

# **Project Name**

Sahayata

Theme: Life In Lockdown

What if we are in a lockdown situation for more than a year?

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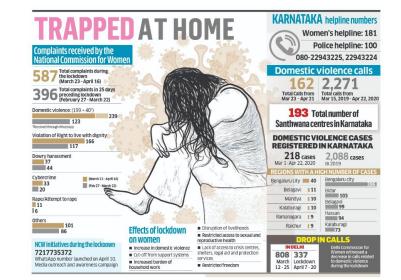
# **Sneha-Trapped in Lockdown**

A woman named Sneha working in well known MNC living in Bangalore. She is well settled and always helpful towards other people. Her husband Ayush is from wealthy family. Just like any other Indian family his family is also a believer of "Log kya kahenge". Unfortunately, it is really hard to predict the expiry date of this line. It is something that has been with them since a long time and will continue to be The Soul line. Ayush has lost his job. He is entirely dependent on Sneha now. Due to his unhealthy attitude about his partner earning more, he started feeling insecure. He thought he should be the breadwinner only. First he took advantage of Sheha's friendly nature and abused her several times and after few days, Sneha was facing physical torture of her spouse. Somehow, the woman managed to call an NGO helpline number to narrate her ordeal. Sadly due to more number of cases they couldn't proceed with her issue immediately.

## **Problem Identified**

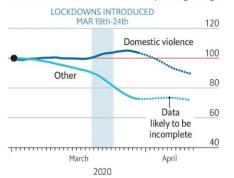
Due to increasing number of domestic violence cases, People who are seeking for help facing lack of immediate response or proper advice.

During COVID-19 lockdown, We call Home as a safe place but that isn't same for some people. Unfortunately for many women staying home is not equal to staying safe. They are trapped in their house with abusers and nowhere to go during lockdown. Data shows that there is an increase of domestic violence cases. Sadly number of cases are much higher as sometimes people are not able to reach for help. Either they don't get proper advice or they have to wait in queue to talk to someone.



#### United States, reported crimes per day

Selected cities\*, Mar 1st 2020=100, 7-day moving average

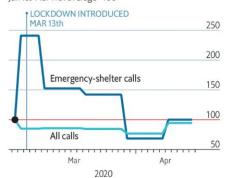


Sources: Police and municipal records; Danish National Domestic Violence Hotline (Lev Uden Vold)

The Economist

#### Denmark, calls to domestic-violence hotline

Jan 1st-Mar 11th average=100

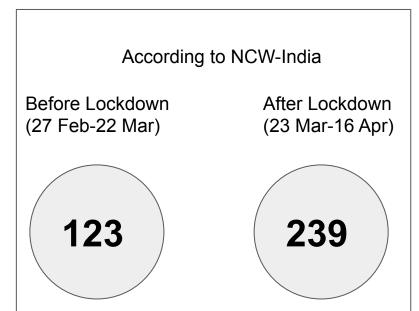


\*Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Memphis and New Orleans

### WHY IT IS AN URGENT PROBLEM?

Due to lockdown women are facing following issues:

- Many women cannot make calls because they fear being overheard by abusive partners.
- Some are stopped from leaving home due to lockdown.
- A woman managed to call a helpline to narrate her ordeal but was unwilling to call police, fearing they may also beat her up.



# **Target User Persona**



#### Sneha Shukla

"I like to help people. It makes me happy give satisfaction in life "

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

**Age:** 30

**Location:** Bangalore **Education:** Graduate

Job: MNC

Family: Lives with husband

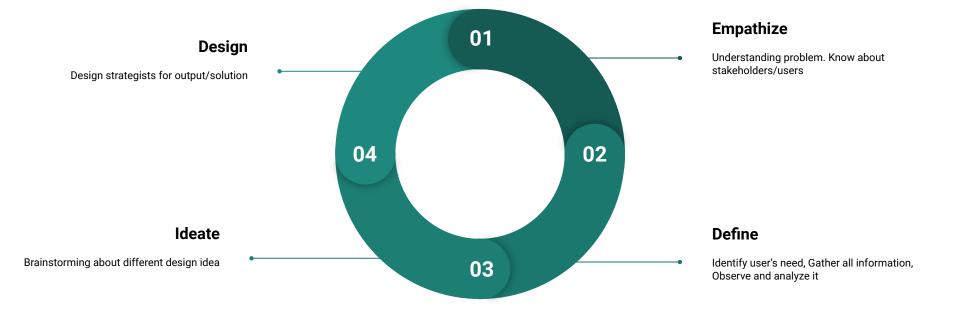
#### FRUSTRATION

- -Domestic Violence
- -Not able to get out of home

#### DAILY ROUTINE

- -Cook
- -Work
- -Socialize
- -Volunteer

# **Design Process**













## Helplines For Women Facing Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

Central Social Welfare Board - Police Helpline:

