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President's Message



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Message from the President of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre:



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre is just not another agency working for those who suffer in our Society. What makes it a special organization is that it is one who has associates and collaborators with a heart, spirit and drive.

I wish to congratulate Sr. Monica Suchiang, the Director/ Secretary of the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre and her team of committed collaborators for their dedication to the cause particularly, of vulnerable women and children - a cause that Venerable Mary Ward, the founder of the Loreto Congregation held so dear to her heart that even way back in the 16th century, she and her companions made a difference to the lives of

countless women and children.

The pages that follow are testimony to the extent and depth of the outreach from Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre.

May God continue to bless the efforts of all those associated with such noble work and may many receive hope and a quality of life that enables them to live with dignity.

God Bless.

Anita M. Braganza

Sr. Anita Maria Braganza

President of KMWSC.

Director's Message

On behalf of the Governing Body, and the staff of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, it is my proud privilege and pleasure to present our 1st Annual Report for the year 2014-2015. You will remember that Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre was registered in June 2014, so this year we celebrate our 1st birthday.

As Director of KMWSC, I feel two emotions as I write this Annual Report. I feel blessed because of the dedication of the staff, serving a truly deserving community and the overwhelming support we receive from our benefactors. Together, we are attaining synergy and success. On the other hand, I am humbled by the confidence you have entrusted us with, to carry forward Mary Wards legacy of justice, sincerity and freedom to the most marginalized and oppressed.

Over the past year, the Board, staff and stakeholders repeatedly met to discuss and deliberate the myriad challenges confronting us, identifying strategic directions and developing a work plan to effectively address them. The staff took the lead and began work on the road map which includes reviewing and strengthening our welfare programs and services. Some of our most important goals were to reenergize the Centre's efforts in monitoring, evaluation, accountability, communication, documentation and advocacy.

We invite you to read this report, highlighting our services, activities and milestones that marked the last year. A sincere thank you to all our beneficiaries, associates, volunteers, partners and benefactors, without whose support, none of this would have been possible. With your continued involvement and support we look forward to another rewarding, hope filled year.

M. Muchiang



Our Profile

KMWSC started in Loreto Sealdah, Kolkata and was established as a new social centre in 2012 and registered in June 2014. The projects are located in and around Kolkata, as well as in neighbouring villages of West Bengal, states in the North East, Odisha, Bihar and Jharkhand. Initiated by Sr. Cyril Mooney, it was carried forward by Sr. Flora Anthony former Director, and is now being administered by its current Director, Sr. Monica Suchiang and her team.

KMWSC is governed by its Constitution and has been registered under the Registrar of Societies, under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961, June 2014. Management is under the Director, staff and volunteers. Members include teachers, social workers from India and abroad, students, activists, media persons and others.

The 1st decade of the 21st Century has been witness to continuing marginalization of large groups of people, rendered invisible and inconsequential by the power of the state, capital and other social forces. There is an entrenchment of older inequalities even as newer voices assert their claims from the margins. KWMSC attempts to assist through its present sustained and resurgent efforts to resist and challenge hegemonies in the sphere of the state, natural resources, labour, body, markets, culture, and ideology, conflict, language, sites of law, boundaries of relationships and the interfaces of these arenas. It is in the above context that we felt the need to engage with experiences and opportunities from the field and new areas of research, rethinking, several of the old questions and seeking new alliances in the face of engaging challenges.

We hope through our projects and activities planned throughout the year we will be provided us with opportunities for dialogue, challenge hegemonies, forge broader alliances and create alternatives.

Our agrarian crisis is serious and critical, which is posing new livelihood for the surviving women and their families. The tribals, dalits and other disadvantaged groups struggle against the loss of work, culture, space and dignity. We at KWMSC think and feel strongly that these are symptomatic of the crisis of livelihood and the accompanying social and cultural spaces confronting men and women especially in villages and forests.

Therefore, the objective for our social practicum is that through our service we hope to discover an important opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogues, where we can articulate, analyse, understand, and seek answers to the struggles and movements of tribals and women for an equitable society. These engagements will help us put together alternatives that encompass policy, track change, build upon and rely on the insights of human movement.





Vision & Mission

Vision:

“The vision of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre is to ensure that the values of love, freedom, sincerity and justice are experienced and lived out by all.”

Mission:

“Our mission is to empower every person who is touched by our work with the values of love, freedom, sincerity and justice. We have a rights based and participatory approach. Within this we cherish a special love for and commitment to the poor, especially women and children. We try to show this love through our attitudes, structures and work”.

PROJECT AREA WITH BENEFICIARY DETAILS

Project : Brick Field School

Sl. No	No of Centres	Location	No. of Staff	Beneficiary
1	15	Budge Budge & Kulpi (South 24 Parganas)	1 Project Coordinator 2 Field Coordinators & 101 Teachers	Direct: 2884 children Indirect : Approx. 8000 persons amongst which 5000 received benefit from Primary Health Care Programme.
2	12	Bandel, Kaikala (Hoogly)		
3	15	Minakhan, Naihati, Rajarhat (North 24 Parganas)		
4	5	Nazirgung (Howrah)		

Project Name: Fisher Folk Project

5	Total - 6 (4 centers at Contai-I)	Haripur, Junput, Aragabaniya, Kadua at Contai-I	1 Project Coordinator, 1 Supervisor and 12 Teachers cum Adult Educators	Direct – 354 children, 146 adult women Indirect –Approx. 2500 persons
6	2 centers at Ramnagar-II)	Chenowasuli, Shoula at Ramanagar II of Purba Medinipur District, WB		

Project: Hidden Domestic Child Labour

7	5	Ward no. 1, 6,12,13,14 of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and	1 Project Coordinator, 1 Asst. Project Coordinator, 2 Supervisors , 1 Peer Educator and 8 MAC Facilitators	Direct: 1.480 Children Child Domestic Worker and Child Labour 2.80 members in Child Protection Committee 3.60 members in Children's Group Indirect: 1.Approx. 10000 through Auto Campaign, Puppet Show, Anti-Child Labour Day Programme, Sishu Mela etc Family Members and Community people
8	1	1 Ward of Baranagar Municipality		
9	2	2 Wards of Kamarhati Municipality.		

PROJECT AREA WITH BENEFICIARY DETAILS

Project: Jharkhali Education Project

10	1	Jharkhali, Basanti Block South 24 Parganas	1 Project Coordinator & 1 Field Associate	Direct: 1.1000 Household through Survey, 2.24 Teachers from SKK and 33 senior teachers from MSK and 24 teachers from one High School and 10 MSK. 3.200 students from 6 Govt. Schools from students exchange programme. Indirect: Community people
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Project: Lodha Community Project

11	1	Mayagoyalini Haat in Radhakrishnapur village in Sagar Block	1 Project Coordinator & 3 Teachers	Direct: 67 Children Indirect: 201 Community people
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Project: Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment

12	4	4 places viz. Janargheri-I,II, Dindha Gheri and Giri Gheri in Manmathnagar Village in Gosaba Block	1 Project Coordinator & 4 teachers	Direct: 145 Children Indirect: 435 Community people
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Project Name: Lotus child - Community and Adult Education Programme

13	2 Child Education Centers & 2 Adult Education Centers	1.Sonapota Village, Sonarpur Rajpur Municipality (S24 PGs) Chaulgola Village, Dhanurhat Gram Panchayat, South 24 Parganas	1 Project Coordinator 4 Community Educators & 2 Adult Educators	Direct: 125 Children & 50 Adult Women Indirect: Community People of two areas.
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PROJECT AREA WITH BENEFICIARY DETAILS

Project: Childline

Sl. No	No. of Wards	Location	No. of Staff	Beneficiary
14	24 Places of North Kolkata	Kashipur, Sinthi, Tobin Road, Dakshineswar, Salt Lake, Baguihati, Manicktala, Lake Town, New Town, North Port, Posta, Baranagar, Bowbazar, Ultadanga, Nimtalaghat, Jorashanko, Phoolbagan, Barabazar, Talabridge, Alam Bazar, Chitpur, Khaikhali and Rajarhat	1 Project Coordinator & 2 Team Members	Direct: 59 Children in need of care & protection. Indirect: Community people.

