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Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Laureate, is organizing 'Bharat Yatra', in order to raise nationwide awareness, especially among the younger generation, against the menace and social evils of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. In its effort to make 'Surakshit Bachpan, Surakshit Bharat', the 'Bharat Yatra' will commence from Vivekanand Samarak, Kanyakumari on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, and culminate in Delhi on the eve of 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Shri Kailash Satyarthi has been working tirelessly on issues that affect the most vulnerable in our society, our children.

Trafficking in human beings is one of the largest organized crimes and violates basic human rights. South Asia is a sensitive region on the global map of human trafficking and the Government of India is committed to control this menace.

Considering the scourge of human trafficking, amendments were made to Indian Penal Code, 1860 and other related criminal laws. Apart from this, Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1956 criminalizes 'commercial sexual exploitation'. In addition, the Government is implementing schemes for rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation.

Mass awareness generation is very important in the prevention of trafficking as it makes people aware about the causes and dynamics of trafficking including the ramifications of 'unsafe migration'.

The proposed Bharat Yatra by Shri Kailash Satyarthi from Kanyakumari to Delhi to highlight the issues of child trafficking and other social evils would be an important endeavor. I wish Shri Satyarthi and the Yatra all success.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi July 10, 2017



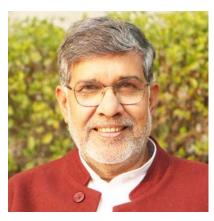
"Kailash Satyarthi's Bharat Yatra will be remembered as the one of the historic movements of social change, world over. On one hand, man has created many scientific miracles, while on the other side, demons in the guise of humans even today are playing with our children's lives. If a child is insecure today, the whole society is to be blamed. What Kailash ji is trying to do is to break the silence that we have grown up in, when our society asked us to keep quiet, and this was reinforced when our parents told us not to speak up. It is a commendable step. These girls, their friends, the co-marchers...I feel that if this movement continues, then I say that they are the true nation-builders."

#### **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind** Honourable President of India

## **FROM THE FOUNDER'S DESK**

My dear sisters and brothers,

The year 2017-2018 will be heralded as a pivotal year for the protection of children in India. Over 8 lakh people across the country took to the streets against child rape and trafficking, led by survivors themselves. In what became the historic Bharat Yatra, we marched over 12,000 km in 35 days, organized 206 events, and collaborated with over 5000 civil society organizations, over 2,50,000 education institutions, over 500 corporates, over 60 faith leaders and over 500 political leaders. We demanded stricter laws, greater political commitment and more effective policy interventions against child rape and trafficking. Our Yatra created a national narrative which led to commitments from political leaders, the judiciary, and several important persons, to take strategic action to make India safe for children. These included approval from the Cabinet of India to table the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018 for introduction in the parliament, commitment



from the judiciary to fast-track cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, and pledges of zero tolerance for violence against children from the Honourable Home Minister and four Chief Ministers. Our teams are now propelling strategic action based on these commitments.

While we celebrate our many achievements this year, uncountable horrific and heartbreaking incidents of violence against children continued to remind us of the challenging path ahead. Two children in India are raped every hour - in their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Communal and political forces shield perpetrators and children never see justice in their lifetimes. On the 6th of April, 2018, an 11-year old girl in Surat was brutally raped and murdered, and her body was dumped in the bushes in Surat. She had been missing for six months and was eventually killed because of the apathy and inaction of the very laws and institutions that were instituted to protect her. This is a complete failure of India's policies and institutions, and a complete breakdown of institutional accountability. Government data states that the trial of the current pending cases of child sexual abuse will take over 50 years in some states. Will a child who was raped when she was 15 years old attend court hearings when she turns 70? This is a mockery of justice.

During the same year, we took the voice of children to global platforms, with 20 Laureates and Leaders for Children in Jordan raising issues confronting the safety and wellbeing of all children. We urged the global community to strengthen peacebuilding measures. We demanded a legally-binding UN Convention against online child sexual abuse and pornography. We called for strengthening the global database and registry of traffickers hosted by Interpol. We demanded the safety of refugee children from the extreme risk of exploitation and violence. Significant headway was made by our 100 Million for 100 Million Campaign, where youth from 25 countries pledged to stand up for the rights of one child each whose rights have been violated.

Without ensuring the safety, health and education of children who are trapped in forced labour, trafficking, slavery, prostitution, armed conflict and child marriage, none of the Sustainable Development Goals can ever be accomplished. The number of child labourers globally fell from 260 million in 2000 to around 152 million in 2017, but our efforts need to accelerate in order to achieve SDG Goal 8.7 that calls for immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery, human trafficking and elimination of all forms of child labour by 2025.