1091/1291, (011) 23317004

Jagori: (011) 26692700

Saheli: (011) 24616485 (Saturdays)

Nirmal Niketan: (011) 27859158

Nari Raksha Samiti: (011) 23973949

Joint Women's Programme:

(011) 24619821

Abhay Helpline: (+91) 9423927818

Sneha: (+91) 9833092463

Shakti Shalini: (+91) 9711053706, (+91) 9811390630, 10920

Aks Foundation:

(+91) 8793088814/15/16

Ashraya Women's Centre: (+91) 8025251929

Sakshi: (0124) 2562336/5018873

All India Women's Conference: (011) 43389101/02/03

Saarthak: (011) 23973949

Red Dot: weftinfo@gmail.com

Domestic Abuse: 181

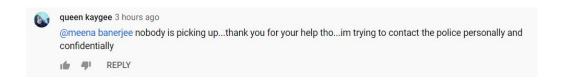
There are numerous helpline numbers. People are sharing different numbers. But the question is are they really active? If active are they able to solve issues if one needs an urgent help?

So, Firstly too many numbers make victims confused. There is a lack of information about how this helpline numbers work and where are these shelter home situated.

Sometimes victims also have to wait in queue as there are too many people calling on same numbers.



Sometimes victims don't get help which they have asked for. False advice makes their life unbearable.



NCW is a useless place, I have my personal experience they send you back to the abuser with a promise that they won't do that again. But tell me how many abusers change with a conversation. Film is superb with you maam however it will take generations to even even identify abuse. Even parents send us back to our abusers



▼ View 2 replies

#### **SOLUTIONS & IDEAS**

#### **Existing solutions**

Helpline numbers (With WhatsApp and call facility) to seek advice

#### Gap in existing solution

- Women are not able to share details on call as they share same space with spouse
- Too many helpline numbers hence not able to decide which is reliable
- They have no idea about how helpline number will help them
- Too many cases to handle hence not able to handle each case in a single day
- Not providing right advice

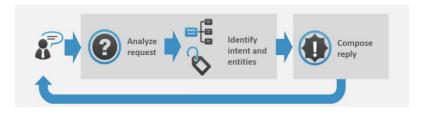
## **Proposed Solution**

The characteristic of a domestic violence victims are loneliness, fear and alienation. In order to help them out, we ought to extend a helping hand towards them. Many organizations have set up helping numbers to help the victims. There are still some gaps which makes the process slow. To fill the existing gap and make the procedure immediate and instant we have came up with a solution called **SAHAYATA**. There is an Al based chatbot. This chatbot is a communication application. This chatbot is a software that will perform automatic task. There will be an unique helpline number which can be associated with NCW(National commision for women). It is designed in a way that whenever any help seeker asks for help it will recognize words and will be able to give response according to predefined response instantly. There will be an unique helpline number which can be associated with NCW(National commision for women).

## **Solution**

To solve the problem we have decided an output as Sahayata. There is an AI chatbot. This AI based chatbot interprets and processes user's words or phrases and gives an instant pre-set answer. It uses natural language understanding (NLU) to detect what victims are saying and match it to the appropriate response. The chatbot is trained to recognize different possible phrases and words the victim could ask.

So whenever victim seeks for help through this helpline number she will be able to get response immediately. If chatbot fails to recognize any word it will ask to write similar words. If a woman writes "help", chatbot will give her predefined choices like whether she wants medical help or shelter. If she asks for shelter it will trace her location (with consent) and our proposed solution will provide shelter information near to her location. This is followed up with other related inquiries. If she is not satisfied with predefined helping options she will be able to ask for "other choices" and proposed solution will empathize with the victim until satisfied response received.



How chatbot works

## **Features**

- Immediate response
- Easy to use
- Available Offline(SMS) and Online mode(Social media apps)
- Empathizes with situation
- Collaboration and integration with various government and private company services(Uber, OLA, OYO etc.)
- Can be used by anybody

# User experience

Let's see how our proposed solution impacting Sneha's life.

