



ANNUAL REPORT 2018





Dear Partners,

Greetings! On behalf of Rescue Foundation, I wish all of you a prosperous and Happy New year in 2019. I look forward to continuing our journey together as we tackle this evil and organised crime across South Asia. In 2018 the courageous team at Rescue Foundation undertook over 170 investigations into human trafficking criminal networks. This led to over 24 operations executed with the Indian police authorities that helped recover 103 human trafficking survivors. In addition to this our Rescue Foundation care and protection team helped over 344 children and women who were directly admitted at our various licensed care homes across India. We also helped the local authorities to process the repatriation and further reintegration of over 378 women and children. A unique aspect of our work has been the partnerships we have developed with the embassies of various countries such as Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand, Russia, Uzbekistan, Uganda and Laos as India now has girls and women trafficked from all these countries and Rescue Foundation had over 67 survivors admitted by the police from all of these countries.

An exciting part of the last 5 months of Rescue Foundation in 2018 has been the capacity building that we have undertaken in the areas of financial accounting and employee engagement. We are grateful to the Centre for Promoting Accountability (CPA) for their partnership and support in these areas. We have also worked as a management team to develop our strategy, targets and organisational structure for the next phase of our work. We will be implementing all these changes in a phased and structured manner with an aim to evolve our strong foundations for excellence. The thrust of our strategy will be to develop and implement a pathway model i.e. an end to end focussed approach towards our casework in tackling human trafficking as a crime. The pathway model will have three clear areas of focus the first being investigations and prosecutions where the focus would be to undertake deep, extensive and quality investigations and successful state prosecutions focussed on disrupting entire Human trafficking criminal networks. The second part is a focus on the care and protection of each and every survivor that are rescued by Rescue Foundation and the local authorities. The emphasis here would be to provide them with multidisciplinary support at our safe houses/protective homes and to develop individual care plans as per the law to ensure their repatriation and reintegration within the communities. Such an approach represents the best chance to prevent institutionalisation with focus on reintegrating them back into society at the earliest potential opportunity. The third part of our strategy would be a focus on the community with an aim to both prevent trafficking through our missing persons approach and the successful social and economic reintegration of our survivors as pillars back within the community. The goal of our strategy over the next three years would be to make this pathway model a replicable success in our four hubs of Mumbai, Delhi, Pune and Thane. We have carefully selected these hubs because we already have years of experience working in these areas and have care and protective licensed safe homes in all four of these areas. If this is successful, we hope to replicate this with the Government and our partners across other parts of South Asia.

2018 as a year have not been without its challenges particularly in Delhi where we have had challenges navigating the complex licensing process for our newest safe house. It is also the newest area that we have been working in although with significant success since 2011. We hope to overcome all of these challenges in a phased and methodical manner and have an incredibly productive year in 2019. In conclusion 2018 has been a year of change, challenge and progress for Rescue Foundation. It was a year Rescue Foundation not only saved lives and broke the cycle of crime but also took time to develop our strategy and targets for the next phase of our work. All of this would not have been possible without your strong and resolute partnership with me and Rescue Foundation over the years. I look forward to journeying with each and every one of you through greater depths of victory we will have together against the evil of modern-day slavery this year.

Yours truly,

Mrs Triveni Acharya.



To stop Human
Trafficking of Minor Girls
and Forced Adult
Women in India,
enabling them to live a
life of Dignity, free of
Sexual Exploitation

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170

INVESTIGATIONS

24

RESCUE OPERATIONS

103

LIVES SAVED



Care and Protection

Health

Our prime focus during the short stay of the girls is to enable the girls to enjoy good health. Each girl's health is assessed at the time of admission for age verification and routine health checks are conducted regularly during at the Short Stay Home. More advanced Health issues, emergencies, pregnancies and infections such as TB, HIV, and STIs are referred to government hospitals. Awareness sessions were conducted this year on Menstrual Health & Hygiene and Sex & Sexuality, and HIV Awareness, Counseling & Treatment. Boisar Home conducted an HIV awareness, counseling and testing campaign for 90 girls, where 2 of the girls were detected HIV positive. They were referred to the government hospital for further counseling and testing and treatment. Few of our girls also struggle with sexual orientation and are being gently guided by ongoing counselling and mentoring.