Project: Barefoot Teachers Training

Sl. No	Location	No. of Staff	No. of Trainings	Beneficiary
15	Different parts of West Bengal	3 Resource persons	12	Direct: 319 Teachers Indirect: Students
16	Jharkhand, Bihar and Odisha			
17	North Eastern part of the country			

Project: Education Programme for the Children of Red Light Areas

Sl. No	No. of Centres	Location	No. of Staff	Beneficiary
18	Nil	Sonagachi & Kashipur (Jyotinagar)	1 Project Coordinator & 1 Supervisor	Direct: 40 Children Indirect: Family members

Project : Sensitization on Human Trafficking

Sl. No	No of Gram Panchayats	Location	No. of Staff	Beneficiary
19	Matla -1, Taldi, Daria, Nikarighata & Itkhola	Canning 1 Block of South 24 Parganas District	1 Project Coordinator & 5 Field Animators	<p>Direct Reach Population:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 Households through need assessment study 53 girls in adolescent girls group 53 Community representatives in Community Vigilance Committee 185 Mothers from community through Awareness Campaign in two GPs (Daria & Taldi) <p>Indirect Reach Population: 148767 population in 5 GPs</p>



Projects of KMWSC

EDUCATION OF DEPRIVED URBAN CHILDREN

Sonagachi Red Light Area is one of Asia's largest red light areas where the children of sex workers, especially the girls, are subjected to constant discrimination, which leads to discontinuation of education in formal institutes. The vulnerable girls of 6-14 years are easy catch for the pimps and their school dropout status adds to their chances of being drawn into the flesh trade. Joytinagar Colony is also a hub where children are involved in hazardous work in the glass factories.

KMWSC has identified 41 children from these high risk zones. Each day these children are safely driven to Loreto Rainbow Home at Sealdah from where they attend the government schools. Remedial classes in the afternoon provides them with additional educational support which they are deprived of at their home. A small attempt to provide nutritious food supplements before and after school to the children is made every day. Regular visits to the government schools by KMWSC staff helps to build a good relationship with the teachers, thus positively affecting the progress of the students. The intervention not only upholds the educational rights of the children but also ensures their safety and paves the way for them to lead their life with all the rights as any other human being.

Two children of a sex worker have been rescued through the efforts of KMWSC and successfully housed at residential Rainbow Home at Sealdah giving them new hope in life. With the progress of the movement KMWSC seeks to introduce two Multiple Activity Centres each at Sonagachi and Jyotinagar Colony to provide a safe haven for the 16-18 year old girls to learn and interact which will bring forth a new dimension in their life.

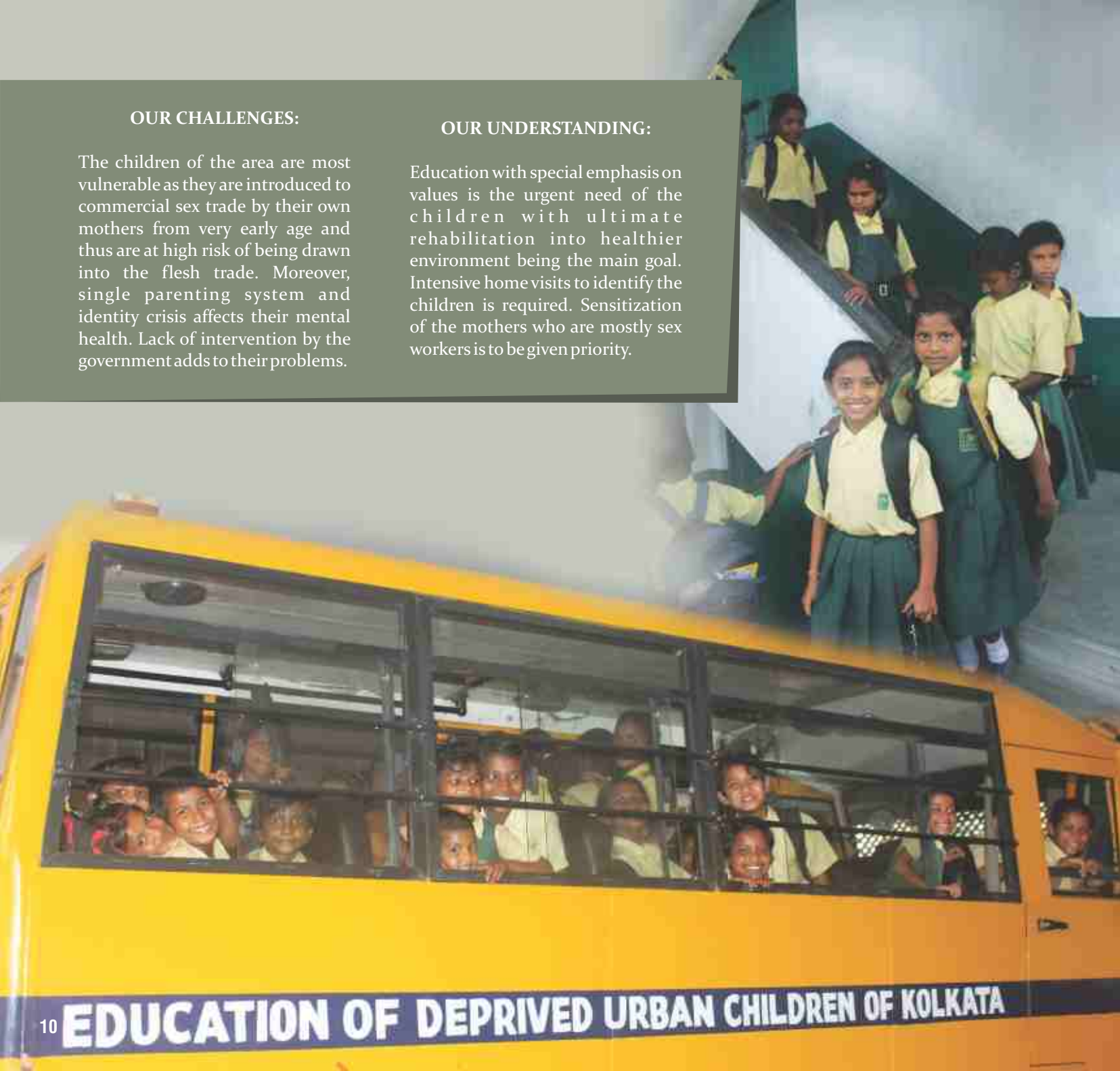


OUR CHALLENGES:

The children of the area are most vulnerable as they are introduced to commercial sex trade by their own mothers from very early age and thus are at high risk of being drawn into the flesh trade. Moreover, single parenting system and identity crisis affects their mental health. Lack of intervention by the government adds to their problems.

OUR UNDERSTANDING:

Education with special emphasis on values is the urgent need of the children with ultimate rehabilitation into healthier environment being the main goal. Intensive home visits to identify the children is required. Sensitization of the mothers who are mostly sex workers is to be given priority.



BRICK FIELD SCHOOL PROJECT

2000 Brick Fields in West Bengal are dependent on migrant labourer from the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chattishgarh and the neighbouring country of Bangladesh. Every year, for 8 months, the brick fields serve as the second home for the labourers and their families including children who are often involved in the brick making process. Formal education for these children is a distant dream as residing in two different geographical locations every year denies them access to continuous education in a formal school. Thus generations of children remain trapped in the net of yearly immigration.





KMWSC with the support of many international funding organizations has made an impact in the lives of these children by providing them with basic education at the brick fields itself 5 days a week for 3 hours. Currently there are 52 centers functional over 9 distinct locations in the districts of South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Hoogly, Howrah and Birbhum. Partner NGO's provide all the necessary assistance in running the centers successfully. Toddlers to children up to 10 years of age are imparted numeracy and language skills along with recreational activities. The teachers are trained intensively to teach in innovative and activity-based techniques, formulate lesson plans and evaluate the students. In the year 2014-15, 2844 migrant children were enrolled in the programme. On an average 216 monitoring visits were conducted by the project staff to the brick field schools so as to analyse the quality of education and children's retention rate in schools. Few of them have been successfully mainstreamed to the local government institutions thus paving the way for sustainable educational growth. Further mainstreaming of students migrating from the district of Nawada, Bihar was conducted at their native place with 15% success rate.

