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EVERY CHILD MATTERS: LETS TRAIN THEM TO BE SAFE

“DON'T WORRY THAT CHILDREN NEVER LISTEN TO YOU, WORRY THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS WATCHING YOU.”

- Robert Fulghum

»»» FROM VISION TO REALITY

Do you know that your behavior is what your child or children around you are going to adopt?

In May, one of the summer camp teachers faced challenges with a 4-year-old child. This child was not listening to others and was touching children and adults inappropriately. The summer camp facilitator, staff, and parents were clueless, as the child was not responsive.

To address this, they invited Mukhlasi for intervention. After conversing with the parents and staff, we realized that the child imitates what they observe from their elders. For instance, during a conversation with the child's parents in an office room, the child entered and didn't want to leave. His father immediately told him to go out, saying they were speaking. The child responded by looking at his father with wide eyes and anger. The father then shared that he treats the child the same way when the child misbehaves. Is anger a solution? The father understood that the child would replicate the same behavior they exhibit. He decided to model friendly behavior and engage in regular conversations with the child, creating a mechanism for the child to understand what is inappropriate and what can make others feel unsafe.

➤➤ GUEST CATALYST AT KANTHARI

Founder, Sara, is currently a guest catalyst at kanthari (The Place for Impact Leadership) for 2+ months, supporting this year's cohort of 24 participants from 12 countries: Angola, Bolivia, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, India, Kenya, Malawi, Nepal, Indonesia, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. These participants are working on diverse issues such as women's rights, children's welfare and protection, challenges faced by tribal communities, local artisans' rights, youth empowerment, opportunities for people with disabilities, support for migrant workers, mental health, animal rescue, natural farming, sustainable waste management, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding.

➤➤ SOLANGE RISING STAR

One of the current participants in kanthari, Solange Ndip, is from Cameroon and she is an advocate against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), especially rape. When she was 13 years old, she was raped by a 21-year-old man. Later, at the age of 15, while traveling from the city to her village, another man, aged 28, forcefully raped her, resulting in her getting pregnant. Unfortunately, she couldn't share this traumatic experience with her parents because she didn't recognize it as rape and didn't know how to inform anyone. Her parents only got to know when the pregnancy showed, her father was willing to support her and pursued legal action against the perpetrator. But her extended family and village elders suppressed the issue due to concerns about family's reputation and the financial burden of the child. As the elders decision, she was forced to live with the perpetrator for two years. That 2 years were like hell, where the man raped her without her willingness. Along with her 1 year old daughter, she decided to get out of this situation. Her father supported that decision.

Since 2022, Solange has been running her initiative called "Solange Rising Star" (SRS) in Cameroon. Aimed at advocating against any form of Gender Based Violence.

She addresses children and youngsters between the ages of 5-21 years creating awareness about GBV using music, movies, comedy, and any form of art as tools.

Additionally, using the stories of rape-survivors between the ages of 18-40, Solange fights against sexual assault and rape globally.



Left: Ravi Sreedharan (ISDM Founder), Sara Tandel, Gaurav Shah (ISDM Founder)



Solange Ndip



➤➤➤ COLLABORATION FOR IMPACT

Exhibition of Opportunity (EEO) is a weekly group where diverse professionals support each other's initiatives. Our founder joined EEO and presents Mukhlasi's work every other month, leveraging expertise from financial planners, web designers, and sales experts. This collaboration has reached 14 individuals, aiming for a larger impact. Similarly, My English Club, founded in November 2020 by Jignesh Vataliya from Surat, empowers people to express themselves fearlessly in English. Recently, we presented our work to over 80 adults from the 12th batch, comprising participants from Mumbai, Rajkot, Surat, Baroda, and more, including professionals, doctors, housewives, and students.

➤➤➤ OUR UPCOMING PROJECT

Till March 2025, we are targeting to implement our project with 800 to 2000 children and their caregivers. We will be working through workshops with children and their caregivers.

We are addressing 2 major problems in the prevention of Child Sexual Abuse: first, children don't know about it, and second. parents and caregivers don't speak about it with their children.

JOIN US TO CREATE A SAFER FUTURE

We invite you to join our journey, where we empower children to be assertive and equip them with the necessary tools to ensure their safety.

You can join us by:

1. Becoming a volunteer/intern: Share your skills, knowledge, and time.
2. Becoming a mentor: Lend your expertise to help develop our programs.

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YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

With your generous donation, you support the training of children and their caregivers and enable them to venture into the safe future. Your donation has an impact over many years and reaches people in need in India.

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