



RED-LIGHT AREA MAPPING:  
**FALKLAND ROAD**

2021

## About Prerana

Prerana is a civil society organization that started working in the Red-Light Areas (RLA) of Mumbai in 1986 first with a view to eliminate inter-generational trafficking i.e. trafficking of the children of the sex trafficked prostituted women into the sex trade, its allied activities or exploitative labor. To achieve this, Prerana evolved several path-breaking interventions, piloted them, evolved a success story out of each intervention, and disseminated them widely to facilitate their mainstreaming. Prerana expanded the scope of its intervention to address the issues of the prostituted women of the RLAs specially to fight violence against them and to protect their legal and human rights.

## About Falkland Road

The Falkland Rd. RLA is situated on a single street comprising of narrow and short by-lanes. The main road (named P.B.Marg) is lined with buildings that constitute of brothels. Much like the Kamathipura RLA, the Falkland Rd. RLA, one comes across old and extremely dilapidated infrastructure and superstructures. The electrification and water supply systems are deteriorated and frequently cause mishaps. The walls are covered in red-colored stains of the sputum thrown after chewing betel nut paan which is a common habit among the residents and visitors while the lanes are dotted with garbage

The brothel buildings are juxtaposed in line with each brothel housing on an average of 15 women in a compact space of approximately 12'x7' or 80 Sq. Ft area. Each brothel has an average of two to four 4'x6' beds. These beds are what the women use as their space for *dhandha* (attending to their customers) as they call it, and their home for both them and their children. The beds are separated by just a thin tattered sheet of linen.

The streets are lined with a variety of commercial establishments like restaurants, tea stalls, paan/bidi stalls, clinics run by private doctors or quacks (unlicensed medical practitioners), and theaters screening B-grade films.

## Services in the Red Light Areas

### Night Care Centers (NCC)

The Night Care Center program was initiated as a response to an expressed need for the safety and well-being of the children of the prostituted women. The NCC is a safe shelter, located in the red-light area where children are taken care of so that they are away from the red-light areas during the dangerous night hours when their mothers are soliciting. The NCC provides services such as – protected shelter, wholesome nutrition, health check-ups and referrals, mental health support, education support, safe play options, safe sanitation options, along with opportunities for skills development, awareness sessions, and an overall platform for holistic personality development and growth.

The NCCs have a comprehensive nutrition and health component that adopts a holistic and comprehensive approach to service delivery. Carefully planned nutritious meals are served to children four times a day (six times during Prerana's Day to Day Summer Camp). The health and medical services have a systematic process that includes a complete general health check-up, periodic follow-ups, and end-to-end support for the management of specific medical conditions.

Apart from this, our NCC teams also work to enable access to social security documents like Aadhar cards and ration cards, access to public distribution systems, hold meetings with the mothers on various issues and concerns related to their (including their health) and their children's wellbeing. At present, Prerana runs four NCCs, which are located in/near the red-light areas of Kamathipura (two NCCs), Falkland Road, and Vashi-Turbhe Stores.

### **Institutional Placement Programme (IPP)**

IPP was evolved in consultation with the mothers in the red-light area. Mothers who feel their children aren't safe in the brothels, and in some cases, children themselves who express their safety concerns are referred to the Child Welfare Committee and then placed into child care institutions. These mothers want to de-link their children from the traumatizing exposures of RLAs and place them in long-term residential care and protection. At present, IPP is a structured intervention that involves collaborations with the government and non-government mechanisms to ensure successful protection and rehabilitation of vulnerable and at-risk children. The IPP program is run across all the three redlight areas we work in.

