

# RESCUE FOUNDATION

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021







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## FROM FOUNDER'S DESK

Dear Friends and Partners,

On behalf of all of us at Rescue Foundation, we wish you a very Happy New Year. 2021 has been a year of success through togetherness and perseverance. There were multiple lockdowns coupled with the 2nd and 3rd wave of COVID and thanks to our learnings from the last year, we were able to deal with everything smoothly and in the process also worked to ensure all our staff and girls get vaccinated. The amazing efforts of our Investigations team also led to a record high of 509 women and children rescued who were from 24 states and 4 countries. Last year we were also able to successfully coordinate multiple rescue operations where children were trafficked for force labour and also helped forge multiple partnerships with several key stakeholders.

Thanks to the support of our partners and well-wishers we were able to ensure our operations were unaffected. All of our homes ensured the highest standards of care and support to our girls while empowering them to move forward with their lives

I share this journey to encourage all of you with what we can all achieve together despite the challenges and adversity that confronts us. None of the above would have been possible without the trust and support of our partners who were with us every step of the way. I wish you all the very best of what lies ahead for all of us and look forward to what 2022 has in store for all of us

Yours sincerely

*Triveni*

# ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

As per United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), "**Human Trafficking is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people through force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them for profit. Men, women and children of all ages and from all backgrounds can become victims of this crime, which occurs in every region of the world.**"

Presently there are over 40 million victims of human trafficking across the world. These victims are trafficked for various purposes as mentioned below:



Sexual Exploitation

50%



Forced Labour

38%



Criminal Activity

6%



Begging

1.5%



Forced Marriage

1%

Source: UNODC elaboration of national data.



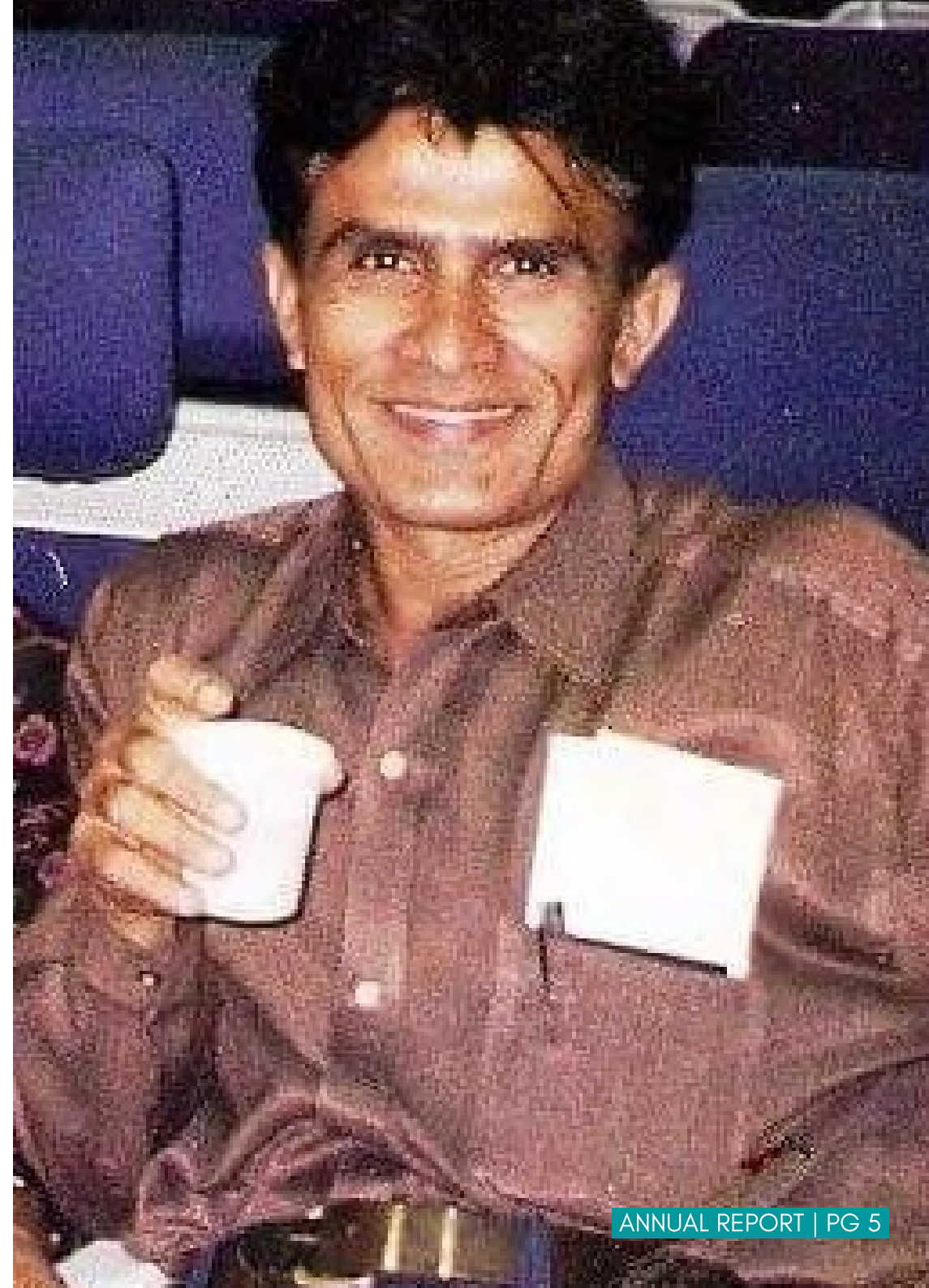
# HELP BUILD A WORLD WITHOUT SLAVERY ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

Rescue Foundation is a result of the love and determination of Late Mr. Balakrishna Acharya and his wife Mrs. Triveni Acharya. It all started back in the year of 1991, when as a journalist Triveni went into one of the famous Red-light Areas of Asia, named Kamatipura in Mumbai.

