



May the Spirit of
Christmas brings
you joy.

The gladness of
Christmas brings
you hope.

And the warmth of
Christmas grants
you love.

At this Christmas
Season our thoughts
turn gratefully to
those who made our
progress possible.

The Kolkata Mary
Ward Social Centre
wishes you and your
loved ones a blessed
Christmas and a
Prosperous New
Year 2019.

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KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE - LORETO



Welcome

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

KMWSC WELCOMES SR. NOELLE, THE MOTHER GENERAL FROM ROME AND THE IBVM GENERALATE TEAM



It was indeed a great Honour for Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre to have Sr Noelle , The Superior General from Rome and Sr. Judith , the consuler to Sr. Noelle with us from 9th -11 October 2018 . It was really a blessed time even as all our staffs, beneficiaries and all the Loreto Institutions could be a part of this wonderful meet. They were welcomed in our Indian tradition style with garlands and Aarti (an Indian ceremony in which lights with wicks soaked in ghee are lit up and blowing of conch to welcome the guests). Children from the Red Light areas of Sonagachi , one of KMWSCs intervention areas presented a traditional classical group dance and a song at this auspicious occasion of their visit . Soon after Sr. Monica Suchiang, Director of KMWSC and her team had brief interactions with short presentations from each of the Coordinators about their Projects. The Staffs explained about the community level programs and how it is making a difference in the lives of each child, family and Communities. On the 9th of October 2018 the team from the Anti – Human Trafficking project of KMWSC headed by Proshanto Baroi accompanied Sr. Judith and Sr. Monica Suchiang to the villages of Canning, West Bengal. They had a very warm welcome from our beneficiaries residing in those villages. Though the language was a constraint but their love and concern was felt. They interacted with the community members and discussed about their daily constraints in life and how KMWSC is making a difference in each of their homes, Sr. Judith was really touched by testimonies of the villagers and was glad that our Project is moving forward towards their goal.



Women and Child Protection

Community based Intervention initiative on Anti Human Trafficking

Diamond Harbour

Sensitization Program through Street play - Diamond Harbour



KMWSC Facilitated Street Drama on 23rd and 24th October 2018, in different villages of Diamond Harbour I block to sensitize the community regarding the impact of trafficking in the life of an adolescent girl and the vulnerability of the children leads to the risk of them being sucked into this trade. The purpose was to enhance the capacity of the individuals and communities to identify the harmful social components and protect themselves from the unsocial traps to ensure a healthy environment to survive.

Sensitisation Program through Puppet Show – Diamond Harbour



KMWSC facilitated Puppet Show in different villages of Diamond Harbour I block on 22nd October 2018 to strengthen the abilities of individuals and communities to diminish society's most intractable problems and create a safety net against anti-social elements with the fullest.

Peer Group Training Program on Anti Human Trafficking - Diamond Harbour



Every adult citizen is responsible to safeguard children and to teach them the skills to be safe. KMWSC facilitated 3 days training Programme at Diamond Harbour I block on 9th to 11th October 2018 for the adolescent girls to train them on how to keep themselves safe from unwanted situations and people at the risk of being trafficked. The Children were also taught on how to aware their friends from anti-social elements like trafficking, child marriage, child labour, etc. to ensure a safety net within the community.

Stitching Active Calcutta (SAC) , Netherlands visits Canning

It was really an honour to have with us Mrs. Joke Janson, Mr. Peter and Mr. Hans from Stitching Active Calcutta (SAC), Netherlands on 5th November 2018. We from KMWSC are grateful for their continued support over the past years in touches lives. The team with Sr. Monica Suchiang , Director of KMWSC visited the Anti Human Trafficking Project locations in Canning , West Bengal where they interacted with the community members and Women Police Officials .



British Deputy High Commission

Monitoring Visit at Diamond Harbour



Ms. Ajitha Menon, Political Economy Advisor, British Deputy High Commission Kolkata visited Diamond Harbour on 26th November 2018 to monitor the activities of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. She visited the village of Basuldanga and Dearak where we conducted a school level workshop at Panchagram Pramathanath High School and a Community Vigilance Group Meeting. The response from the students was very encouraging. They were interested to attend such kind of workshops again and again. After this fruitful workshop, the team conducted CVC meeting with the Uttar Dearak CVC members. The CVC members shared their experiences with Kolkata Mary ward Social Centre, their learning through KMWSC intervention and the area based social problems they faced. The meeting was very successful. Ms. Ajitha Menon interacted with the community members and was very pleased with the response.

