

Restructured Report on Uttarakhand

A Capacity-Building Workshop to Prevent Human Trafficking was organized in Nainital and Dehradun regions of Uttarakhand. The following is a structured report, with the following parameters:

1. Purpose of the meeting:

The aim of this workshop is to build a network of organizations with the intent to assist people and prevent all forms of violence, especially against women and children. The workshop discussed all the forms and mannerisms through which human trafficking takes place, with a special focus on the region of Uttarakhand. The objective is to strengthen the capacities of different stakeholders working in the field of the prevention of human rights abuses.

2. Methodology:

The workshop had two main phases; Planning and Implementation.

Planning: One of the core objectives of the workshop was also to strengthen partnership and explore synergies with partner organizations. Nonetheless, the motivation for the workshop was also to capacitate organizations that are small scale in financial size and as well as working at the grassroots with remote and rural villages/town in the region. Following were the stages for planning the workshop leading upto its implementation.'

- Lead partner organization identification: STOP after connecting within its network of grassroots organization operation out of the region, conducted two virtual consultations to identify the main issues and concerns of the geographical area where the organizations function. Each organization discussed at length regarding the challenges they face in their area both thematic as well as at the community level.
- Second line of partnership generation: As part of the consultation, each organization reached out to partner organization based on the criteria shared for potential participants. The lead partner organization represented the motto of the workshop. Several partner organization registered to become part of the process and the larger movement led by STOP.
- Research and Logistics: A module was developed by the team of STOP based on the consultations which was both informative as well as experimental to engage organizations. The goal was to develop content which is region specific as well as that allows them to visualise possible scenarios that would occur in their areas. As part of logistics managed, a senior manager of STOP visited the state and local organizations to determine most suitable geographic location for conducting the

workshop. Based on the field visit and with assistance from local partner organizations, two locations were identified covering both regions of Kumaon and Garhwal. The logistics arrangements were made in Dehradun and Nainital.

Implementation: The workshop was divided in two sections; informative and experimental.

- Informative: The organizations discussed the existing laws that directly will help in addressing issues of trafficking..... as well as discussed initiatives, local government schemes or infrastructure to help conduct preventive action to combat human trafficking. The workshop also discussed state level mechanisms that can be instrumental in driving preventive activities of human trafficking.
- Experimental: Following feedback generated by each organization and preliminary discussions with each the team of STOP developed local scenario based exercise inclusive of the informative section of the workshop. The aim here was to capacitate organizations in understanding not merely the word of the law but also its application to different scenarios. In addition, the organizations also developed an understanding through practice and through experience-based sensitization.

3. Outcome:

The outcomes of this entire empowering workshop were multiple:

1. A whatsapp group was created by integrating all the members who had attended our workshop, so that a regular communication is established.
2. Training manuals were sent to the respective organizations via email.
3. A resource directory is being created based on the information about the member organizations.

4. Way Forward:

STOP and the member organizations are planning to have a stakeholder meeting at an opportune time in the near future.

5. History of identifying Member Organizations:

The member organizations were first searched online, and then contacted via phone and whatsapp. A plan was prepared to conduct the workshop in a fair manner and 2nd of December 2022 was chosen for Nainital, and 4th of December 2022 for Dehradun.

6. List of organization:

Nainital:

Dharohar Open Shelter Home

PRAGATI

AARPAAN

Kumaon Vani Community Radio

Geetasha Society

PRAYAS

CARD

VIMARSH

SPARDHA

Mahila Haat

JJVKS

Kumaon Vani Community Radio

CHAHAT

Dehradun:

Lok Paryavaran Shiksha Sansthan

Mahila Evam Bal Utthan Samiti

Samriddh Gram Niyojan

Village Development Society

Sanaru Sahayata Society

Lok Jeevan Vikas Bharti

Tarun Paryavaran Vigyan Sansthan

SRADHA

LTVB

Mount Valley Development Association

Saraswati Jan Kalyan Evam Swarojgar Sansthan

JANDESH

Adarsh Yuva Samiti

Mount Valley Development Association

7. Name of Venue:

Hotel Padmini Palace in Dehradun and Hotel Himalaya in Nainital were chosen as two different venues to conduct the workshop in these regions of Uttarakhand.

8. Number of Participants:

Thirty-seven grassroots organizations came to attend this workshop, amongst which nineteen came from Nainital and eighteen from Dehradun.