She went there to cover a charity event, but her curiosity led her into the streets of Kamatipura. Looking at the dingy and claustrophobic rooms, where young girls were forced to entertain men, she was taken aback.

That was a pivotal moment in her life. She shared that incident with her husband and in time, both decided to work together to save them. Post their first rescue operation, they realized that there are thousands of women and girls who are waiting to be rescued and their journey as crusaders have just begun.

Presently, the organization is headed by Mrs. Triveni Acharya and has successfully rescued and rehabilitated over 6000 women and girls. The organization is still going strong and dedicated to building a world without slavery, one life at a time







"DUE TO TIMELY CARE AND SEVERAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES BY THE TEAM WE WERE ABLE TO COME OUT OF THE 2ND AND 3RD WAVE OF COVID STRONGER THAN EVER. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO REACH OUT AND SUPPORT VULNERABLE FAMILIES WITH THE HELP OF OUR PARTNERS."  
TRIVENI ACHARYA





# INVESTIGATIONS AND RESCUE

Investigations and Rescue are core to our work. Our team consist of skilled and well-equipped investigators who visit brothels, dance bars, private residences and massage parlours to find information about minors and women forced to prostitute themselves.

From last year we ventured into protecting the lives of children forced into labour. Our teams in North Zone and West Zone worked tirelessly last year to find out about factories and warehouses, that have been employing children.







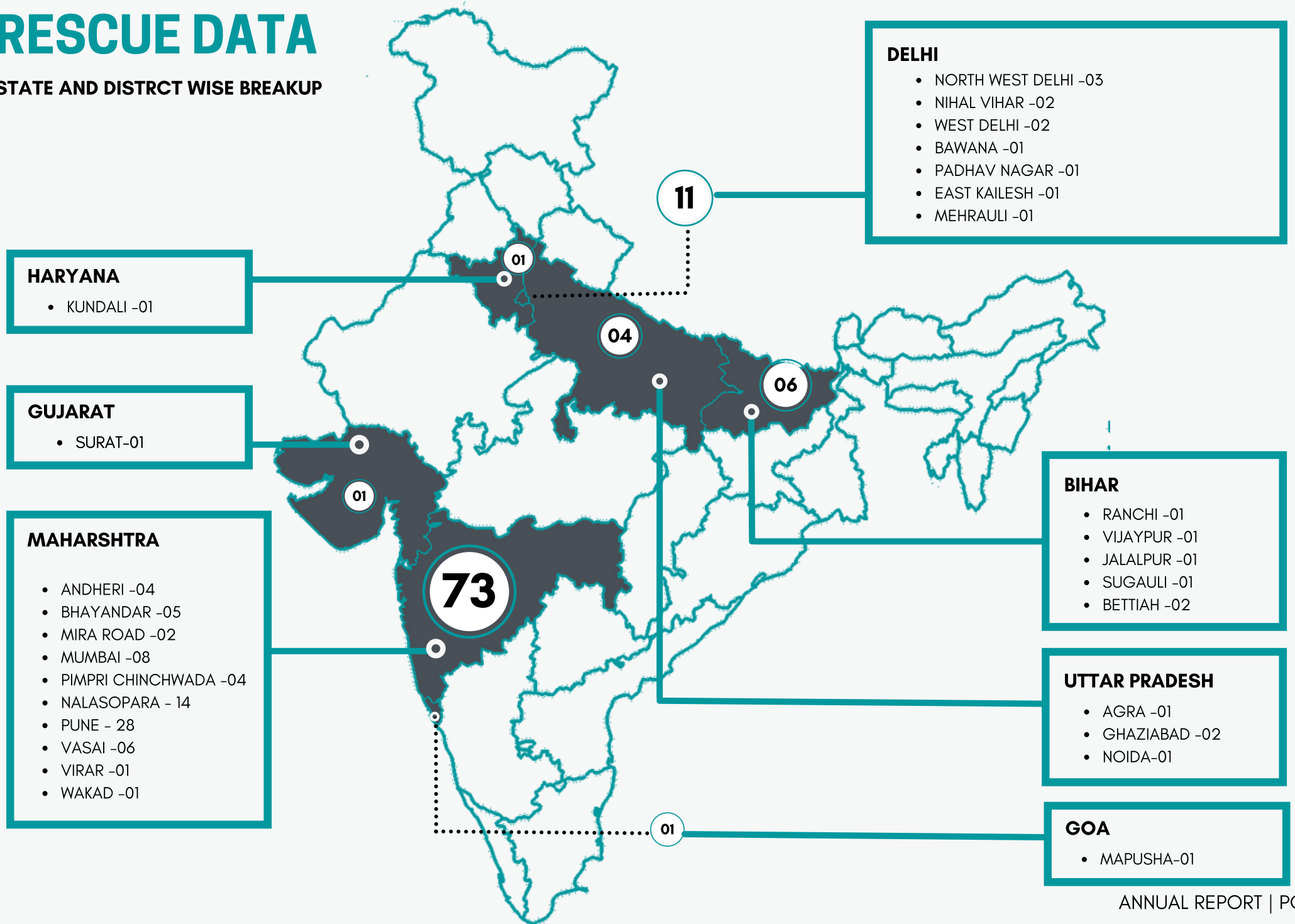
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**CHILDREN RESCUED  
FROM CHILD LABOUR**



