



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

"When our girls no longer need us,  
when they empower each other,  
is the day we have won."

- Triveni Acharya

Rescue Foundation is both a registered Charitable Society and Public Trust that is recognized working for rescue, rehabilitation and repatriation of survivors of human trafficking in India and neighboring countries such as Nepal and Bangladesh since 1999. We are recognized by the Government under Section 21 of the Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act (1956) and The Juvenile Justice Act 2015. We currently manage three Government licensed and funded protective homes which are located in Mumbai, Boisar and Pune in Maharashtra where we provide comprehensive rehabilitation programs for an average of 400 - 500 girls & women each year over the past two decades. Our newest homes has started operations in Delhi. We have trained counselors, social workers, lawyers, doctors, caseworkers to ensure each girl gets holistic support.





TRIVENI ACHARYA  
PRESIDENT & CO FOUNDER

*Triveni*

Greetings! On behalf of all Rescue Foundation I wish you the very best of what 2020 has to offer. The last 12 months have been an amazing journey for all of us. 2019 started with an incredible operation mounted by our team in Delhi where based on the intimation of a missing person's report from our partners we were able to trace a no of women who were being trafficked from Nepal. The entire operation which involved the authorities and partners across Nepal, Delhi and Manipur led to over a hundred women being rescued before they were trafficked.

The year 2019 ended with the grant of the license by the Authorities for our latest 100 bed protective home for trafficked survivors in Delhi. During the course of the year, Rescue Foundation worked with the Police to undertake over 146 investigations into various criminal networks resulting in 36 operations that saved over 155 survivors of human trafficking and the arrest of 55 perpetrators of the crime. These children and women were trafficked from 19 states across India and from 9 countries across the world to the major cities in India where they were rescued by the joint intervention of the Police and Rescue Foundation. In the area of care and protection our multidisciplinary team at our protective home's cared for over 533 survivors and worked with our partners to restore 535 survivors across India and different parts of the world. We have a total staff strength of 85, our legal team consisting of six lawyers now are currently handling 88 ongoing prosecution cases across India, and now have a team of ten experienced investigators that work closely with our lawyers and the social workers to rescue and restore those affected by Human Trafficking.

Rescue Foundation in 2019 embarked on an exciting initiative with MPOWER, India's leading mental health service provider to extend their specialist support services for our survivors at the Mumbai protective home. We continue to be grateful for all our partners across all our protective homes that we work closely with. In 2019 we also overhauled our human resource and financial control systems. Rescue Foundation now has advanced systems and processes to help us strengthen our internal governance. These changes were attested to by the independent internal auditor "Centre for Promoting Accountability" through their report. We have now incorporated the process of goals and targets linked with performance appraisals and corresponding increments for all our staff. We look forward to continuing the process of higher levels of productivity, high standards of survivor and staff care, stronger internal and external foundations, and deeper partnerships with both the State and other civil society groups. In 2020 we will continue the steady growth of our work through our strategy of tackling human trafficking through an emphasis on investigating and prosecuting human trafficking criminal networks, care and protection of those who are vulnerable or are survivors.

We will then work with safe communities to both prevent human trafficking, reintegrate and restore survivors of the crime by journeying with them as they become pillars within those communities. On behalf of everyone at Rescue Foundation I thank you for supporting and journeying with us through 2019. We would not be able to achieve anything without your encouragement and financial support through all the successes and challenges that we have encountered in our joint quest to tackle trafficking of humans and their subsequent exploitation. I look forward to interacting with each of you in 2020 and would be most grateful for your continued advice, encouragement and financial support for the work of Rescue Foundation.

## 2019 Rescue Data

In 2019, we set certain goals and targets for our INV team based off of what we were able to achieve last year.