Legal Advocacy Workshop conducted by the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata



British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata arranged a workshop on "Combating Gender Based Violence through Legal Sensitization and Capacity Building" in collaboration with FICCI Flo, Kolkata on 21st to 23rd November '18 at their office premises in Kolkata. The main objective of the workshop was to inculcate the NGO partners towards initiating activities headed for eliminating gender based violence in the their project implementing areas. The workshop was well designed with participatory activities along with group drama, group presentation, panel discussion with NGOs and lawyers.

Auto Awareness Program - Canning Block I

The Anti-Human Trafficking project conducted 2 days of Auto campaign on the 14th and 15th of October 2018 covering canning I Block city centre and 10 villages. The campaign is a mass communication method of spreading the awareness against Human Trafficking and Child Marriages. The Auto (a three wheeled motorized vehicle) meandered and manoeuvred through the villages. "Beware of people who can traffic your children" - rented the air through a loud speaker mounted on top of the auto. People gathered and informative leaflets were distributed. Six canning field associates conducted the programme very efficiently. As it was the festive time in Kolkata which would have gigantic crowds and have possibilities of Children being trafficked, this Auto Awareness campaign gave a clear message to the mass at large.



Children's Day Celebration – Canning Women's Police Station



Children's Day was celebrated in partnership with the Canning Women Police Station. The Program was child friendly and had a lot of fun added to it .The Program was graced by the Director of KMWSC Sr. Monica Suchiang who said " Children are not only the future of our nation but also the present ". Therefore we need to secure the present generation of children from all dangers and unwanted consequences. She commended the Canning Police both Women and General Police Station for their relentless efforts for securing the children in their areas. The Program brought the 10 Gram Panchayat areas children in close proximity with the police who were also actively participating in the events through songs , dance , poetry and games . Under the Gram Panchayats from Matla 1, Matla 2 , Dighirpar , Goplapur , Itkhola , Nikarighata , Taldi , Daria Hatpukuria and Bansra 100 Children came from these villages along with their escorts . The Police and the Children mingled freely, the canning Women Officer In Charge Smt. Munmun Chowdhury gave a short speech. She appreciated the efforts done by KMWSC. The Children said that they never had have experienced such interactions with the Police on a Children's Day ever. We are thankful to the district administration, the police, and the village community members for all their continued support for making the Children's Day Event meaningful.

Capacity Building Training on Trafficking of Persons - Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation

A Capacity building Training program was organised on Trafficking of person on 22nd September 2018 at KMWSC office. 41 participants and staffs participated in this workshop. There was active participation through method of Lecture, sharing of case histories, distribution of Information Education materials on Trafficking (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation.)



SCHOOL SENSITISATION PROGRAMME - CANNING BLOCK: I

12 Schools from 10 Gram Panchayats in Canning I block were sensitized on different child protection issues. This programme is held yearly with the collaboration of the West Bengal Woman Police. The scheme of "Saynagsidha" which is part of the West Bengal government programme is conducted by the Anti Human Trafficking Project- Canning I. The School children were sensitized on the issues of Anti Human Trafficking, Child Marriage, Rights of a Child and how to identify a potential trafficker and the Impacts. The children are aware of the number 1098 a toll free line where children can directly call and ask for help. The children are now aware of the age when they can legally get married. The children are also aware about the women police station where a Police officer is designated just for them. The children know about their rights. The children has voiced that they will be vocal about child marriage and trafficking in their community.



SCHOOLS THAT WERE REACHED

Sl No.	Name of School	Date	No of participants
1	Canning David Sasson High School	20.09.2018	105
2	Raibhangini High School	20.09.2018	115
3	G.N. Harinarayan vidyapit	25.09.2018	97
4	Itkhola Rajnarayan High School	25.09.2018	173
5	Canning Darikanath Balika Vidalaya	26.09.2018	116
6	Harihar Maha Vidalaya	27.09.2018	142
7	Ghutiari sharif Balika Vidalaya	27.09.2018	162
8	Daria JLN Vidalaya	3.10.2018	146
9	Daria MSK High School	3.10.2018	146
10	Hath pukuria school	5.10.2018	237
		Total	1639

RED LIGHT AREA PROJECT, SONAGACHI AND HIDDEN DOMESTIC CHILD LABOUR

Multi-Activity Centre



New Multi-activity centres have been started from 29th October 2018. Two centres at Ahiritola (Ward no-20) & one centre at Chingrighata (Ward no-37) under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Children attend classes at Ahiritola centres and Chingrighata centres respectively. The children love to come to the new learning centre. They enjoy every bit of their study with our experienced teachers along with frequent Life skill education, Capacity building of parents and children.