# RESCUE DATA

## STATE AND DISTRICT WISE BREAKUP

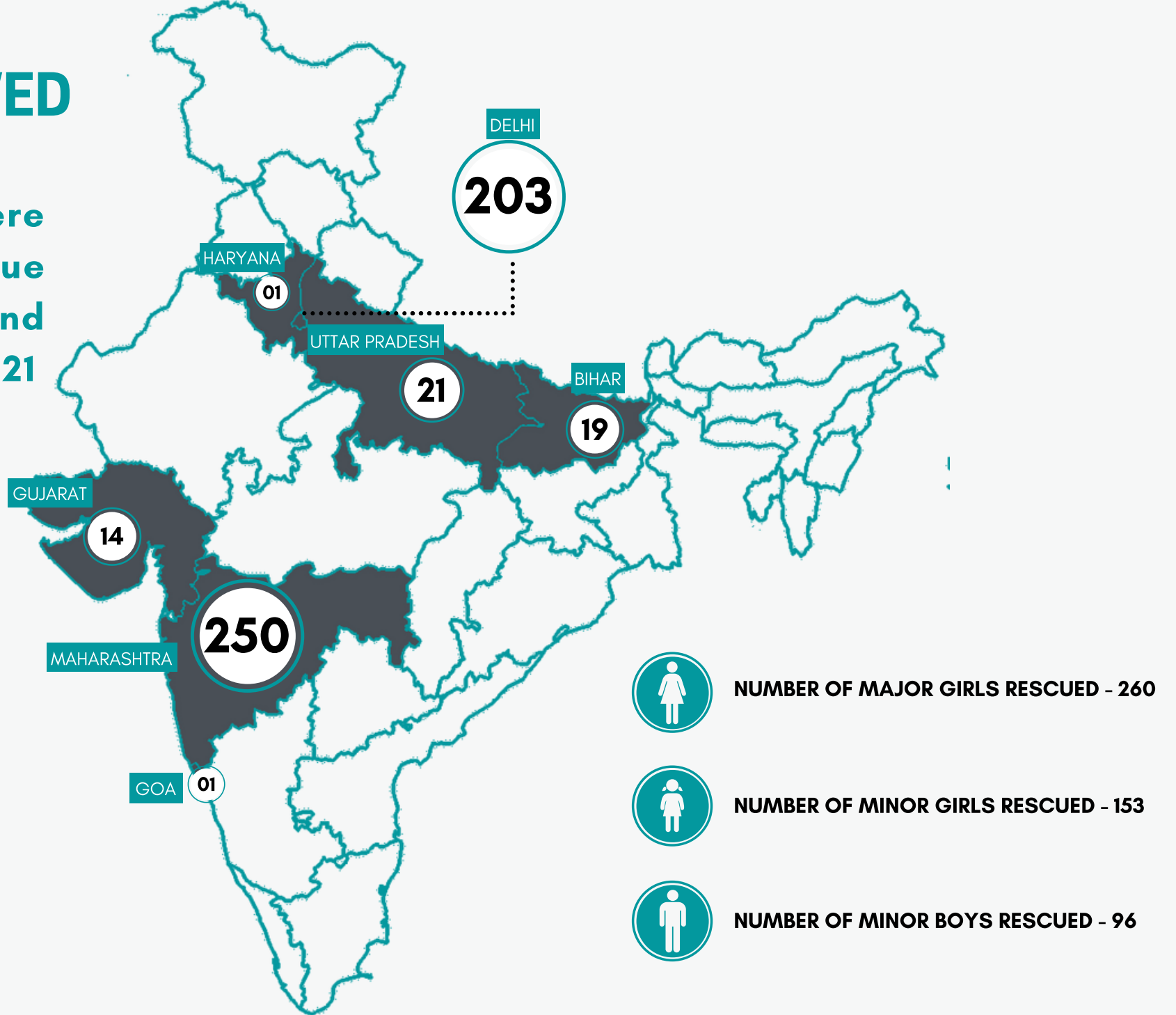




# LIVES SAVED

## STATE WISE BREAKUP

Our teams were able to rescue 509 women and Children in 2021



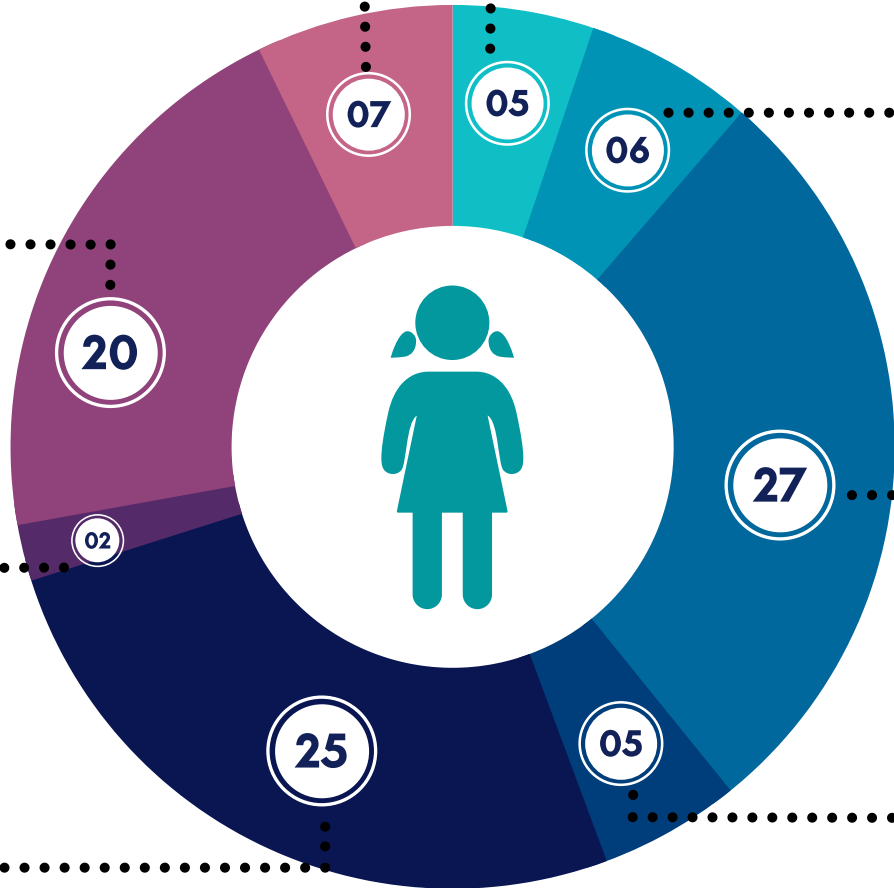
# ESTABLISHMENT WISE DATA

**Factory and Warehouse** - These are the locations where children are kept and forced to work for most of the day and they usually stay there as well.

Due to travel restrictions and lockdown of public places, several pimps and traffickers started operating through **private residences**.

**Placement Agencies** - These act as temporary accommodation for victims who are yet to be transported to the destination of exploitation. Such cases are very time-sensitive as the victims can be moved at any time

A high surge of cases came up in **Spa's and massage parlours** as soon as COVID restrictions were lifted.