### 2018

Investigations - 170

Rescue ops - 24

Lives Saved - 103

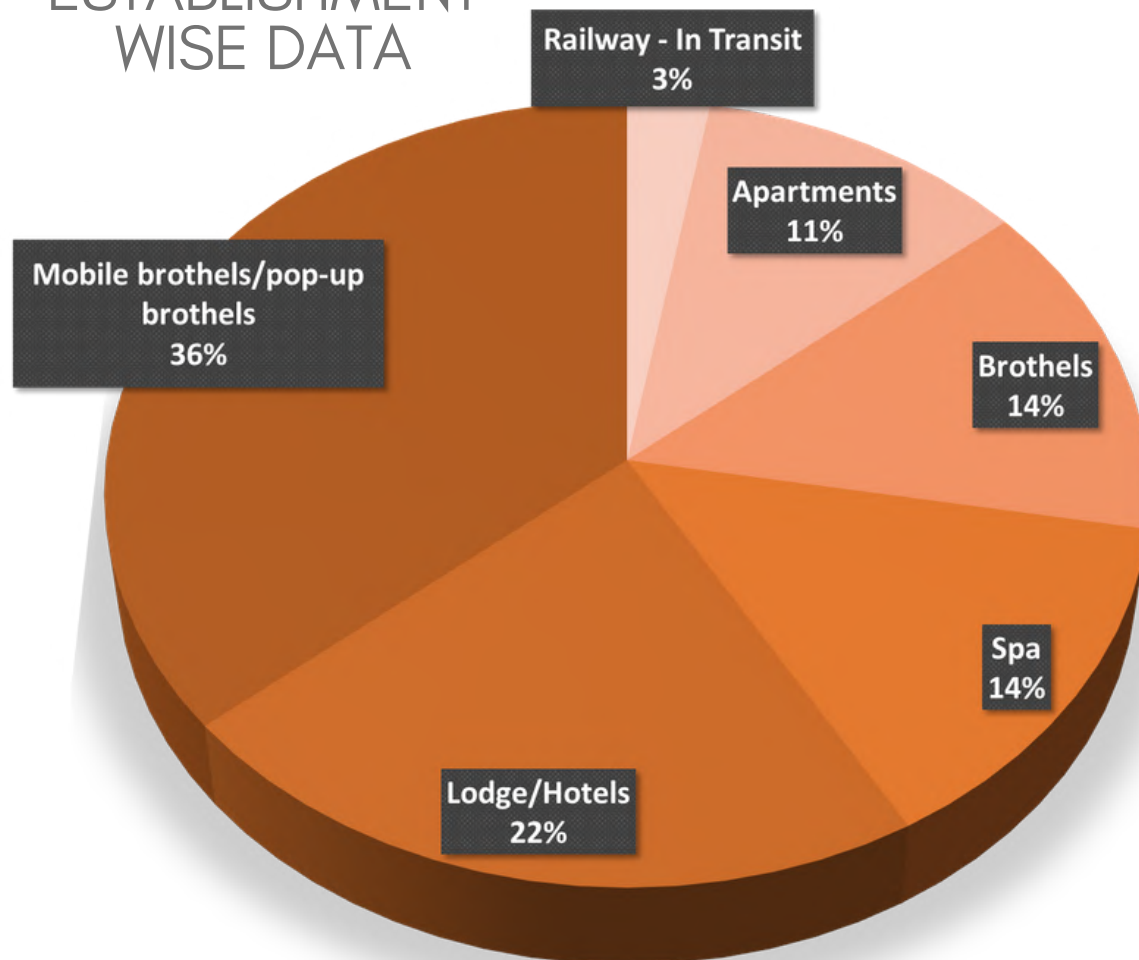
This Year our efforts were centred around the transitioning nature of the crime from brothels to other establishments like Lodges, spas, massage parlours, private residences etc. What we have achieved this year is a testament to the teams efforts to maximize our impact towards the lives we can save



# TRAFFICKING HAS CHANGED

Over the past years, we have witnessed a massive transition in how the crime has evolved. Red Light Areas (prostitution zones) had traditionally been the areas where a high number of women and children were trafficked for prostitution and as a result, the police and Non Profits have conducted a number of rescue operations to rescue women and children. Over 2 decades we have observed, criminal networks are now increasingly trafficking women and girls to areas other than the traditional red light zones

