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HGS (INDIA) LIMITED

Corporate Social Responsibility

Anti-Child Trafficking – 2018-19



Executive Summary

Contribution towards NGO iPartner India's “#Every8Minutes” Anti-Child Trafficking Campaign

A true menace across the world, the social issue of child trafficking has gouged into the Indian society with high prevalence. Recent Government statistics claim one child goes missing in India every 8 minutes. Children of poor and marginalized communities are often trafficked and forced into labour. Young girls are the worst off, often forced into prostitution and begging rackets, destined for a life of child abuse and exploitation. The situation is bleak.

Strong preventive efforts are ongoing however; with several non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil bodies, and local communities working towards reducing/ ending the societal hazard of child trafficking.



One such NGO is **iPartner India**, the Indian collaborative NGO of **The Lily Foundation** based in the UK. The Lily Foundation primarily works in the thematic area of child trafficking, with focus on prevention, rescue and rehabilitation efforts, in order for survivors of human trafficking to lead free, healthy and fulfilling lives. NGO iPartner India, a change maker in its own right, also works for various social causes including health, sanitation, education, women and livelihoods, child protection and child rights, among others.

iPartner India runs an Anti-Child Trafficking Campaign called **#Every8Minutes**, that aims to stop child trafficking through strategies across the value chain; prevention, rescue and healing. Debuting at the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon (ADHM)



held on 21st October 2018, iPartner India's main objective was to create greater awareness around the horrendous issue of child trafficking. The NGO gathered a group of **70 underprivileged/ vulnerable adolescents and youth** to participate at the ADHM to help raise awareness for the cause.



As part of its CSR initiatives for the year 2018-19, HGS pledged **INR 1.00 lakh** towards iPartner India's Anti-Child Trafficking Campaign **#Every8Minutes**. The funds were used to **sponsor 43 vulnerable children and 7 HGS employees** that participated at the ADHM; the contribution covered marathon registration fees, stipend for food and beverage refreshments, and t-shirts and caps with specially printed messages on child trafficking.



Participation at the ADHM was a huge success. Songs and slogans were sung, and placards & banners with



messages on child trafficking were carried by the children, HGSI employees and other campaign supporters during the marathon. Dialogue around a societal bane; the difficult and uneasy problem of child trafficking; was promulgated by NGO volunteers, supporters and donators alike.

HGSI would like to extend a warm thanks to iPartner India for working for a great cause and helping companies/ people to come together and share a voice.

