SAKSHUM Ending Child Marriage: Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop conducted by SBC3 in collaboration with UNICEF & Women and Child Department, Maharashtra.

SAKSHUM Ending Child Marriage: Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop is aimed at developing Master trainers for cascading the Prevention, Intervention, Coordination and Monitoring strategies for prevention of child marriages with ground-level Frontline workers. The training equipped the master trainers to understand the ill effects of child marriages, rights of children, child sexual abuse, gender stereotypes, methods of prevention of child marriages, child protection laws along PCMA 2006. It has provided the knowledge and skills to master trainers for cascading the training in their respective districts.

In October, SBC3 with the support of the Women and Child Department, State of Maharashtra & UNICEF conducted 4 SAKSHUM Ending Child Marriage: Training of Trainers workshops wherein Master Trainers from Anganwadi Supervisor - Integrated Child Development Department, ANM, LHV, TNO, BNO - Health Department, Extension Officer - Panchayat Department, Extension Officer - Education Department, Protection Officer and DCPO- Women and
Child Development Department and members of CHILDLINE participated in a two-day workshop.

**District- Jalna**
**4th-5th October 2021**
**102 Master Trainers**
The workshop was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vijay Rathod (IAS), District Collector, Jalna and Hon'ble Manuj Jindal (IAS), CEO Zilla Parishad Jalna. District Collector Hon'ble Vijay Rathod encouraged the Masters trainers to cascade the training to the ground level front line workers.

**District- Jalgaon**

**13th - 14th October 2021**

**105 Master Trainers**
Hon'ble Abhijeet Raut, District Collector along with Hon'ble Dr. Pankaj Asia (IAS), Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Hon'ble Shri. Devendra Raut, Program Officer Women and Child Welfare, Vijay Singh Pardesh, District Women Child Development Officer, Mr. Yogesh Mukkawar, Child Protection Officer inaugurated the workshop.

District- Beed
21st-22nd October 2021
130 Master Trainers
The workshop was inaugurated by Hon. Radha Binod Sharma (IAS), Collector, Beed. Hon'ble Shri. Ajit Pawar (IAS), Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Beed, Hon. Dr. Abhay Vanave, Chairman, Child Welfare Committee, Beed, Hon. Mr. Kiran Wagh District Information Officer, Beed. Ma. Mr. Pradeep Kakade, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Panchayat, District Beed, Hon. Mr.
Chandrasekhar Kekan, District Program Officer, Women and Child Welfare, Zilla Parishad. Beed. Ma. Dr. Rauf Sheikh, District Health Officer, Zilla Parishad, Beed. Mr. Shrikant Kulkarni, Education Officer (Primary), Zilla Parishad, Beed. At the end of the workshop, each department made plans to eliminate child marriage according to its department and made sure to act accordingly.

District- Dhule
28th- 29th October 2021
65 Master Trainers

The training was inaugurated by Hon’ble Jalaj Sharma (IAS), District Collector, Hon’ble Trupti Dhodmise (IAS), Assistant Collector and Sub-Divisional Officer, Dr. D. U.S. Dongre, Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Praveen Kumar Patil, Superintendent of Police, Hemantrao Bhadane, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad, M. M. Bagul District Women and Child Development Officer, S. V. Chavan, District Child Protection Office.

"Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao is very important scheme to run in the District to provide protection to girl child. As per the data received from Jalgaon Women and Child Development department, during the Covid-19 Lockdown almost 69 Child marriages were stopped. We need to focus on the necessary interventions with parents and girls by different departments to prevent the child marriage. We also
need to do intervention with boys to make them understand about gender roles. We know that it has a larger impact on the children and society at a large. Gram Sevak as a CMPO has a major role to play, we should reach to them to build their capacities. This is our responsibility to reach to ground level stakeholders. This efforts should be continues. I feel from all your faces and plays performed by all of you that this is very engaging training. Collector office and Zilla Parishad will provide all the support to take this program forward and we can see the impact of the program soon. We want to make Jalgaon a District of 0 child marriage. All the best to all. 

"- Hon'ble Abjijeet Raut (IAS), District Collector, Jalgaon.

Master Trainers are in process of conducting the Cascading Training Programs with Frontline workers on Ending Child Marriages, here are some of the glimpses of it!

SAKSHUM Yuva Shakti:
A campaign consisting of Outreach, Social Media Communication and Competitions conducted by Youth groups.
To eliminate the child marriages in Maharashtra, the Women and Child Development Department, UNICEF and SBC3 had organized an online orientation program for 12 youth volunteers of Neharu Yuva Kendra, Hingoli Maharashtra on 26th Oct 2021. Ms. Sarswati Korade, Hon'ble District Child Protection officer, Mr. Ashish Pant, District Youth Coordinator, NYK, Hingoli and Ms. Meenakumari Yadav, Project Head Ending child marriage program, were present for the program. Ms. Pooja Yadav, Head of Program state, SBC3 facilitated the orientation program and provided information about the SAKSHUM Yuva Shakti- youth-led program for Ending child marriages in Maharashtra.

SBC3 with the support of the Department of Women and Child Development, Maharashtra & UNICEF inaugurated the 'SAKSHUM Yuva Shakti Abhiyan' for 75 Youth volunteers at Mahatma Basaveshwar College of Social Work, Latur on 26th October 2021.
Parbhani District has a 48% high child marriage prevalence compared to the state of Maharashtra. Therefore, the Centre for Social and Behaviour Change Communication is implementing the Ending Child Marriage Program in collaboration with UNICEF and the Women and Child Development Department of Maharashtra in consultation with the District Collector of Parbhani. As part of program implementation, we conducted online Orientation of SAKSHUM Yuva Shakti with 43 participants from Students of Social Work College of Parbhani on 30th October 2021. Hon. Kailash Tidke, District Women and Child Development Officer and Hon. Archana Meshram, District Child Protection Officer shared the challenges of elimination of child marriages and efforts made by the District Women and Child Development Department of State and by District Administration. Hon. Sarang Salavi, Principal of Aqeel Sir College of Social Work also guided students in understanding the different aspects of child marriage and at-risk groups of society like people from poor economic strata, single parent's girl child, Sex workers' girl children. During the session, students asked questions regarding campaign materials, suggested the strategies for creating awareness on child marriage, and agreed to participate in the campaign of SAKSHUM Yuva Shakti.