

## **NEDAN's Operating Model on Reporting of Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation & GBV**

NEDAN Foundation has been instrumental in grass-root to policy level intervention and policy level advocacy in Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation of women and children survivors of human Trafficking, Child Sexual Abuse and gender based violence in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Assam last 15 years. The major intervention in the community level has been creating community friendly reliable reporting mechanism on the issues related to Human Trafficking, Missing Children, Sexual Abuse/ Rape and Gender Based Violence. One of the major break-through of this initiative has been collaborating with already existing reporting tools/institution of govt. and where ever there is gap creating plat-forum where communities can easily report and timely intervention in any emergency needs are addressed collectively to prevent, protect and restore the women and children from the immediate care and support needed.

This initiative was started in the year 2012 where more than 500000 populations were displaced due to Muslim and Bodo conflict. There were 192 relief camps were set up for the displaced populations of both the community. NEDAN in association with Assam police works in all the 192 relief camps for Trafficking Alert message with contact details for communities to report for any agents or fake institutions coming to take children with the promise of education, job and better lives out site states. The community reporting mechanism of NEDAN's today is the outcome of the conflict related displacement camps' anti human trafficking Alert initiative.

NEDAN took this initiative to the community level and in the year 2015 Childline (1098) Kokrajhar launched where children from displaced communities and schools/collages were sensitized to report any suspicious persons trying to lure our children out-site of districts or state. The response received through 1098 Kokrajhar was so over whelming and there are certain areas (Indo Bhutan border areas) where no Indian network is accessible but they used Bhutan's Moblie Sim Card, for those population NEDAN introduced SMSing system – 9229224424 type NEDANK<space> text message through Reporting Operational Model large section of Indo Bhutan border communities started sending message to NEDAN site on cases- related to child trafficking, child marriage, child labour, child sexual abuse/ rape cases including school dropout who are highly vulnerable to trafficking in the areas.

How this Reporting Operating Model works- 1098 Childline Kokrajhar and One Stop Centre of Kokrajhar cover four blocks of Kokrajhar directly associated with Police department, DCPU, JJB, DALSA, Adolescents Club members, Community Child Protection Committee Members and different communities student unions having districts, blocks and unit level offices. The prevention, protection and rehabilitation of children who need immediate care and support are well address with collective efforts. NEDAN take the leading role in organizing quarterly Review Meeting with all the stakeholders and sheltering the rescued children and providing comprehensive development of children till the age of 18 in Destination Girls Home.

The SMSing system is such that every person's having mobile phone can get registered as individual members through filling up the form and submit to NEDAN or membership drive is being organised whenever schools, collages, university campus talk and public meeting are organized. Once the scrutinizing of the application and registration is completed by any individual person become the member and message get accepted in the system. There are 6000 plus SMSing active members who text the message on any related issues and membership in increasing day by day. The annual MISSING CHILDREN link to Child Trafficking CARAVAN RALLY is directly link to create youth forces actively engaging in creating our long term goal of BUILDING WORLD FREE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. All the messages we received in our site is also collectively responded in collaboration with stakeholders.

The challenges we face after receiving the messages is huge in terms of man power and resources. In 8 districts of lower Assam we do not have enough shelter homes, 1098 and strong CSOs. We need to have Childline 1098 in every districts of Assam and identified districts in other north East Region. The Govt. of Assam is taken many initiatives such as 181 Toll Free Women Helpline, but other North east states do not have such access and cases go unreported.

## NEDAN'S REPORTING OPERATIONAL MODEL



