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This background artwork is made by one of the survivors during her journey to recovery

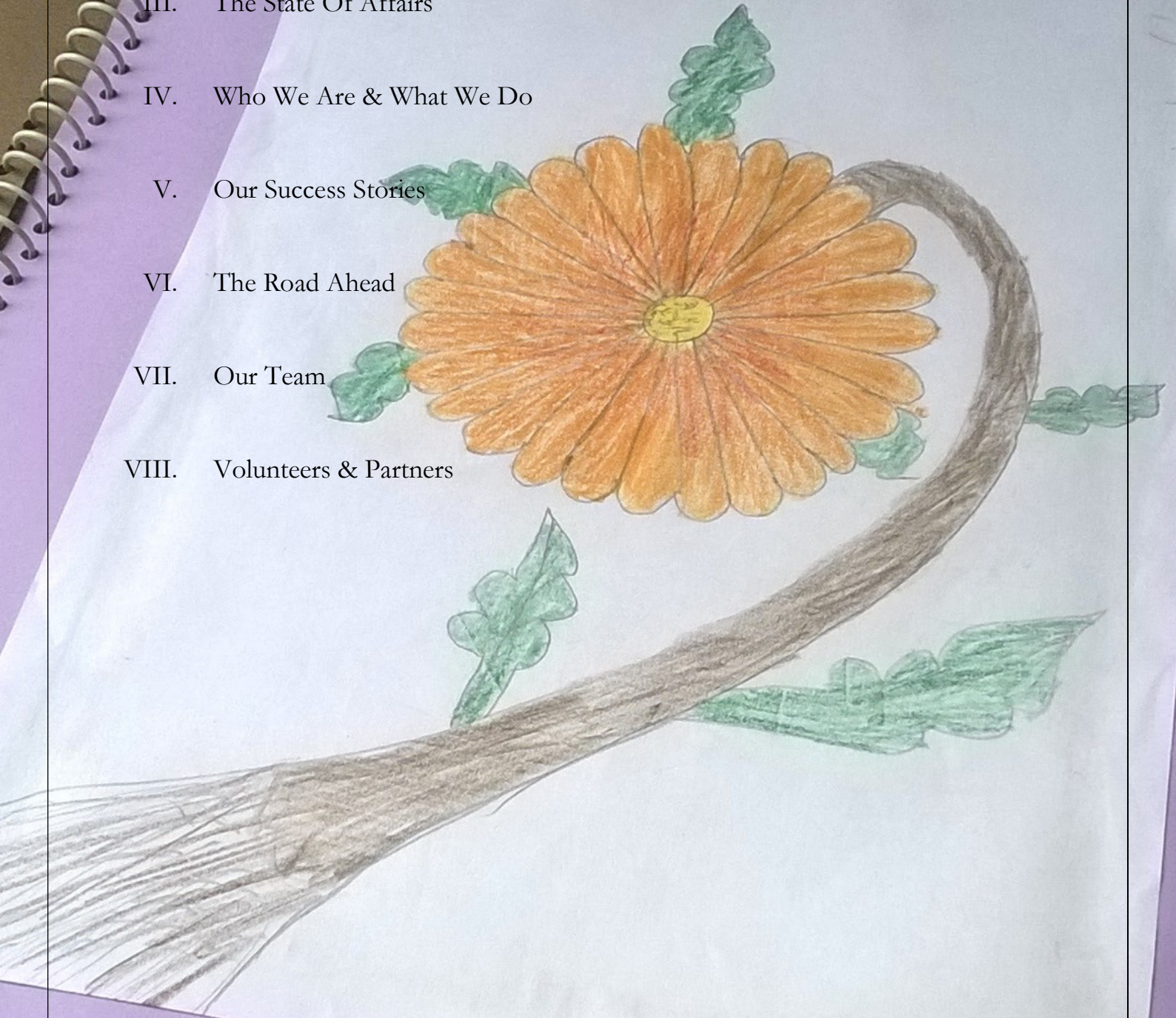
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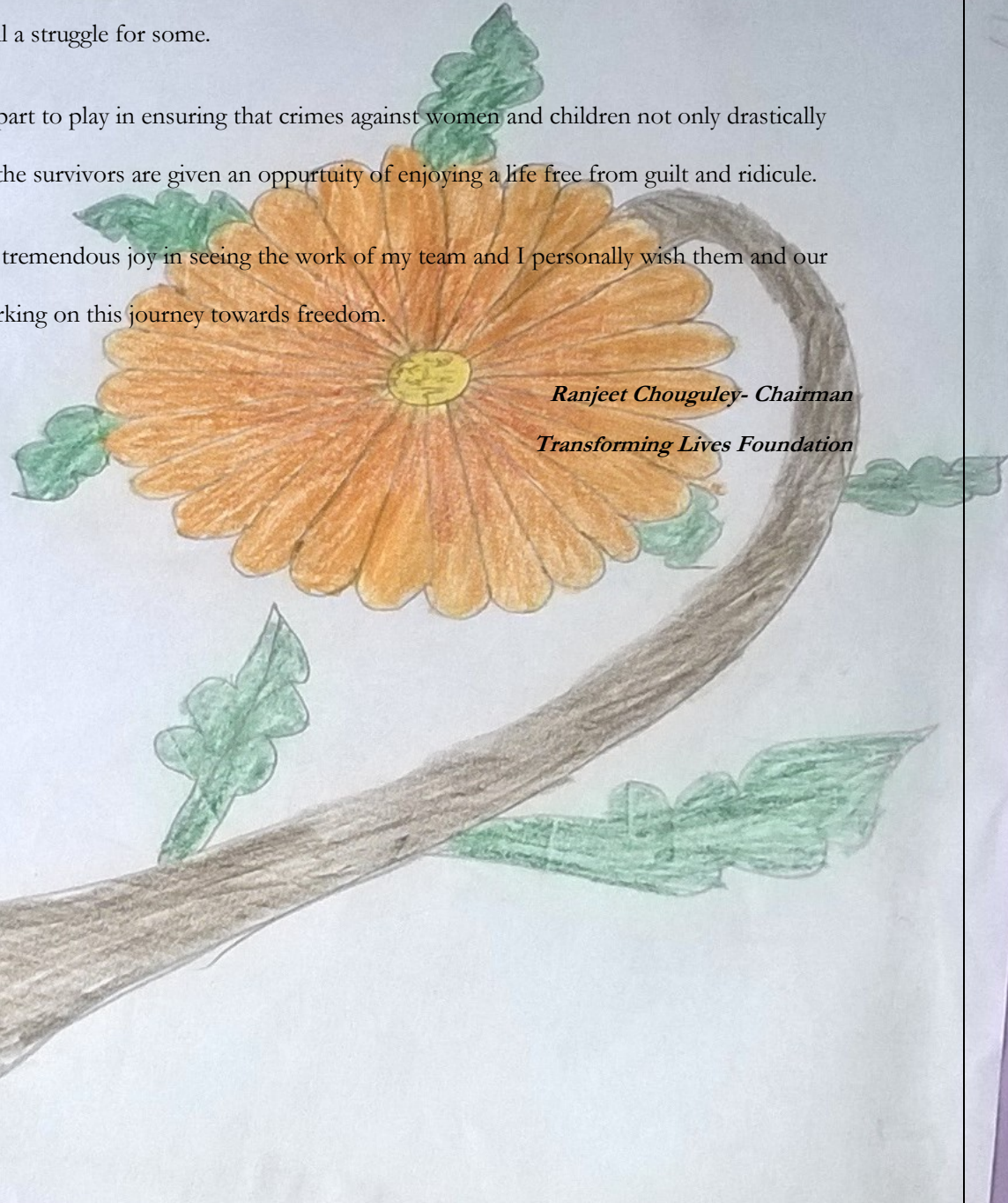
Freedom is rarely seen as an item of value, specially since we are all blessed with abundant volumes of it. The true value of freedom lies in the eyes of a captive. We at Transforming Lives Foundation are fulfilling our mandate.

