For every child
Health, Education, Equality, Protection
ADVANCE HUMANITY
CONTEXT

• 17 Districts in AP - Source, Transit or Destination points for trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation
• These 3 districts have 151 vulnerable villages across 20 blocks.
• Drought Prone, migration prone areas.
• Marginalized populations (Tribal, Muslim, Scheduled Caste).
• Gender aspects status of girls. Low female literacy, dowry
• Lack of livelihood options.
CONTEXT

• Trafficking of minors for CSE very high.
• Increasing numbers of trafficked women and young people test positive.
• Lack of support services for these persons.
• Trafficking rampant across vulnerable communities spread across three districts with overlapping impact.
THE INTERVENTION

• Prevention with a focus on community mobilization.
• Creation of community vigilante groups (CVG) and adolescent girls groups (Balika Sanghas).
• School campaigns /CPC committees in schools
• State Government order on formation of district committees and inclusion of police and public prosecutors as members. Active role of police.
THE INTERVENTION

• Capacity building of key community stakeholders, street theatre, school campaigns,

• Enforcement and capacity building of functionaries including police and judicial officers.

• Linkages to key development schemes and rehabilitation measures

• Linkages with other interventions in the areas.
KEY ACTORS

- District Collectors and teams.
- Department of Women Development and Child Welfare/UNICEF.
- Departments of Education, Rural Development and Police.
- Local Anti Trafficking Committee members, youth and women linked to the above
- Young people /Girls Collectives
I SENSITIZATION

Child Rights
Gender Issues
Trafficking, CSE
HIV
Community Response

II CAPACITY BUILDING

Monitoring and Surveillance
Reporting
Effective prosecution and filing of cases
Assertiveness and Life skills
Livelihoods

III ACTION

Effective Monitoring and Surveillance
Increased reporting of potential trafficking cases to CVGs
Increased reportage to Police
Increased registration of cases by police and prosecution
Increased access to loans and other benefits
VISIBLE OUTCOMES

• Community vigilante groups established and active resulting in increased reporting and public discourse.

• Adolescent girls in school and out of school aware of hazards and knowledge on protection issues.

• Out of school girls in Balika Sanghas. Information on protecting themselves and key contacts given using child friendly approach through games.

• Demand areas register lower cases from these areas. (NGO feedback).

• Area based approach appreciated and expanded to cover the coastal districts.
VISIBLE OUTCOMES

• Police more cooperative.

• Integration of the pilot initiative by the district authorities.

• Better response to issues raised by victims especially in the context of rescue and rehabilitation.

• Awareness and acknowledgement of the issue in the political class.
VISIBLE OUTCOMES

• Acceptance that community based prevention approach working and viable.
• Expansion to two more districts by the Regional Network and by UNDP adopting similar approach.
• Enhanced surveillance awareness building and convergence of departments has built up confidence in communities.
• Impact of social mobilization and social norms building very important
VISIBLE OUTCOMES

• Everybody can be part of a support group – freedom fighters and all!

• Evolving into child protection network although slowly.

• Sustainability of approach Government departments deputed field staff as mandal resource teams where possible, realistic assessment of availability of human resources.
CHALLENGES

• Rapid changes in modus operandi of traffickers
  - Changing routes
  - Changing destination locations due to crackdowns in demand areas
• OVC issues increasing significantly
• Education with life skills priority for above 14.
• Convictions and enforcement can be enhanced
• Lack of knowledge and awareness on implications and potential of JJ Act
CHALLENGES

• “Routinization“ - sustaining interest and challenge
• Role and strength of media and understanding of media and its impact by young people - more efforts needed.
• Coping with the evolution of the network into a child protection network and its attendant demands
• District Child Protection plans and ICPS.
THANK YOU