

“Training Program for Journalist on Human trafficking and Child Rights Issues”

Purpose:-

To train the journalist on

- The procedure for reporting the cases of Human Trafficking, child sexual Abuse and other child rights violation issues.
- Obligation of media and photographic facilities to report the cases.
- Punishment for failure to report or record a case.
- Punishment for false complaint or false information
- Dos and DON'Ts in reporting the cases.

Broad objectives:-

- To Capacitate the journalists on reporting the cases of HT and CSA
- To spread knowledge about children in need of care and protection under POCSO and JJ Acts.
- To established a network wherein we can have access to each other when the need arises, especially in addressing this issue.
- To promote the availability of project MUKTI.

Report in Details:-

Journalists are the broadcaster and the mouthpiece of a community. They have the power to make an issue important to the public. The role of Media in combating the Human Trafficking is huge. In spite of it, the failure of reporting or wrong information may also ruin a career of a child. According to some laws like JJ Acts, POCSO Acts, there are some rules to be followed while reporting. To sensitize the journalists and capacitate them with the existing laws is a right step to combat the issues of Human Trafficking and Child Rights violation Issues.

FXB India Suraksha, Manipur (MUKTI Imphal Team) organised one day “Training Program for Journalist on Human Trafficking and Child Rights Issues” in partnership with the Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, MCPCR. The program was organised on 30th August 2016 at Manipur Press club, Imphal. There were 63 participants (2 Presidium members + 3 resource persons + 24 journalists +27 students of IGNTU + 7 FXBIS staffs) participants in the program. Mr. Saratkumar, Chairperson, Manipur commission for Protection of Child Rights (MCPCR) and Mr. Jit Ningomba, Secretary, All Manipur Working

Journalists' Union (AMWJU) graced as the presidium member of the function. In the key note speech, Mr. Khoi Dinesh, Program Officer, FXB India Suraksha North East Operation state a brief description on FXB International and FXB India Suraksha has contributed in the social development sector vis-à-vis the four main domains – Poverty and Livelihood, Improve Health status, Access to quality education, and Child rights. He explained the story of how the project MUKTI involved in Manipur. The story goes back to 2014 with an incident of rescuing 53 children from an illegal shelter home in Jaipur by FXB India Suraksha. Out of these 23 children were from Ukhrul districts of Manipur. Taking forward to combat the child trafficking and Child sexual abuse after the incident the Project MUKTI was launched with generous supports of ECPAT, Luxemburg in 2015.

In the deliberation speech, Mr. Saratkumar Sharma, Chairperson, MCPCR highlighted the scenario of Human trafficking in Manipur. He said that every year many children from the state of Manipur and other north East states of India go missing as per finding of Central Government. He also stated that nearly 4000 cases of missing persons are reported from the North East states of India. He further said that the project implementation area of MUKTI i.e. Ukhrul is one of the vulnerable district in Manipur. He said 80% of the crimes are happening on women and children and it is right time to fight the issue. The role of the media in combating the issue is big. But Journalists should take extreme caution that the victims do not face social stigma. He further asked the journalists to fully get aware the provisions of the Acts like POCSO, JJ Acts, and RTI.

Topics covered:-

During the program there were 3 sessions facilitated by 3 different resource persons. The basics of POCSO acts and JJ Acts were facilitated by Dr. Dilipkumar, Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Imphal West. He describes the guidelines and provisions of Juvenile Justice Acts 2015 and Prevention of Child Sexual Offences Acts 2012. The second sessions which was held on norms and ethics of media on reporting the child rights issue, was facilitated by Mr. Ch. Momon Singh, Member, Manipur State Legal Services Authority, Manipur. During the session he describes how to report offences, obligation of media, punishment for failure to report or record a case, punishment for false information and prohibition on disclosure of identity of children. The Imphal correspondent of "Times of India" Mr. K. Sarojkumar gave his deliberation on the Role and Responsibilities of media in combating Human Trafficking and Child Rights Violation Issues.

Media & Communication:-

The coverage of the program was made in 7 print Medias – The People's Chronicle, Imphal Free Press, Naharolgi Thoudang, Poknapham, Ichel Express, Hueiyen Lanpao, Sangai Express. The program was also made coverage in 3 electronic medias- DDK Imphal, Impact TV and IS TV.

The link of the coverage by the “Imphal Free press” is given below

<http://ifp.co.in/page/items/34110/training-for-journos-on-human-trafficking-and-child-rights>

Challenges:-

- The students from “Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, IGNTU” had requested us for attending the training program. Since we have the limited budget, it was a big challenge to arrange refreshment for them.
- Due to the agitation on same day, few journalists could not attend the program for whole day since they had to collect information about the agitation.

Outcome:-

FXB India Suraksha has able to develop a valuable partnership with Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights through Project MUKTI. This partnership mission has extended to cover more relevant institution like media houses, the High Court, Manipur State Legal Services Authority, and All Manipur Working Journalists’ Union. Through the program we are able to promote Project MUKTI and throw open the doors of convergence, care and supports, intervention, rehabilitation and other integrated major activities in it. Through the program the participants specially the journalists were capacitated on reporting the cases of Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse.