



# aarambh India

## Safeguarding Children From Sexual Offences

An Initiative of Prerana & ADM Capital Foundation

## The Background

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The statistics on sex offences against children in India are grim. A 2007 report on Child Abuse by the Department of Women & Child Welfare purports that 53% of children have suffered some form of sexual assault.

The true scope of this challenge is understood to be even larger but remains vague in the absence of updated statistics and figures. There is little clarity among citizens on how to prevent sexual offences against children & how to implement the law and deal with the legal procedures. This is set against a deeply embedded culture of silence and taboo around talking about sexual offences against children as well as a rising graph of crimes.

In India, there are only a few individuals and non-governmental organizations working on the issue of sexual offences against children. Most focus on preventive aspects.

There is a need to strengthen child protection services especially for underprivileged communities, support victims and families through rehabilitation, facilitate network building and promote a culture of collaboration around this issue. In light of the new law on Child Sex Abuse, POCSO, there is a need to work closely with Government to support best practice in implementing the law.

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# What We Do

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The Aarambh India Initiative fulfills creates a centralized platform that partners with and demonstrates innovative programs on child protection, especially for the underprivileged, creates and shares knowledge with individuals and groups across India, and connects experts to various stakeholders to take the movement on sexual offences against children to the tipping point.

Aarambh India is a joint initiative that brings together over 30 years of on-ground child protection work of Mumbai-based NGO, [Prerana](#), and the international 'Break the Silence' campaign of Hong Kong-based [ADM Capital Foundation](#).

In 2014, we launched <http://www.aarambhindia.org> which is India's first online resource portal on child sexual abuse and exploitation. This also hosts the first Internet hotline in India for reporting online child sexual abuse material. The portal is a resource that has been created for the use by all, with contributions from more than 40 national and international organisations.

Across the country, Aarambh India trains stakeholders in 6 specialized modules on child protection. We also conduct research and engage in education relative to the issue.

In collaboration with UNICEF, we directly work with the WCD departments in Maharashtra in supporting victims of sexual offences who come to the Child Welfare Committees.

At Aarambh India, we move away from a fear-based approach to the issue of sexual abuse of children. We conceptualize the issue of child protection as a collective responsibility.

Our Vision is a country where children are protected from sexual offences, victims are rehabilitated and offenders are brought to justice by the State.

**For more information on our work please**

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