**Cafe/Restaurants** - Meeting points usually in secluded areas or near highways where money is exchanged and then they move to a hotel nearby

**Online** - These are meetings setup by pimps who are contacted via social media or whatsapp and they send photos of girls to choose from.

**Hotel/Lodges** - These continue to be the most popular method of traffickers to contact potential customers where meetings are setup

**Orchestra's** - These are large scale gatherings which usually happen in rural areas where women and girls have to dance on stage and are then even forced to sleep with customers. These operations can be dangerous as large crowds are involved.

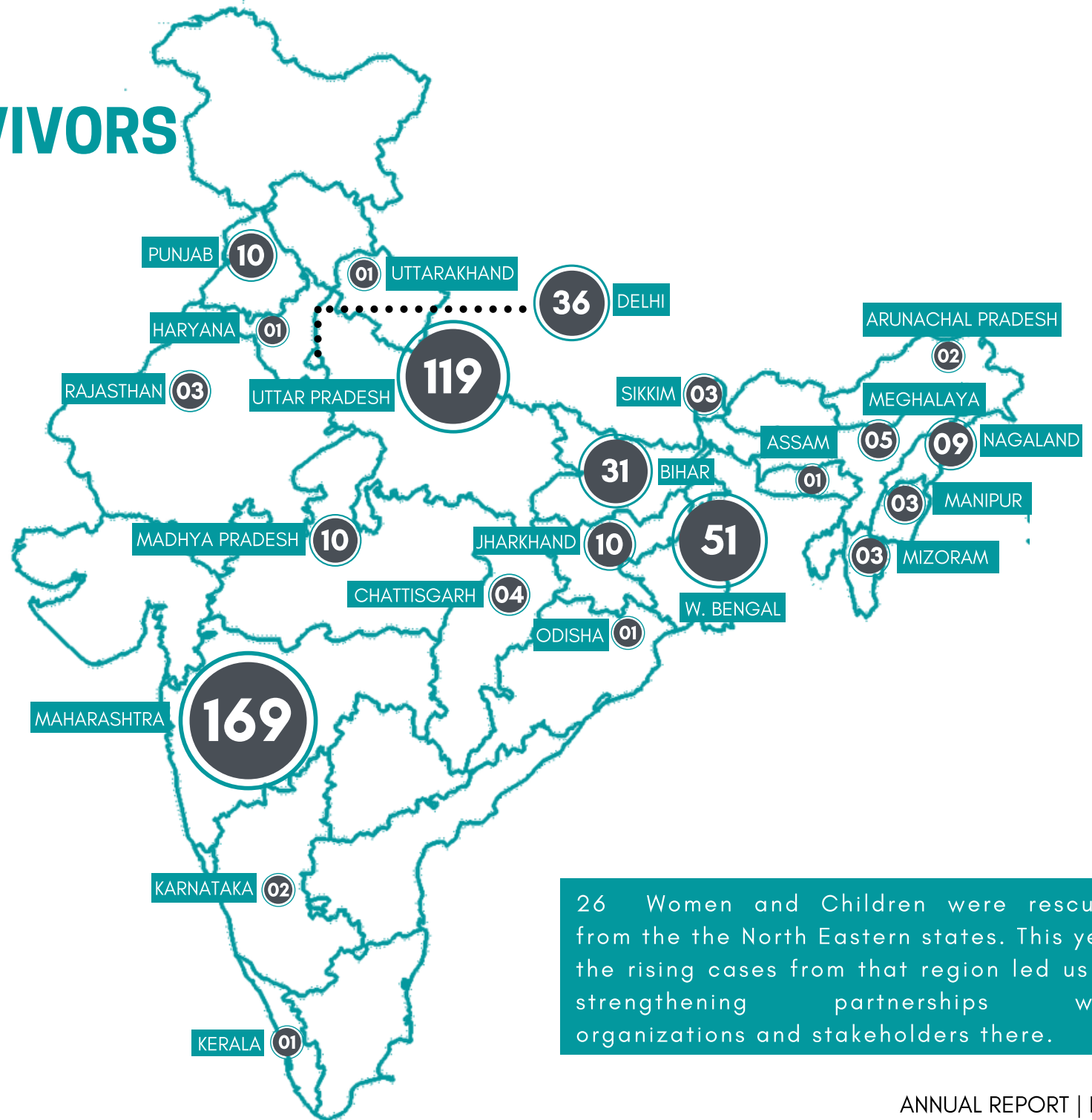


# ORIGIN OF SURVIVORS

Over the course of the year, despite the pandemic, trafficking of women and children has still been a nationwide problem.