144 health camps over 38 locations were conducted over the months of January, February and March 2015 with the vision to provide basic medical assistance to the migrant families who are deprived of any health facilities. Awareness on various health and hygiene related issues helped to sensitize the inhabitants of brick fields about the importance of healthy practices. Patients requiring emergency attention were referred to Hope Hospital for further treatment along with financial assistance from our end.

With an ultimate dream to bring an end to child labour at the brick fields and mainstream them into formal education system the project strives to continue its hard work and light the life of the innocent souls for a better future.



WE CONFRONT :

Sudden closure of brick fields leading to replacement of centers, only 10% of same re-immigration of children to same BFS, lack of human resource, language barrier between care-takers and givers, lack of cooperation from the brick field owners are some of the problems we encounter.

WE IMBIBED:

Child labour at brick fields still continue to be glaring issue which needs to be addressed. The health and sanitation for the workers needs special attention along with awareness generation on various social issues. The labourers are deprived of proper wages as per the Minimum Wages Act.





LODHA COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Lodha Community is recognized as a de-notified scheduled tribe in West Bengal. The community is backward and live in remote villages of Rudranagar Gram Panchayats in Sagar Block, South 24 Parganas District. Abject poverty and inequality in other aspects of life have put the Lodhas in a state of utter depression. Electricity has not reached the village, and their financial condition does not allow the community to lead a better life.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre with a vision to improve the learning level of the children and to sensitize the Lodha Community on health and hygiene has started the project in Mayagayalini village in 2011. A total of 67 children have been enrolled in the education centre in the community with an objective to mainstream these children in Formal Education system. A comprehensive teachers training for the centre teachers has improved their capacity. The project has improved the self respect and confidence of the Lodha Community through education and awareness on their rights and services. A health camp has been conducted to reach medical facilities to the deprived community with success. The concurrent community meetings help in making the programmes acceptable within the tribe. Evaluating the project progress though difficult is conducted at least twice in a month.

The ultimate need of the community are comprehensive community development programmes through the government mechanism.



OUR CHALLENGES:

Lodha Community is deprived of their basic fundamental rights thus they shy away which makes intervention in the community an uphill task

OUR PICK UP FROM ACTIONS:

Being a de-notified community functioning in the area exposes each involved personnel to vivid operating techniques and approaches.





SOLAR ENLIGHTEN AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

Sunderbans, a mystic deltaic land is still shrouded in the darkness of poverty. The remoteness of the area has kept devoid of electricity and thus the communities are still in the habit of using kerosene oil lamps. The condition of the inhabitants of Manmathnagar a village in the Deltaic Island of Gosaba has touched our hearts.

KMWSC has started 4 learning centres where the 130 children who are unable to avail any remedial lessons are provided classes. 4 local community person trained as teachers conduct the classes and initiate mainstreaming of children to government schools. Awareness generation to mothers and training them regarding formation of self help group is regularly conducted. A special training to the community people on assembling solar lights from Seva Kendra Kolkata has enabled the community people to address the burning issue of lack of electricity. 145 children and 55 mothers of the community has benefited from solar lanterns provided under the project to ease their activities after nightfall. Rigorous visits to the field to provide adequate assistance to the programme is followed.

As light stands for education and a dignified life, we aim to spread the light through our solar energy to empower the people of Sunderbans.

WE CONFRONT :

The geographical terrain makes the proper implementation of activities as well as monitoring a massive shortcoming of the project. The previous sour experience of the community regarding promise to provide service creates as a deterrent for the people of the community to bond with KMWSC.

OUR UNDERSTANDING:

A community based development approach is required at the foremost. The Education Centres helped the project staff to build a good relation with community.



From Yesterday Till Today

Brick Field School

Name : Monirul Gazi

Age : 35

Wife's name – Nazma Gazi

Children's name : Rahan Gazi (8 years old), Imran Gazi (11 years old).

Permanent address : Village- Kazibasha District - Sathkira (Bangladesh),

Present Address : Pathorghatta Amarhati Brick field.

Monirul Gazi works in a Patharghata BBS 2 brickfield as a pathera /loddar. His wife Nazma and their children work along with Monirul. Nazma is a very strong and cooperative housewife. Monirul belongs to the very poor Muslim community. For living, he pulls Van/ Rikshaw back home in Bangladesh and his wife is a home maker. Monirul and his wife had never been in school but both are aware about education and it's significance. There both the children studied in local government school in Bangladesh. He came to West Bengal for

the first time with his neighbors. He is concerned as well as worried about their childrens education because he learnt that there are no government schools in the brick fields. He wanted to admit his children to government school but he does not have any legal documents to admit them.



Now both his children are getting education in our Brick field School at BBS2-Pathorghatta. Both his children are very enthusiastic and active, come regularly to school. Mr. Manirul Gazi promises that he will not return to West Bengal to work in a brick field and he will focus on his children's education back home. BFS staffs intervene and make him understand that migrating every year to work in brick field is hampering the education of their children. He is very concerned about providing good and quality education to their children.



6 year old **Suraj Nonia** had a hard life since his birth. When Suraj was very young he lost his father. His mother struggled very hard to make both ends meet and bring up Suraj with proper care. This season Suraj and his mother migrated to one of the brick filed where our school runs. Very bright and intelligent, Suraj soon caught the attention of the teachers. They informed KMWSC about little Suraj and his condition. We found him walking with his



hands on the ground which caused blisters all over the palms of his both hands. A very generous well wisher donated a wheel

chair which was given to Suraj making his daily commuting to places a lot easier. Suraj hopes to travel on the wheel chair to school where he can get educated and be able to care for his mother.

BFS Health Programme

Rajender and Binita Soren, residents of Tata, Bihar migrate every year from their native land to the brick fields of West Bengal for eight months to earn a living. But they were worried ever since the birth of their child Sunny as he would suffer from mild fever and urinary infections regularly since his birth. Rural quack doctors of Bihar were of no help. Sunny, now 4 years of age, was affected by more severe symptoms. November 2014, Rajender migrated to the brick fields at Patharghata. One fine day in February, Binita learnt from the local brick field school teacher that a health camp would be conducted at their brick



field by KMWSC. She was very eager to get her son checked at the camp. Assured by the teachers that she would receive help, Binita and Rajender brought their child to the health camp. Doctor diagnosed him to be suffering from phimosis and opined that he needed immediate surgery. He was provided antibiotics and advised for quick intervention. Under the umbrella of the Brick Field Health Programme he was

taken to Hope Foundation Hospital where he underwent the required surgery which was facilitated by the project financially. Sunny now is cured and like other children attends the brick field school as he no more feels unwell. A smiling Sunny, with his parents, desire to return to the same brick field where KMWSC not only runs education programmes for the migrant children but also provides health facility for the migrant community.



Munu and Raivari Sundi, as in previous years had migrated to a brick field of West Bengal. Little did they know that their 8 year son Raju Sundi was to face a challenge which will wreak havoc in their lives. Raju one day suddenly felt weak at his right leg and his ankle swelled which made it impossible for him to walk without support. When the family was busy working at the brick fields

Raju was confined to home which troubled not only him but his parents too. Due to lack of access to medical facilities Raju's condition worsened day by day and his ankle started paining agonizingly. His condition was brought to the attention of KMWSC by the teacher of the brick field school where Raju went to study. Raju was taken to the Hope Foundation Hospital by the teacher and his parents where he was detected with Osteomalitis – a bone infection. His leg was plastered and he was monitored for few days then

We Reconstruct

after providing medicine he was released from the hospital. Raju now with the help of walking stick attends school and is presently undergoing follow up treatment at the Hope Foundation Hospital. He soon will get rid of the plaster which will ensure his complete recovery. Raju's happiness and smile says that next year he would ask his parents to come to the same brick field where he can learn and get medical facilities as well.

