseling making them aware of their human rights and obtain their consent to be rescued. But after rescue their trauma overburdens them and their negativity has to be converted to positive attitude so that they can sustain their lives with good health and reintegrate well in Respectable society.

Providing necessary facilities, training & medical consultation to about 377 girls became a huge task for our organization. We carried out our duties with the help of more than 85 determined and dedicated staff members & volunteers spread over our three protective and rehabilitation homes and one office at Delhi for investigation and rescue. The expertise gained in providing new lives to the young female generation has provided added impetus to us in extending our services to other Cities like Delhi which have become attractive destinations for trafficking and forced prostitution. Our success lies in the combination of our grass root work done by Rescue Foundation and the constant support of our Donors. Continuation of our combined efforts will surely go a long way towards the anti-trafficking measures needed by our Country

Dear Supporters & Well-wishers,

Looking back at the year just amazes me how we have grown at Rescue Foundation. The year started with the massive rescue of 67 girls from Nandurbar and ended with our long awaited new Home in Delhi. Nandurbar District is a tribal belt between the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat. Though the task was daunting the team at Rescue Foundation was excited as we managed to get custody of all the 67 girls which included some Minors. We believed the parents of these girls were instrumental in trafficking them and our fight to get them out of this trap continues.

To add to our excitement was an order from the Supreme Court of India which said that Rescue Foundation was carrying out some good work and taking care of children in need of protection, and care as mentioned in the Act of 2015. The Supreme Court also observed that there seems to be doubt regarding the welfare of the Minor children if their custody is given to persons claiming to be their custodians

The Year also was a challenging one. Our work has never been easy and the challenges made our resolve much stronger to be there for our girls and enabling them to make good choices as life offers them a second chance

We are very thankful to our donors and partners who believed in us and gave us Moral Support and I am ever grateful to them for standing by us during our critical times.

I believe we are a passionate community called for this purpose, so let's continue being relevant to these young lives around us.



Thanking you.

*Ms. Triveni Acharya, President,
Rescue Foundation.*

**TOGETHER
WE HELPED
PROTECT
377 GIRLS
AND
15 BABIES**



Activities

Investigation

Rescue

Admission in Protective Homes

Health Care

Vocational Training

Psycho-Social

Counseling

Legal Aid

Repatriation

Aims & Objectives

The primary aim of the Protective Home is to provide a safe, temporary Shelter to victims of trafficking and to start rebuilding the lives of the victims of trafficking by instilling in them their lost confidence and to encourage them to make a new beginning in life. The victims can stay in the Centre until the Court Cases are over and the criminals have been sentenced. Contrary to the Government remand and protective homes the Rescue Foundation helps the victims with all their essential needs.





Rescue Foundation

...Promoting human rights for trafficked survivor

Statistics from January to December 2017:

2017	Investigations	Rescue Raids	Rescued Girls	Admission	Repatriation
January	21	4	89	89	34
February	12	3	17	17	43
March	10	2	15	22	18
April	3	1	4	22	17
May	13	2	4	18	34
June	9	1	1	27	41
July	14	2	8	44	25
August	16	3	7	36	24
September	12	1	3	26	41
October	4	0	0	13	8
November	7	2	18	20	19
December	09	1	04	43	21
Total	130	22	170	377	325

Total no. of girls provided Vocational Training :

- **Informal Education : 385**
- **Yoga class : 433**
- **Craft & Painting : 143**
- **Tailoring class : 148**
- **Beauty Parlor : 129**
- **Computer class : 81**

Medical treatment/Checkups:

- **General Checkup : 391**
- **T. B Checkup : 95**
- **S.T.I (sexually transmitted Infections) : 86**
- **H.I.V : 15**
- **Hospital Visits : 190**

Cross Border Repatriation	Total
Nepal	3
Bangladesh	64+3
Thailand	13
Russia	1
Uzbekistan	1
Turkmenistan	1

Success stories & quantitative data of our vocational training

Tailoring Unit : Ramona Chahim Foundation visited our Kandivili Shelter and introduced some of girls to their tailoring units in Mumbai. They trained some of our girls in tailoring, and ironing of clothes. The 15 girls who were trained have joined their Tailoring Unit and work on daily basis receiving monthly stipends which is saved in their banks. Only the adult girls are part of this Unit.