Women and children were made even more vulnerable and our Investigations team were able to save 509 from the clutches of traffickers

The highest number of rescued survivors were those hailing from Maharashtra followed by Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal. This year we also had a surprising rise in the number of survivors who were from the North Eastern states .



26 Women and Children were rescued from the the North Eastern states. This year the rising cases from that region led us to strengthening partnerships with organizations and stakeholders there.





## CARE AND PROTECTION

Our journey of rescuing thousands of women and girls, has told us us that it is not enough to just rescue women and children from the exploitative situation, but to also have a complete support system in place for the survivors.

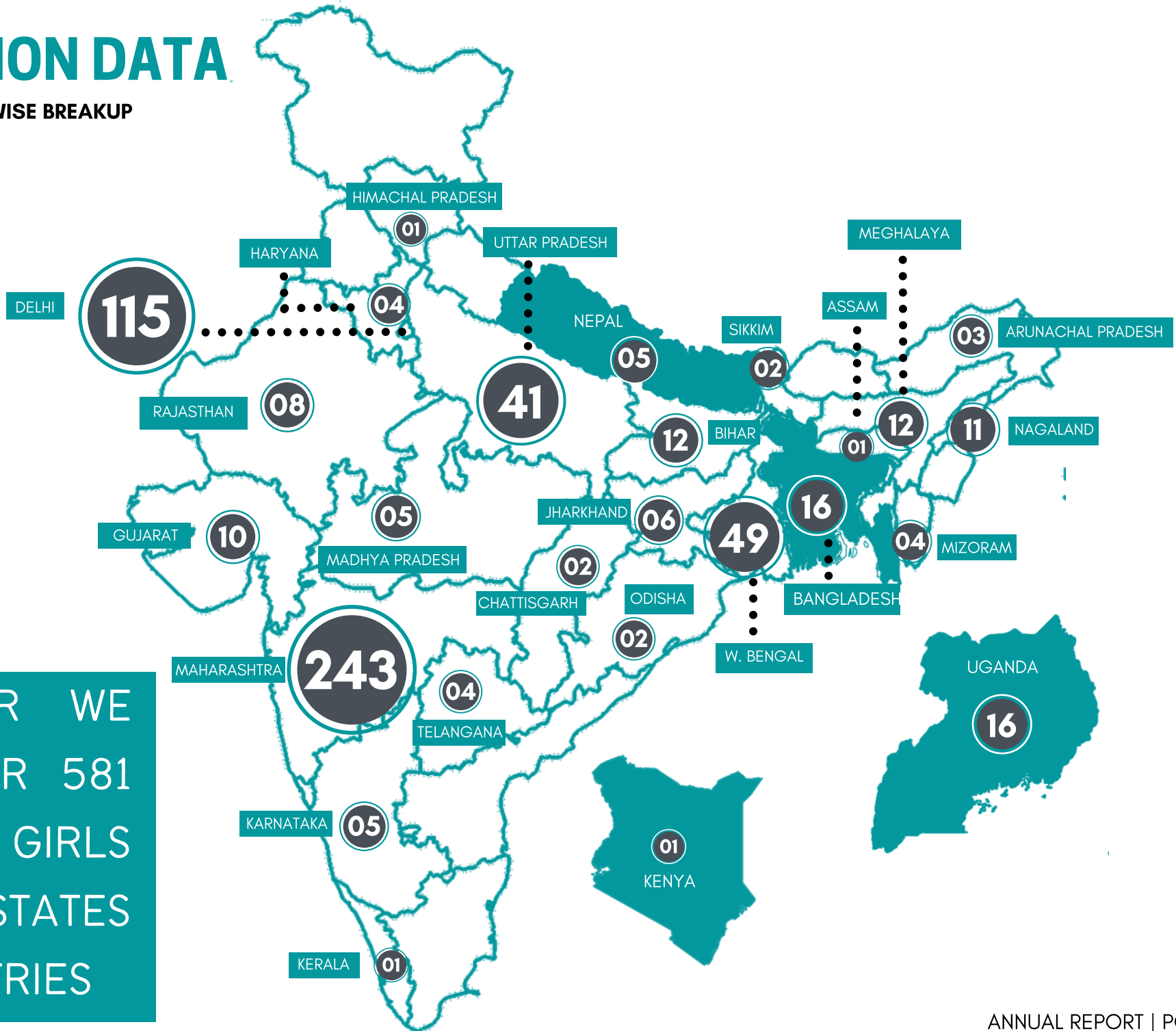
At Rescue Foundation, we believe in restoring the lost strength of our beneficiaries. We work towards empowering them, by providing them with nutrition, healthcare, education, vocational skills and legal aid. All 4 of our homes are fully equipped with the best facilities and there are full time staff that work 24 hours.

THIS YEAR WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE CARE AND PROTECTION TO 581 WOMEN AND CHILDREN.



