Preventing Child Harm: Our Story

2000
- Aangan Registered
- with a vision to work for vulnerable children

THE MODEL
- Care, protection, and prevention of harm for child survivors of trafficking, child labour, child marriage, abuse and exploitation

2002-05
- Work
  - Psychosocial, trauma and rehabilitation work
  - With child survivors of harm
  - In government shelter homes
- Why
  - Facilitate healing and recovery
  - Prevent further harm

2006-08
- Work
  - Published action study 'Changing Spaces'
  - Appointed by Maharashtra DWCD to monitor 100 rescue homes
- Why
  - Survivor children's protection needs are recognized and responded to by the state in a systematic way

2009-13
- Work
  - Developed first monitoring and capacity building tool
  - Appointed by Departments of WCD in 16 states to introduce the Tool
  - Trained 7500 frontline officials in 650 homes serving 1,50,000 children
- Why
  - Demonstrating scalable methodology for state provision of safety, care and treatment
  - Systematizing recovery and prevention of recurrence of harm

2010-13
- Work
  - Follow up with child survivors who returned to their families in hotspots
  - Launched community safety and empowerment programs Shakti for girls
  - Chauraha for boys
  - Safeguarding children by family strengthening government linkage
- Why
  - Understand what triggers child harm in a hotspot
  - Prevent child harm by recognizing risks
  - Build community capacity to protect and respond

2013-17
- Work
  - Program PACT launched to mobilize community action on child harm
  - Leveraging the power of community knowledge
  - Building links for vulnerable communities to access government protection
- Why
  - Develop community-based mechanism for child harm prevention
  - Demonstrate the 'how-to' for joint action between local government and communities to protect children
  - Turn hotspots into safe spots for children

2017-19
- Work
  - Ensure state government adoption of the hotspot-to-safespot strategy
  - Target 2-3 high risk districts in six states
  - Build formal (state) and informal (community) local capacity
- Why
  - Entrench, strengthen and humanize an accountable child protection system focused on harm prevention
  - Recognize urgency in hotspot districts

SCALING UP: Government adoption and implementation of the community-based child harm prevention strategy for HOTSPOT districts