HIV Care & Treatment

We have cared for 8 girls who were infected by HIV. Most of them are doing well as they continue to take their ART Treatment and continue their routine health checks at the government hospitals. One of them had to be transferred to a Care Center as her health deteriorated

Pregnancy

In all we had 20 pregnant girls and 2 deliveries resulting in 2 children being born during the reporting period. Few of our teenage girls had delivered underweight babies

Agriculture & Farming

Farming & Growing of Vegetables
Boisar Home situated over a 50 acre plot of land where major part of the land is used for growing vegetables, fruits and grains. A river running across it provides plenty of water for irrigation and growing seasonal vegetables and fruits. Each year a group of girls are trained by the in house farmer. This year 5 girls have been trained and helped in tending to the vegetables such as tomatoes, pumpkins, brinjals, cabbage and cauliflower. Few of our girls come from a village background and are interested in learning and working on the farm. The farm yields supplement the Home kitchen thus a step towards sustaining the Home. It also provides training for the girls for future as some of our girls come from villages where farming and growing vegetables is the main source of income..





340 Lives Cared For

Education(Kandivali)

As far as education is concerned we have a mix of Girls in our short stay homes. Some have never been to school, others have been dropped out and are able to read and write in their native language. Assessing their education level, counseling them to continue their education and seeking admission at the local government schools is a major. At our Mumbai/Kandivali Home 12 girls attend regular school whereas this does not happen at our Boisar or Pune Home. Non Formal education is conducted at Boisar and Pune Home for majority of our girls whose come from rural background. They are taught basic alphabets, numbers and to write their names in Hindi or English. We do have few girls who have done some schooling and are eligible to appear for the 10th Grade examination. 48 such girls have applied and will be giving their examinations in the coming days.

We also have 6 girls who have completed their schooling and are attending colleges in Mumbai. All our School going girls in Mumbai Kandivali Shelter passed out with flying

colors from their respective classes. It gives us extreme joy to see their happy faces getting prepared for future life. 11 of our school going girls and 4 college going girls at Kandivali completed their successfully their academic year in April

Course Completion (Kandivali)

11 of our girls who were attending classes under the National Institute of Open School have successfully cleared their exams and have received certificates. A new batch of girls has already started for the next year. We are

grateful to Inner Wheel Club of Borivali who have taken up this initiative at the Kandivali Home in Mumbai. We are also proud of them and also thank the teachers & Staff who were instrumental in helping them through. Now we have a new batch of girls signing up.

Vocational Training (Kandivali & Boisar)

Bag Making
A group of girls have been engaged in making beautiful and trendy hand bags. After a short period of training the results have been stunning and we at Rescue Foundation would like to take this further by ensuring that this skill will be utilized for the benefit of the girls in the long term. In future a team will be supervised by a lead girl and the products finished products will be marketed and part of the proceeds will go towards the girl who makes the product





Legal Awareness (ALL HOMES)

Sessions were conducted for Nandurbar Girls at our Shelter Homes by our Advocate. These sessions were planned to address particular issues faced only by the rescued girls from Nandurbar Area. With time we have seen a positive change in these girls as they have responded to being rehabilitated and repatriated in accordance with the requirement of the Supreme Court of India. 55 Girls at Pune Home learnt about their right to compensation under the government scheme namely Manodhairya wherein a Minor Girl when raped can submit an application for financial compensation. Complete information on the amount of compensation, the procedure and all the paper work required was explained to these girls.

Government Compensation

We have been able to access the government of Maharashtra's financial compensation scheme namely Manodhairya for many of our Minor Girls who have been raped over the years. This month one of our Minors who had applied received her compensation and the amount of Rs 2,25,000 was credited to her bank account.