We will continue to fight for children's rights through every tool available to us, be it grassroots mass movements, research, legal action, institution building, partnerships, and moral leadership. We draw our strength from the children, their parents, and our field activists and colleagues from across the Movement. We are immensely grateful to our supporters, well-wishers and donors for their unrelenting support to the cause.

With all my best wishes,

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Kailash Satyarthi

## FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to share with you our annual report for the Financial Year 2017-18. This year we took the issues of violence and exploitation against children to the streets and to global platforms. We marched for a safer India, we demanded greater accountability for children, we brought together partners and stakeholders, we implemented evidencebased programs and we drove the national and international narrative to build awareness about the growing vulnerability of children globally. This report provides a glimpse of the expansive work we undertook last year.

We protected 1,00,062 children every day from child labour, child marriage, trafficking, and sexual abuse. The largest youth mobilisation against child sexual abuse and trafficking happened in our Bharat Yatra, where over 8,00,000 people raised their voices



for the safety of children. During the Yatra, we entered the Guinness Book of World Records for facilitating a new lesson on child sexual abuse with the students of Jayshree Periwal International School, Jaipur, Rajasthan. On this day, the same lesson was also delivered in over 2 lakh schools in six states across the country where approximately three crore children participated. Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hon'ble President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind were joined by national leaders who committed to making India a safe country for children.

Our world-renowned grassroots initiative, Bal Mitra Gram<sup>™</sup> (BMG<sup>™</sup>) (Child Friendly Village) made remarkable strides in reaching 41,472 households and 2,07,684 people in the past year. Led by children, and supported by stakeholders, our BMGs<sup>™</sup> prevented 94 child marriages, enrolled 3068 children in schools and withdrew 882 children from child labour through direct intervention. More than 8,000 people were sensitized on the laws and policies related to children. Furthermore, we took the principles of the BMG<sup>™</sup> to urban slum communities through our new program to build child-friendly urban communities, called Bal Mitra Mandal (BMM) (Child Friendly Community). We launched our pilot BMMs in four slum communities in Delhi.

The KSCF Institute provided insights into policy and implementation gaps for child-related issues through two primary and four secondary studies. These were focussed on child sexual abuse, the implementation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the prioritisation of child welfare in the union budget.

It was a proud and exciting moment for all of us when The Price of Free, a documentary about Mr. Kailash Satyarthi and our movement premiered at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival in January, 2018 and won the Sundance Grand Jury Prize for Best US Documentary. Produced by Davis Guggenheim and Participant Media, the film is a call to action to ensure that every child in the world is free, safe and educated. The film will debut on YouTube in November 2018.

The scale of our achievements is clearly immense, but the soul of our work lies in the inspiring children, courageous parents and dedicated activists who stand tall as pillars of strength and hope for the entire organisation. I am extremely grateful to all the donors and well-wishers who continue to support our work.

As KSCF, our final accountability is to the vulnerable, exploited and enslaved children of the world, and we promise to continue fighting relentlessly for their rights. No child should ever again have to ask, why we didn't come sooner.

Warm regards,

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**Rear Admiral Rahul Kumar Shrawat AVSM (Retd)** Managing Director, Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation

## OUR VISION

Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation envisions a world where every child is free, safe, healthy and educated.

## **OUR MISSION**

- Protect child rights through holistically tackling violence against children – abuse, lack of education and lack of health
- Be recognised as a global voice against violence against children through movement creation and research
- Enable global and national policies and their implementation for protecting children
- Build capacity of all stakeholders, including governments, corporates, grassroots organisations
- Become a global platform to recommend best practices in implementation, regulatory frameworks and bridge the trust deficit between various stakeholders



## **ORGANISATION OVERVIEW**

The Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation is working to achieve its mission in the following ways:

#### Campaigns

Mass movements to engage, inspire and mobilize diverse stakeholder groups to free children from slavery and exploitation. This year our primary campaign was the 'Bharat Yatra', to demand action against child sexual abuse and child trafficking.

#### **Programmes**

Grassroots initiatives based on research and best practice to build a childfriendly world. We implement these programs independently, with partners and through support to social ventures and civil society partners. The Bal Mitra Gram<sup>™</sup> (BMG<sup>™</sup>) and the Bal Mitra Mandal<sup>™</sup> (BMM<sup>™</sup>) are our flagship programmes.

#### **KSCF** Institute

A global think tank which conducts research to identify policy gaps related to child well-being, supports policy reform, and strengthens grassroots capacity through best practice training and workshops.