Exposure Visit at Birla Planetarium in collaboration with WBCPCR

West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights organised a sky show programme at Birla Planetarium on 16th November'18 during CRC week. Altogether 16 children participated (8 children participated from Red-light Project and 8 from Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project. This program started from 3.30pm to 4.00pm, our children were showed source of Sun, Earth and Moon. The children had a fruitful learning experience with this exposure of knowledge. They got to know a lot about our Solar System and they are thankful to the WBCPCR for organizing this exposure visit.

In Collaboration with West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights

International Girl Child Day

Tram ride programme for children



On 14th November on International Children day West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights organised a Children's Tram ride Programme which started from Shyambazar to Esplanade. 20 Children participated from Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project and Red-light Projects along with the children from other organizations. They had a wonderful fun – filled day. Our Children from Red light project performed a dance programme in cultural event at Esplanade, Kolkata

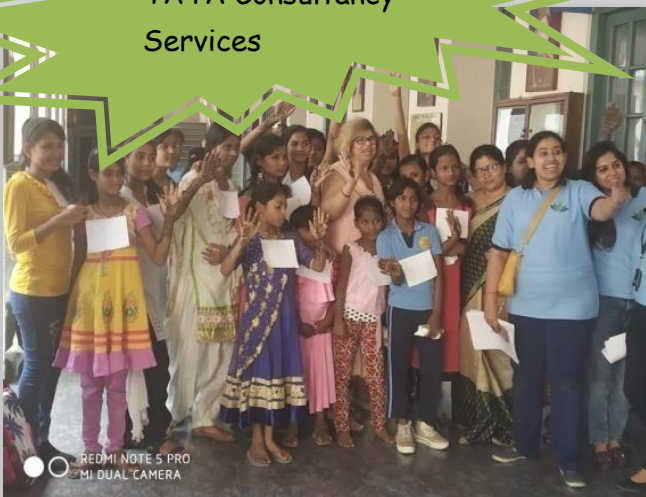


Prothsathan Kolkata Chapter 10

Hidden Child Labour Project

CSR Initiative -
TATA Consultancy
Services

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) organised PROTHSAHAN KOLKATA CHAPTER 10 at Don Bosco School, Park Circus, Kolkata. 30 Children participated from Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project. They participated in 11 activities which consisted of Rangoli, Sit & draw, Mehendi, orimi, Best waste of out, Mental Math, Sketching, Creative writing, Quiz and Outdoor game. The Children had a time of learning and fun filled games and art . We thank the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for organizing this wonderful event.



Auto Campaign - HDCL Project



The Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project organised an auto campaign on 23rd November 2018 covering Muraripukur Multi-Activity Centre areas. The campaign was a mass communication method of spreading the awareness regarding the Vocational training, like- Beautician, Tailoring, Bakery, Spoken English and Computer Training. People gathered around the auto and informative leaflets were distributed. This was a festive time and the gathering of people was the most important during this time and that enhanced the effectiveness of the campaign. 20 young aspiring individuals registered their names for enrolment on the spot. We trust that they too would be a role model in their homes and communities one day.

CSR Initiative -
GKB Optical



Eye Care Camp in Collaboration with GKB Optical

KMWSC organized an Eye Care Camp on 6th December 2018 in collaboration and partnership with GKB Optical at the Brick Field School Project in Pujali, South 24 Parganas. 75 reached out at our Intervention area of Brick Field.

Thank you
Loreto Day
School Elliot
Road, Kolkata



International Girl Child Day Celebration (Red-light & HDCL Project)

International Day of the Girl Child is observed all over the world on 11th October every year. This year this day was celebrated by Loreto Day School, Elliot Road. KMWSC Red Light Area Project and HDCL project participated for the celebration. 21 girl children from the Red light Area project and 14 girl children from the HDCL project had a fun filled time. They danced, sang, played lots of games and participated in every activity of the day. In the end of the celebration they also received gifts and they even received a certificate of participation.



Teresa Barros
from Spain visits
Red Light Area
Project.....



Ms. Teresa Barros from Spain visited the Red Light Area Project on 30th October 2018. She was mostly involved in Art and Craft, Drawing and Tutorials with the Children at our Learning Center. Teresa had a wonderful time with the children and she promised to return to meet them next year.