Every year as I look back at the numbers that the team has managed to garner I am amazed; not by the fact that the team could accomplish this feat but by the fact that even in 2016 the battle for primal rights, freedom is still a struggle for some.

We each have a part to play in ensuring that crimes against women and children not only drastically reduce but also that the survivors are given an opportunity of enjoying a life free from guilt and ridicule.

Each year I take tremendous joy in seeing the work of my team and I personally wish them and our supporters for embarking on this journey towards freedom.

*Ranjeet Chouguley- Chairman
Transforming Lives Foundation*



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"I am only One, but still I am One. I Cannot do everything but still I can do something and because I cannot do everything. I will not refuse to do something I can do.....By Helen Keller.

I am very much inspired by this quote. It is so very true in the world today, where life has become so fast paced, busy with hectic schedules...it is hard to find a moment of rest, a moment of silence. And a moment to think of our dream. I know individually I am a drop, but together we are an Ocean.

In 2010 we started the work to end human trafficking. But after 6 years the reality is that Human trafficking still exists The fact is that women and children are trafficked for sex in our country and this is affecting our country.

Every year with your help we are able to give freedom and Justice to the victims of Human Trafficking. As we consider the reality of the growth of Human trafficking. Let us commit the coming year to do more than what we are doing now.

I encourage people to learn more about the concrete ways that can help to end human trafficking in our area. To learn more about Human trafficking and what part you can play in ending this injustice. Please write to me at manohar.waghela@tlfoundation.com

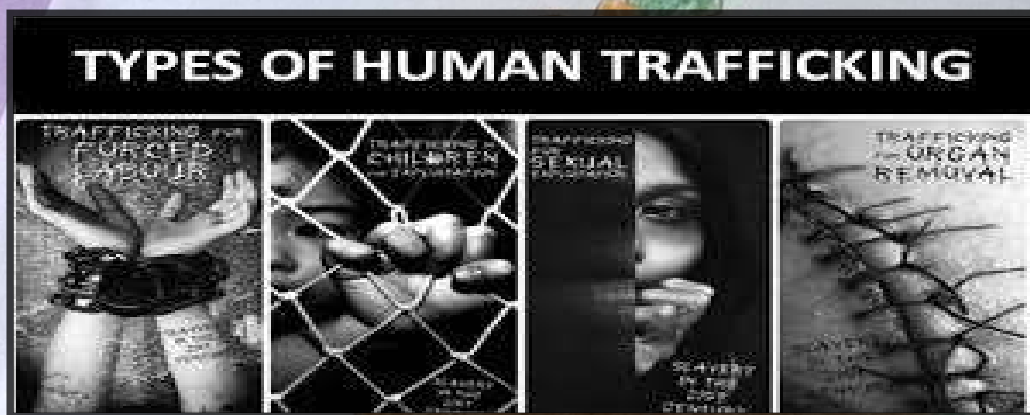
. We will continue to work towards more lives being transformed in the coming years.