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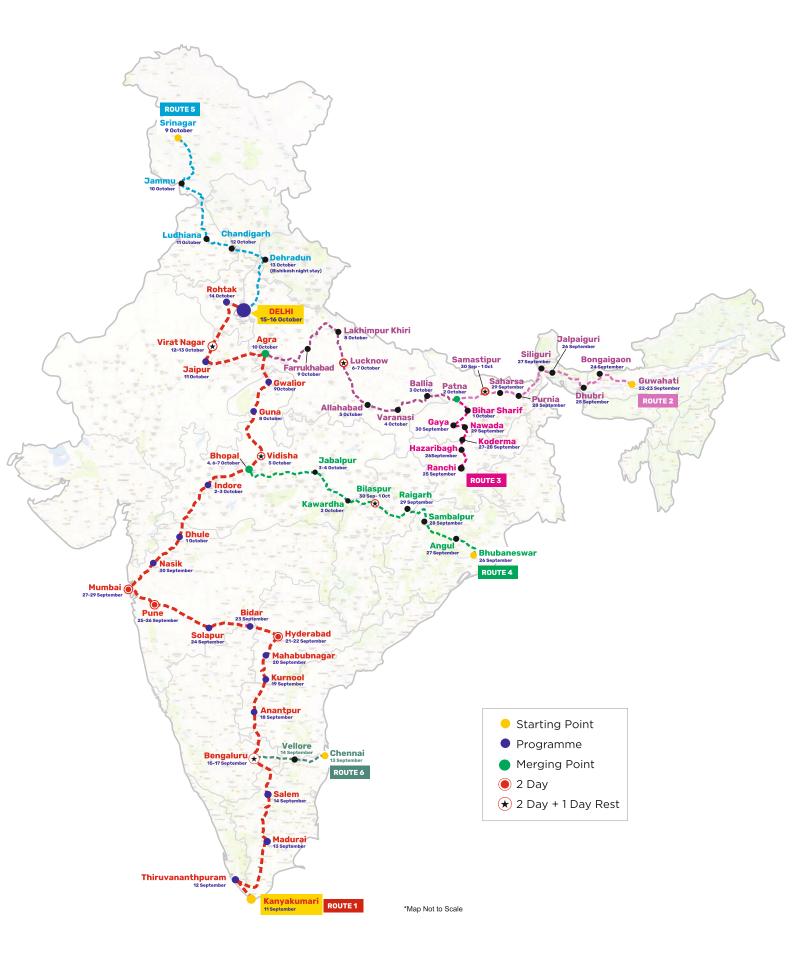
### BHARAT YATRA



The Bharat Yatra, the largest mass movement to end child sexual abuse and trafficking was flagged off on 11th September, 2017. Led by child survivors, it brought together every section of society including government, judiciary, corporates, educational institutions, media, religious leaders and civil society, to raise a clarion call to end crimes against children. Initiated by KSCF, we marched 12,000 km through 22 States and Union Territories and were joined by around 8,00,000, people before culminating in Delhi on 16th October, 2017 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House). The yatra created one billion online imprints.



## **OUTREACH**



## LEADERS SPEAKING FOR CHILDREN

The Bharat Yatra was graced by leaders from all walks of life, from the government to the entertainment industry. They not only extended their support for the cause, but also marched in solidarity with survivors and other citizens.

#### Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan **Chief Minister of Kerela**



children will be tolerated. We will try and make Kerela into a childfriendly state."

#### **Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee** Chief Justice, High Court Karnataka



**F** I will personally request our learned registrars to look into the matter and issue necessary directions to our learned judges to see that POCSO cases are disposed off quickly in a child friendly court."

#### Mr. Chandrababu Naidu Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh will become a state with zero tolerance for any form of violence against children. The Andhra Pradesh Government requests the Central Government to amend all the existing rules for the welfare of children in the country. Andhra should become a pioneer state to implement strict rules against child abusers."



### Ms. Mehbooba Mufti

#### Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir



📔 I appeal to the parents to speak up instead of telling their kids to be silent against sexual abuse or any form of exploitation."

#### Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh**



Kailashji, I invite and welcome you and your team with open arms. Come let's work together."

#### **Mr. Amitabh Bachchan** Actor



We see, but ignore. We hear, but turn a deaf ear. We think, but do nothing. See, think and do something. Else children will become victims of child abuse. Children are our future, come let's save our children from the abuse. Come let's be a part of Kailash Satyarthi's Bharat Yatra and join him. Do your part. Let us create a fearless India."

## **CHILDREN LEADING THE MARCH**

#### NISHA (NAME CHANGED), 15 YEARS

Poverty, deprivation and constant verbal abuse were a part of Nisha's daily existence. Her parents, both alcoholics, would often fight and beat each other up in a drunken rage. When she was 12 years old, her mother sold her into prostitution for a small amount of money. The woman who bought her took her under her wing, showered her with love and affection and even taught her how to speak in English. She lovingly called her 'bangaram', which means 'gold'. Nisha could not believe her good fortune - her parents had never once called her with so much love. She was so grateful to have met this lady. She felt empowered and loved. For three months she lived a happy, loving and blessed life. Then one day, her saviour took her to a hotel room to meet a man. She left her there, instructing her to give the man 'a good time'. Nisha did not know what to do. She spoke to him in her newly learned English. The man was nice to Nisha, but he smelt funny. He offered her a cold drink. She did not know how to turn it down so she took a few sips. Soon she lost



consciousness, and when she woke up she was lying naked in the hotel room bed and the man was lying next to her, naked as well. Nisha was shattered. Her fairytale life had taken the ugliest turn possible – she had been duped, betrayed and violated beyond her wildest imagination. And she was stuck. She spent the following months being taken to hotels and resorts in big cities, sometimes being raped multiple times a day. Her aunty had photos and videos of her sexual abuse, making sure she did not run away.