Lakhindar and Champa

Gararai with their four children had just arrived at the railway station on their way to the brick field where they were to work for the present season when Champa met with an accident. Champa fell from the train and hurt her



hip badly. She could not walk and was carried to the brick field by her husband. But as days passed situation worsened as she could not rise from bed. Lakhindar found it hard to work manage home and the children as Champa was confined to the bed. Two months had passed without any help when Lakhindar heard of the health camp being conducted by KMWSC at their brick field. The doctor visited their home as Champa could not make it to the camp and was diagnosed with hip dislocation. She needed immediate surgery. Lakhindar with the help of the brick field teacher took Champa to Hope Foundation Hospital where she underwent a surgery and after a stay for a week was released. An ambulance assisted in the transfer of Champa to her temporary home at the brick field. Now Champa is fixed with traction and under post operative treatment. After 2 months she will be removed from the traction and able to lead a normal life. Though Lakhindar still finds it hard to manage work and home but is thankful that help reached them when they were in deep trouble. They thank KMWSC for the help they received from the health programme at the brick field.

Metamorphosis Into

Fisher Folk Project

Arjana is a 60 year old grandmother and fisher-woman from the village of Junput. She got married at the young age of nine. She never had the opportunity to go to the school until KMWSC intervened in the area.

Junput Education Centre has started providing adult education from September, 2014. Arjana has been attending adult literacy courses in the afternoon. Now, six months later, she is able to write her name in Bengali.

While this seems like a small accomplishment but the significance is great. She can now sign her name instead of providing her thumb print on documents which is a big step towards empowerment.

When asked about her future plans at the centre, she replied “One day, I want to be able to read a page in the newspaper”.



Bachhu Das, an orphan, is a 12 years old boy, studying in Class III. He was a school drop-out who had to work in the fishing industry to support himself and his siblings after his parents died a few years ago. He stayed out of school for three years until the Fisher Folk

Education Centre was established in his village last September. Since then, Bachhu is trying to catch up with the regular syllabus which he missed. At the centre he received his age appropriate learning and is now mainstreamed. After attending the centre each morning, he travels about 5 km to the local Government school. He names traditional Bengali dance and English learning as his two favourite activities at the Centre.

Sensitization of Human Trafficking Project

Puja, 20 years and **Sima**, 25 years (name changed to protect their identity) were from an impoverished family in Simdega, Jharkhand. They were misguided and trafficked to Delhi by a person from nearby village. Both of them were sexually assaulted with the false promise of marriage by the traffickers when they reached Ranchi where they stayed in a hotel. After that, they were sold as domestic workers in Delhi.

After they went missing, their parents were heartbroken. They tried to search using all the possible sources they could afford. Their parents contacted KMWSC office to help them to find their daughters because one of their elder daughters resides in the Loreto premises. Their elder daughter informed us about the case.

With the help of KMWSC staff, their cases were taken up by local police at Simdega, Jharkhand and also by the Panchayat. As a result, the police officials became more active to search the missing adults Puja and Sima. Finally both of them were rescued from Delhi with the help of Jharkhand Police and Delhi Police and handed over to their parents. With the efforts of the KMWSC staff and the police, Puja and Sima were restored to their family.

EDUCATION FOR MARGINALIZED CHILDREN OF FISHER FOLK

The people for whom this project has been developed are neglected because of their low caste status and their livelihood. Their children do not get the support system of education because of which they have very poor learning level. Moreover the health condition of the people is alarming. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre (KMWSC) with a vision to improve the vulnerable condition of fisher folk community has started a project for imparting education to the marginalized children of the fishing communities of coastal area of Contai in Purba Medinipur district of West Bengal in 2014.

KMWSC under this project has started 6 education centres in 6 villages targeting approximately 340 children and 140 adult women under the universal mission of imparting basic education on literacy and numeracy. Along with that the project has coordinated with Adult Education Training Programme under West Bengal State Resource Centre for providing vocational training on crafts making and a total of 120 adult women received the training. A total of 60 monitoring and follow-up visits have been done by the project staff so as to analyse the progress of the project as well as indentifying the gaps while providing the services given under the project. Networking and advocacy with the Fisheries and Marine Department, Govt. of West Bengal for providing training on “Advanced Dry Fish Processing” for this fishing community has been conducted.

Projects of KMWSC



WE CONFRONT :

Lack of infrastructure for running a centre is a major challenge. Poverty as a major social issue has dragged the children out of the Education Centre as they have to sell fish to support their family.

WE IMBIBED:

There is huge need for a sensitization campaign on child protection issues, domestic violence in the community. Continuation of Child Education and Adult Education Centre is must.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Right to Education Act, 2009 ensures enrolment of children from 6 -14 years of age indiscriminately into government schools, but little does it take care of the educational progress of the students attending these schools amongst which many are first generation learners. Remoteness of the living area of the communities is a major drawback for the students to access remedial educational help.

KMWSC intervenes in two remote villages, Sonapota – Sonarpur Municipality and Chaulgola – Dhanurhat Gram Panchayat near Lakhikantapur with remedial educational facilities for school going as well as non school going students. 124 children are receiving the benefits of the centre for 3 hours, 5 days every week. The mainstreaming of the children not attending school is facilitated by the community teachers.

The women of the same communities are tied up in their domestic life and supporting their families by working as domestic help or daily labourers. An adult education programme includes 50 women into the process of gaining basic literacy 5 days a week for 2 hours everyday. Besides education awareness, audio – visual and book reading sessions are conducted to sensitize them on various contemporary social issues.

4 visits approximately at each centre helps in evaluating the progress of the learners and the performance of the teachers as well. Good cooperation from local self government, local schools and the influential community people has enhanced the projects acceptance in the focused area.



The project aims to bring a holistic change in the approach of the communities towards universal education. Women and children are extremely vulnerable and thus are in dire requirement to unshackle themselves from the bonds of illiteracy and be a productive part of the society.

WE CONFRONT :

The community has partially accepted right based approach but they believe in service delivery in kind. The unavailability of time for adult learners during the harvest season poses hindrance in proper implementation of the project.

OUR UNDERSTANDING:

The communities need intensive sensitization on various social issues which will eventually lead to community development.



HIDDEN DOMESTIC CHILD LABOUR

In the heart of the city of Kolkata numerous young hands toil every day as domestic help in households of well-to-do families, in process losing their right to education and a nurturing childhood.

To usher them from darkness to light KMWSC and Save the Children partner to identify child domestic workers through extensive surveys and provide them with education and recreation through 8 Multiple Activity Centres (MAC) at Ward nos. 1; 6; 12; 13; 14 of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation; one ward of Baranagar Municipality and two wards of Kamarhati Municipality. The facilitators assist in providing peer education across 20 schools all over Kolkata with the objective to involve students as a means to care as well as fight for their domestic worker friends. Mainstreaming children of 6- 14 years age group into government schools as per the Right to Education Act and residential support in case of emergency are also the key purposes of the project. In 2014-15, 71 children have been brought under educational support at government institutions.

“New Horizon” scheme helps in creating alternative livelihood opportunities for working children – child labour, domestic worker or vulnerable children (15-20 years of age) by providing them with vocational training in diverse streams as beauticians, AC repairing mechanics, housekeeping personnel and driving along with job placements. In the year 2014-15, 50 children have been successfully mainstreamed into the society and enabled to live a dignified life. Follow up home visits on a regular basis implemented by all the project staff help in retaining the beneficiaries in the process of rehabilitation.



“Task Force – Child Protection Committee” and children's group have been formed at all the functional 8 wards which act as vigilance bodies to prevent child abuse, violence and exploitation. All the local duty bearers and the alumni children in all the areas of intervention join hand to make the project a success.

The project now aspires to eradicate child domestic work from its roots from the city and reinstate of all its victims from invisibility to visibility in the society.

WE CONFRONT :

The major drawbacks of the project are the high quantitative targets from the donor agency, high dropout rates for the vocational training candidates especially for housekeeping training as a result leading to retention of man power in the project.