Computer Training Course : It has always been our endeavour to equip our girls with the latest and best training which would give them a edge in the competitive world they are about to step in. Towards this initiative our computer course at our Shelter Homes has trained continous batches of girls equipping them into basic computer skills. The girls are always excited to learn and apply their skills. We belive some of them will go out and hold jobs in the IT industries.

English Speaking Course: It was a wish of many of our girls to be able to speak and write English. Thus with the support of our Donor Accor Hotels this year we have started this class and are tracking the progress of all the girls who attend it in our Kandivili Shelter Home

Economic Empowerment : Few initiatives have been undertaken to enable the girls to earn some income either through making products, undertaking duties at the Shelter Homes or holding a job outside the Shelter. This year few girls of Kandivili Shelter Home are employed at a Tailoring Unit and received a monthly stipend. Girls above 18 years at all Homes are encouraged to take on chores and are monetarily compensated which is then saved in their bank accounts and given away at the time of repatriation

Hotel Management Course : In the month of January 2017 our 3rd batch of Hotel Management Course conducted by Youth Career Initiative completed their course. On 26th January a graduation ceremony was conducted at Westin Hotel to celebrate and felicitate the 4 girls who completed their course. As our girls received their certificates our hearts were filled with joy and pride watching them so confident and empowered

Painting the Walls: In the month of May along with MAD Foundation and Ram Leela Team our Shelter at Kandivili got a makeover. The gate and the Compound walls reflect the inner feelings of the stories of the girls, testifying to the immense talents these girls are blessed with.



Success stories & quantitative data of our vocational training

Manodhairya Scheme of the Government: Manodhairya Scheme for Rape victims, Children who are victims of Sexual Offences and Acid Attack Victims (Women and Children) It is of utmost importance to ensure the victims of Rape and Acid Attacks (Women and Children) are brought out from the psychological shock that they suffer. It is also equally important to provide them Shelter, Financial Assistance, Medical and Legal Aid and Counselling Services. With this in mind, the Women & Child Department is implementing Manodhairya Scheme in the State. Financial Assistance of Rs.2 Lakhs and in special cases Rs. 3 Lakhs is provided to the victims. Based on the requirement, Rehabilitation of victims and their dependents by way of shelter, counselling, medical and legal support, Education and Vocational Education is carried out. 7 girls from our Kandivili Home 2 girls from Boisar Home and 1 girl from the Pune Shelter Home received the amounts as per the Manodhairya Scheme

Repatriation Reintegration & Follow of Girls: We have had good support from the officials in Bangladesh, Thailand and Uzbekistan this year. Their visits to facilitate the repatriation of their girls was commendable. Nearly thrice this year officials from Bangladesh, Thailand, Uzbekistan visited our Homes encouraging the girls and expediting their departure to their homes.

Racket Busted at Sassoon Hospital Pune : Three Minor girls rescued from Brothels were declared adults by the Sassoon Hospital. Unfortunately till the staff of Rescue Foundation found out the correct age of the girls the accused were already sent off on bail by the government. The age of the rescued girl makes a lot of difference. If the victim is a minor then the pimp and those involved in the trafficking are booked under the stringent Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act and the recent Prevention of Child Sexual Offense is applied and getting bail is difficult. Moreover rehabilitation process at rescue homes is different for adults and minors. The age verification done by Rescue Foundation had hard evidence including the girls' birth certificates which enabled us to take correct action.



Nature Expeditions & Retreats: Each year Freedom Firm takes a group of girls for an excursion amidst nature, hills and greenery. This year two such Week long Excursions were undertaken one at Ooty and the other at Lonavala. The girls participate in archery, rope climbing, trekking along with enjoying campfires and dancing in the lap of nature. We are grateful for these expeditions as it goes a long way in healing of emotional and mental wounds of the girls. Over 20 girls participated this year.

One day Picnics: These one day picnics supported by several donors have been a hit with our girls and helped them to break the monotony of being at the Shelter Homes for long periods. We encourage our donors to support these as they very effective in giving the girls a time to relax and be themselves.

Recreation: Chhoole Aasmaan:(Touch the Sky) An event was organized by Indian Music Institute with the support of Jalota Welfare Foundation in Mumbai for Rescue Foundation on the occasion of International Women's Rights Day. Eminent singers like Anup Jalota, Suresh Wadkar and Neha Rizvi came and gave their valuable time for this noble cause and helped us raise awareness about this grave problem of human sex trafficking and sexual slavery

The girls were taken out to watch 3 movies this year they watched two Hindi Action Movies Bahubali Dabang and one English Movie Spiderman in theatres. Each time over 60 girls were treated to movie night to watch them

Indoor Games : At times when the girls are bored they have the option of playing indoor games during the rains, or the summer vacations. We are grateful for our Donors and Supporters who have equipped our homes with some indoor games.