Nisha was rescued by our partner organisation. She pledged to raise her voice for other girls like her who had been sold to be raped. She led the Bharat Yatra for a safe India for all children. She dreams of a world where girls are free and safe to be children, to play and to learn. India has hope because children like Nisha are fighting for its children.

"At the age of 12, I was sold by my mother to be a prostitute, to pay for her alcoholism. I am a sexually assaulted survivor and currently living my life on my own terms. I am thankful to the Bharat Yatra for giving me this opportunity to share my story with the world in the presence of Honorable President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Nobel Peace Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi."

Nisha, a sexual assault survivor, speaking on the culmination event of Bharat Yatra on 16 October 2017 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

#### **BHARTI, 15 years**

Known for her spirit of activism against child labour and child rights, 15-year old Bharti is a member of Kalina BMG Bal Panchayat. She participated in Bharat Yatra as a lead marcher. She has been working rigorously as a child leader without much support from her parents, who work in a brick kiln. As a leader, she has motivated many girls to go to school, advocated the importance of education and personally enrolled eight children in school. She works tirelessly, using every tool available to her to improve the educational status of girls in the village. She dreams of building an inter-college for girls in her village and wants to become a teacher.

#### IQRA, 13 years

13-year old Igra is a former child labourer who was withdrawn from work by the activists of KSCF. Since her withdrawal, she has been going to school regularly, is doing well academically and has also become a member of Dalampur BMG Bal Panchayat. lara was a core marcher in the Bharat Yatra and she shared her story of hardships, grit and triumph with citizens around the country. As a spokesperson for child rights in her community, she has motivated many children to come out of the rut of work and instead pursue education, even if it came at a cost. She not only ensured the regular attendance of 11 children in school, but she also constantly monitors their attendance. She wants to improve girls' education in her village. This has been a major challenge as girls are a low priority in her community and when they aren't working outside they are given household chores and responsibilities. Igra wants to become a teacher because she believes that education can change mindsets.



"I have been sexually abused many times at home and my family told me that this family matter should not leave the home and should be resolved within the family. Even after approaching the police, I got the same response from them. If the police does not stand with us then who else will support us,?" A sexual abuse survivor speaking during Bharat Yatra at Jaipur on 11 October 2017.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**



- The Bharat Yatra demanded stringent laws against child trafficking. The Union Cabinet of India approved the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018 for introduction in the Parliament in February, 2018.
- Several members of the Indian judiciary, including Chief Justices and Judges of Karnataka, Hyderabad and Mumbai High Courts assured fast-tracking of cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- The judiciary committed to conducting awareness camps on child sexual abuse in slum areas and setting up special committees in hospitals, dedicated to the victims of child sexual abuse.
- The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind requested Mr. Kailash Satyarthi to design a five-year road map to tackle violence against children.
- Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of AndhraPradesh committed land and resources to support the development of a-firstof-its-kind Global Policy Institute for Children in Andhra Pradesh, dedicated to formulating policies to foster a child-friendly environment.
- The Government of Kashmir committed to setting up camps in every school for educating children on child sexual abuse.
- Four Chief Ministers pledged zero tolerance for violence against children. The Honourable Home Minister, Mr. Rajnath Singh committed to enacting an antitrafficking law pending for more than one year.

## PROGRAMMES

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### BAL MITRA GRAM™



Bal Mitra Gram<sup>TM</sup> (BMG<sup>TM</sup>) is a transformative grassroots solution for various issues affecting children. Highly costeffective and sustainable, this model emphasizes the best interests of the child through child-centric community development. It empowers children to take democratic action to secure their rights, and enables parents and other stakeholders to stand up for the rights of children and build a protective community. A BMG<sup>TM</sup> thus creates a safety net around children to prevent all forms of abuse and exploitation.

A BMG<sup>™</sup> has four guiding principles: (i) all child labourers are withdrawn from work; (ii) all children are enrolled in school; (iii) children form a Bal Panchayat (an elected children's village council); and (iv) the Bal Panchayat is officially recognised by the Gram Panchayat (elected adult village council) ensuring that two councils work together on issues related to children. The prevention of child marriage, child trafficking, child labour and sexual abuse by empowering youth and women's groups who campaign for children's rights and facilitate access to social welfare schemes are also key aspects of a BMG<sup>™</sup>.