Hospitality Training (Kandivali & Boisar)

Hotel J W Marriott in Mumbai, a high end chain of Hotels, which caters to national and international guests with their 200 plus rooms initiated a project with Rescue Foundation as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities. A group of 9 girls above 18 years from Boisar and Kandivali Home have been trained. We ensured that all these girls had a Medical Fitness Test done and certified at the Local Govt. Hospital. After an initial exposure trip to the Hotel the girls started their training and soon will be able to hold jobs at the some of them are placed in housekeeping and others in the kitchen. On completion of this training they will be hired at the Hotel. We are looking forward to this Partnership which would enable our girls to support themselves.

This is a major step towards their aftercare.
Workshops By Experts

Art Therapy (All Homes)

IsraAid the Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid conducted a Pilot Training in Sensitive Use of Art for Resilience and Well Being. Dr. Debra Kalmanowitz – Artist and Art Therapist conducted a 3 day Workshop for staff and the girls at each of our Shelter Home Kandivali, Boisar and Pune.





Life Skills Training (Pune & Boisar)

National Skill Development Corporation of India had conducted a 12 month Skills Training Program for 21 Girls from Boisar Shelter Home. Daily sessions on Retail Sales Execution Course, Basic English Speaking, Reading, Writing, Behavior and Appearances of Girls were conducted for 21 Girls. In the month of February these 21 Girls received their Certificates of Course Completion in a Valedictory Ceremony felicitating them for their attendance and efforts at learning these skills. The follow up plan is that the organizers would enable these girls to be employed once they complete 18 years of age. Girls who would be released or repatriated if in future will also be followed up to enable them to engage in appropriate job placements. A second Batch of 3 month Life Skill Training Program is being conducted for the 47 girls at Pune Shelter Home by Freedom Firm. Topics such as Self Awareness, Effective Communication, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Stress Management & Emotional Management, Empathy, Interpersonal relationship, Creative Thinking, Goal setting, Critical thinking, Negotiation Skills, Personal

Care, Hygiene, Nutrition, Financial Awareness, and Women's Rights are being taught.

Power Yoga (Boisar & Kandivali)

Girls participated in Power Yoga at our Boisar and Kandivali Homes have found this very beneficial. Nearly 20 girls from each Home has participated. One batch at the Kandivali Home has completed their session.

Thumb Impression Painting Class at Delhi

In the process of exploring cost effective avenues in engaging our girls our Delhi Home taught them the art of thumb impressions on paper. The girls were so were lost in exploring this art and came up with such beautiful pieces



Children's Participation

To ensure participation and build their capacities all our Homes Mumbai, Boisar and Pune started a new initiative. They have formed Children's Parliaments in each Home. Seven leaders have been elected to head seven ministries who would monitor on daily basis the functioning of the Home. The Ministries formed were under Food, Health, Education, Water & Electricity, Sports & Cultural Activities, Discipline and Maintenance & Cleanliness. The groups several times a month and take their responsibilities seriously. Each home corridor has been named after a flower. They have even started maintaining a record of all the activities of monitoring the smooth functioning of the Home. The girls ensure that all other girls participate in the day to day running of the Home. They discuss the daily food menu, take up grievances of others

Independence Day 2018

Each year celebrating Independence Day is a huge event for the girls at Rescue Foundation. Dressing up in traditional clothes, rehearsing skits, practicing the dances, speeches, takes the major part of their preparation. But underneath all this hectic activities lies their personal stories, tragedies, their fights to overcome, their coping mechanisms to face life. The screams depicted during the skits were a stark reality of what they had gone through. What does freedom really mean to them? Is it to be able to share their stories without being judged, to be able to get back their lives?



Cookies Made by the Girls

World Tuberculosis Day

was observed in all our Three Homes in the Month of March 2018. Rescue Foundation conducted awareness, sensitization programs for all our Homes. Different hospitals organization came forward to conduct these sessions. All our Girls at the Kandivali and Pune Shelter & Boisar shelter Home were screened for the infections after being made aware of the disease and its spreads. We are grateful that none of our girls were found to be positive for Tuberculosis during these tests.



Dance Therapy for Staff

We acknowledge the need for paying attention to the well being of those who work day in and day out for our girls. Staff at Rescue Foundation play the most important role and as such, we need to ensure that they are cared for as well.

Dance therapy sessions were conducted across all homes, allowing them to express themselves through dance movement and other creative sessions.