No more biting Nails: A 5 day course on Nail Art was conducted in the month of March for the girls at Kandivili Shelter. They learned different types of Nail Art, along with tips on taking care of their hands and nails. The girls were very excited with this workshop and decided they would take care of their nails and not bite them anymore.



Overall achievements

Health care: During rehabilitation the girls go through routine health checks, counseling, treatments and medication for health issues and emergencies. Medical emergencies such as monitoring pregnancies, TB STD and HIV infections are responded to by referring to local hospitals services.

Legal : The Legal Department being the backbone of Rescue Foundation in facilitating justice to the victims of human trafficking, has focused this year on main 2 issues: a). Importance of Video Conferencing during judicial trial, b). Legal Awareness about Victim's rights.

To enable victims who are repatriated to their native places to record their statements with ease, video conferencing is an important method. Our Legal Department in order to secure conviction for those Traffickers, Brothel Keepers, Managers, pimps has encouraged and followed up video conferencing practice by making over 40 applications for survivors in different cases and have been successful in being allowed 5 such video conferencing by the Hon'ble Courts. Our Advocate has shared its importance during a judicial trial before Chief Justice of Mumbai Mrs. Manjula Chellur at this Judicial Academy Bhayandar

The Legal Department has conducted several awareness programs for Police Officers on the Sec 370 of Indian Penal Code which when applied keeps the accused behind bars for interrogation process during lodging an FIR giving sufficient time to frame charges. Previously these accused would be let off easily on bail.

Sensitizing and creating awareness on their rights is a sure way of empowering the girls and women to speak up for themselves and seek justice. The Legal Department has conducted 15 such sessions during this year at all the 3 shelters periodically. The outcome has been that more of our survivors have expressed their desire to lodge complaints against their perpetrators.





Counselling & Mentoring Girls : Routine Counselling of girls at all the 3 Shelter Homes was conducted which included group and individual counseling. Some Girls who required additional counseling and psychiatric treatment outside the Homes were attended too. Routing counseling is done each time a new girl enters the home, during times of personal struggles, court hearings, during their pregnancies and at the time of repatriation. Beside the above Rescue Foundation also has specific programs to address emotional, psychological and mental issues that the girls face during their stay. To that end we have invited external organizations with expertise to conduct counseling and mentoring sessions which have been beneficial to the Girls. One such is the Mentors Together Program.

Mentors Together facilitates one to one mentoring relationships for young children and youth at risks bringing together Mentors and Mentee to understand struggles and reach out to achieve their goals. Mentoring relationships and providing an emotional solace and companionship to the girls at the Kandivili Shelter Home Mentors Together started a Life Skills Mentoring Program in March 2017. 15 Girls or Mentees participated since April 2017. 5 Mentors were introduced, 184 hours of Mentoring was done. Currently 9 girls are being mentored by 4 Mentees

Child Participation: As a tool of child participation, Kandivili Shelter Home has implemented Child Parliament with 5 ministries such as Education, Food, Home Affairs, Sports and Culture and Sanitation. All the girls participating chose their leader by casting a vote for each of the ministry. Voting has been completed and ministries will be formed in the days to come. We are hoping this initiative will encourage the girls to participate in the running of the Shelter Home enabling them to develop their leadership and decision making skills.

Attendance at International Conference on Women Trafficking: The Maharashtra State Commission for Women along with International Justice Mission brought together stakeholders involved in anti-trafficking initiatives to assess the current situation, discuss and share best practices through a two day International Conference on Women Trafficking in the Month of July 2017. Rescue Foundation participate by submitting an article and Mrs. Triveni President attended the Conference. Chairperson Mrs. Vijaya Rahatkar acknowledge the good work done by Rescue Foundation over the years in the State of Maharashtra. At the end of this conference an action plan was put into place and a working committee was formed to implement it. We are in complete support of this action plan for the state of Maharashtra which would follow up on important decisions and suggestions that came up during the conference.