# ADMISSION DATA

COUNTRY & STATE WISE BREAKUP



THIS YEAR WE  
CARED FOR 581  
WOMEN & GIRLS  
FROM 22 STATES  
& 4 COUNTRIES



# IMPACT STORIES

\*Afra is from Bangladesh and was a victim of child marriage, she was married off at the age of 10 but the boy she was married to was a drug addict and would often beat her so she ran back to her parents' home. Fortunately, her parents understood and didn't force her to return to him.

One day a distant aunt told her mother that she could get Afra a job in India and even gave her some money to convince her. Afra's mother agreed and her aunt took her to India by illegally crossing the border during which time Afra was very afraid as there were men with guns whom her aunt spoke to and paid for crossing the border. She was then bought to Pune where her aunt kept her with a woman and left.

After a few days this woman told Afra that her aunt had left her, Afra's passport was with her and if she wanted to get her meal or even a chance to get back home, she would need to sleep with customers. Afra refused at first and was kept locked in room where she was starved so she finally agreed. She was kept locked in the room and was only taken out when customers were there, this continued for almost a month before she was rescued.

Our team worked with the police to rescue her and then she was bought to our Pune home where she shared her entire journey and broke down. She was only 14 at the time and so our staff worked with her, reassured her and through our partners in Bangladesh we contacted her family and worked with the team to help her home. Afra is with her family now and with the help of our partners she is pursuing her education and wants to complete her studies.

\*Name changed to protect survivors identity







# HEALTHCARE

As defined by World Health Organization, "**Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.**"

For over two decades we have worked with thousands of women and girls who were abused, exploited and tortured by traffickers, pimps and clients. All of that takes a toll on their physical and mental health.

This is why the healthcare at all our homes is a comprehensive program that ensures providing the right treatment and also conduct awareness programs so survivors are aware of the prevention of diseases and overcoming trauma.

There are several programs and sessions conducted to cover every aspect of both their physical and mental health. We have tie ups with partners who conduct health and fitness sessions along with in house counsellors who do both individual and group counselling.

Special sessions like art therapy, music therapy, meditation, zumba etc are also conducted across all our homes. Some survivors are pregnant when they are admitted so we have to take special care of them as well.





**388**  
HOSPITAL VISITS



**1184**  
IND. COUNSELING  
SESSIONS



**47**  
HEALTH CAMPS



**10**  
BABIES BORN



**181**  
GRP. COUNSELING  
SESSIONS



**13**  
HIV TREATMENTS



OUR DELHI HOME WAS GRANTED CHILDREN'S HOME LICENSE LAST YEAR AND SINCE THEN HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT TO 130 WOMEN & CHILDREN.







**31**

**SCHOOL GOING  
GIRLS**



**05**

**GIRLS JOINED  
WORK**



**22**

**IN-HOUSE  
SCHOOLING**



**06**

**GIRLS IN  
COLLEGE**





# IMPACT STORIES

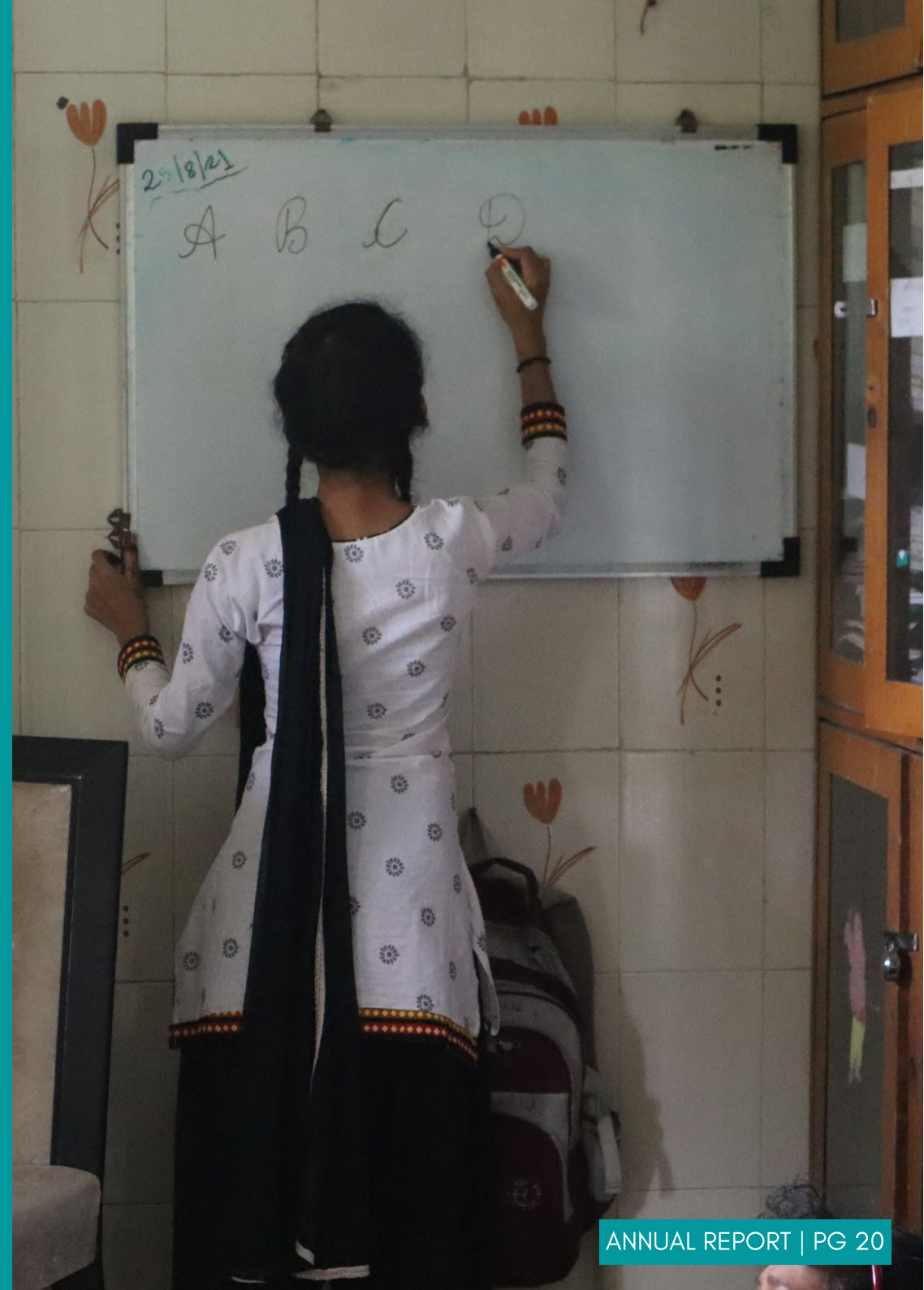
\*Sonu was 10 years old when her father passed away. Sonu's mother worked as a servant in a house nearby and she was initially in school but her mother couldn't afford the fees so she dropped out. Their neighbours had a baby so Sonu would help take care of the child while her mother would go out for work. Their situation got worse when they couldn't afford to pay the rent for their home so their neighbours let them stay with them seeing that they helped take care of the child and the house.