## ESTABLISHMENT WISE DATA



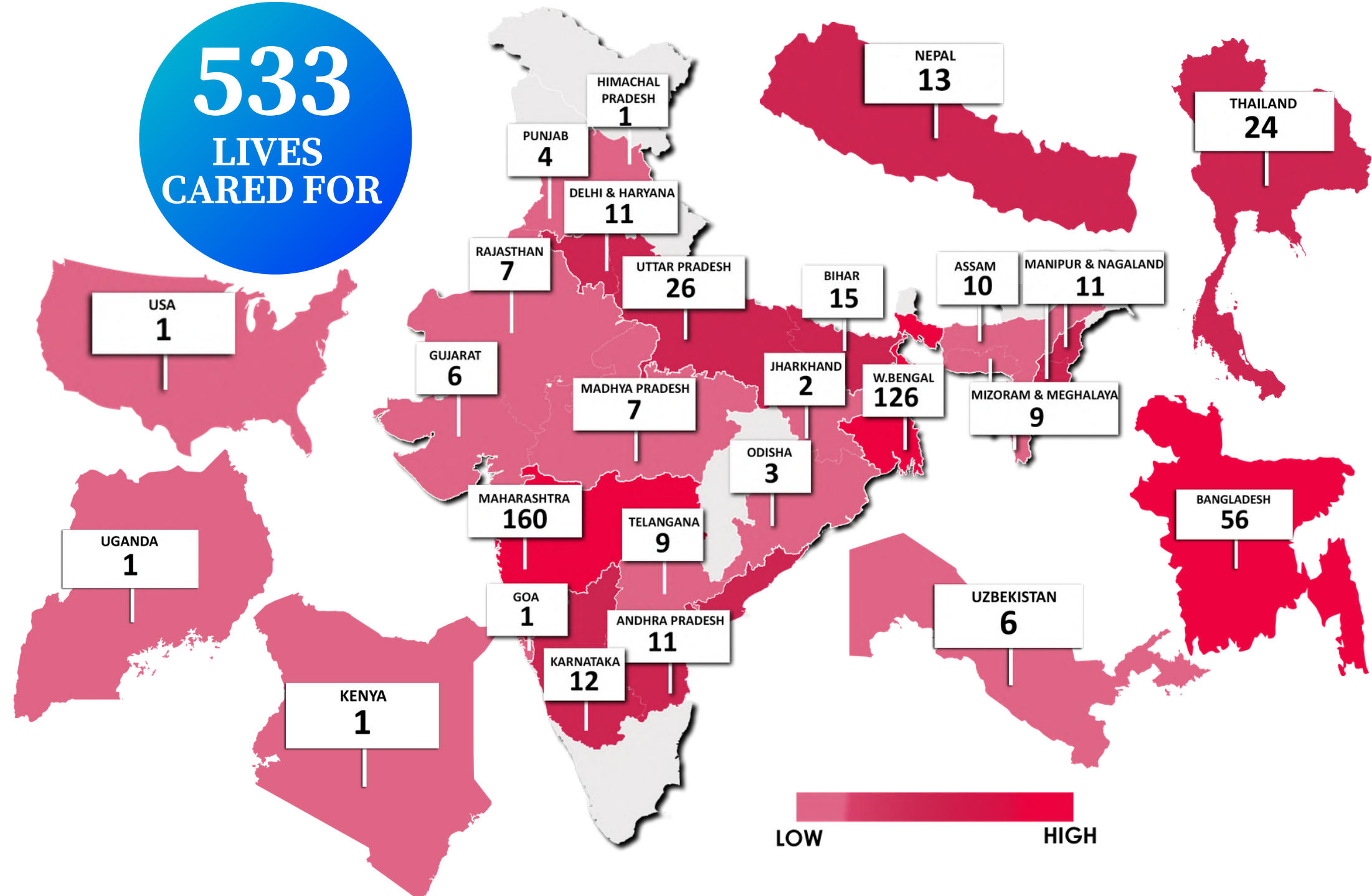
## KEY CHALLENGES

- Mobile brothels/pop-up brothels and Lodge's/hotels make up over 50% of our operations.
- Traditional Red Light Areas & Brothels have gone down to 14%
- Mobile-brothels/pop-up brothels involve encrypted communications, whatsapp and phone calls, Photographs of girls are exchanged, rendezvous point for meeting is setup where a rickshaw driver brings only the selected girls along, post which girls and clients move to a nearby hotel/lodge

