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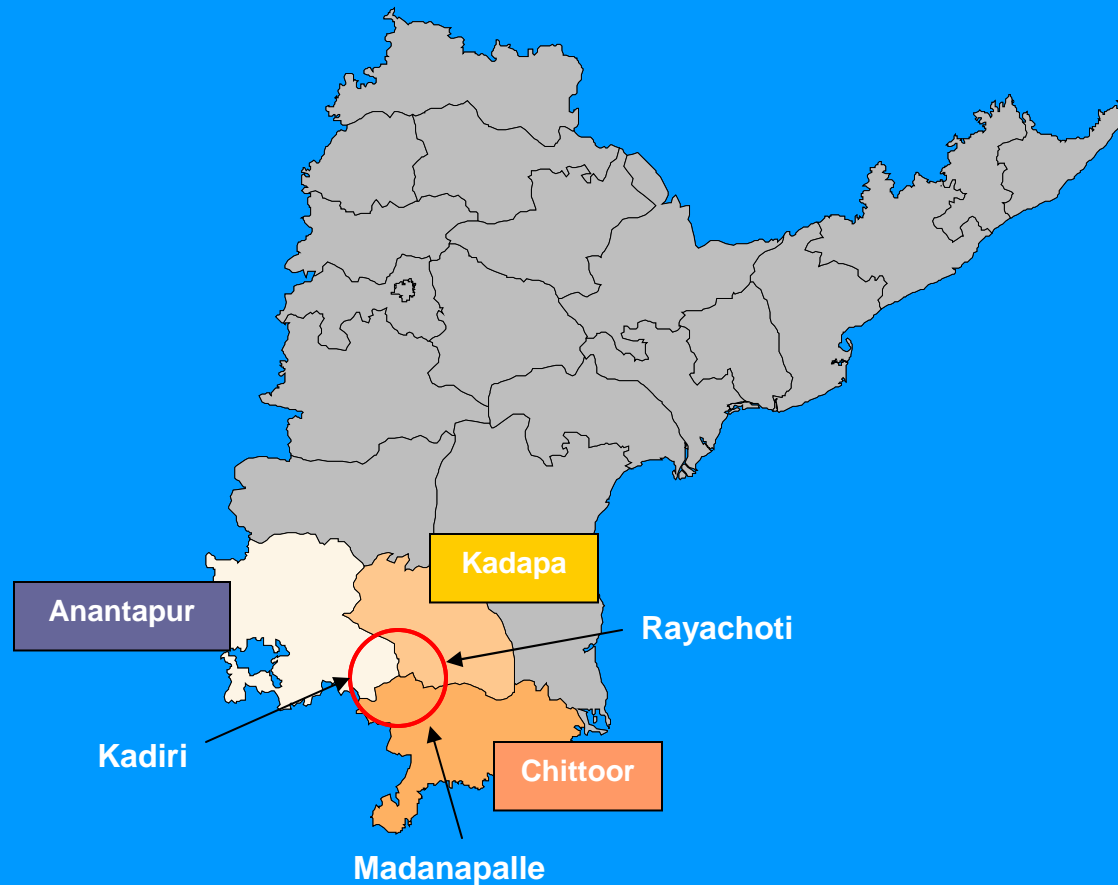
REGIONAL ANTI-TRAFFICKING NETWORK

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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.

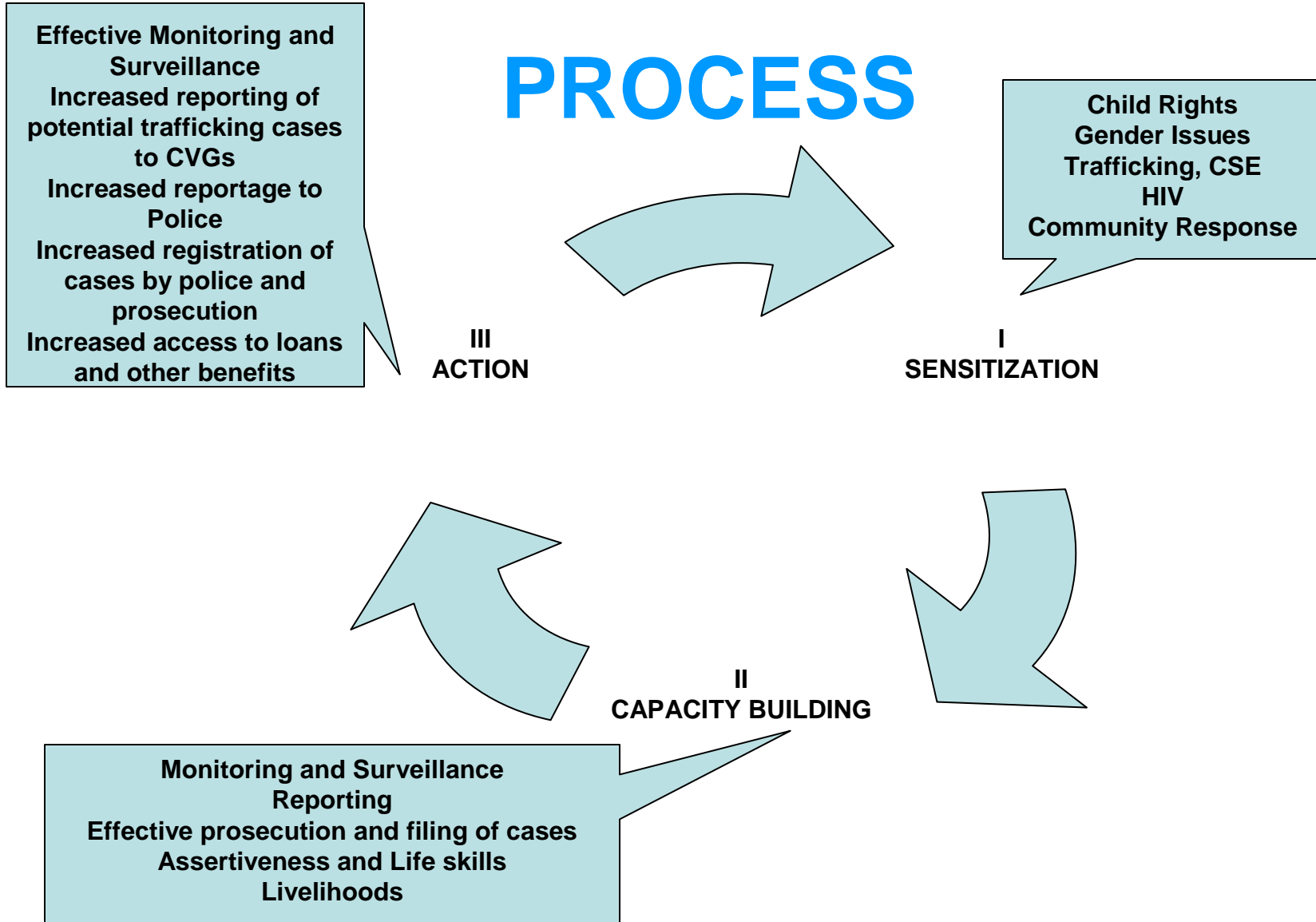
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- Capacity building of key community stakeholders, street theatre, school campaigns,
- Enforcement and capacity building of functionaries including police and judicial officers.
- Linkages to key development schemes and rehabilitation measures
- Linkages 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

PROCESS



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