The baby's father was alone with her one day and took advantage of her, then told her to keep quiet or they would be forced out on the streets. Whenever Sonu's mother would leave, he would take advantage of her and one day even called another man who paid him.

This happened for a few weeks and one day, he took her out to meet a client and that was when she was rescued by our team who were supporting the police.

Sonu was bought to our shelter home and was given all the support she needed by our staff. She shared the entire ordeal and the neighbor was arrested. She is a very bright girl and started taking part in a lot of activities and even asked to be enrolled in school. She is currently studying in 10th standard and also helps teach girls who don't have much education, she loves to write poetry and wishes to complete her education so she can be successful.

\*Name changed to protect survivors identity





# VOCATIONAL TRAINING & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

As per World Bank, "**Development of skills can contribute to structural transformation and economic growth by enhancing employability and labour productivity and helping countries to become more competitive.**"

While all interventions in Rescue Foundation aim at empowering women and girls, one of our most important programs is Vocational training and Skill Development. Amongst all our protective homes, we offer an array of options for all our residents to choose from.

In 2021, we were provided with an opportunity to showcase the products prepared by women and girls during their skill development classes. EKATRA trainers and staff participated in four exhibitions within Mumbai in partnership with Rotary Clubs and Malad Police.

We have a range of training options for them to choose from and have dedicated training rooms for each. Survivors who are proficient in the trainings have also been appointed as trainers and assistants across all the homes