Manohar Waghela – Founder & COO

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The State Of Affairs;

Over the past years, agonisingly a picture has emerged of a heinous global crime that shocks and disgraces us all and grossly violates the human rights of its victims. Trafficking of humans for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labour, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or other organized criminal syndicates is a crime that shames the very core of society; not to mention the physical and psychological torture that these women and children undergo continuously. Women and girls are far more prone to trafficking because of social norms that marginalize their value and status in society. Females face considerable gender discrimination both at home and in society in general.



Despite ever increasing global attention and concern within India, a country known for its conservative culture that prides itself as having gone global, wilfully blinds itself from the catastrophic reality of human trafficking in its very own backyard.

“Trafficking in persons is dynamic, adaptable, and opportunistic like many other forms of criminal activity. It takes advantage of conflicts, natural disasters and the vulnerability of people in situations of crisis.” This was further echoed by the Supreme Court of India while deciding on public interest litigation filed by the NGO – *Bachpan Bachao Andolan* child trafficking, “It’s happening because of poverty in the country. This is also because of the very high and large scale unemployment. Our cultural ethos is going down the drain.”



India still is a major source and hub of such shameful activities. The immediate impact of human trafficking though restricted to the victim and those revolving around her, the additional impacts of human security as a collective is an international concern; though not obvious are extremely imperative. They include:-

- A compromise of border integrity - thousands of people are transported annually across national borders under false pretences particularly from Bangladesh & Nepal.
- A steady depreciation of human health - through the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) to the victims, their clients, their clients' wives and so on...
- Threats to national and international security - since it is alleged that many of the world's major sex traffickers are in nexus with organised crime groups and smuggling cartels.

ON THE RISE

States from where highest number of women and children were trafficked

	2015		2016	
	Women	Children	Women	Children
Bengal	2,064	1,792	3,559	3,113
Rajasthan	909	2,387	975	2,519
Maharashtra	1,379	295	1,066	172
Tamil Nadu	761	143	1,064	317
Karnataka	643	178	786	332

Source: Press Information Bureau, Government of India

As reported by several leading newspapers of India, there has been a 25% increase in incidences of Human trafficking – “The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) said there were 6,877 cases related to human trafficking last year against 5,466 in 2014, with the highest number of cases reported in the northeast state of Assam, followed by West Bengal.” - <http://in.reuters.com/article/india-trafficking-idINKCN1175OW>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/almost-20000-women-children-trafficked-in-india-in-2016-govt-report/articleshow/57569145.cms>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/the-numbers-story-a-human-trafficking-cases-rise-convictions-come-down/>

Charts and data from the NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) -

<http://ncrb.nic.in/StatPublications/CII/CII2015/chapters/Chapter%206A-15.11.16.pdf>

Trend of Cases Registered under Human Trafficking during 2010 to 2015 Figure 6A.1

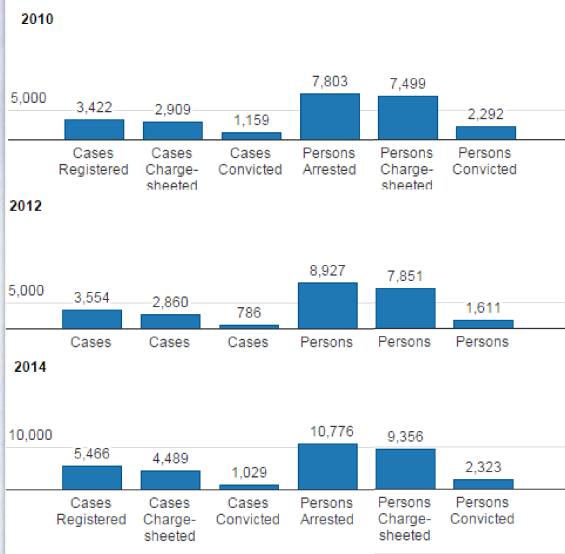


From the 2016 TIP Report for India,

The National Crimes Record Bureau (NCRB) issued the 2014 Crime in India Report, the most recent law enforcement data available. For the first time, the report included data on trafficking investigations, prosecutions, and convictions under several relevant laws. During 2014, police investigated 3,056 trafficking cases, including 2,604 cases of sex trafficking, 46 cases of bonded labor, and 406 uncategorized trafficking cases; an additional 2,336 cases were pending investigation at year's end. In 2014, 2,782 people involving 2,538 alleged sex traffickers, 195 alleged labor traffickers, and 49 uncategorized traffickers were prosecuted, resulting in 577 traffickers convicted, 1,990 persons acquitted, and 29 persons discharged. Notably, the acquittal rate was 77 percent and only six of the convictions were for bonded labor, although bonded labor offenders may also be convicted under the Prevention of Atrocities Act, and these statistics were not reported. The government did not report sentences for convictions. One Indian media story commented the figures reported by the NCRB were ambiguous and did not reflect the large scale of human trafficking crimes in India; experts stated many cases were not registered by police or were settled at the complaint stage. Incidents of inaction by police and prosecutors reflected often inconsistent application of the law across jurisdictions, corruption among officials, and a lack of awareness or capacity in some parts of the country.