### **Educational Support Programme (ESP)**

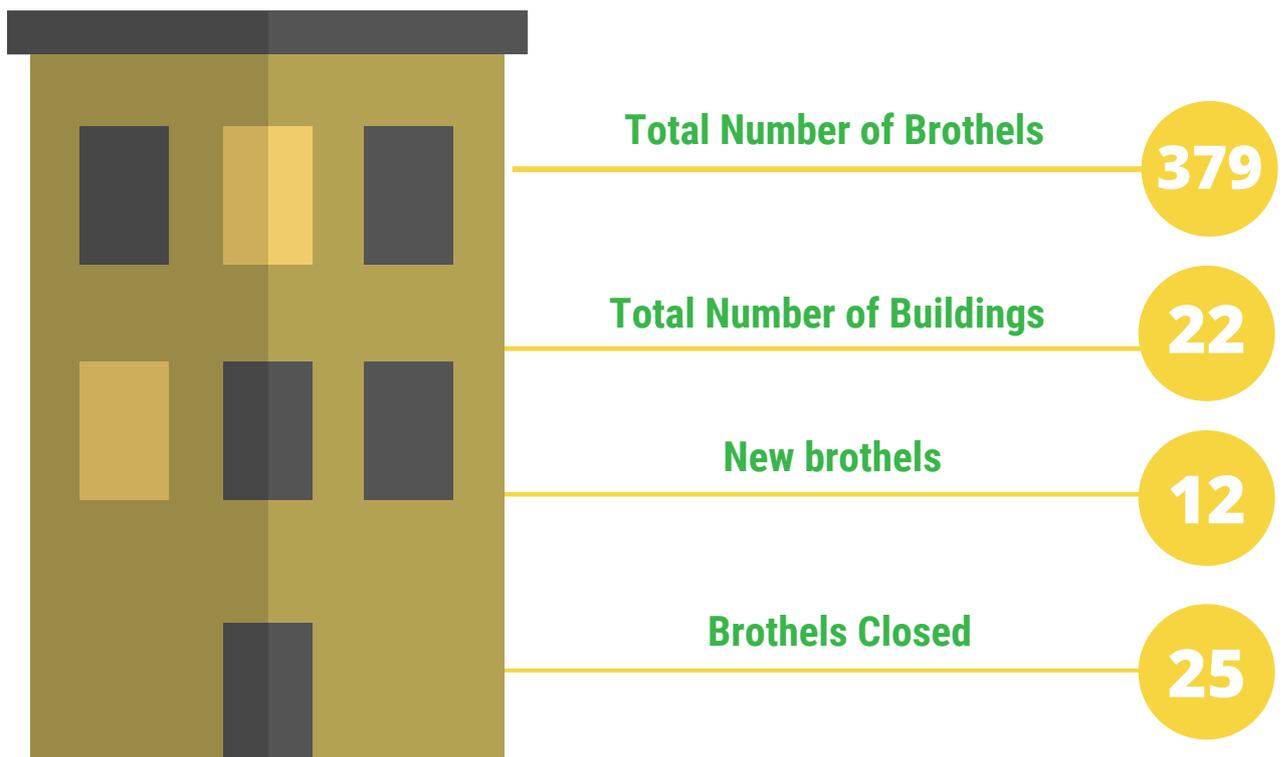
ESP is an intervention that caters to all educational needs of children in the NCCs - curricular, co-curricular, or extracurricular. The team keeps a track of the progress made by the children at their respective educational institutions by visiting their schools and colleges regularly. They also actively follow up with the mothers and keep them updated on the educational progress of their children. Besides this, the program team organizes study classes during the evening hours wherein qualified teachers provide support to school/college-going students in their studies and project work. Prerana also collaborates with other donors to provide educational scholarships for students who want to pursue advanced or professional degrees, and to those students who have to pay school/tuition/extra coaching fees. This program is deployed at all the Prerana NCCs through a dedicated team of social workers, teachers, and other resource persons.

## About Red Light Area (RLA) Mapping

Over the years, Prerana has witnessed significant changes in the RLAs. Since 2011, Prerana has been routinely mapping the RLAs of Kamathipura and Falkland Rd. Through this exercise, the team of Prerana's social workers has identified the changing structures and dynamics of the RLAs. Understanding this is crucial for planning welfare and developmental services and strategies. The annual RLA mapping is undertaken in the months of February and March in the RLAs where Prerana's NCC services are being provided.

Through this document, we hope to indicate the changes in the RLA of Falkland Road, in 2020-21.