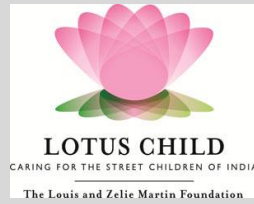


Christmas Tree
Program at
Lower Circular
Road Baptist
Chapel



It was indeed an honour for our Children from the Red Light Area Project to be a part of the Christmas Tree Program on 15th December 2018 conducted by the Lower Circular Road Baptist Chapel. It was an evening of games, songs and Christmas Carols and above all Santa Claus. These precious souls of the most vulnerable experienced the message and the true meaning of Christmas. We are thankful to Rev. Anand Peacock and the members of the church for making them feel special at this Celebration.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROJECT



Lotus Child Project



International Day of the Girl Child 2018 was observed on the 11th October 2018 across the globe and put the spotlight on enhancing skill set of girls so they enter the future workforce on equal terms as their male counterparts. This message was given to the people at large through auto campaigns and Puppet Show at Sonapota and Chaulgola on 25th and 30th October 2018.



Women's Meeting at Chaulgola



A short meeting with the women of Chaulgola was organised on 24th November 2018. The meeting began by welcoming the women and a short introduction about the activities of KMWSC was shared where we have also taken up to empower the women of this community. The women showed great interest in taking the vocational training offered to them. It's a great achievement for us that the women have become aware of the need to learn something new and be confident to explore out of their daily chores.

Children's Day with Chaulgola and Sonapota Community children



Children's day is of special importance to us as it gives an opportunity to the underprivileged children to have a quality recreational time. Such an occasion was organized at Loreto Entally Campus and the Children of Sonapota centre along with their parents got the privilege to attend the programme on 14th November 2018 to celebrate Children's Day. They had a lot of fun with dance, music and games. Though belated, the children of Chaulgola Centre celebrated Children's Day with great vigour on the 24th November 2018 with fun and frolic.



Advocacy &
Networking
meeting



The community leaders were invited at the centre on 24th November 2018 to discuss about the project activities and their cooperation in achieving the objectives of the project.. After a short introductory conversation the following issues were discussed .The mainstreaming of the children to the government schools must be taken seriously not only by us but also by the community leaders. The women are introduced to vocational training as they are very much in need of income generating means. The concern lies about the adolescents as they often get strayed away at this juncture of their life. Thus they are given life skill training. The community leaders promised to support us in mobilizing the community.The Pradhan and his members shared about the schemes with which they can help the children and the community. We received assurance from the Pradhan and the community leaders that they are committed and willing to help us for the development of Chaulgola community.

Health Camp at Sonapota and Chaulgola



Health Camps were conducted at Sonapota on 21st November 2018 and Chaulgola on 27th November 2018. Our Aim in organizing the Health Camp was to reach out to the children and community members who are unwell and need medical attention. We reached out to over 263 beneficiaries getting the care and support through these health camps



Sports Day Celebration at Chaulgola

The much awaited Sports Day was held in Chaulgola Lotus child centre on Monday 10th December 2018. The venue was decorated with streamers and balloons, with great zeal, excitement and frolicsome atmosphere. Approximately 200 children and women of the community participated in the customized and fun-filled track and field events. An impressive March Past of the adolescent boys group set the tone of the day for the rest of the event. Once the races began, the air was filled with cheering and tons of encouragement for the participants. The campus Reverberated with enthusiastic cheers from the spectators.



The Barefoot Teachers' Training Programme

Barefoot Teachers' Training Level II

Barefoot has stepped forward and started its level-II programme from 25th of October to 27th October 2018. 20 teachers participated in the training programme. 12 of them have travelled a long distance from Jharkhand and Bihar and 8 teachers had joined from Kolkata. Among the teachers 18 were female and 2 were male. In level-II emphasis was given on book based knowledge on Language development, number development and Environmental studies. Government based books of primary level are being followed for the training as book based knowledge is essential for higher classes. Child centric and activity based methodologies were used to enhance the capacity of the participants.

Feedback that has come out from the training is much enthusiastic. According to them the training was more useful and more of interactions. They have been benefitted much from the level I. They have shared an interesting aspect that sometimes if they skip a line from rhymes the students help them to recapitulate the line. Therefore they are hopeful with the level-II training. Students will gain advantages from new method and technology.



Barefoot Teachers Training - Teachers of Brickfield Project

In the third quarter Barefoot had arranged two trainings till the mid November 2018. Both the trainings were coordinated at KMWSC premises. The training followed the methodologies of playful and joyful learning based on activity. The main objective of the training is to impart formal education in an informal way to the teacher and at the same time to learn more in a short span of time. According to the module both level-1 and level -2 training are imparted respectively. The first training was organized with the teachers from St Teresa and St Francis School of Jharkhand. The teachers from Jharkhand were much satisfied with the level-1 training therefore they were much enthusiastic towards level-2. Twenty Four teachers travelled a long distance from Sahibganj district of Jharkhand. The training commenced with the 36 newly appointed teachers of Pujali, Akra, Kalyani, Bashirhat and Tarakeshwar of West Bengal. The main aim of the training was to make the teachers aware of the educational process that is being followed.