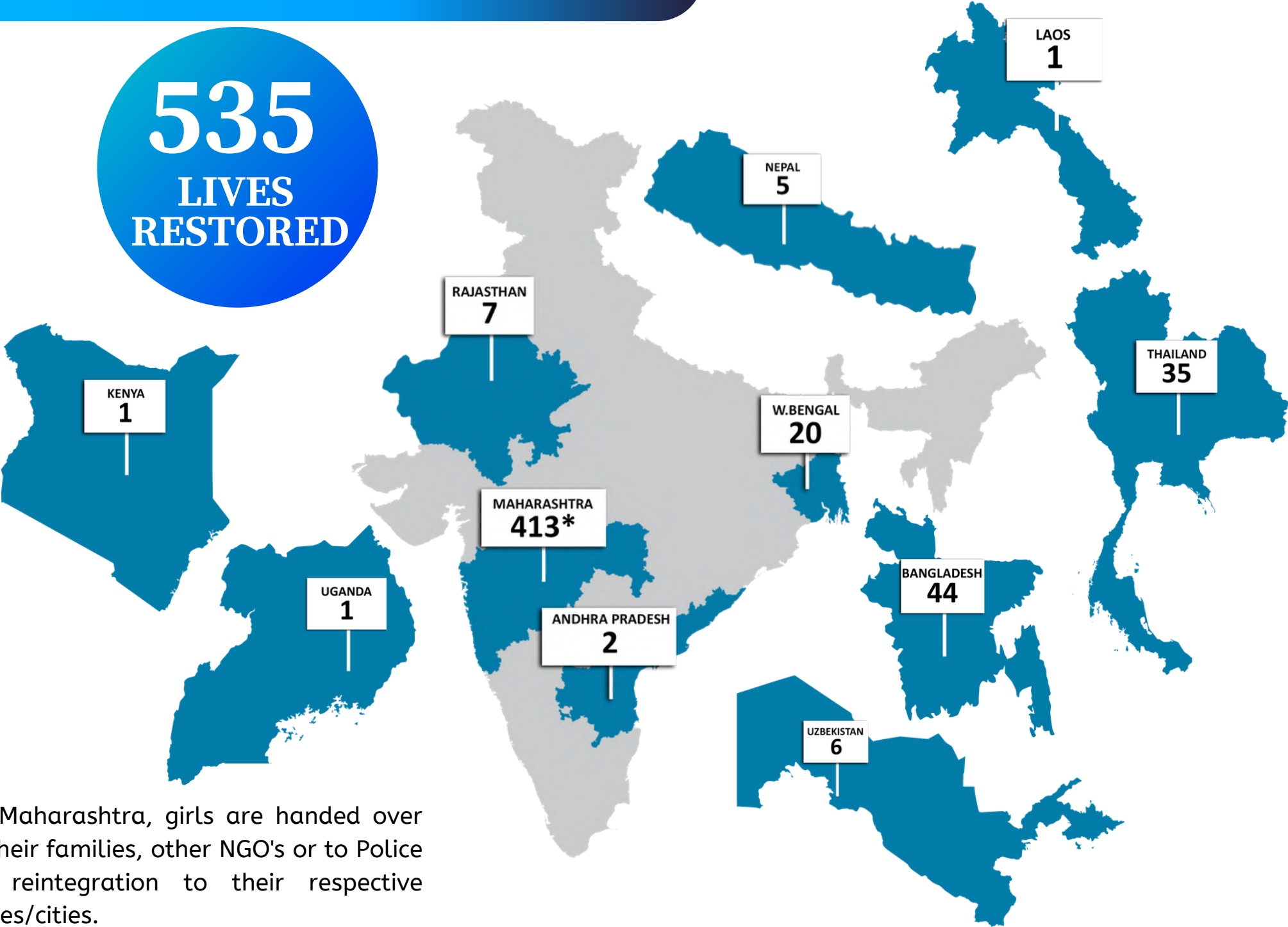
## WAY FORWARD

We are upgrading the capacity of our teams and developing new strategies of gathering intelligence and conducting rescue operations. We will be pioneering new processes over the course of the year to increase our impact and impact public policy.

**533**  
LIVES  
CARED FOR



535  
LIVES  
RESTORED



\*In Maharashtra, girls are handed over to their families, other NGO's or to Police for reintegration to their respective states/cities.

In order to provide our girls with the best support, we have partnered with one of India's leading Mental Health Organizations since October for the girls at our Mumbai Home



**23** SESSIONS



## IN HOUSE COUNSELLING



**442** SESSIONS



**403** SESSIONS



**651** SESSIONS

Our in house counsellors, conduct group and individual counselling sessions with every single girl admitted in our homes. In most cases, multiple sessions are essential.