Currently, BMGs<sup>™</sup> are present in six Indian states - Jharkhand, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan. In these states, 540 villages have already been transformed into Bal Mitra Grams<sup>™</sup>, out of which 324 BMGs<sup>™</sup> are currently under programmes and 216 have been handed over to the communities.



### DUTREACH

Numbers of BMGs	324
Number of households	41,472
Population outreach	2,07,684
Children protected from child labour, child marriage, child trafficking and child sexual abuse on a daily basis	1,00,062
Number of people empowered on child rights	2,07,684
Annual reach through School Chalo Abhiyan	49,888

## **OUTCOMES**

Children withdrawn from labour through direct intervention	882	
Children enrolled in school	3,068	
Children regularized in schools and tracked	2,806	
Child marriages prevented through direct intervention	94	1
Bicycles distributed to girls to support the continuation of their education	225	1
Bal Panchayats (Child Councils) formed	324	÷.
People benefited from health camps	5,464	
People benefited from legal camps	8,505	
People/households benefited through govt. schemes	2,607	



#### **JHARKHAND**

#### **BOOKS, NOT BANGLES**

Sudha Kumari is a student of Class 7 and the Vice President of her village Bal Panchayat in Dabar, Jharkhand. After her mother's death, her father married another woman who frequently mistreated Sudha. Because of this familial conflict, her father arranged for her to get married to an 18-year-old boy. Sudha resisted, telling her father that she wanted to study, not get married. The news reached our activist who promptly took action to counsel her parents. District administration officers were informed which led to Sudha's admission in school in the middle of the academic year. Sudha wants to become a teacher and work to improve her community.

#### **KARNATAKA**

#### **PRIMARY EDUCATION IS NOT ENOUGH**

As the President of his Bal Panchayat, Surendra, 17 years old, wrote an application to the Education Department in his district to demand the expansion of his school beyond Class 8. Although, the Education department assured him and the Bal Panchayat that the expansion would happen, there was no action taken for three months. Surendra raised this issue at a Public Hearing of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) in Bengaluru. The KSCPCR directed the Block Development Officer and the concerned Education Officer to look into the matter immediately. As a result, the school expanded to Class 12 and teachers were recruited promptly as well. Surendra now aims to become a lawyer to bring a change in the lives of people who need justice.





#### **RAJASTHAN**

#### **BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS OF CASTE**

When the BMG<sup>™</sup> model was introduced in the village of Koliya Ka Buriyawas in Rajasthan, children from socially backward castes could not cross paths with the upper caste children. The Bal Panchayat and the Yuva Mandal (Youth Group) raised their voices in the Village Panchayat, against such oppressive casteism in their village. After an intense and long discussion, the children and youth were successful in making their point and a new tradition was introduced where the entire village feasts together without barriers of religion, caste or creed.

#### **MADHYA PRADESH**

#### **STANDING UP TO ABUSE**

Surjeet Lodhi, 14 years old, lives with his grandparents and two siblings in a  $BMG^{TM}$  in Ganj Basoda, Madhya Pradesh. Subjected to daily abuse and violence inflicted by his alcoholic father, Surjeet decided to speak up. He fasted until his father pledged to stop consuming alcohol. Surjeet is now the Vice President of the village Bal Panchayat, and also leads the anti-alcohol campaign in his  $BMG^{TM}$ . As a result of his struggle, illegal liquor shops were closed and two people were given a penalty for running an illegal shop. He dreams of becoming a politician one day.



### **BAL MITRA MANDAL**

Our most recent initiative is the Bal Mitra Mandal (BMM) (child-friendly urban communities). The pilot of the BMM program was launched in four slums of Delhi in early 2018. This is an application of the principles of the Bal Mitra Gram<sup>™</sup> to urban slum communities. This seeks to empower children in urban slums through participatory and democratic values, leading to the creation of child-friendly communities. Children in these slums are extremely vulnerable to child labour, child abuse, malnutrition, high drop-out rate and poor health. There is also a great risk of substance abuse. While schools are usually more accessible and enrolment is generally higher in slums versus in rural areas, the temptation to find small odd jobs to start earning is high. As first-generation learners, there is no support or academic help at home, and children are also vulnerable to health issues due to pollution and the lack of sanitation.



### **GOALS**

- Build a replicable blueprint for implementing a child-friendly urban slum community where every child is safe, free and educated.
- Roll-out BMMs as building blocks towards developing a child-friendly city.
- Use BMM as a way to activate and strengthen local government initiatives towards building safer urban communities for children.
- Transform children and other community members into long-term change agents who sensitize the broader community regarding child rights and the importance of education.



