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Report

**JOURNEY WITH MIGRANTS**

Interventions to Combat Modern Day Slavery



We work  
to promote  
the rights of  
women and children  
who have been  
exploited.

Prevention

Protection

Advocacy & Networking

Training & Capacity Building

Research

## **CARITAS INDIA JOURNEYS WITH MIGRANTS**

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## Executive Director's Message

*A toleration of slavery is, in effect a toleration of in humanity*  
Granville Sharp

Every year, millions of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers in their own countries and abroad. Almost every nation in the world is affected by the menace of human trafficking today. According to the United Nation's International Labor Organization's (ILO), nearly 40.3 million people are victims of this modern-day slavery.

India is a major country of origin and transit as well as a popular destination for workers across international borders. Around 400 million men, women and children have moved from the original place of residence and are living as migrants. Unsafe and irregular migration also leads to exploitation and trafficking of the migrants.

Resonating Pope Francis's calling to “share the Journey”, Caritas India is committed to work towards creating a society free from slavery and strengthen the relationship of migrants with the communities since last two decades in collaboration with the likeminded institutions. The 4P principle of prevention, protection, prosecution and partnership remains the cornerstone of our work.

Caritas India as its mission to combat human trafficking is also committed under the Dyastry on Integral Human Development towards Pastoral Orientation on Human Trafficking.

This Slice Report- “Journey with Migrants: Interventions to combat modern day slavery” has been developed by putting together the initiatives taken by Caritas India and her partners to address the modern-day slavery in India and Nepal. I hope that this report will inspire all the stakeholders to intensify their efforts in responding to trafficking through renewed collaboration and cooperation.

On behalf of Caritas India, I would like to appreciate the tireless efforts made by our partners. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the different government departments, Sahastra Seema Bal, Police, law enforcement agencies, ChildLine, Women and Child Welfare Department, media, INGOs and NGOs for their continuous cooperation and support in this effort.

Caritas endeavours to Journey with the Migrants towards the horizon of hope

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India has long standing history of migration. People have moved from one state to another for job opportunities and better living. Lack of housing, health care, education, wage and indifference are some of the challenges the migrants face. The unsafe migration also can lead to trafficking in human being and labour exploitation. Trafficking of Children and women is a serious concern prevalent in India. Thousands of women, men and children are bought and sold against their will. According to a report published by the US Department of State, India is the source, destination and transit country for human trafficking. The statistics of the Ministry of Women and Child Development states that 19,223 women and children were trafficked in 2016 against 15,448 in 2015.

Caritas India, since late 1990s, has been efficiently working to address unsafe migration and Human Trafficking. More recently through its cross border anti-human trafficking program, promoting safe migration, and Reintegration program, Caritas India is trying to combat human trafficking and safeguard the dignity of human being.



## 2030 Agenda for SDG



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes for the first time the contribution of migration to sustainable development. It promotes the rights of the migrants. Migration is a cross-cutting issue, relevant to all of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





# I Share the journey campaign: #sharejourney

## Global Week of Action

Caritas India organised Global Week of Action under Share the Journey Campaign. Shared meal was organised with the migrants. The reach of the program was:



2280 people walked 7667 Kilometers to share the solidarity with migrants and the most vulnerable of the society



15 events conducted across the country



We reached to African migrants, Sri Lankan Refugees, domestic workers, tea estate workers



School sponsored meal to migrants, parish- mass



More than 1100 migrants participated across Indian states





# Share the journey campaign: #sharejourney

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At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person!



Share the Journey   
#sharejourney

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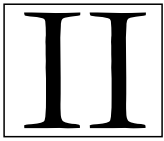


Inspired by Pope Francis' repeated calls to promote the culture of encounter, Caritas Internationalis launched the "Share the Journey" migration campaign on 27th September 2017.

Caritas India was one of the campaigns working group members representing Caritas Asia. Caritas India was actively involved in promoting the campaign in India as well as in Asia. As Caritas India is working against human trafficking and promoting safe, regular and orderly migration, this campaign was taken to create awareness and promote the rights of migrants. Different programs were organised to create awareness on migration across India.







# European Return and Reintegration Network

Caritas India initiated European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) programme in the year 2016 to assist irregular Indian migrants in European countries who voluntarily intend to return home. Through the programme, we have received returnees from UK, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, Austria and France. We provide counselling, referral, and reintegration assistance to the returnees. In 2018-2019, we have assisted 357 returnees for their reintegration support through our 22 local partners



## Awareness program for Irregular Migration “STAY SAFE, STAY LEGAL”

Campaign covered: 46 villages, 26 blocks in 13 districts of Punjab







# Anti-Human Trafficking Programs

## Swaraksha

(Indo Nepal Cross Border Anti-Human Trafficking program , Uttar Pradesh & Nepalganj)

## North East Anti Human Trafficking Program

Assam and Arunachal Pradesh



Prevention

### FOCUS

Protection

Partnership

141

person rescued

69

persons repatriated

72

persons rehabilitated

132

Villages Covered

129649

Total Reach

10

Partners

Capacity Building:

- 400 Sahastra Seema Bal (SSB) and police along with 300 Auto Drivers were sensitised and trained.
- Interception Booths were setup at Sonauli, Tutibadi & Roopaidiha



# IV

Caritas India has been engaged with her partners to prevent child labour nationally and specially with focused program in West Bengal. It has seen remarkable achievement in terms of its engagement and dialoguing with the government. A study report on child labour released by Caritas India has been appreciated both by government and like-minded NGOs and INGOs.

Child rights program implemented by two partners covers 3 districts, 5 blocks, 68 villages, targeting 36681 beneficiaries.

## CREATING CHILD LABOUR FREE SOCIETY

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Child Labour  
Free Zones

04

Child  
Friendly  
Police  
Station

176

Children  
Rescued

53

Child  
Protection  
Committees  
Formed







## Networking & Partnership

### Christian Organisation Against Human Trafficking Network (COATNET)

COATNET is a global network of Christian organisations working to combat human trafficking and assist survivors of modern slavery. The network is comprised of over 45 Christian organisations, who are fighting against human trafficking. This network is co-ordinated by Caritas Internationalis, with Christian (Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox) members from 39 countries that co-operate with each and with other faith based and civil society organisations worldwide.

Caritas India is a member of COATNET and represents Asia in the steering group.



### Strengthening All India Network to End Human Trafficking (AINEHT)

AINEHT is a national social network, created for collaboration among local civil society organisations and actors for the protection of persons from abuse, sexual exploitation, forced labour and all kinds of violence. There are 14 organisations who represent the network. Meeting and workshops are organised by the members to create awareness and build the capacity of their members.



### Campaign Against Child Labour in West Bengal

Caritas India has joined the Campaign Against Child Labour in West Bengal to enable a strong civil society mobilisation for a state free from child labour. The network comprises several NGOs and INGOs that have been engaged on child rights issues in the state with national and international presence.







We are grateful to Caritas Germany, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF), Kindermissionwerk, European Union and United Kingdom for their continuous support to end modern day slavery. We acknowledge and appreciate our partner organisations who collaborate with Caritas India in this noble cause working tirelessly to create a just society.

Join us in the fight against modern slavery.



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