

MRS. FARIDA LAMBAY
Co-Founder, Pratham
Director, Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children

Farida Lambay has 25 years of experience as an education and social activist. She co-founded Pratham in 1994 with Dr. Madhav Chavan and is responsible for the direct programs in Mumbai and Gujarat, as well as the Pratham Council for Vulnerable Children across India. In addition to her work at Pratham, she is former Vice Principal of the Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work in Mumbai.



Farida has been responsible for national level policy changes in child labour and education. She currently serves on the Government of India Committee on Child Labour & Research in Education and was recently nominated a member of the National Advisory Committee, under the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, 1986. She was also recently appointed member of the Maharashtra State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights.

In addition, Farida has initiated other projects such as Prerana (working for the rights of sex workers in Kamatipura, Mumbai), YUVA (an organisation working on various social issues taking strength from the youth) and others. She has spearheaded Disaster Relief efforts during the 1992 Bombay Riots, the Latur earthquake, Orissa cyclone, 26/11 Mumbai floods, Bihar floods, Mumbai terror attacks and the recent Uttarakhand tragedy to name a few. She has been a part of several State and National Committees including the SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), Sachar Committee, the Maharashtra State Security Council and others.

Most recently in 2013, she was awarded the Sahyadri Navratna Award by Doordarshan Kendra for excellence in her field of work. She has attended and participated in several National and International Conferences and has many publications to her credit.