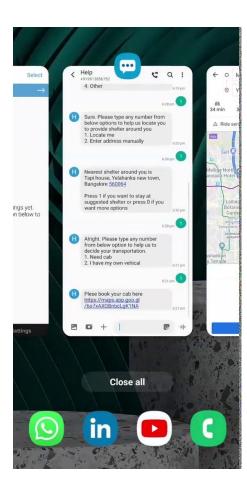


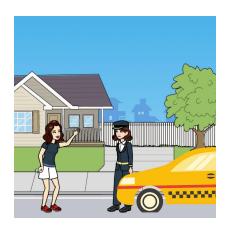
Sneha is now confused as helpline number couldn't help her



She started looking for other options and suddenly she got to know about the helpline number which can give immediate response.

## Al chatbot





Lady diver from UBER reached at Sneha's place to rescue her.



Sneha got safe shelter now. She thanked and felt safe.

## Impact of Sahayata

Due to lockdown Sneha couldn't go outside. She went through Sahayata's service. She got instant response and her problem got solved without waiting much. For safe transportation she got help from UBER and finally she safely reached to shelter home. Sneha is now happy. That's how Sahayata impacting Sneha's life by serving her quick and safe services.

# **Execution & Viability**

#### **Steps to implement Sahayata**

- Create AI chatbot
- 2. Collaborate with government to increase reach
- 3. Collaborate with government services and private companies(UBER, OLA, ZOMATO) for facilities like transportation, food for victims
- 4. Plan predefined solutions(questions and answers) for common question asked by victims















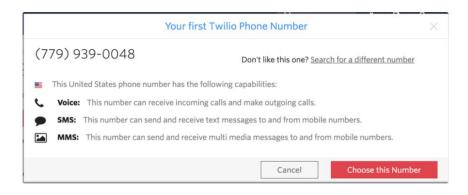
# How to implement solution or how to build Sahayata chatbot?

To build SMS chatbot using Bot framework's texting channel we need below softwares

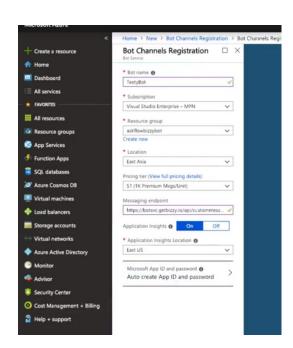
- 1. Twilio account
- Microsoft Azure account
- 3. AtBot account
- Microsoft flow

## Steps to build chatbot

- Set up twilio account (Microsoft preferred SMS channel) to connect with Azure bot framework
- Add details of the chatbot and connect with Twilio phone number

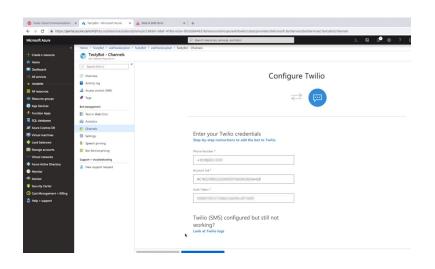


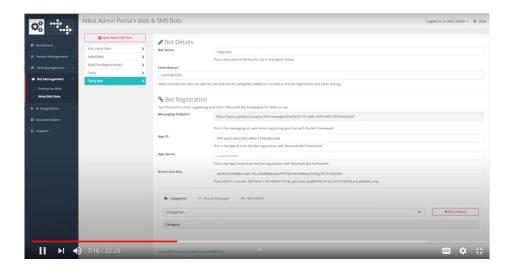
3. Create bot framework registration in Azure



## Steps to build chatbot

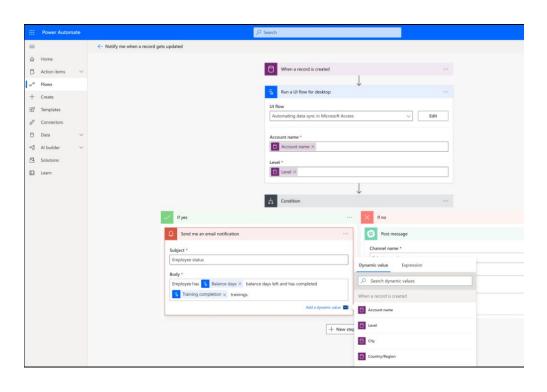
4. To talk with bot, Add direct line and Twilio channels to the bot framework registration





# Steps to build chatbot

5. Build skills/create flows for bot



## **Enhancement for effective solution**

Expand this solution with different problems and make their lifestyle better

Thank you!