## **KSCF INSTITUTE**

The KSCF Institute is a think-tank poised to scale-up efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against children and to ensure every child is free, safe, healthy and educated by:

- Conducting evidence-based research on identifying and solving for policy gaps related to child well-being and developing solutions.
- Strengthening policy response through support to governments and other policy-making bodies.
- Strengthening capacity of stakeholders through dissemination of best practices and conducting trainings, seminars and workshops.

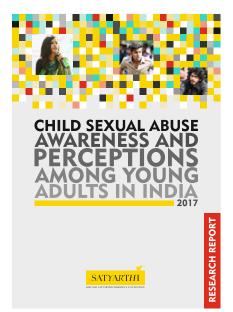
### RESEARCH

The research team aims to address data and evidence gaps in child protection and education through primary and secondary research, policy research and public engagement and outreach. In 2017-2018, the research team conducted two primary and four secondary studies. The Institute has spearheaded an academic discourse on child sexual abuse in the country by partnering with more than 10 pioneer academic institutions and universities on the issue.



### **PRIMARY RESEARCH**

## Child Sexual Abuse: Awareness and Perceptions Amongst Young Adults in India (2017)

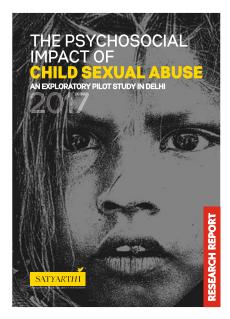


This study was undertaken to gauge the awareness and perceptions of youth with regard to child sexual abuse (CSA) in India. The study was conducted in collaboration with 10 universities/colleges across 10 states of India (Uttar Pradesh, NCT of Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat and Maharashtra). In total, 987 young adults (571 girls and 416 boys) studying in these universities/colleges participated as respondents.

#### **Key Findings:**

- 1. While general awareness about the fact that CSA occurs is high (94%), specific knowledge on the subject is lacking. For instance, only 39% respondents were able to list down various forms of CSA.
- 2. Less than one-third of respondents reported to have experienced a severe/extreme form of sexual abuse when they were under 18 years.
- 3. Though 90% of young adults surveyed reported that they were aware that the sexual abuse of children is a punishable offence, only 72% knew about the Protection of Children against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the five-year old law against CSA.

## Psychosocial Impact of Child Sexual Abuse: An Exploratory Pilot Study in Delhi, India



KSCF conducted a pilot study in Delhi - National Capital Region to gain a scientific understanding of the psychosocial dimensions of child sexual abuse, and what impact it has on the survivor. The study also intended to map the psychosocial conditions of juvenile perpetrators who were accused of sexually abusing children. As part of the study, 10 child survivors of sexual abuse (those who sought legal remedy) and 11 children in conflict with the law (those who were charged under Article 376 of Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 4 & 6 of Protection of Children against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act (charges for child rape) were interviewed.

#### **Key Findings:**

- 1. The study revealed that the survivors of CSA face several psychological problems that often result in self-blame and self-harm, lack of confidence, fear, and suicidal tendencies.
- The magnitude and nature of problems vary with the age of the survivor. Massive additional trauma is caused when the survivor and her/his family have to compulsorily come in contact with the law enforcement and legal systems, and these dealings are very frustrating and agonising.
- 3. In fact, case pendency and delays in the justice system are found to be one of the major hurdles in overcoming the trauma of the incident and re-integrating them into the mainstream.

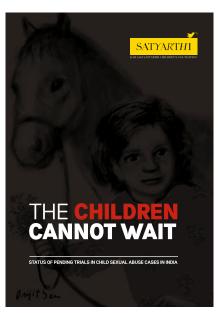
### **SECONDARY RESEARCH**

## Children Attending Educational Institutions in India: A Rapid Analysis of 2011 Census Data

It is well-established that the education of children is vital for the growth of any country. The Census of India 2011 data revealed that as many as 9.9 crore children in the age group of 5-18 years are not in any educational institution, and out of those 4.3 crore children (6-14 years) are entitled to free and compulsory education as per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. This highlights how even after more than seven years of implementation of the RTE Act, a significant number of children are still not in school. Moreover, 2.4 crore children aged between 6 to 18 years, are found to be working.

### **Children Cannot Wait**

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 is a critical legal instrument for the protection of children in India. This study highlights the current situation in India with respect to the settlement of cases and complaints under the POCSO Act. Almost five years after its formulation and official notification, the POCSO Act has brought some hope and positive change, but the efficiency with which cases are being dealt leaves much to be desired. This analysis revealed a grave scenario of delays and pendency. India will take about 20 years to clear the backlog of cases from 2016. At the state level, it varies from two years in Punjab to more than 60 years in Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Manipur, West Bengal and Kerala (calculated on the basis of information provided to Lok Sabha, Unstarred Q. No. 2544). The number of pending cases during 2015 has increased by 37% from 2014 to 2015 (52,309 cases in 2014 to 71,552 cases in 2015). There was a further 26% increase in 2016 (to 89,999 cases in 2016).