**688**  
TAILORING

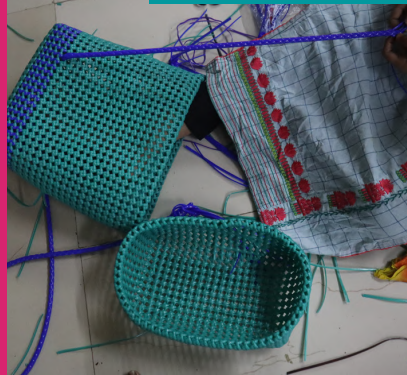


**836**  
ZUMBA AND  
YOGA

**CLASSES TAKEN**



**261**  
BAG MAKING



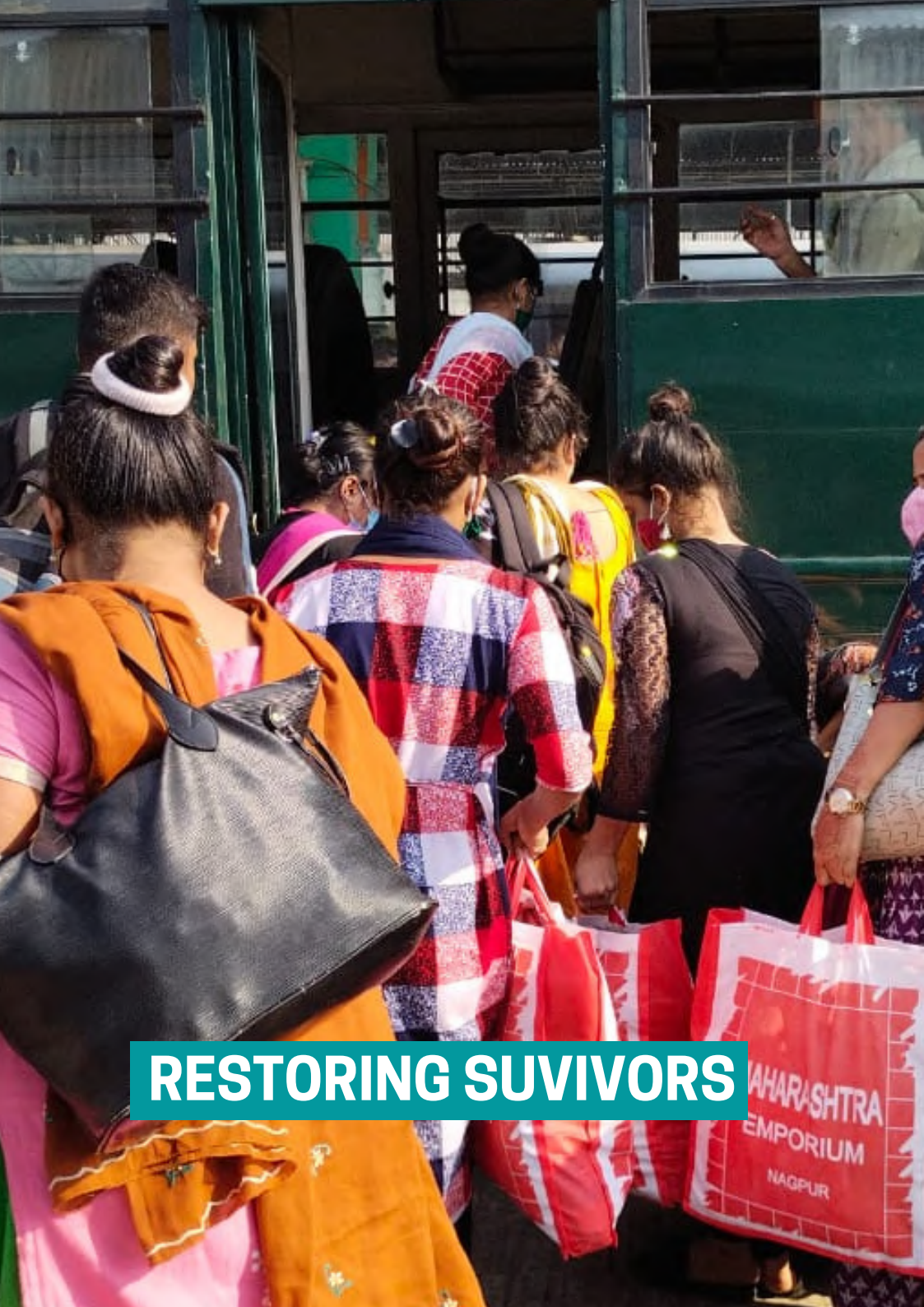
**627**  
COMPUTER  
TRAINING



**855**  
SPOKEN  
ENGLISH



**269**  
JEWELLERY  
MAKING



**RESTORING SURVIVORS**

# RESTORATION AND REPATRIATION

For years, we have worked towards making society, sensitive and accepting towards survivors. For their smooth transition into mainstream society, it is vital for us to ensure that they return to society as empowered individuals.

As per the government mandate, after completion of a specified time period women and girls under our care and protection are released or handover to families or partner organizations. Last year due to the lockdown, several of the repatriations and handovers were severely delayed. Our staff worked day and night, coordinating with multiple government stakeholders, partner organizations and foreign embassies as well to ensure that the girls were able to return to their home and communities

THIS YEAR WE HELPED  
RESTORE 554 WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN BACK TO THEIR  
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.



# DISCHARGE DATA

COUNTRY & STATE WISE BREAKUP



WE HELPED GIRLS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES REACH THEIR HOMES

# IN FOND MEMORY OF

The Late Shri Dattaram Vichare or Vichare Sir is what he was respectfully called by most who knew given his tenurity and background as a Government official .

He became a trustee of Rescue Foundation in 2009 after which he made a tremendous contribution towards the work of the organization, the staff and all the survivors. He was a warm, friendly and kindhearted man who was always there to help others and his presence will be sorely missed.

" SIR INTERVIEWED ME AND HIRED ME. I KNEW NO ONE BUT HE MADE SURE HE WAS ALWAYS THERE TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ME. DESPITE BEING A TRUSTEE, HE ALWAYS FELT MORE LIKE A SENIOR OF MY FAMILY DUE TO HIS CARING AND HUMBLE NATURE" -

TESTIMONIAL BY A STAFF MEMBER



The Late Mrs Rosy D'souza worked as a house mother at our Boisar home for over 10 years and was very love by all the girls she cared for.

During COVID when many staff were unable to travel to work she chose to stay at our Boisar home and played a very important role in helping the girls during a very stressful time. The staff and the girls miss her a lot and she will always be in our hearts

" D'SOUZA MA'AM WAS VERY LOVING AND CARING TO ME AND SHE WOULD ALWAYS HELP ME WITH MY STUDIES. SHE WAS VERY STRICT ALSO AND THANKS TO HER, TODAY I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT EDUCATION IS AND PROMISE TO MAKE HER PROUD" -

TESTIMONIAL BY A SURVIVOR







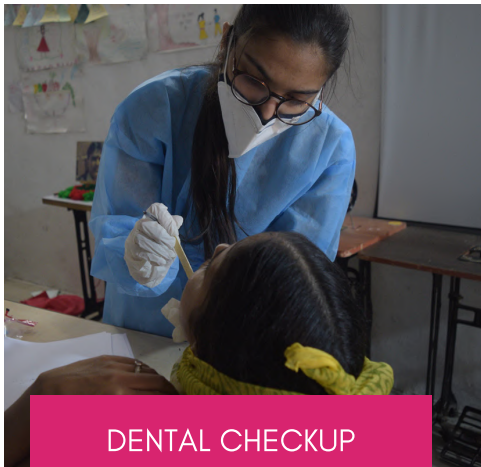
CHOCOLATE MAKING



CAKE MAKING



MANYA SINGH



DENTAL CHECKUP



AWARENESS SESSION

# PHOTO GALLERY



DIWALI



WOMEN'S ERA AWARD



VACCINE CAMP



T.B TESTING



RAKSHA BANDHAN





PICNIC



INDEPENDENCE DAY



VISIT OF MR AZIM PREMJI



CBC TESTING



NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS



GANESH CHATURTHI



REPUBLIC DAY



DUSSEHRA



DR.AMBEDKAR JAYANTI



WOMEN'S DAY



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK**