### BROTHELS



- Prerana's Team noted that a total of 379 **brothels** are **currently functioning** in the **Kamathipura RLA** in **2021**.
- A total of 22 **buildings** were covered in the 2021 RLA mapping exercise.
- Between March 2020 and March 2021 as many as 25 **brothels closed** in the RLA. In 2021, 12 new brothels have opened in the RLA

# COMMERCIAL & OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS

## 1. Grocers, Food Stalls etc.



**Restaurants & Tea Stalls**

**26**



**Liquor Store**

**03**

**Beer Bar**

**05**



**Ration Shops**

**03**

**Grocers (Kirana)**

**04**



**Paan/Bidi Shops**

**24**

- A total of 7 new tea stalls have started. One of those is that of a woman enrolled in our economic rehabilitation program.
- 1 new liquor store has opened in the area in 2020-21
- 1 beer bar has opened after five years in 2020-21

## 2. Manufacturing Units



**Sadiwala**

89



**Metal Work (including scrap)**

72

- Over the last 10 years, there has been a definite increase in the number of manufacturing units that have opened up in the area. 13 units were opened in 2020-21
- Previously, Zariwala (zari embroidery work), bag and cap makers, and leatherwork units also existed in the area but they have since got shut or converted to sadiwala (sarees which are roll-pressed) units.

## 3. Entertainment



**Cinema Halls**

11



**Videogame Parlors**

01

- Till 2020, video parlors used to run in the RLA providing adult entertainment and were frequented mainly by men. As of 2020 all the video parlors have shut down.
- Video Game Parlors are frequented by teenagers, mainly young boys.

# SERVICES

## 1. Medical Facilities



**Medical Clinics**

**15**



**BMC Health Post**

**01**



**Pharmacies**

**07**

- 2 dental clinics have been shut in the year 2020-21.
- The services provided by the clinics include dental, skin infections treatment and general physicians.
- One new pharmacy has opened in 2020-21.

## 2. Educational Facilities



**Pvt Schools and College**

**12**



**BMC School**

**07**

### 3. Civic Services



Court

01



Police Station

01

### 5. Other Services



Library

01



Public Park

03

### 3. Non-Government Organisations



NGO

12

<b>NGO</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>Target Group</b>
<b>SAI NGO (office has shifted to Byculla)</b>	health care services to women in the sex trade and to people suffering with HIV and their children, vocational training and educational sponsorship	women, children and youth
<b>Navjeevan</b>	day care and night care shelter facility away from the red-light area, de-addiction programs, counselling services, health awareness, skill development and training	women, children and youth
<b>Sanjeevani NGO</b>	preschool education	children
<b>Apne Aap</b>	day care shelter, pre-school education, study class for girls, educational sponsorship, self-help group, grocery distribution to HIV positive women, health care services, vocational training	women, children and youth
<b>AWMH</b>	counseling and child guidance clinic, works with children with special needs	children
<b>Asha Mahila Sanstha</b>	health care services to women, work with people living with HIV/AIDS, provide medical facilities to women suffering from TB, HIV or any other disease, distribute condoms to women in RLA	women
<b>Lodha Foundation</b>	library facility, educational sponsorship and vocational training	children and youth
<b>IAPA</b>	morning study classes, educational sponsorship, vocational training, child guidance clinic	children and youth
<b>Savera NGO</b>	provide vocational training and job placement for women	women

NGO	Services	Target Group
Oasis India	health care services, educational sponsorship, day and night care shelter, study class for children, vocational training, job placement and boys group home	women, children and youth
Mumbai Smiles (only preschool exists, office has shut down)	pre school and day care for young children, psychological support, vocational training for women	women and children
Asha Darpan	health services for women, work with people living with HIV/AIDS, medical facilities to women suffering from TB and HIV and other diseases, distribute condoms to women in RLA, self-help group	women



**DISCLAIMER :**

The information shared in this document has been derived from the residents/women/persons living in the mentioned RLA and are associated with Prerana through its various interventions and work done in the area. The Prerana team has attempted to maintain a high degree of accuracy while creating this resource. The document is primarily for informational purposes only.

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