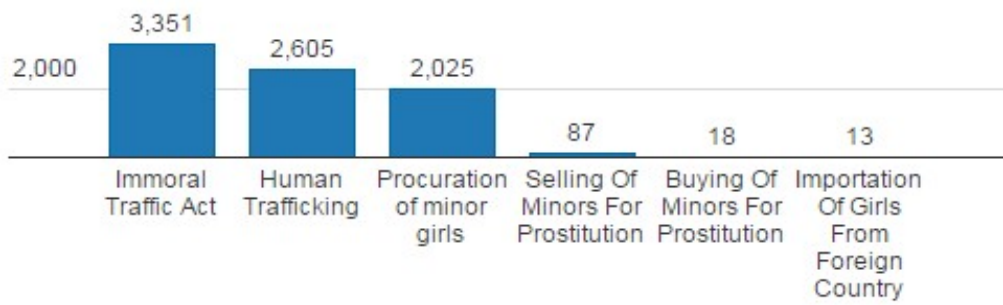
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Crimes Under Human Trafficking



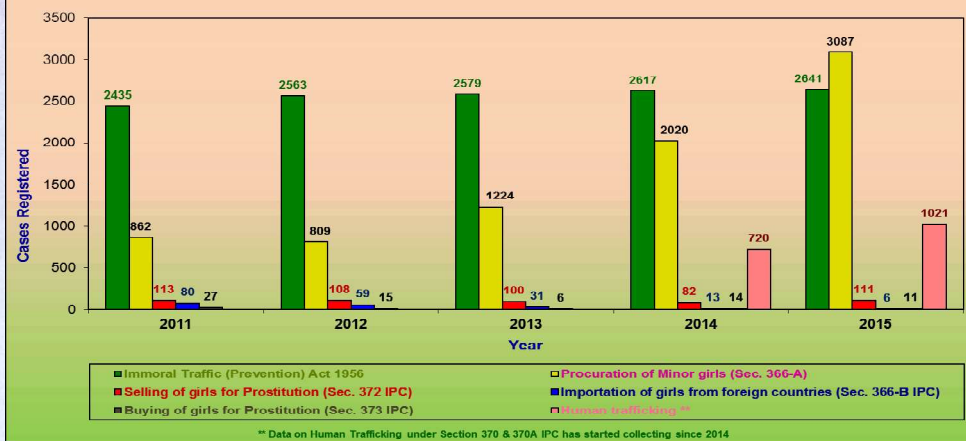
Trafficking In India, 2014

*Figures in no. of victims



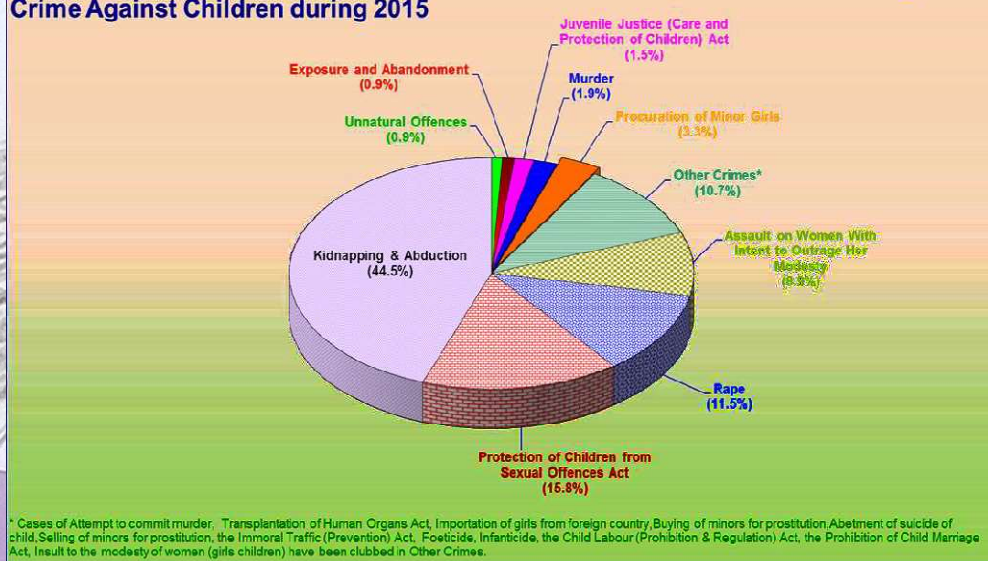
Crime Head-wise Cases Registered under Human Trafficking during 2011 - 2015