## Beautician Training

# 297

# GIRLS

We have several basic and advanced courses while we also work with partners and the government so that our girls receive the best support. They receive certifications upon completion of their training's.



# CARE & PROTECTION

## TAILORING & JEWELRY

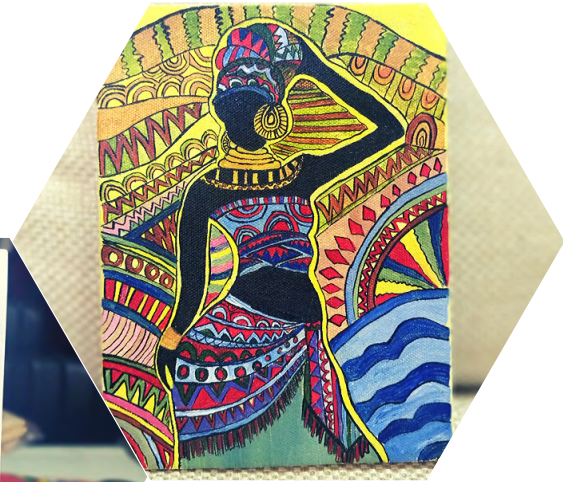
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GIRLS

We conduct basic trainings and advanced training's as well, with in house trainers and with partners too. Some girls who have advanced to higher levels are in turn training other girls as well. Products made are bought by donors or visitors and earnings are stored in the girls bank accounts.



**263** TRAINED  
IN COMPUTERS



**16** GIRLS  
TRAINED IN  
ART & CRAFTS



**16** TRAINED IN  
BAG MAKING

**7**  
**BABIES**  
**DELIVERED**

**525**  
**GENERAL**  
**CHECK UPS**

**228**  
**HOSPITAL**  
**VISITS**



## JANMASHTAMI



## HOLI



## WOMENS DAY



## INDEPENDENCE DAY



## DIWALI

## YOGA DAY



## ART THERAPY



## ZUMBA

## STAFF TRAINING



## MENSTRUAL HEALTH & HYGIENE SESSION



## WATER PARK VISIT

## MOVIE OUTING



## 4 girls working

At Isanctuary, the girls are employed to craft jewelry for which they receive constant training and support.

## 2 girls working

At Somerset, the girls are employed to produce athleisure products, they receive full salaries with benefits along with counselling and lifeskills.

## 4 girls working

At CHAIIM, the girls have been trained to manufacture several fashion accessories and clothes, with full time employment and benefits.



INTERNATIONAL SANCTUARY

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**Total Earnings**  
**Rs 1,19,593**

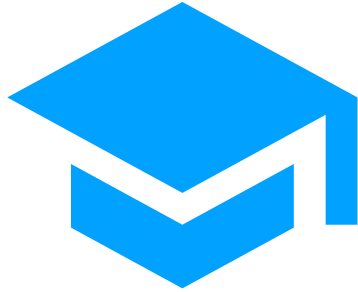


SOMERSET  
EXPORTS

**Total Earnings**  
**Rs 88,098**



**Total Earnings**  
**Rs 3,36,000**



## EDUCATION & TRAINING

**1**

**GIRL**

- Bachelor of Commerce  
2nd Year College
- MS CIT Training
- Police Training  
underway

**1**

**GIRL**

- Bachelors in Banking  
and insurance  
1st Year College

**3**

**GIRLS**

- 12th Standard

**4**

**GIRLS**

- 10th Standard

**3**

**GIRLS**

- National Open School

**7**

**GIRLS**

- Hospitality Training

Throughout the year we conduct multiple awareness sessions, independently or with government stakeholders and other partners. This Year, Mrs Acharya led the walk for one of the largest awareness movements in the world where thousands marched silently. Our newest partner, the Movement India, did an amazing job to pull off this event.



**WALK FOR FREEDOM - THOUSANDS WORLDWIDE PARTICIPATED**



## NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES CAMP 80 STUDENTS

## HDFC SALES TEAM 100 EMPLOYEES



## PUBLIC SCHOOL IN PUNE 70 ADOLESCENT GIRLS



**ONGOING  
TRIALS**

**85**

**ARRESTS**

**55**

**COMPENSATION  
RECEIVED**

**Rs 3,30,000**





**DARE TO DREAM AWARD  
PRESENTED BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER OF  
WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA  
Mrs SMRITI IRANI**





**TEDX TALK  
NIELIT CAMPUS**



**SEVA DHARMIK  
AWARD**



## 2019 BAL MAHOTSAV

Every year the Bal Mahotsav is held in Maharashtra at different venues, bringing together children from across the state to participate in sporting and cultural events. This year at our Boisar home we played host to some of the events.