Number of Participants	Male	Female	Place Name
24	4	20	Jharkhand
36	32	4	Pujali, Akra, Bashirhat, Kalyani,



Barefoot Teachers Training at Lodha Community

The Second training for the month of November was arranged at Ganga Sagar, South 24 PGS, in Lodha centre. The training continued for four days. 43 teachers from nearby Government schools and NGOs participated in the training programme. Our Project Coordinators felicitated the training programme. Most of the participants were untrained teachers from grass root level. They joined the training programme enthusiastically and were much eager to know about the child centric methodology based on activity and based on learning. The feedback of the session was amazing; each and every candidate gave a spontaneous response to the training and was much eager to receive the level-2 training in coming months.



Brick Field School Project

Brick Field School leading Teachers' meeting cum Orientation



Brick Field Project conducted 3 days residential teachers training in the month of October 2018. The training was intended mainly for the new teachers who joined in the project as a BFS teachers for all the centres in 4 district of West Bengal. They completed the 3 days barefoot training for the 1st level. They also learned about BFS curriculum, topic files, Ensured and signed the CPP policies of the organisation. They prepared look and say card, and others TLM.



Residential Teachers Training Program

Misean Cara visits Brick Field Project

KMWSC welcomes **Nadine El Achy** and **Lara Zennetian**, Consultants from Misean Cara, Ireland. They were greeted in our Indian Traditional style and had fruitful interaction among the Staffs and Community Members of Pujali Village. Nadine and Lara had come to monitor and evaluate the progress of the Brick Field Project. They appreciated the intervention program of Brick Field Project at the field level and had a discussion for future prospects of the Project.

BFS conducted 3 days residential teachers training from 1st -3rd November 2018 , for the new teachers who joined the project as a BFS teachers for all the centres in 4 district of West Bengal. They took the 3 days barefoot training for 1st level. Also they learned about BFS curriculum, topic files and ensured and signed the Child Protection policies of the organisation.



Teachers' Training cum-orientation programme at Pujali & Akra



BFS conducted Leading teachers meeting cum orientation programme on 15th November 2018 about field survey, sharing the Leading teachers roles and responsibilities of the leading teachers, advocacy and programmes.

Teachers Training and Orientation Programme for Basirhat , Akra and Pujali (South and North 24 Pgs)



Brick Field Project conducted teachers training programme on 15th & 16th November 2018 regarding BFS updates , Survey, permission for the centre, CPP, Advocacy, BFS Health Camp and First Aid Treatment for the Centre.

Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project

Solar Light Workshop Centre at Gosaba, Sundarban



For this new session the Solar Growth Centre has been shifted to a new location nearby the community. Our Local technicians have assembled 60 solar lanterns at the centre. They have been identifying the houses in new villages those who do not have access to electricity. These assembled lanterns will be given to those families.

Samuchit
Enviro Tech ,
Pune visit

Mr Ravindra Deshmukh . Trainer and Technician on Improved Cooking Stoves (ICS) Visits Sundarban from 6th December -12th December 2018 for Project Evaluation. He met and interacted with the families who are using the Improved Cooking stoves and the trainees in the village.

Community Sensitisation on Solar Lamps

Our local technicians are sensitising families and communities on the use of Solar lanterns. The Self Help Groups are also taking an active initiation in spreading the message to each family. Our main aim is that families and communities living in deep remote areas who do not have access to electricity lead a healthy life by using the handmade solar lanterns made by our local technicians at our Solar Growth Centre with subsidiary rate in Sundarbans .



The Lodha Community Project

Lodha Community Meeting



Community meeting was held on 1st October 2018 at Lodha learning centre. There were total 38 (Male 8 female 30) participants. In the community meeting, the advantages and disadvantages of duck farming were discussed. During this season 25 families were given poultry and duck farming, 12 of them were successful in farming good ducks and they were encouraged to rotate the money for buying new duckling.

Sensitizing Lodha Community Members on Legal Documents

Two Lodhas mothers have been given Janani Surakha Card by which they will be getting the benefit for the pregnant mothers. After obtaining Janani Surakha Card they have opened the bank account for that they have received the birth certificate for their new born babies from Sagar Gramin Hospital.

Parents Meeting at Lodha Community

The parents' meeting was conducted on 29th October 2018 at Lodha Learning centre. There were total 50 (Male 2 female 48) participants. The main discussion was on distribution of clothes, Annual exams of Children in the month of November 2018 and for enrolment of Lodha Children at Patharpratima Hostel.



Joy of going to school.....