## Government's Commitment towards the Welfare of Children in 2018-19 & Union Budget Trend for the Last 10 Years (2009-10 to 2018-19)

In order to assess the changes in budget allocation for the welfare of children in last ten years (2009-10 to 2018-19), an analysis of the Union Budgets in this period was undertaken. The budget statements reflecting provisions for expenditure on schemes meant substantially for the welfare of children were used as the data source. The study highlighted that the percentage share of the Union Budget allocated for welfare of children increased substantially during FY 2009-10 (3.9%) to 2012-13(4.8%). However, since FY 2013-14, it started to decline and has since remained almost constant at 3.3% in last four years (FY 2015-16 to FY 2018-19).

## **FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES**

## Surakshit Bachpan Fund

On 6th November 2017, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi and his wife Mrs. Sumedha Kailash sat on the hot seat opposite Mr. Amitabh Bachchan in the grand finale of Kaun Banega Crorepati (Who Wants to be a Millionaire). They pledged their winnings of INR 50,00,000 to create a fund to provide immediate medical, legal and psychological assistance to child victims of assault and violence. This fund has been named the Surakshit Bachpan Fund (SBF) (Safe Childhood Fund) under the aegis of KSCF.



## **Freedom Fellows Fund**

Children who have been rescued from child labour, abuse or other forms of violence typically do not have the financial means to pursue their education. The Freedom Fellows Fund nurtures the aspirations of these children by providing a scholarship and a supportive network to help them pursue their higher education. The goal of this programme is to create a network of child survivors of violence or exploitation who support and guide each other. In the past one year, we provided fellowships to four children.

## **Child Safeguarding Lesson created World Record**



Mr. Kailash Satyarthi and KSCF set a new record in the Guinness Book of World Records for facilitating the world's largest lesson on child sexual abuse called the 'Child Safeguarding Lesson'. The lesson was delivered to 344 students in Jaipur, on 11th October, 2017. The children who participated in the lesson were between 14 to 17 years old. On this day, the same lesson was also delivered in over 2 lakh schools in six states across the country where approximately 3 crore children participated.

## **GLOBAL INITIATIVES**

### **Laureates and Leaders for Children**

On 26 March 2018, His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein of Jordan personally welcomed 20 Nobel Laureates and World Leaders to the 2nd Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit. These powerful change agents came together to find solutions and inspire the world to protect the rights of the world's most vulnerable children – the 152 million child labourers, the 263 million children who are not in school, millions of trafficked and enslaved children – with a special focus on the rapidly growing number of at-risk refugee children. At the culmination of the Summit, the Laureates and



Leaders for Children issued the Dead Sea Declaration which called for: the scaling of efforts to address the elimination of child labour and trafficking tied to UN SDG 8.7; a minimum 10% reduction in global arms spending and increased investment in achieving all child-related UN Sustainable Development Goals, focused on freedom, safety, and education for every child; an inclusion of child rights education in national curricula; and an internationally binding convention against online child sexual abuse, that addresses online child pornography, child sexual abuse, and child trafficking, while providing holistic support to victims.

### **100 Million Campaign**

The 100 Million campaign aims to inspire young people to stand up and act for their own rights and on behalf of their peers who have been denied their rights. In 2017, the campaign held launch events in Bangladesh, Brazil and Peru with pledges coming in from 65 countries. Schools in five continents took part in the 100 Million Campaign's first Decision-Makers' Back to School Day, where elected officials and thought-leaders listened to students on what could be done to ensure every child in this world is free, safe, and educated. Forty-one politicians took part in Sweden's Back to School, including three ministers. The Minister of Foreign Affairs declared that education for all would be their priority for the coming year. To follow up on this, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi addressed the Swedish parliament in January 2018, and in February 2018 Sweden announced an almost 30% increase in its funding to the Global Partnership for Education.

### **Global Leadership**



Mr. Kailash Satyarthi engaged with Heads of State to call for the implementation of the UN SDGs, especially those focused on ensuring and protecting children's rights. In April, Mr. Satyarthi gave the keynote at the Inter-Parliamentary Union's annual conference calling on members of Parliament from around the world to prioritize children's well-being and join the 100 Million Campaign. In November, Mr. Satyarthi gave the opening keynote address at the International Labour Organisation's 4th World Conference on the Eradication of Child Labour. He challenged Heads of State and Ministers of Labour to ensure the coordinated implementation of all child-centric UN Sustainable Development Goals. Mr. Satyarthi called upon the UN Secretary General, Mr. Antonio Guterres, to convene an urgent meeting of UN agency

heads, international organisations and key leaders to review the lack of coordination between the child labor and education sectors.