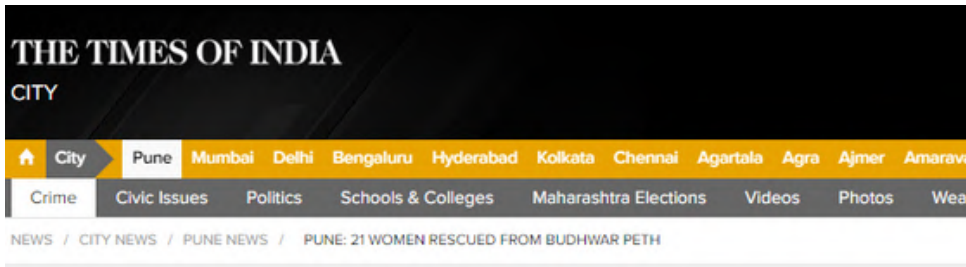


## 2019 BAL MAHOTSAV

**KABADDI - 2nd PRIZE**  
**KHO KHO - 2nd PRIZE**  
**RELAY - 2nd PRIZE**

**DANCE - 3rd PRIZE**  
**MEHENDI - 1st PRIZE**  
**DRAWING - 3rd PRIZE**





## Pune: 21 women rescued from Budhwar Peth

TNN | Updated: Jun 18, 2019, 6:35 IST



PUNE: The Faraskhana police on Sunday raided three brothels in Budhwar Peth and rescued 21 women who were forced into prostitution.

## 15 years later, retired cop, tout held for prostitution racket in Mumbai

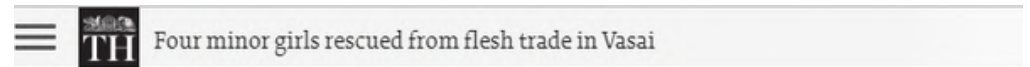
Ahmed Ali | TNN | Updated: Jul 8, 2019, 5:47 IST



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MUMBAI: Nagpada police on Saturday nabbed a retired senior inspector and a tout for allegedly aiding and abetting a prostitution racket.

While retired senior inspector Kalandar Shaikh was arrested from his native place in Aurangabad, the tout, Ravindra Pandey, was arrested from Mumbai after police traced one of the three victims. She



## Two, including owner of farmhouse, arrested

In a shocking incident, girls as young as 12 and 13 years old, who were allegedly forced into prostitution, were rescued in a raid by the anti [human trafficking](#) unit (AHTU) of the Palghar police on Monday evening.

According to officials, the raid was conducted on the basis of a tip-off provided by a local NGO named Rescue Foundation.

"We got a tip-off from the Rescue Foundation, which is based in Boisar, that four minor girls had been trafficked and were being forced into [prostitution](#) at the Dwarka farmhouse in Kalamb, Vasai. Our officers visited the farmhouse posing as customers and after the information was verified, we moved in and raided the place," assistant police inspector Santosh Jadhav, in charge of the Palghar AHTU, said.

## This Story About A Woman & Her Late Husband's Lone Battle To Save Girls Is Beyond Inspirational

by [Sumedha Tripathi](#)



In life, a lot of times it so happens that hard circumstances pull us down. No matter how many times we go through these struggles, its how we pave our ways through it is what that counts.

This brings us to a [Humans of Bombay](#) post which talks about Triveni, who tackled various hurdles and lost a lot in her journey to achieve what she dreamt of. This dream was to save children from child trafficking.



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**DELHI HOME LICENSE GRANTED**  
IN DECEMBER 2019 OUR DELHI HOME WAS GRANTED THE LICENSE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT.





## UNODC

Human Trafficking is the 2nd largest organized crime in the world, with estimated profits upwards of a \$150 Billion. In order to combat it, partnerships are not just necessary, but of vital importance. All year round we have participated in multiple stakeholder meetings with partner NGO's, embassies, government stakeholders, UNODC etc.