OUR UNDERSTANDING:

Besides poverty, lack of educational infrastructure is a major cause for dropouts. Economic rehabilitation of poverty stricken families should be facilitated. Advocacy at all levels is to be escalated to eliminate child labour.



Lodha Community Project

Father's name: Sukumar Bhakta

Mother's name: Kajal Bhakta

Age: 7 years

Place: Mayagayalini Hat, Number of family members: 5

Monthly income of the family: Rs.1500.00



Manasi belongs to a very poor family.

She has one younger brother aged 3 years. Her father works in a farmer's farmland and earns very little and her mother makes brooms and sells them inside the village. Their family income is very meagre. Manasi could not get admitted into school due to lack of information because they live in a very remote place. As Manasi is a girl child, her father used to think, it is not necessary for her to study since they may not be able to afford to continue the expense. Our teachers reached to the family explaining everything we are trying to do, which made the parents hopeful. We also made them understand the necessity of education for the girl child. Now they send their daughter to the Centre and Manasi's brother too will be enrolled into our centre next year. Very soon, Manasi will be admitted to a government school also.



Father's name: Sukesh Bhakta

Mother's name: Khuku Bhakta

Age: 11 years

Place: Mayagayalini Hat, Family members: 7

Monthly income of the family: 1700.00

Bipasa's father is jobless at present and they live jointly with their uncle's family. Her mother works in

the field to sort out coconuts, vegetables for the shop keepers and earns very little. They showed no interest in Bipasa's

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education because of financial problems. Despite being of age to get admitted into school, Bipasa remained at home for a long time and she would study casually and her learning level was low. We have been able to bring Bipasa in our centre and giving hand holding support to improve her learning level considering her age and this move will enable us to mainstream her into a government aided school.

Sensitization on Human Trafficking Project

Case Study: Farzana (Name changed), Age: 16 years of Ghoshpara, Matla 1 Block, belongs to a very poor family. Her father passed away four years ago, and her mother is the sole bread earner of the family. Farzana is a victim of child marriage when her mother was compelled to get her married due to poverty. Soon after the marriage Farzana was abused physically and mentally and was forced to travel to Mumbai with the plan to sell her in a brothel where her husband is associated with a gang of traffickers. Farzana immediately informed her mother about her condition and requested to return home. Her mother immediately visited and tried to take Farzana back but she was not allowed to do so. Farzana's mother was also warned by the neighbours about their association with the traffickers, but due to lack of evidence and fear the community did not take any steps. Farzana's mother immediately informed the Pradhan of Matla-1 Gram Panchayat and lodged an FIR with the Canning Police Station and requested them to rescue her daughter. With the active intervention of the Panchayat Pradhan and police, Farzana was rescued from her in-laws house. Presently Farzana is an active member of **the Adolescent Girls Group named "Subarna Rekha Dol"** in Matla 1 Gram Panchayat and she is attending VI standard in Canning Darikanath Balika Vidyalaya. When she was identified by Mr. Saumen Halder, Field Animator, she was not accepted by other girls and their parents. Mr. Halder was able to convince the children about Farzana's situation. There after the girls group accepted Farzana and promised that all possible help will be given to Farzana. They were sensitized about the issues of child marriage and child trafficking, so that they too don't become victims.

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BAREFOOT TEACHERS TRAINING

People only need feet to walk; shoes are a luxury. Given the millions of children who need to be educated in India, a highly theoretical two-year Teachers Training Course is an unrealistic luxury. The goal of the Barefoot Teacher's Training course is to give the essential inputs through a very thorough practical exposure in a relatively shorter period so that the trainees are equipped to teach in circumstances that provide the bare minimum. So our training does not include the 'shoe'... which is the theory.

There are some basic requirements for the candidates who are chosen to be trained in this programme

1. They should be able to read and write fluently in the language in which they are required to teach
2. They should be open to new ideas.
3. They should have a deep love for their community and the children and this has brought in the desire and willingness to work for them

Through this unique programme we have reached out to 20000 teachers from all over India. More than 150 TOTs have been trained and more than 5,00,000 children benefited till date.

WE CONFRONT :

Lack of funds to train grass root level teachers. Sustenance of these trained teachers in their project area, due to lack of honorarium and incentives.

OUR PICK UP FROM ACTIONS:

Joyful, activity based and child centric learning is important for overall development of a child. Transforming traditional ways of teaching to a child centric education is the best learning of the project.



JHARKHALI EDUCATION PROJECT

The Children belonging to the rural community of Jharkhali in the delta region of Sunderbans are mostly ridden with extreme poverty which gives them little opening into the arena of education. Besides the ever dwindling education system promises very bleakly for their educational progress.

KMWSC in partnership with John Scottus Senior School, Ireland has been running a unique programme of building the capacity of the students as well as the teachers of the community.

A widespread survey covering 1000 household was conducted to gauge the gaps in the services of the education system. 24 teachers from 11 Sishu Sikhsha Kendra participated in Child centric pedagogy training, whereas 33 senior teachers and 24 primary teachers from one high school and 10 Madyamik Siksha Kendra has received extensive training on Human Rights Education. This has been supported with infrastructural development of the schools thus strengthening the entire education system. An exceptional student's exchange programme with 15 students and six teachers from JSS Ireland contributed in enhancing the pronunciation and conversation skills in English to 200 students from 6 schools of the area. It aims to inculcate peer education and activity based learning with the hope of trickledown effect. Recurrent visits to the various schools of Basanti Block have helped in creating awareness and also extending advocacy in the field of education.

The effort is sure to bring a change in the attitude towards teacher student relationships which will ensure quality and healthy education in the project area

OUR CHALLENGES:

The most difficult part of the intervention is bringing the teachers from all the Government schools under the same umbrella to conduct the activities of the project.

OUR UNDERSTANDING:

The need of the situation is to organize the community, teachers and students and make them aware of the benefits of child centric education.



SENSITIZATION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROJECT

19,000 adolescent girls and women went missing from the state of West Bengal in 2013 out of which only 6000 could be traced. The rest are lost in the dungeon of slavery and prostitution within as well as across the borders of India. Only 30% of the cases are reported thus revealing only the tip of the iceberg. As West Bengal shares 2216.7 km's of border with neighbouring country Bangladesh, the districts of North and South 24 Parganas and Murshidabad are hot spots for human trafficking. The need of the hour is to sensitize the communities in the mentioned districts to prevent and curtail the rise of trafficking issues.

Mary Ward International, Spain has extended its helping hand which has enabled KMWSC to pilot a project to sensitize communities of 5 vulnerable Gram Panchayats – Taldi, Matla I, Itkhola, Dariya and Nikarighata in Canning I Block of South 24 Parganas District which serves as a source cum transit point for the trafficking activities.

A random purposive sampling survey of 1000 households in the 5 areas have inferred child marriage, school dropout, low average income, lack of alternative livelihood and inaccessibility of government schemes as the push factors towards trafficking. A district level advocacy with Magistrate and Child Protection Society has earmarked the project in the community which has culminated into liaisoning with the Block Development Officer, Gram Pradhan, ASHA, Anganwadi and Self Help Group Workers at all the 5 blocks.

5 Adolescent girls group consisting of 15 members and 5 Vigilance committees consisting of 10 members has been formed in these five gram Panchayats which act as a safety valve in protecting the vulnerable from the claws of trafficking. 260 community mothers has been sensitised on Anti-human trafficking initiatives as well as impact of child marriage in three gram Panchayats. 1 training on child rights organized for the Adolescent Girls Group and 26 school going girls participated in the programme. Survivors are an integral part of the programme that contribute with their experience and help save innocent lives from being abused and exploited.

With miles to walk the project aims to extend its purview of work and create a safe haven where every woman leads her life with dignity.

WE CONFRONT :

There is no scope for psychological counselling of adolescent girls who are considered as a target group. Red tapism often creates obstacles for proper implementation of the programme.



WE IMBIBED:

Proper networking and advocacy at all levels and inclusion of women participation and community empowerment is the most feasible component for combating human trafficking in source and destination areas.