## **ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT**

### **Gulmarg Retreat**

December, 2017



Celebrated the success of our programs in 2017, and developed our strategic plan for the coming year

## **Team Building Workshop**

July, 2017



Workshop on team building to develop a greater understanding between teams, and to inspire better and more innovative leadership

## **FINANCIALS**

#### KAILASH SATYARTHI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION 23, FRIENDS COLONY WEST, NEW DELHI - 110065 BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st March ,2018 (Consolidated )

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT(Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT(Rs.)
Corpus Fund	30,572,841.21	Fixed Assets	13,984,667.88
Capital Fund	18,836,920.22	Investments	83,500,000.00
Programme Balance	78,502,653.14	Cash & Bank Balances	27,327,137.19
EPF Payable	470,625.00	Security Deposits	2,436,000.00
		Advances	90,083.50
		Tax deducted at sources	1,045,151.00
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	128,383,039.57	<u> </u>	128,383,039.57

For Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation

In terms of our separate Audit report of even date For Anil S. Gupta & Associates Chartered Accountants FRN - 004061N

sd/-

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Kailash Satyarthi Trustee Gautam Arya Trustee

Place: New Delhi Date: 18/09/2018 sd/-

CA Anil Kumar Gupta M.No - 083159

#### KAILASH SATYARTHI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION 23, FRIENDS COLONY WEST, NEW DELHI - 110065 INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018 (Consolidated )

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT(Rs.)	INCOME	AMOUNT(Rs.)
Local Contribution Grant Recurring Expenditure	90,823,805.24	Local Contribution Grant Received	90,132,453.61
Depreciation	2,039,014.46	Interest Income	3,554,038.00
Foreign Contribution Grant Recurring Expenditure		Profit on insurance claim received	9,188.00
	70,645,840.26	Other Income	80,217.00
Depreciation	385,893.45	Interest on Income Tax Refund	32,116.00
		<u>Foreign Contribution</u> Grant Received	49,069,147.59
		Interest Income	470,342.00
		Interest received on Corpus Fund	1,791,094.00
		Difference in foreign currency	13,205.12
		Excess of Expenditure over Income	18,742,752.09
	163,894,553.41		163,894,553.41

#### For Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation

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Place: New Delhi Date: 18/09/2018 sd/-

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Gautam Arya Trustee

## PARTNERS

From the children who donated their pocket money, to the individuals and organisations who support our programs, we thank you for continuing to believe in our work, and regret not being able to list all the names due to paucity of space.

- A.T.E. Philanthropic Foundation
- Adfactors PR Private Limited
- Bajaj Auto Limited
- Estée Lauder Companies Inc.
- Infosys Foundation
- Mumtaz Hotels Limited
- Oriental Insurance Charitable Foundation
- PAYTM (One 97 Communications Limited)
- Purna Chandra Samiti Trust
- Radhamadhab Institution
- Red FM (Digital Radio Broadcasting Limited
- Sir Dorabji Tata Trust
- Stefar Steneinger
- Stichting Global March Against Child Labor
- Stichting Terre des Hommes
- Subway Systems India Private Limited
- The Natural Resource Stewardship Circle
- Wockhardt Foundation
- Zalando SE
- Mr. Vivek Gambhir
- Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US



## THE PRICE OF FREE

## Let's March...

We will no more be sold Neither will we stop We have embarked With a storm in our breath Let's march With India in our hearts Let's march We have embarked

We were being played with like toys But that is the past We were sold cheaper than animals But that is the past You will no more be able to lay your hands on us The one with evil eyes, listen! We are a sea of fire Let's march We have embarked Let's march

Those who love Their sons, their daughters Those who love Their brothers, their sisters **Come with us** Join hands with us **Step forward** From every village, nook and corner of the city We have embarked From every temple, mosque and gurudwara We have embarked With India in our hearts We have embarked Let's march

- Kailash Satyarthi

# निकल पड़े हैं...

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मोम की गुड़िया बनाके हमसे खेल रहे थे; वो तो कल था जानवरों से कम कीमत पर बेच रहे थे; वो तो कल था अब तुम हमको छू न सकोगे, खोटी नजरों वालों सुन लो आग का दरिया बनकर अब हम निकल पड़े हैं निकल पड़े हैं, निकल पड़े हैं, निकल पड़े हैं, हम निकल पड़े।

जिनको अपने बेटे प्यारे – बेटी प्यारी जिनको अपने भाई प्यारे – बहनें प्यारी साथ में आओ, हाथ मिलाओ, कदम बढ़ाओ गांव-गली और चौराहों से निकल पड़े हैं मंदिर-मस्जिद गुरुद्वारों से निकल पड़े हैं दिल में हिंदुस्तान लिए हम निकल पड़े हैं निकल पड़े हैं, निकल पड़े हैं, निकल पड़े हैं, हम निकल पड़े।

- कैलाश सत्यार्थी

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