Distribution of Clothes to the Lodha Children

On the occasion of the Puja festival, 25 Lodha children were given clothes in the learning centre on 16th October 2018. Local club members also distributed clothes to the children.



Parents Meeting at Lodha Community

Parents meeting were conducted on 13th November 2018 to discuss about the Children's day and visit to Patharprotima. There were total 10 participants from Lodha Community (Male - 1 female - 9). The parents were oriented about the hostel facility for the Tribal girls.

A special day was conducted for the children of Lodha learning centre. They were divided into two groups and played group games. Lodha community children are mingling with other children. Creating and inculcating the mind set of equality in the young generation. Even Lodha children will have opportunity to grow and study together along with the children of other communities.

Children's Day Celebration at Lodha Learning Centre



As the whole nation celebrates CRC week in the second and third week of November, KMWSC dedicated a Day to the Children on 17/11/18. The day was dedicated to the children to celebrate the childhood with lots of fun, joy, laughter, games, cultural programme, reciting poems, dance, songs and drama. It was the day for children, they performed dances, jumped, sang songs. Many parents were surprised to see their children dancing and excelling in cultural programme. There were participants of 258 (Male 90 Female 168) on the day to witness the day for children.

Visit to Pachim Dwarakapur Adibasi Free Primary School at Patharprotima.

Lodha parents and children were accompanied to the boarding for tribal girls for exposure visit by local teachers of the project. The parents and children saw the hostel and interacted with the hostel care taker a tribal Lodha lady who was nice to them and explained the facilities given to the children in the hostel. Total 10 parents were accompanied by the teachers.



Lodha Community
welcomes Teresa
from Spain.....



Teresa, Volunteer from Spain was very excited to be a part of some of our Projects of KMWSC. She has been actively participating in many Programs and delighted to meet the Lodha Community. She was welcomed in their traditional way and was a part of the Children's Day Celebration at the Lodha Learning Centre.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT UNIT



Certification

The Certification was done for the Beautician & Spoken English courses. 8 students from the spoken English course & 13 students from the beautician unit had received the certificates on 5th November 2018, after the successful completion of three months training at KMWSC. An examination was conducted & then the certification was done.

Mrs. Joke Janson, Mr. Peter & Mr. Hans (members of SAC) from Netherlands, had distributed the certificates to the students & the students were equally excited and happy to receive the certificates from them. They congratulated and encouraged each & every student for a better future. In the end the students had planted trees at the KMWSC premises to mark their achievement.



Tailoring:

For the very first time, KMWSC has introduced the Logo in the bags products & has also received the **second order for i-pad bags from Spain.**

KMWSC is thankful for the work appreciated by the foreign visitors & also hope that we get more orders in future.

Building up
our
Prospects....



**ORDER
NOW!**

New Batch

The new batches for spoken **English & Beautician** unit have started from the month of November 2018.

Computer course is a new initiative in KMWSC this year, with a three months Basic Course which is conducted five days in a week. This introductory course would provide students with the opportunity to practice using computer operating systems. Introductory computer applications would train the individuals to use a wide range of computer application programs in using command keys and formatting material for ease of reading and learn to use Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint to create presentations, spreadsheets and text documents etc.



New
Batch



Christmas
Programme and
Reunion of
children.....



For the first time KMWSC organized a Christmas celebration cum reunion for the students of skill development unit for the year 2018 on 9th December. The festive spirit was witnessed among office staff & students. The students spread cheers with their smiles & lovely attire. The Santa carried bag full of goodies & distributed among the students. The director expressed her delight on seeing such enthusiasm in the students who brought the spirit of Christmas to life. Students from all the units participated in games which ended with dancing. In the end food packets were distributed to the students.



MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE STORIES

Willingness to act in fear



The 17 year old girl Prithi Nag (Name changed) from Daria Village in Canning- I rescues her friend after being trafficked . We salute Pritha Nag for saving her friend Misha's life and this extraordinary act of bravery has not been overlooked at all. Pritha Nag has been felicitated and honoured by West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) with the Birangana Award (An award achieved for uniqueness and bravery) . KMWSC feels proud and salutes her for her courage.

I Strived to Serve

Anindita Das (Name changed) aged 20yrs hails from Konnagar , her mother Rupa Das (name changed) is into full time flesh trade at Sonagachi , her father Raju Das (name changed) works as a daily labour in and around Sonagachi area . Anindita through many hurdles could complete her high school and got enrolled into vocational trainings conducted by KMWSC . Even though of the venerable surrounding she was, Anindita got involved in community programs and was an active participant and devoted most of her time teaching the children of the sex workers in our KMWSC MAC learning Centre at Sonagachi. Today she teaches over 15 children of sex workers and aspires to complete her college and become a teacher. She says that she has a call to serve the children of the sex workers and to be an instrument of change in their lives. KMWSC is looking forward to appoint her as the tutorial teacher at their Learning centre at Sonagachi.