A Shift In Life

Lotus Child Project

Subroto and Maya Mondal

with their two daughters Brishti and Barsha had a hard time fighting poverty but sustained troubles bravely, but all hell broke rose suddenly when Maya passed away due to respiratory problems leaving the two young children devoid of love and care of their



mother. Subroto working as a mason since then finds it hard to provide a square meal to the children as he not only lost his better half but also a helping hand in earning for the family. The elder child Barsha 6 years barely manages herself and her studies and is too small to take care of her younger sister Bristi who is only 3 years old. Missing her mother desperately Bristi now every day takes refuge in the Lotus Child Education Centre where she receives unbound love and attention from the teachers. The teachers make sure to bring Brishti from her home to the centre and drop her back after the classes are over. At the centre she learns and interacts with the other children which has brought much of happiness in her life. Now Bristi everyday waits for the classes to begin and misses her friends on Saturdays and Sundays.

39 year old **Karuna Mondal** a victim of child marriage had led a hard life ever since her childhood days. No wonder she never had an opportunity to study at school. Her husband Vijay Mondal has never been active in earning for the family. Thus Karuna besides being a homemaker and caring



for her three children has worked as a domestic help in the city of Kolkata. Physically ailing Karuna travels every day in the morning to Bagha Jatin area to work at four houses as a domestic help. Little did she have in her life to smile on. The Adult Education Centre at her village brought to her new hopes. After her daily work she visits the centre for two hours and then heads home for her lunch. She never fails to attend a single class and has made considerable progress in her educational skills within 3 months. She very actively participates in all the events organized for the women of the community. She serves as a role model who inspires many others like her to defy age and bring a change in their life with the light of education

CHILDLINE

Childline is the national 24 x 7 emergency helpline that is devoted to provide outreach service to children in need of care and protection. 1098 is the national toll free helpline for children operational in 291 cities in partnership with 540 organizations all over India.

KMWSC in association with the Ministry of Women and Child Development Govt of India, conducts advocacy programmes, outreach awareness campaigns, Child Rights Week celebrations, phone testing (480 calls annually), follows up calls reported by collaborative organizations, rescues and arranges rehabilitation of children as per the need of the situation in North Kolkata. A close networking with the Child Welfare Committee, Kolkata, local police station, NGO's etc has resulted in successful intervention in 65 cases during 2014-15 and brought a respite of relief for the victims of child marriage, child abuse and child labour restoring back to them their childhood dreams.

We help each child realise their Right to Protection and an opportunity to bloom as responsible Indian citizens.

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WE CONFRONT :

The major problems of the projects are budgetary constraints; lack of sufficient government homes especially for special need children and the long prosecution process.

OUR UNDERSTANDING:

The societal condition of parts of Kolkata was brought forward which served as a source of knowledge and to make further plans for the project.



HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH VALUE EDUCATION

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, whatever our nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, language, or any other status. We are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination. These rights are all interrelated, interdependent and indivisible.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has provided Human Rights through Value Education to government and private schools of Kolkata and East Medinipur district of West Bengal. The programme has reached approximately 700 schools and 70,000 children. The focus of the programme was on capacitating the teachers regarding the basics of human rights through value education and its principles with an objective to impart the knowledge of human rights & Value Education to the children through the course curricula.

During 2014-15 KMWSC has reached 564 upper primary schools (Govt. & Govt. Aided Schools) through a rigorous advocacy with Sarva Siksha Mission, Govt. of West Bengal. A training module has been developed for providing training to the teachers of Classes VI, VII & VIII and has capacitated 1692 teachers of Human Rights through value education.

KMWSC believes Human Rights Education shall conceptualise ideas about Human Rights thus promoting development of the human personality through strengthening respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms amongst teachers and children.

OUR CHALLENGES:

Though Human Rights Education is integral to the Education system but the school curricula mandate has no option for its inclusion.

WE IMBIBED:

There is a need to set best practices document in the schools on Human Rights through Value Education, through advocating with present government mechanism for its sustainability and responsibility towards the future of our nation.

Solar Project

Sujit Gayen

Father's name: Biren Gayen

Mother's name: Mala Gayen

Age: 6 years

Place: Janar Gheri- I

Number of family members: 4

Monthly income of the family: Rs. 1500.00



Sujit's father is a habitual drinker and beats up his own son and his wife too. The mother of the boy works for earning a living for sustenance. Sujit used to roam about here and there and was very frustrated. Our teacher visited his home again and again to make his father and mother understand our objective and necessity of education and brought the child to our centre. He was irregular. But when they got to know that they would be given solar lights for study, his family started sending the child regularly to the Centre.

Ankan Jana, a boy child aged 7 years.

Father's name: Alok Jana

Mother's name: Shyamali Jana

Age: 7 years

Place: Janar Gheri-II, Manmathnagar Village

Number of family members: 5

Monthly income of the family: Rs. 1800.00

From Yesterday Till Today

Ankan comes of a very poor family and his grandfather is very ill due to a critical disease. His father used to work as a labourer in another state but, for more than one year, he is at home because he suffered an injury. Meanwhile, he has developed a habit of gossiping



and doing nothing to earn. The entire family expense depends on Ankan's mother. She works in the field throughout the day to earn two square meals for her family. Ankan's father used to think that since they are very poor and some amount is spent for the treatment every month, then education is a luxury for their son which could be avoided. He would rebuff his son for coming to the centre for education and family feuds were a regular scenario in their family which was very disappointing for the child. We tried our best to convince his father. Having received the solar light, his father changed his mind and sends the child regularly to the centre.

Project Activities

Childline

Funded by: Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of India

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Outreach & Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Awareness about Childline and its activities ► Child Care & Protection, Child Rights. 	Throughout the year (1st April, 2014 – 31st March, 2015)	Target area: 25 areas under Kolkata, North 24 Parganas. Approx 6450 participants through awareness and outreach. Adult: 3300 and child: 3150. Indirect beneficiary reached: Approx 19350 participants.
2	Open House Programme	16th April, 9th June, 3rd July, 28th Aug, 9th Oct, 20th Nov, 2014 and 29th Jan & 27th Feb 2015.	In total, open house programme conducted in 8 different schools where around 40 students participated from each school.
3	Case Intervention and Restoration.	Throughout the year (1st April, 2014 – 31st March, 2015)	In-total 60 cases have been intervened namely, Medical Help- 5, Shelter- 27, Repatriation- 9, Rescue-7, Missing child-8, Parents asking help – 2, Emotional support and guidance- 1.
4	World Anti- Child Labour Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ► Signature Campaign ► Distribution of pamphlets, stickers & posters. 	12th June 2014.	Approx 800 participants have been sensitized.
5	Childline team members participated in training on Child Rights and Documentation.	18th Oct. & 11th Dec, 2014 and 16th March, 2015.	Total participants- 36 participants from 4 organizations.

6	CRC (Convention on the Rights of the Children) Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Puppet Show ▶ Signature Campaign ▶ Dosti Band ▶ Sports Programme ▶ Distribution of Hygiene Kits 	14th Nov. – 21st Nov. 2014	Total participants- 500, out of which 400 were children.
7	Celebration of Childline Birthday at Eco-Tourism Park, Rajarhat.	27th February, 2015	Total Participants- 31 children and KMWSC staff.