Celebrating Janmashtami

Making Best Use of the Opportunities Provided to Us to Empower Our Girls we celebrated an Indian Festival namely Janmashtami. This festival is celebrated to remember the birth of Lord Krishna by young boys and men forming human pyramids on the streets to break a pot filled with goodies and hung high by residents at several spots in the city. Over the years it's was known to be only been a boys sport. This year we encouraged our girls to form a pyramid and break the pot hanging in our Boisar Home Grounds. We believe it's our step towards ensuring Gender Equality



International Women's Day 2018 was observed, as in the past, at all the Homes. We ensured all girls are fully aware and empowered to know their rights and take decisions that matter to them. We are grateful for our partners who come along and celebrate this Day reiterating the importance, marking this day with awareness on issues such as Women's Rights, and supporting us with opportunities for their Livelihoods.



Community Sensitization

Community Awareness has been conducted in each of our Program Implementation Areas. This year we conducted 5 such sensitization programs one at a college and the others were conducted for Community Women and Men. Each session had an attendance of over 150 persons. These sessions aim to share information on Human Trafficking in India and to sensitize people around to be agents of prevention. Many a times we use National Festival as platforms to sensitize communities on evil prevailing around their communities and how they could respond to it.

Advocacy

We were honored to be part of several platforms at the National Level where we can advocate for our Survivor Girls. Towards this effort our Delhi Team attended a State Consultation. The objective was to understand the necessity of after care services for individuals who have been in institutional care and have completed 18 years of age across Delhi a State Consultation was hosted by STOP and supported by iPartner India, on 31st of March, 2018 at India International Centre, New Delhi. This was attended by our President Mrs. Triveni Acharya along with some of our Girls. One of our Survivor spoke boldly about her journey in response to spoke the topic "A Range of Aftercare Models: Best Practices". Some of our Survivors from Pune and Boisar also shared their views on after care programs.

Raksha Bandhan Festival

Raksha Bandhan is a festival in India wherein a sister ties a thread around the wrist of her brother to signify the love and protection between them. For years it's been a tradition at all the Homes of Rescue Foundation to follow this tradition wherein girls tie this sacred thread either to the male staff members, or the policemen at the local police stations.

It also fulfills the need of family bonding for the girls and it helps us at Rescue Foundation to build good networks with those assigned in power to protect these girls





Honoring Our Teachers Our Heroes

We at Rescue Foundation try our best to inculcate values to our girls. Its true many of them may not have seen the four walls of a school or learnt something from a Teacher. But this year on Teachers Day we shared with them the importance of a Teacher in the lives of young people. They identified the staff or their instructors as Teachers. It was a joy to see our girls some Teenage Mothers at such tender age honoring and acknowledging their teachers

Mother's Day 2018

Celebrating Mother's Day is excitedly awaited by many children around the World. Our girls may not have had happy memories of their mother or had a mother to be loved by, but during their stay at our Homes these girls have experienced love and care by our staff especially our Founder Mrs. Triveni Acharya. They can confidently say they have a Mother and gladly celebrate Mother's Day with great enthusiasm

Boisar Home staff conducted a community sensitization program under the Ujjwala Program for women and girls in Palghar District. Influential women leaders gathered their community women to enable them to understand the perils of human trafficking. Over 150 women and girls listen intently and wanted to learn more on the issue. The community women were encouraged to put forward their concerns and discuss practical ways of preventing human trafficking in their local communities



Bangladesh Deputy Commissioner conducting a session with girls in Pune

Psychiatric Treatment

On an average each month 4 to 5 girls are detected with Psychiatric problems at each of our Homes. Many of them indulge in self-harm. If in house counseling does not help them they are referred to specialized care and treatment. In all we have treated 16 girls with advanced Psychiatric problems.

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Girls
Restored



Kudos to Our Partners in Repatriation

We are proud of our Pune Team and cross border Partners who facilitated the Repatriation of 18 Girls and 1 child to Bangladesh. It gladdens our hearts to see such dedication from both the countries in enabling the survivors reach their homes and chart their future successfully. We were also able to repatriation of 2 Uzbekistan Girls from Pune done. Girls were sent back to Tashkent.