International Women's Day 2017

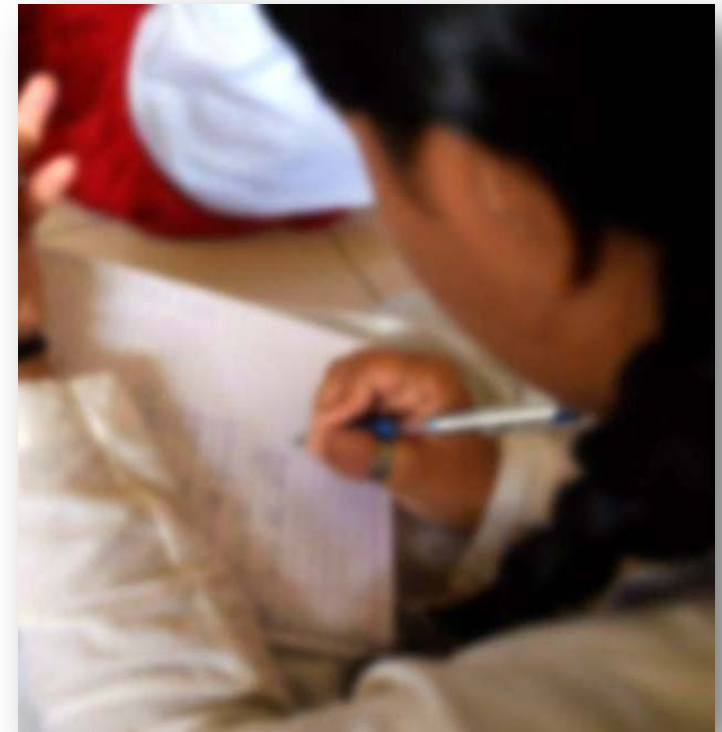
At all the three Homes this day was celebrated with the support of our Well Wishers and Donors.. Games, encouraging messages and lots of fun and food was part of the Day's Celebrations.

Celebrating National Days & Festivals

It's been a tradition over the years at Rescue Foundation to observe the National Days such as India's Republic Day and Independence Day. Common Festivals such as Holi, Ganesh Ustav, Diwali, Navratri, Id, and Christmas are also celebrated with lots of fun, dancing, music and festival food. These celebrations keep the girls grounded to life and help in their recovery from trauma. Also the girls build ties with each other and the staff and the pain of not having family around in such times is eased

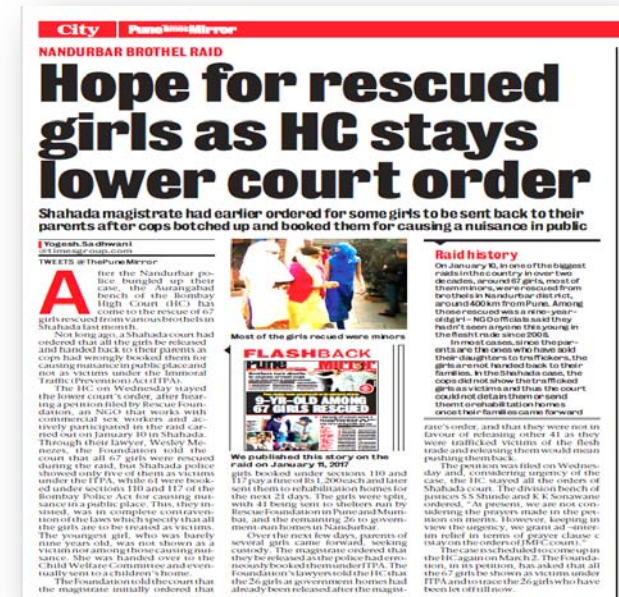
International Yoga Day International Yoga Day was observed at our Boisar Shelter Home with all the girls participating. Yoga is believed to have a holistic effect on the wellbeing of the mind and the body and encourage our girls to be part of such exercises

Rescued Girl writes to Prime Minister of India to exchange her old notes for new after demonetization in Nov 2016. A Bangladeshi woman, trafficked to India and forced into prostitution, sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in exchanging old demonetized notes which she had saved while working in a Maharashtra brothel. Rescued from a Pune brothel, the woman claimed that she was unaware about the government's 8 November move to demonetize Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes and has wrote a letter to Prime Minister Mr. Modi urging exchange of Rs 10,000 which she had earned in "desperate conditions". "Sirji, I have earned this money in desperate conditions. This money is very valuable for me. It will be a great favor if you exchange this money," she said in the letter written on her behalf by Rescue Foundation, "I am going back to Bangladesh on 15 May and it will be great help if you exchange these notes. If you change these notes it will do me great favor and bring me happiness," she said to Modi in the letter which she has signed as 'aapki beti (your daughter)'. The woman said she worked in a garment factory in Dhaka before being lured to India on the pretext of a high-paying job where she was sold to a woman for Rs 50,000 who forced her into the sex trade. "I used to hide the money which the customers paid. I had saved Rs 10,000. When I told a madam at Rescue Foundation about the money, she informed me that Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes are no more valid," she said. "She was not aware of demonetization. She had been saving this money hiding it in her belongings. Afraid that the brothel owners might snatch it away, she never informed anyone.