Fisher Folk Project

Funded by: UBS Optimus Foundation, Switzerland

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Visit to a coastal area of Contai, Purba Medinipur. To understand the educational scenario and health status of the children of fisherman community.	22nd July , 2014	2 participants.
2	Visit to Kanthi, Purba Medinipur to meet the Director of KJS to discuss the Fisher Folk Project and to take updated information	20th August, 2014	2 participants.
3	Visit to Contai for centre locations	3rd September, 2014	3 participants
4	Inaugural Programme: We have inaugurated 4 MAC centres at Contai	10th September, 2014	8 Teachers, 1 Supervisor, Director & Coordinator from KJKS, Joint DPO of Ramnagar Block – I & II, 2 eminent persons from District Education Office, 1200(aprox) Community people, 160 (aprox) children.
5	Activity based, Innovative, Child Centric & Joyful Teacher Training to teach properly to our MAC children (Nursery to CI – I)	22nd – 26th September, 2014	15 participants

6	Inaugural Programme: we have inaugurated another MAC center at contai.	27th September, 2014	2 participants
7	Visit to Kanthi in Purba Medinipur for a meeting with the President of the fishing community of Shoula. Main objective of meeting was to initiate the sixth and last MAC centre in Shoula village.	29th October, 2014	3 participants
8	Inaugural Programme: We have started sixth and last centre in Shoula Village.	3rd November, 2014	3 participants
9	Celebration of Child Rights Convention: Our Partner NGO KJKS organized a celebration programme on Child Rights Week on 14th to 21st November, 2014 in our project areas.	14th to 21st November, 2014	3000(aprox) participants
10	2nd phase, Child Centric Pedagogy Teachers Training (CI – II to IV)	2nd to 6th December, 2014	15 participants
11	Fisher Folk Staff Meeting : for evaluation of children	14th January, 2015	5 participants
12	Visit to State Resource Adult Education Centre, Kolkata, WB for Adult Education Training	6th January, 2015	1 participants
13	Visit to Department Of Fisheries (DOF) Kolkata, WB to make Professional Training of Dry Fish Processing.	15th January, 2015	2 participants
14	Fisher Folk Staff Meeting: To make Vocational Training & Professional Training of Dry Fish Processing.	28th January, 2015	5 participants
15	Visit to Department of Fisheries (DOF), WB	9th February, 2015	1 participants
16	Adult Education Training	10th – 12th February, 2015	15 participants
17	6 months evaluation of the children	16th February to 14 March, 2015	315 participants
	Advocacy to Department Of Fisheries (DOF), Contai, WB	18th February, 2015	2 participants

18	Opened a new centre (Kadua Sagar Saikat Shishu Shiksha Niketan) instead of New Jalda Centre.	19th February, 2015	56 participants
19	Vocational Training	9th March to 22nd April, 2015	120 participants
20	Documentation	18th – 19th March, 2015	5 participants

Hidden Domestic Child Labour Funded by : Save the Children UK

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Multiple Activity Centre	Throughout the year (1st April 2014- 31st March,2015)	357 children had received quality education and recreation through MAC
2	Mainstreaming of children to Govt. School	Throughout the year (1st April 2014- 31st March,2015)	71 domestic and child laborers were mainstreamed to govt. school.
3	Comprehensive Life Skill Training	April, May, June, Aug, Sept, Nov, Dec & Jan	150 children had undergone the Comprehensive Life skill training.
4	Mainstreaming of children into Vocational Training	Throughout the year (1st April 2014- 31st March,2015)	41 children were mainstreamed to Vocational Training and now working
5	Meeting with Ward Councilors	17th July	Meeting with Ms. Sita Jaiswara councilor of ward – 1. to sensitize on CDW project
6	Meeting with Club Members	14th Oct, 11th Nov, 2014 & 30th Jan, 2015	17 club members attended the meeting from 8 wards.
7	Meeting with ICDS workers	14th Aug	8 ICDS members participated in the meeting.
8	Child Protection Committee Meeting	30th July, 8th & 20th Aug, 3rd Sept, 29th Sept, 17th Oct,2014 & 23rd Jan, 2015	80 members from 8 wards have attended the CPC meeting in their respective MAC's. Some of the cases were managed by the committee.
9	Children's Group Meeting	3rd, 12th & 16th Sept, 4th, 20th & 26th Aug, 2014 and 9th & 13th Jan, 2015	8 children's group had been formed in 8 MAC wards with 80 – 100 members.

10	National Level Children's Alliance Meeting	9th to 12th June	Ms. Shagufta Parveen (APC) attended the meeting.
11	Observation of Anti Child Labour Day – Signature Campaign	12th June	Direct participants – 500 Indirect participants – 1000 approx
12	Auto Campaign	8th, 9th, 22nd & 23rd July, 2014	Direct reach – 200 to 300 Indirect reach – 2500 stakeholders.
13	Celebration of Independence Day	15th Aug, 2014	We celebrated independence day in all the 8 MAC's.
14	Puppet Show	5th, 6th & 29th Aug, 2014	Direct reach - 500 to 800 (different stakeholders.) Indirect reach – 1200 to 1500
15	Teacher's Training	Aug & Sept, 2014	216 teachers from Govt. school attended the training on child rights.
16	Rescue	May & 22nd Sept, 2014	3 children has been rescued from child marriage, trafficking and Corporal Punishment.
17	Beauty Fair (Puja Advocacy Programme)	29th & 30th Sept, 2014	Direct reach - 30 clients from the community received the services at a very affordable rate and hence the response was good. Indirect reach – 800 – 1200 approx. Indirectly reach out to RWA to get the clients for the fair.
18	Meeting with RWA's members	Sept & Oct, 2014	Direct reach – 9 members from Residential Welfare Association. Indirect reach – 50 to 100 members.
19	Celebration of CRC Week – * Children Carnival * Visit to Kishlaya Home & Thakurpukur Children's Home * Mega Event at Sealdah Big Bazar	12th to 21st Nov, 2014	Direct reach - 550 children participated in the CRC week programme. Indirect reach – 1000 – 1200 people (approx)
20	National Consultation Meeting	9th Dec, 2014	Sr. Monica (Director & Ms. Mehtab Ara (PC and Jyoti Thakur – CDW attended the meet at Delhi)

21	Sishu Mela	20th & 21st Dec, 2014	Direct reach – 500 – 800 stakeholders Indirect reach – 1200 – 1500 (approx)
22	Annual Recreation – Sports Day	8th Jan'15	185 children participated in the sports programme at Eden Gardens.
23	Parents and Employers Meeting	Throughout the year (1st April 2014- 31st March,2015)	73 parents and 51 employers participated in the meeting cum orientation of CDW.
24	Theatre for Development	16th June, 2015 & 20th to 23rd Mar, 2015	2000 stakeholder in all MAC centers in 8 wards
25	Pedagogy Training	4th & 5th Feb'15	7 MAC facilitators had undergone the pedagogy training.
26	Training on Project Management	2nd to 5th Feb'15	Mehtab & Shagufta (PC & APC)
27	Meeting with peer groups	Throughout the year (1st April 2014- 31st March,2015)	Direct reach – 29 schools, 900 - 950 children Indirect reach – 1500 – 2000 children

LOTUS CHILD: Community Education and Adult Education

Funded by : Lotus Child, UK

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Remedial classes for children	January to March 2015	126 children
2	Adult Education	January to March 2015	45 adult women
3	Community Women's Meeting		30 women
4	Parents Meeting	13th & 16th March 2015	33 parents
5	Audio Visual Session	30th & 31st March 2015	38 women
6	Women's Day Celebration	30th March 2015	30 women
7	Capacity Building Training for Teachers	1st to 4th December 2014 26th March 2015	5 Teachers 7 Teachers

Brick Field School Health Programme
Funded by : Calcutta Rescue - Netherland

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Distribution of First Aid Box	20th & 22nd January, 2015	52 Brick field Schools
2	Training to teachers on health related awareness	20th & 22nd January 2015	109 teachers
3	Distribution of Vitamin A supplement and Albendazole medicine to migrant children	February to March 2015	1074 children
4	Health camps including Awareness Sessions	January to March 2015	76 camps catering to 4000 migrant people (approx)
5	Supporting Suraj Nonia with wheel chair	9th March 2015	1 special child
6	Medical assistance to special cases	February to March 2015	3 beneficiaries

Brick Field School Project
Funded by : Misan Cara, River view, Rigul Trust, SAC

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Evaluation of brick field school children	May-2014	BFS children
2	Distribution of Report Cards	May-2014	BFS children
3	Meeting with partner NGOs	16th June-2014	All 9 NGO directors and secretaries attended the meeting
4	Life Skill Training	July-2014	Bangla speaking teacher
5	July Exposure visit of BFS (MBGUS) children to the Zoo.	17th July-2014	55 children from Minakhn BFS along with Teachers visited the zoo
6	Old Teachers Training for evaluation of teachers.	August-2014	55 BFS teachers attended the trained.
7	Survey of new partner's NGOs	August-2014	8 Partner Organization (NGO)
8	Survey for new brick fields location	August-2014	Bendel, Kulpi, Sandeshkhali, Machalandanpur, Naihati, Bolpur