Figure 6A.2



Crime Head-wise Percentage Distribution of Crime Against Children during 2015

Figure 6.2



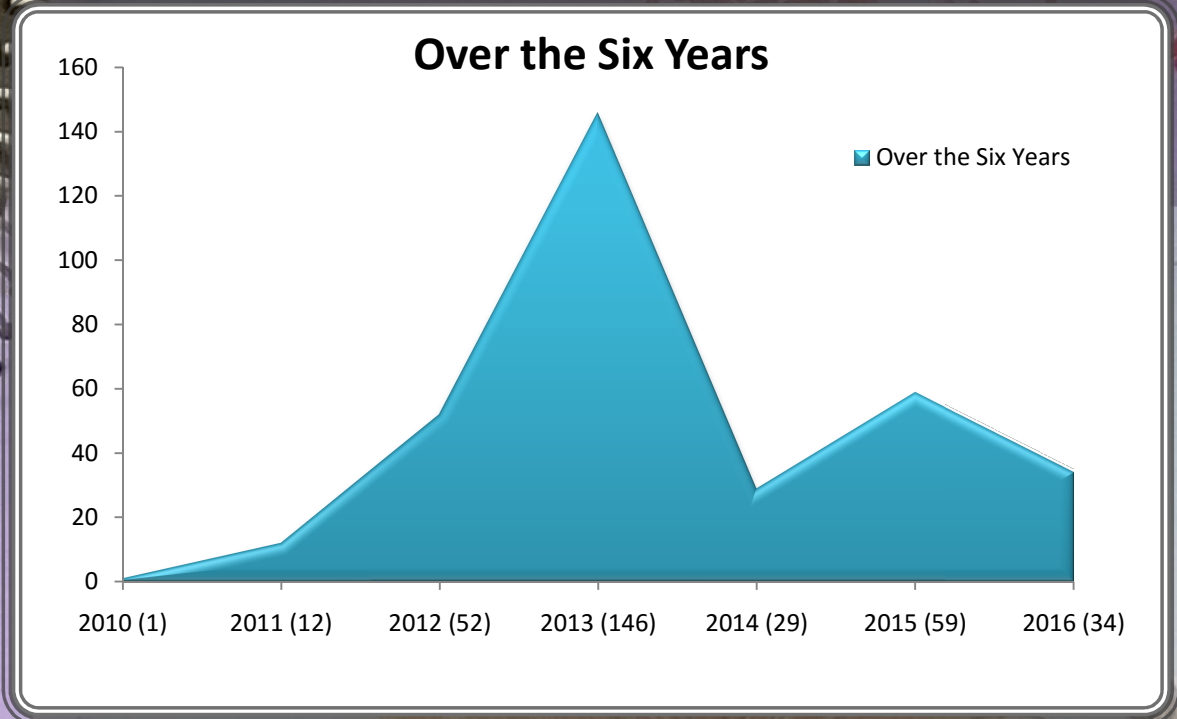
Who we are & What we do

Transforming Lives Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "TLF") came into existence with the intention of assisting the criminal justice system in India and in turn to strengthen the law enforcement response towards human trafficking for forced prostitution. It is TLF's intention to work towards creating a strong network between the law enforcement agencies and its civil society partners thus resulting in effective rescues, successful convictions and most importantly successful rehabilitation and repatriation of victims into their communities and mainstream society. Having a world where no human trafficking is possible is a far distance but focusing on the mental, physical and emotional impact of this crime on the human security of the countless individual victims is obvious and therefore as conscientious members of society we take it upon ourselves to use every possible resource to assist in the rescue of these hapless victims.

At the moment, we focus our operations in Mumbai, Thane, Palghar, and Navi Mumbai districts in Maharashtra, and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu - INDIA.

Since its inception in 2010 TLF previously known as "Operation Rahab" has worked on a three tier model of rescue, prosecute and rehabilitate. We have a small team of socially and emotionally conscientious social workers, lawyers and anthropologists who are experienced and dedicated in conducting raids and rescue operations. We work closely with State Police Forces and local government bodies as they play a key role in ensuring successful rehabilitation of the victims of human trafficking.

TLF had its humble beginnings with just one rescue operation of a minor victim in 2010 and from there have been ups and downs and we fight with various external factors influencing the work of the organization. It has been a challenging six-year period, one that has made us only more determined to fight the good fight for these helpless, voiceless victims of deception, fraud and lies.



In 2013, TLF conducted a raid in a bar in Panvel where, in just one raid 91 girls were rescued. This one raid impacted the bars tremendously and as a result of this the bars reduced the number of girls and also minors were not to be found in bars.

RESCUES IN 2016

In these six years TLF has been instrumental in the rescue of 333 victims of Human Trafficking for forced prostitution. In the year 2016 alone, we were able to rescue of 06 underage girls and 28 adult women who were innocent victims of human trafficking from various parts of India, Bangladesh and Nepal.



13 rescue operations of which -08 successful rescue operations

34 girls rescued of which -

06 were minors & 28 major victims of human trafficking for commercial sexual

Workshop; and Awareness Program

2016 saw TLF expand and increase its presence among the communities, various other organizations with the help of activities, programs and workshops. Below is a list of the activities carried out by TLF in the communities and shelter homes.

TLF conducted 04 Awareness Programs in communities and colleges in Mumbai and Mira-Bhayander areas. Through these programs we were able to reach 500 community members and college students who pledged their support either directly or indirectly either through financial support or by volunteering their time and talent towards this fight. Through these awareness programs, community members were informed about the work of TLF and how they could also refer cases or give us information regarding human trafficking or forced prostitution in their communities.

Awareness Program in Prahladrai Dalmia College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai

*Interacting in a Q
& A session with
the students*



*Principle of Prahladrai Dalmia
Lion's College of Commerce
and Economics offering a token
of appreciation to Manohar
Waghela, COO TLF*

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Programs conducted for Survivors in Shelter Homes

This year with the help of a few social conscientious students of the **Grant Medical College**, Mumbai we were able to carry out a **Sanitation Workshop** in one of our partner shelter homes.

Through this program the students were able to share about general care that each girl must take of herself and how each one can avoid the spread of various infectious diseases. We were also able to provide sanitary pads that were donated by some of our well-wishers.