15 Girls were repatriated to Nepal with the help of Maiti Nepal NGO and the Embassy of Nepal. These girls were rescued from Maidan Garhi in New Delhi with the help of the Banaras Police and Delhi Commission for Women. The Embassy of Nepal passed the order for repatriation. All of the girls were above 18 years of age.



Repatriation of Girls to Bangladesh

MONTH	INVESTIGATIONS	RESCUE OPERATIONS	LIVES SAVED	CARE & PROTECTION GIVEN	SURVIVORS DISCHARGED
January	18	2	4	30	24
February	13	1	4	20	18
March	12	1	5	15	22
April	16	2	6	21	56
May	14	1	3	14	22
June	19	0	0	14	33
July	16	6	27	32	28
August	10	1	2	36	39
September	15	6	13	31	20
October	15	1	21	54	23
November	15	2	9	41	48
December	7	1	9	32	35
Totals	170	24	103	340	368

International Repatriation

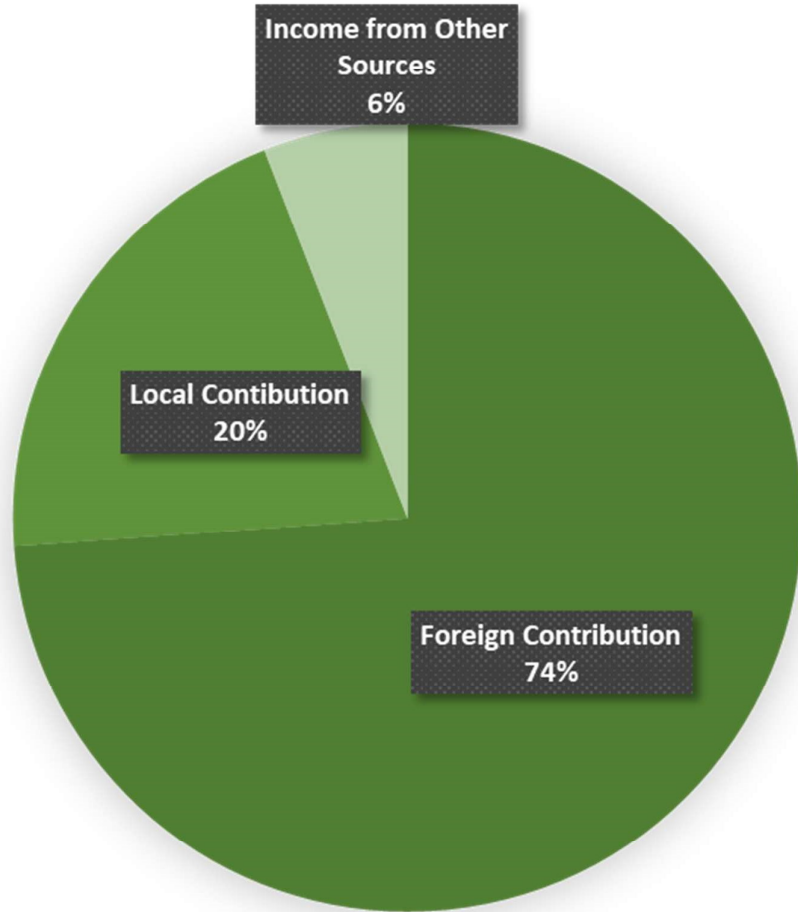
No Of Girls

Nepal	7
Bangladesh	33
Thailand	15
Russia	2
Uzbekistan	7
Uganda	2
Laos	1
Totals	67