Rescue Foundation in news:

The Free Press Journal of India posted an article online 'Mumbai Human Trafficking not a Priority of Police but Special Cells. The Director General of Police Satish Mathur announced recently that human trafficking would be brought under the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act (MCOCA) and the Anti-Human Trafficking Units AHTUs would be further strengthened. To conduct a reality check the free press journal spoke to officer during rescue operation and repatriation of trafficked girls. Speaking to our President Mr. Triveni Acharya she said in the last 3 years the police have been sensitized and have become techno savvy. Earlier the local police stations were authorized to conduct raids. However after AHTUs the interventions of the local police has reduced. We directly send a message to units and with the location of the trafficked girl and within minutes they are ready for the rescue operation. Unlike terrorism human trafficking is not a priority for the police since they are so busy doing bandobast. Earlier the local police had a hidden agenda and would leak the information prior to the raids. Sometimes immigration officer being aware of the girl being trafficked from India would ignore and the fake documents. Most of these girls are trafficked on work visas for menial jobs for a period of 3 months and later abandoned said Mrs Acharya



Awards

In month of March Galaxy Surfactants Limited Navi Mumbai awarded Rescue Foundation a Galaxy Social Award in recognition of its consistent and commendable work in the field of Human Trafficking and its contribution to the Community Development.

Prime Minister of Nepal Award & Appreciation

Mrs Triveni Acharya our Founder and Director was felicitated by the Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal in the month of April. It always gladdens our heart to see our efforts being appreciated and recognized.



Attendance at International Charity Events

Our President Mrs Triveni Acharya and Mr. Ashok Rajgor were invited to share the years of experience and work of Rescue Foundation at several Charity Events in Germany and Switzerland by Mr. Gereon our long standing friend and donor from Bono Direct Aid Association.

We were glad to present our work to existing as well as potential support organizations and individual donors. We are thankful to our friends in Bono Direct Aid and Chance Swiss for painstakingly organizing these events and a strong support to our work in human trafficking.

Besides these fund raising events the Rescue Foundation Team was able to present to the Board along with press meetings and interaction with the media in Germany and Switzerland.

Delhi Home Update

After years of working us at Rescue Foundation observed that our Investigating Team was rescuing many girls in the Northern States of India. We believed this was a result of extensive operation in the Western Region by Rescue Foundation and other partners that trafficking in young girls had moved to the Northern States. Once rescued these girls were placed into government Homes which lacked basic facilities. Sometime in 2015 we felt the need to have a Model Protective Home in the Capital City of India namely Delhi.

Our dream of opening a new shelter home at last came true. A gigantic and beautiful shelter home of Rescue Foundation was inaugurated in Kahjhawala, Delhi on 31st December 2017, which consisted of all the modern amenities and the facilities for the survivors who are rescued and rehabilitated. Rescue Foundation was happy to welcome Mr. Gereon Wagner from BONO DIREKTHILIFE E.V and Ms. Corrinne Wagner from CHANCE SWISS in the inauguration function. Other than that, the presence of, President of Maiti Nepal, PADMA SHREE, Ms. Anuradha Koirala was the moment of pride for us. The SDM Ms. Reddy, of Kanjhawala, Delhi, The ACP, Vigilance, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Mr. Rajesh Solanki, CWC, VII, and other dignitaries were present at the inauguration function. It's been our dream to rehabilitate girls rescued in and around Delhi and the Northern States of India into better facilities which were sorely lacking. We are so grateful to our donors who made this dream come true. We hope to be able to rescue and serve many more lives with the setting up of our Delhi Shelter Home.





The Future Looks Bright for Our Children

With their Mothers being set free from bondages and enabled to live the lives they choose, surely these children are blessed to experience the greenery, love, and care that is an integral part of our Rehabilitation. All this would never have been possible without the support of our partners. We take this opportunity to thank you for enabling us to achieve the impact on the lives of our girls and their families.

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