Sanitary Pads were donated by one of our well-wishers – Christina Lobo Jha. She encouraged some of her friends to join her in donating these much needed items. We are very grateful to all our friends and well-wishers.

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With the help of some local donors and partners we organized a **Christmas program** in one shelter home to share the Christmas love and give hampers to each of the girls.



We are thankful to Pastor Felix and his team for taking time out and sharing the Christmas story and love with the survivors of human trafficking. We are also grateful once again for all our well-wishers who contributed generously towards the Christmas hampers for each of the girls.

Highlights of 2016

We were able to garner support from **RISHI VANA TRUST & RATNA NIDHI CHARITABLE TRUST** to provide medicines in two of the government run shelter homes. We are very grateful for their generous support towards the medical needs of the survivors of human trafficking.



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TLF conducted its first repatriation to Bangladesh and Nepal in 2016. We were able to repatriate 3 girls to Bangladesh and 1 girl to Nepal with the help of partner organizations in both countries. Our first repatriation to Bangladesh was carried out with the help of the Social Welfare department of Daman and Police department of Daman.



Staff of Bangladeshi NGO at the Indo-Bangladesh border to take the handover of the repatriated girl

Repatriation of a minor girl to Nepal was carried out with the help of **RATNA NIDHI CHARITABLE TRUST**, Mumbai and the Police station of Kashmirira, Mira Road.



TLF Social Worker, Nepal NGO Social Worker, Lady Police Constable & Shelter Home Incharge, Mumbai with the Survivor at the Indo-Nepal Border

Our Success Stories –

They were once victims of human trafficking; today they are survivors of human trafficking and are a part of the TLF family. We are a small family but we hope to be able to provide for them emotionally and psychologically for time to come. We take this opportunity to share the success stories of a few girls rescued in 2016.

(The names of the survivors have been changed to protect their identity and respect their right to privacy and anonymity.)

Samira

Samira was a sponsored child of World Vision, Bangladesh. In January 2016, Samira missed several classes and World Vision in Bangladesh inquired from her family about her whereabouts. The family informed them that Samira had gone with her bua to meet her mother. After almost 2 weeks, Samira's Bua called the family in Bangladesh and informed them that they had crossed the border into India and were in Navi Mumbai. When no further news was received about Samira and her Bua, the grandparents lodged a missing complaint at their local police station and World Vision, Mumbai contacted our team for help in securing the rescue of Samira. In February 2016, with the help of the Police team at the Anti Human Trafficking Unit of Navi Mumbai, Samira was quickly traced and rescued from Panvel. After her rescue, Samira was placed in Naunihal shelter home of Prerana, where she occupied herself with Jewellery making, Arts and crafts, and education.

Samira, aged 10 years, lived with her grandparents in Khulna, Bangladesh. Her father died when falling from a height while working as a construction worker. Samira was approx 2 years old and her younger brother was a few months old when this happened. Few months after her father's death, her mother left the house and went to Dhaka to look for work. Her mother would visit her once every 6 months. It was her elder bua/ aunt who looked after her and her younger brother. This developed a strong tie between them.

Samira informed us that while they were in Chittagong they met two men known to the Bua from her previous job in a biscuit factory. The Bua told the men that she had come to Dhaka looking for work. The two men informed her about work in India. She agreed and along with Samira crossed the border into India with the two men, not informing the family that they were going to India.

Samira informed us that they had been in Mumbai 16 days before the police arrived at their room in Panvel. With the help of another Bangladeshi lady who

Samira's drawing



Samira with staff of World Vision, Bangladesh at the Indo-Bangladesh border

was known to the two men her Bua found work as a domestic help in different houses and Samira would often accompany her. When she didn't go with her aunt, Samira stayed at home with the door locked from outside. Her Bua informed us that she had come to India looking for work and a better paying opportunity as she had a big debt back in their village. Given the circumstances, it was only a matter of time before Samira would have been sold into the flesh trade by her Bua and the two men.

Samira was repatriated and restored to her family in Bangladesh in December 2016 and is back in school continuing her education. She desires to study further and World Vision, Bangladesh is keenly following her case.

Pooja

On July 8th, 2016 we received information from a local source that a waiter/ manager at a Lodge in Vasai was supplying a minor girl for a sum of Rs. 10,000/- per customer.

On July 13th, 2016 with the help of the informant and a police team from the Anti Human Trafficking Unit of Palghar District, Pooja was rescued from the Lodge. At the time of the rescue operation, the manager and two other men heard the police breaking the lock on the collapsible grill gate and ran away and were not apprehended. The girl had been brought to the lodge by her mother and they were found hiding in a secret stairway in the lodge. The mother was apprehended by the police.

Pooja informed our team that she was studying in class 7 in an English medium school. She also told us that she was not regular in going to school as it was very far and in the rains it would become very difficult to travel. She said she hadn't been to school for the past two weeks. She told us she was 14 years of age and she was born in 2002. Her birthday was in September and she would complete 14 years then. So that made her age 13 years and 10 months at the time of the rescue. She told us she was born in Mumbai but her home town was in West Bengal near Howrah station. She told us that she was forced to do this as her mother was ill. They were living in a chawl in Nallasopara. She told us that her biological father and mother had divorced and her father had a second family. She did not visit him or meet him, but her older brother aged 17 years often visited him. Her brother was working in a catering business but his income was not enough to support the family. She was living with her mother and a man who lived with them but was not married to her mother.