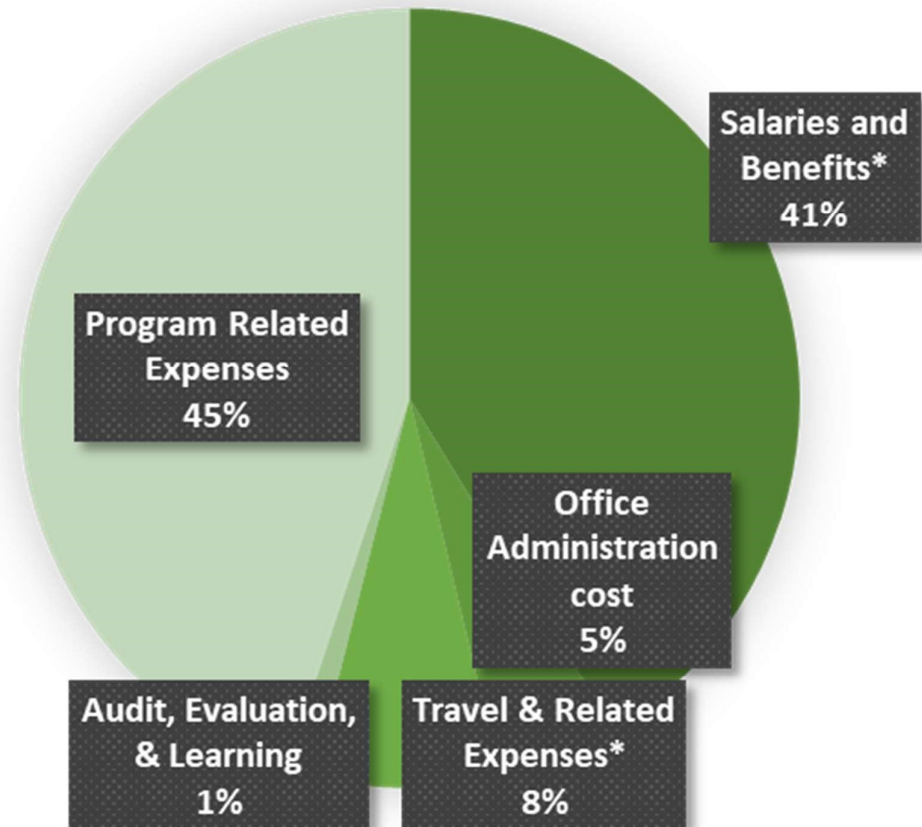


Indicator	Unit Type	Figures
No of Girls Underwent Routine Health Checks on Admission	Total	340
No of Girls Going to Formal Schools	Monthly Avg	12
No of Girls in Non Formal Education Groups	Monthly Avg	179
No of Girls Going to College	Monthly Avg	6
No of Girls Applied for 10th Grade Examinations	Monthly Avg	48
No of In House Health Checks	Monthly Avg	160
No of Girls treated for Gynaecological Problems	Monthly Avg	20
No of Girls treated for Psychiatric Problems	Monthly Avg	16
No of Pregnant Girls	Total	17
No of Babies Delivered	Total	8
No HIV Infected Girls Cared & Treated	Total	9
No of TB Infected Girls Cared & Treated	Total	2
No of Skin Infections Treated	Monthly Avg	15
No of Health /Legal Sessions Conducted	Total	6
No of Girls trained through Health/Legal Sessions	Total	642
No of Girls Trained in Basic Computers	Monthly Avg	42
No of Girls Trained in Beauty Parlor Course	Monthly Avg	92
No of Girls Engaged in Bag Making	Total	22
No of Girls Trained in Hotel Housekeeping & Kitchen	Total	9
No of Girls employed at Tailoring Unit	Total	10
No of Parents Visits	Total	207
No of House Investigations Conducted	Total	66
No of Repatriation	Total	100
No of Girls handed over to parents or released	Total	201
No of Applications made for Compensation under Manodhairya	Total	24
No of Girls Received Compensation	Total	1
No of Applications made for Compensation under Manodhairya	Total	24
No of Community /College /Awareness Sessions	Total	5
No of Community Persons sensitized	Total	750

Income



Expenses



*80% of salaries and benefits are program related

*60% of travel expenses are program related



Stop Slavery Hero Award




Inner Wheel Club Mumbai



GEC 2018



Uttarakhand Salute Award



“Rescue Foundation is the reason I am alive and well,
Why I know how to read and write, why I have hope for a better life.
I would not be here without Rescue Foundation’s Support
And I know, Rescue Foundation, would not be here
Without your support”
A Survivors Message