Motivation and Dedication leads to a new height



Rahamatullah Mollah a resident of Kalikapur village, 35 km away from Lakshikantapur block of south 24 parganas has fulfilled his dream by constructing a primary school at his own village. But he proudly says it would not have been possible without the barefoot teachers training of KMWSC. After completing his Graduation his determination and will power led him to know about the Barefoot Teachers Training. It was always at the back of his mind to receive quality training to enhance his skill and acquire knowledge about child centric and activity based methodology. He availed the training and set up his goal. But the main constrain for him was the capital. He decided to sell some off his ancestral property school. But he could not afford to construct a permanent structure. He could only able to construct a mud house with asbestos roof. But his motivation has taken to a height where no constrain had ever able to stop his noble work for the children of Kalikapur village.

According to Rahamatuallah he had to campaign throughout the village and its neighbouring areas people gradually became aware of primary education and his school. And after 5 years of laying the foundation number of candidates gradually increased to 200. Now the people from far and near send their children to Children Happy Home Kalikapur to get quality education. But still he is not satisfied with his noble work. But he is ever grateful to KMWSC'S Teachers Training Programme. He often sends his teacher to get trained from KMWSC.

The Christmas
Teamwork.....



The staff at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre - Loreto at their bakery unit decided to begin the preparations for the traditional Christmas fruit cake, much ahead of others in the city. To spread the cheer and warmth of the festive season, they organised the Christmas Cake mixing in a traditional way.

NETWORKING

Sl No	Hosted By	Topic	Date
	Don Bosco Nitika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Resilience in children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12th to 13th October 2018
1	West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birangana Award Childrens Day Celebration Exposure visit of Children from Red Light area and Hidden Domestic Child Labour at Birla Planiterium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th November 2018 14th November 2018 16th November 2018
	Canning Womens Police Station Canning Police Station Sub Divisional Police Officer , Canning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childrens Day Celebration , Inauguration of Child Friendly Corner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15th November 2018
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baruipur Police District SP Diamond Harbour Police District SP Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development , Govt. WB Smt.Sanghamitra Ghosh , IAS Shree Manik Chatterjee , Chairperson , CWC Honourable Justice Nadhera Patheria (retd.) Honourable Justice Ashim Kumar Roy(retd.) District Magistrate , South 24 Pgs West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights Joy Prokash Institute of Social Change . National Institute of Juridicial Science CHILDLINE World Vision India Telegraph Caritas International NOMI Network 	Participatory Consultation on Implementing Theory to Practice – Anti Human Trafficking – South and North 24 Pgs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th December 2018
3	GKB Opticals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eye Care Camp , Pujali 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6th December 2018
4	TATA Consultancy Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prothsathan Chapter 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18th November 2018
5	Caritas India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on Child Labour in West Bengal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th December 2018
6	Presidency University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Billion Rising Campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st December 2018
7	Mr Suresh Kumar, IAS , Principal Secretary and joint secretary, Department of Labour , Government of West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy – Brick Field Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th December 2018

ADVOCACY

Convergence Meet 2018 - Anti Human Trafficking Project



The convergence meet was organized by KMWSC to bring each and every participation from the stake holders together to understand, know and assess the anti human trafficking Initiative together and reach to ideas for future endeavours and activities. The convergence was successful as participation from the District Administration, Law enforcement agencies (Police), the Panchayat heads were present, and above all the community participated enthusiastically where the Community vigilance committee and the Adolescent Girls group from the villages, altogether 32 were present for the programme. The women Police Officer In charge of Canning I shared her experiences and explained the evils of trafficking and stated that her record shows there was a fall in the registration of cases for trafficking in comparison to 2016-2017. Ms. Sudheshna Roy member of WBCPCR gave the key note address and emphasised on the transformative minds of girls what will bring them liberation. Girls are strong and they need not submit to anyone. They should be strong and strengthen others in the community.

Inauguration of
Child Friendly
Corner.....



The Child Friendly space of Loreto- Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre was inaugurated at the Canning Women's Police station on 15th November 2018. The Police Station has designated a place for the Child Friendly corner and the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has taken up the responsibility to set it up and give it to the Women Police Station. However KMWSC will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance for it to look child friendly. KMWSC always upholds the cause of the children and their rights. The Children must be protected and prevented from abuse and trafficking. The Child Friendly corner gives them the right to express, explore and come and find a friendly atmosphere. KMWSC Director Sister Monica Suchaia graced the occasion with a prayer for blessings with Officer In- Charge Smt. Munmun Chowdhury and Police officials. Loreto has been in the field of education for 175 years where children had been empowered through education. KMWSC is the social wing of Loreto that is actively involved in empowering the vulnerable children.