Pooja confided that she had been sexually abused earlier by one man, but did not know his name. Pooja is currently living in a shelter home where she is pursuing her studies and learning tailoring and doing a beauty parlour course. This year she will apply for her 10th board exams with the help of the shelter home.



Mumbai Crime: Mother held for forcing minor into sex trade

By Samalath Khan | Press 13 Jul 2016

The Anti-Trafficking Cell of Palghar busted a prostitution racket on Wednesday night, arresting a 38-year-old woman for allegedly forcing her 14-year-old daughter into prostitution.

Cops are on the hunt for another accused in the case, who managed to escape.

According to sources, the cops raided Vinayak Lodge at Waliv Naka, Nallasopara East, on Wednesday and rescued the minor who was forced into prostitution by her mother and a waiter at the lodge.

"We had received tip-offs that minors are forced into prostitution at the lodge. Under the guidance of SP Sharda Raut, and with some help from the NGO Transforming Lives Foundation, we rescued the 14-year-old," said PRO Ranjeet Shirath.

Modus operandi

Explaining their modus operandi, he added, "In order to bust this trafficking racket, we sent a fake customer to Vinayak Lodge. He struck a deal with the waiter for a minor girl for Rs 10,000."

The PRO further said, "On receiving a tip-off from this customer, our officer raided a room on the first floor of the hotel. While the waiter fled by jumping out of the window, we managed to arrest a woman."

The woman was the girl's mother, as police discovered during interrogation.

Shirath informed that the minor has been sent to a correctional home, while the woman has been arrested under Section 370 of the Indian Penal Code, Section 4, 5 of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act (PITA) and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

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Meghna

On November 24, 2016 our team received information that a trafficker by the name of Pintoo was supplying young girls for the purpose of prostitution and he also had a minor virgin girl for sale.

Our team made contact with the trafficker and he told our team that he had a 14 yr old girl with him who had come to Mumbai just four days back from Assam. Our team asked Pintoo to bring the girl but the next morning Pintoo sent photographs of the girl via Whatsapp. Our team insisted that they wanted to meet the girl before speaking with their customer so Pintoo agreed for a video call to show the girl and he also told our team that if the customer did not come on November 26th, then he would sell the girl to somebody else. He demanded INR 100,000/- for the girl. It was decided that since the girl was a minor, the customer would be taken to a private house rather than a lodge.



On November 26th a timely and successful rescue operation was conducted with the help of the Anti Human Trafficking Unit of Mumbai Police.

एक लाख में हुआ था सौदा

जिस्मफरोशी के दलदल में फंसने से बची लड़की

■ मुंबई पुलिस ने किया गिराह का भांडाफोड़

मुंबई। मुंबई पुलिस ने एक ऐसे गिराह का भांडाफोड़ किया है जो दूर दराज के इलाकों से नाबालिग लड़कियों को मुंबई लाकर देह व्यापार में धकेलता था। यही नहीं पहली बार जिस्मफरोशी (नध उतराई) के लिए ग्राहकों से एक लाख रुपए से भी ज्यादा वसूले जाते थे। समय पर मामले की जानकारी मिलने के चलते मुंबई पुलिस की

समाजसेवा शाखा ने 15 साल की लड़की को देह व्यापार के दलदल में फंसने से बचा लिया। मामले में पुलिस ने मजनु अली सरदार (28) नाम के आरोपी को गिरफ्तार किया है। आरोपी लड़की को असम से बहला फुसलाकर लाया था। गरीब परिवार से ताल्लुक रखने वाली लड़की को मोटे कमाई का लालच दिया गया था। आरोपी अपने नियमित ग्राहकों को फोन कर तय उतराई के लिए मोटी रकम मांग रहे थे। इसको भनक ट्रेसफार्मिंग लाइसेंस फाउंडेशन नामक समाजसेवा संस्था को लगी। उन्होंने समाजसेवा शाखा से मामले की शिकायत की। इसके

बाद अधिकारियों ने एक शख्स को ग्राहक बनाकर मजनु से संपर्क किया। मजनु ने एक लाख रुपए की मांग की। इसके बाद जाल बिछाकर मजनु को गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया जबकि नाबालिग को बचाकर सुधार गृह भेज दिया गया। मामले में पुलिस को चार और आरोपियों की तलाश है। आरोपियों के खिलाफ आईपीसी की धारा 370(अ), 34 के अलावा पीटा कानून की धारा 4, 5 और पास्को कानून की धारा 4, 8, 17 के तहत भी एफआईआर दर्ज की गई है। सोनिबर इस्पेक्टर रोविंद गिड्डे ने बताया कि फतार आरोपियों की तलाश की जा रही है।

Meghna took admission in class 11 but due to financial problems, she was forced to discontinue her education. She started to live with a friend Ismiti. Ismiti was 20 yrs old and married who was staying with her husband. Ismiti was expecting her first child so Meghna used to help her in domestic work. An old neighbour named Julie told Ismiti to send Meghna to Mumbai for prostitution work as they would earn a lot. At first they refused but then they gave in to Julie and Meghna was trafficked to Mumbai.

Meghna was saved from the clutches of her traffickers in time. She is now on her road to recovery in a shelter home and is happy to be saved by TLF.