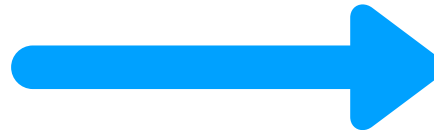


## INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

# NEW PARTNERS



## INCOME

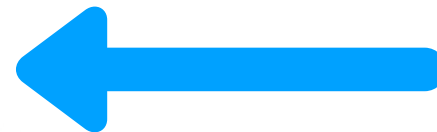


Local Donation  
8%

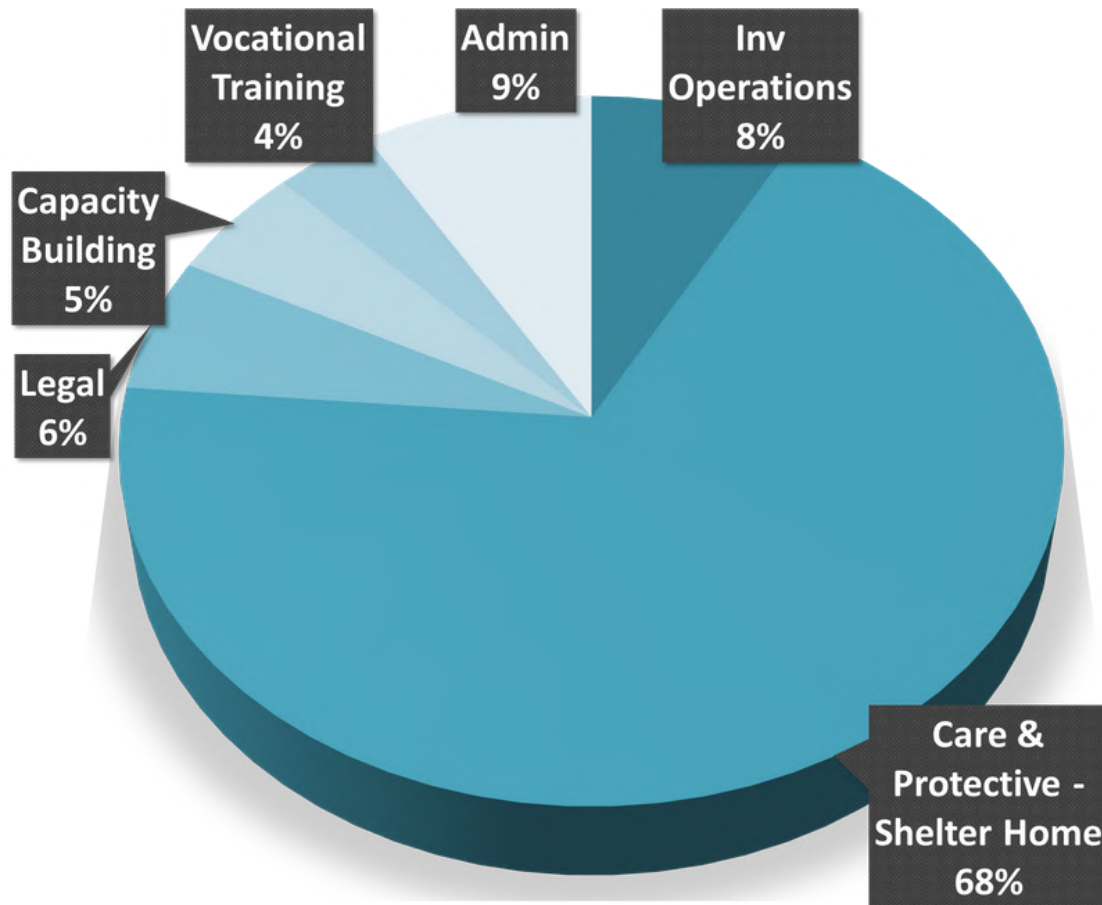
Goverment  
Grant  
8%

Income from  
Other Sources  
3%

FCRA Donation  
81%



## EXPENDITURE



A group of women are standing in a room, looking towards a banner on the wall. The banner is for the AASHA KIRAN Rescue Foundation, which promotes the human rights of trafficked women. The banner also mentions that it is recognized by the Government of Maharashtra. The women are dressed in traditional Indian attire, including sarees and blouses. A blue semi-transparent box with white text is overlaid on the image.

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