Sensitization for Vehicles Union – Anti Human Trafficking Project

The vehicles union of canning comprising of auto drivers and Toto drivers sat through the 3 hours sensitization programme on 27th November 2018 on Anti human trafficking .Canning is a major gate way point where the three modes of travel is readily available mainly train, road and water ways and it plays a junction in the source area . One of the major transportation of public is through the Auto. Common people use this and the traffickers use this everyday vehicle to traffic girls in the guise of being parents, guardians or well wishers. Sensitising them would help them to identify any potential victims.

Participatory Consultation Meet – Anti Human Trafficking Project



The Consultation focused on "How to bring theory to practice" through specific intervention strategies to combat against trafficking at the community level. Former justice Nadera Patheriaya gave the key note address after the Director of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre Monica Suchiang welcome the participants. Sr. Monica said, "Our strategies have to be refined and redefined contextually and in time to challenge the perpetrators of the evil act of Trafficking." The participants comprised of notable NGOs such as Caritas , World Vision of India, Justice Venture International and others. Justice Nadera Patheriaya said "Sensitization, irradicate poverty and effective implementation of POCSO", will minimize trafficking. Dr. Joydev Majumder, Director of Joy Prokash Institute of Social Change and Mr. Mahesh Menon of National Institute of Juridical Science stressed on balance between theory and practice can be achieved through advocacy and strengthening of Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC). The participants actively joined in the discussions of the five key points and their pertaining issues.



Christmas is a time of Love, a time of reunion, a time of togetherness remembers the Son of God coming into this world to spread the message of Love among all mankind. KMWSC has always believed in sharing the uniqueness of the message of Christ at every aspect through the work among the most vulnerable and precious souls in the marginalized communities. Christmas Programs filled with games, dance, Carols, Gifts and Cakes to each and every individual made every moment special to every child, Youths, Teachers and Community field workers at KMWSC. Bringing together, coming together gives the spirit of team building, knowing each other and sharing binds as family. This year too KMWSC organized Christmas get together for children, for field staff. A moment of joy, a moment of cheerfulness, a moment of togetherness was seen and felt in the smiles of the field staff as they participated in the Christmas gathering.

Christmas Baking in full swing at the KMWSC Bakery



Friends of KMWSC



Friends of Mary Ward organises a Christmas Program for the Children of the Red Light Area Project. 30 Children from the area of Sonagachi were invited at the Loreto School, Entally, Kolkata . It was an evening of Christmas Carols, games, gifts and above all spreading the love and the message of Christmas to these vulnerable Children. We are grateful to our Friends and well wishers for all the efforts in bringing in smiles to these valuable souls.

Capacity Building of Children's Group



Life Skills Education Program conducted on 17th December 2018. Children from Sonapota and Chaulgola had attended the program. The main methodology was through Games, Group Discussion and Short documentaries which made the learning more meaningful by our Life Skill facilitator Mrs. Arani Chakraborty .

Life Skills Education Programme



It's always of joy to
have our visitors from
India and Overseas

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Thanks...



We as a team from KMWSC thank Mrs. Joke, Mr. Peter and Mr. Hans from SAC, Netherlands for their visit to Kolkata, India. We trust that their continued support would change the lives of many.



Teresa Barros from Spain has been having a wonderful time visiting the projects of KMWSC. She has been so touched with the lives of the children and communities and she says that this is a lifetime experience for her. "I had the opportunity of visiting some of the projects of KMWSC and the experience was extraordinary. I encountered lots of great people working together, helping and encouraging others to be better. I have good memories and I feel honoured that I could come and be a part of these beautiful Projects. I would definitely love to return.

A Big
Thanks

KMWSC is grateful and thankful to Loreto School Bowbazar for your concern and sending the blankets and refreshments to our beneficiaries. Thank you St. Mary's School Dumdum for sending us sanitary napkins to our adolescents girls of different projects areas.



One Billion Rising Program is the biggest mass action to eliminate violence against women in Human history. This year the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre will be addressing "**Violence against Women and Girls equals**" we would be spreading the awareness on Sexual slavery and trafficking, Child Marriage and Sexual harassment. Please come and join us for this Global Movement. Kindly do visit our official Face book site for the upcoming Event. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/Kolkata-Mary-Ward-Social-Centre-Loreto>

Thank You!