The Road Ahead

TLF is growing but we have carefully planned our growth and it is our commitment to see a world where our freedom enshrined in the constitution of India is truly realised, gives us the strength to carry on, both on good days and the bad days.

Our aim shall always be to rescue as many victims as quickly as possible. We are currently in the process of building new partnerships with various government agencies, local NGO's and donor agencies.

We work along with the law enforcement agencies to create training modules and engage in capacity building exercises for various officers in jurisdictions where trafficking is rampant. Through this working relationship and further sensitisation among police officials, our victim's first interaction with the state is not full of hiccups. Strengthening the system well will only result in an increased faith in our victims' path to rehabilitation.

With a rescue, rehabilitate, prosecute and repatriate approach TLF has been gathering a reputation with local rural law enforcement and government home machinery. With several key rural pockets remaining ignored due to large concentration of agencies in urban areas the need for small travelling teams has arisen. Using existing contacts to help mobilize rural resources the next three years will see TLF partner with more rural law enforcement agencies and government homes in tier two cities (b- towns).

The ultimate objective is to help build a long term model that can be sustained by state funds. TLF seeks to set out mobile Multi - Disciplinary Units that can lead by example in smaller untapped pockets that are currently seeing a spike in human trafficking. Two Mobile Multi Disciplinary Units based out of Mumbai but travelling to various rural parts of Maharashtra, and Gujarat will be running the following programs:

- Community Intervention Program: focusing on economically and socially disadvantaged individuals within urban and rural communities who are vulnerable to trafficking. Using local intelligence and intelligence provided by State homes and law enforcement officials.
- Destination Intervention Program: focusing on children and women who have already been sold into various forms of trafficking in Rural Thane and other pockets in and around Mumbai.

TLF seeks to engage with the victims of trafficking and survivors of trafficking; 45 victims shall receive intervention by way of rescue. 70% of these will receive short term to long term after care. Of the 15 operations envisaged all 15 will lead to filing of preliminary charges and of these 5 cases are likely to lead to convictions.

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We aim to collaborate with various companies and become part of their corporate social responsibility initiatives and they in turn can become an integral part of our aftercare strategy – the hope being that our young girls can become a part of their work force and their dreams of being financially independent become a reality.

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Our Team

Manohar Waghela, Chief Operation Officer

Manohar has been a part of the prevention of human trafficking movement since 2005. Having worked extensively in this area for organisations like International Justice Mission, Oasis India and Justice & Care. Manohar started off as an investigator and then moved up the ladder to an intelligence officer and now manages and coordinates all rescue operations for Transforming Lives Foundation. Manohar has also been closely associated with Child Line in Lucknow and Kolkata.

He has so far investigated in over 750 cases of human trafficking, participated in 160 rescue operations having rescued 423 women and children.

Ranjeet Chouguley, Chairman

Ranjeet has a master's degree in Law with specialization in international criminal law and a master's in Economics with a focus on emerging markets. Ranjeet is a consultant for several leading infrastructure development firms that work in the MENA region.

Ranjeet was a founder director of Justice and Care and SACMEP. He has also served as a member of the immoral trafficking prevention Act advisory body incorporated under the ITPA. Ranjeet has 10 years of experience in the field of Anti-Trafficking and he has pioneered the work of anti – trafficking prosecution in Maharashtra. Ranjeet has been a part of policy development and review for the state Govts. Child Welfare Department for several years now. His domain of experience includes criminal legislation in local jurisdictional matters as well as cross jurisdictional cases, drafting and conveyance and liaising with law enforcement and judiciary. Ranjeet has authored several books on Anti trafficking and is considered an authority on the subject. Ranjeet currently works with a large corporate house where he leads the legal division.

Awantika Wankhede, Director – Finance

Awantika is a practising lawyer and graduated from Govt. Law College Nagpur in 2005. Awantika, while still studying, started training under Assistant Government Pleader Advocate Mrs. A. R. Taiwade at the High Court of Bombay where she assisted her on several criminal and civil matters. Awantika, has worked with various law firms and corporate ranging from Diya Shah Associates (DSA) Malvi Ranchoddas Co the Runwal Group and worked with leading real estate corporate houses such as Godrej Properties Ltd. and Tata Housing. At Transforming Lives

Foundation, Awantika is responsible for the finance portfolio and she is in charge of liaising with internal auditors.

Shikha Phillips, Manager – Communications & Donor Relations

Shikha has worked in the field of Social Development for the last 19 years. She has been part of the fight against Human Trafficking for the past 11 years having worked with International Justice Mission in Mumbai & Kolkata and Justice & Care in Kolkata & Mumbai. She has spearheaded the setting up of a residential facility for survivors of human trafficking for Youcanfree.Us, India.

She is working with TLF as a Communications and Donor Relations Manager and handles all our external reports and communication with Local, National and International donors.

Social Workers

Swati Sawant has done a Para Professional course from Nirmala Niketan Extension Centre. She has worked with Child Line, Mumbai as a social worker and for the last three years has been a part of the TLF team. Her heart is for the girls and she tirelessly and selflessly works with the survivors. She is their first point of contact.

Case Workers

Anita Wagh, Divya Ladwe

Investigation

Akshay, Nikesh, Deepak

Support Staff

Vivek Chetri and Tejpal Yadav

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Last and most certainly not the least we thank all our volunteers and well-wishers for their timely help and support at every stage of our work. We owe much of our success to our volunteers and well-wishers.

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