9	Interview for recruitment of new teachers	September-2014	Kulpi, Bendel, Naihati, Bolpur
10	Existing and New Teachers Training	1st week of September-2014	Total 95
11	Bare Foot Teacher Training	October, 2014	9 BFS teacher from Naihati & Pujali.
12	Old Teachers Training to explain new curriculum and baseline	6th& 7th November-2014	Total 55 teacher
13	New teachers training to explain about new curriculum and baseline	10th & 11th November-2014	47 New teachers.
14	Demonstration Training Programme	December	At Kulpi with 16 BFS teacher
15	Charismas Day Celebration	December	600 BFS children for Bendel and Pujali
16	Teachers Training for explaining new curriculum, baseline, sports day programme and register	January-2015	104 teacher from 52 BFS are attended
17	Annual Sports Programme	February to March, 2015	2200 children
18	Annual Drawing Competition	February to March, 2015	400 children
19	Workshop on promoting Rights and Entitlements of Seasonal Migrants in an Enabling Framework.	28th March 2015	BFS(Rina Singh) Jharkhali (Milindo)
20	Monitoring and Evolution	Jan to March 2015	All 52 BFS

Human Rights through Value Education

Funded by : Sarva Shiksha Mission, Govt. of West Bengal

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Training on Human Rights through value education	26 Training throughout the year (2 days each)	564 schools & 1692 School teachers

Jharkhali Education Project

Funded by : John Scottus School, Ireland

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Training of teachers of SSKs (Child Centric Pedagogy)	Training conducted on 22nd & 23rd April, 18th & 19th June, 21st and 22th July in 2014.	There are 11 SSKs are involved and 24 teachers have been participated.

2	Training of Teachers of MSKs on human Rights Education	12th & 13th Jan, 2014, 25th & 26th September, 14	33 senior teachers and 24 primary teachers from one high school and 10 MSKs.
3	Construction of water facilities and toilets	November, 2014	4 volunteers from Ireland and KMWSC staffs
4	Student Exchange Programme	25th January, 2015 to 9th February, 2015	Total 48 participant including students and teachers of JSS, KMWSC staffs and Loreto students.
5	Survey of school dropout children	December, 2014	1000 households in 4 Gram Panchayats.
6	School visits by the Project coordinator and supervisor	Throughout the year (1st April, 2014- 31st March, 2015)	30 schools in Basanti block, Canning Subdivision, South 24 Parganas.
7	Visit to 10 SSKs and 10 MSKs in Basanti Block. ► To meet the teachers and school committees ► To discuss about training programme and remedial classes.	17th February – 20th February, 2015	20 schools have been visited by staffs and met around 80 teachers in different schools
8	Advocacy at local level	Throughout the year (1st April, 2014 to 31st March)	More than 14 SSKs, MSKs and higher secondary schools have been reached out.

Lodha Community Project

Funded by : Mary Ward International, Spain

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Barefoot Teachers' Training for the project staff	1 Dec. 2014 to 4 Dec. 2014	13
2	Learning support to the children	Throughout the year (5 days/ week)	3
3	Community Meetings	3	112
4	Home Visits	30 homes per month	4
5	Monitoring Visit to Centres	Every month	4
6	Health Camp	From April, 2015 onwards (Every month)	78
7	Staff Meeting	Every month	4

Sensitization on Human Trafficking Project - 2015
Funded by : Mary Ward International, Spain

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	5 candidates have been selected through an interview process for conducting the survey of 1000 households in five Gram Panchayats of Canning 1 Block, South 24 Pgs.	14.02.2015	N/A
2	Request letter to District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas for providing permission to conduct the household survey. It was followed by the permission letter, dated on 25.02.2015	25.02.2015	N/A
3	Requested District Child Protection Society, South 24 Pgs to extend their support for conducting the survey in Canning 1 Block. It was followed by the consent letter from District Child Protection Officer dated on 16.02.2015	16.02.2015	N/A
4	Conducted meeting with the Gram Pradhan's of the respective GP's for the survey. Gram Panchayat. Project staff also interacted with Anganwadi workers, ASHA health Workers and Self Help Groups of Taldi Gram Panchyats on 20.02.2015.	20.02.2015	60 Participants
5	A sample survey of 1000 households in 5 GPs (Gram Panchayat- local self government). Sample Survey Questionnaires has been used for information gathering- individual survey in person.	16.02.2015 to 28.02.2015	1000 Households

6	Submitted the Need Assessment Report to the Donor Agency (MWI-Spain) in the first week of March'15.	First Week of March 2015	N/A
7	Field Animators have been selected through an interview process on 03.03.2015. They were oriented regarding the vision and mission of KMWSC and the Project Proposal including programme budget.	03.03.2015	5
8	Formation of Adolescent Girls Groups in the Five Gram Panchayats.	1st and 2nd week of March 2015	53 Adolescent girls
9	Formation of Vigilance Committee in Five Gram Panchayats.	1st and 2nd week of March 2015	53 Vigilance Committee Members
10	On 14.03.2015 two programmes organised on Orientation & Formation of Adolescents Girls Group at Matla 1 GP and Taldi GP	14.03.2015	20 Adolescent girls
11	On 18. 03.2015 and 27.02.20145 Programmes on Formation and Orientation of Vigilance Committee has been organized at Daria and Itkhola GP.	18. 03.2015 and 27.02.20145	20 Vigilance Committee members
12	Display of Project Banner at community level	2nd week of March 2015	5 Gram Panchayats Office.

Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project
Funded by : Greenapp, Germany

Sl. No.	Activity	Time Frame	Project Participants
1	Barefoot Teachers' Training for the Project Staff	18 Aug. 2014 to 22Aug. 2014	45
2	Exposure visit to Solar Centre of an organization called 'ABCD'	28 Aug. 2014	2

3	Survey to Chandni Market to get idea on Solar Lights	1 Sept. 2014	2
4	Training on Solar Lantern Assembling	8 Sept. 2014 to 12 Sept. 2015	5
5	Barefoot Teachers' Training for the Project Staff	22 Sept. 2014 to 26 Sept. 2014	48
6	Sr. Monica Suchiang's visit to centre	25 Nov. 2014	5
7	Barefoot Teachers' Training for the Project Staff	1 Dec. 2014 to 4 Dec. 2014	13
8	Learning support to the children	Throughout the year (5 days/ week)	4
	Monitoring visit to four centres	Every month	5
9	Community meetings on Solar Enlighten and Education	Four meetings per month	64
10	Home visits	40 homes per month	4
11	Need Assessment and Survey for selection of village women to provide solar lights in the first year	Throughout five months – November, December, 2014 and January, February, March, 2015	5
12	Taking Solar Lights to Manmathnagar	February 3, 2015	5
13	Delivery of lights to each centre	February, 2015	5
14	Distribution of solar lights to centre children and community people	March and April, 2015	195
15	Staff Meeting	Every month	5

One Billion Rising



One Billion Rising is a global campaign to end violence against women, rise for justice and promote gender equality. It was started in 2012 as part of the V-Day movement. The "billion" refers to the UN statistics that one in three women will be raped or beaten in their lifetime, which makes it a total of one billion in the world. The motto of the Movement is "Strike, Rise, Dance", urging people to show collective strength and stand up for the cause to end violence against women.

One Billion Rising was organized by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre (Loreto) at the St. Joseph's College ground, on 14th February, 2015. The event was attended by school and college students from all over Kolkata; Sisters, Priests and Brothers of several congregation, NGOs, local street children, friends and commoners bringing the total audience count to nearly 1700.

Loreto Sealdah students started with the Flash Mob dance. The Provincial Superior of Loreto South Asia, Sr. Anita Maria Braganza was felicitated by Sr. Monica Suchiang, Director, KMWSC.

Bangla Band 'Dohar' and Manipuri dance troupe 'ANJIKA' performed to highlight the cause.

Two very special women who are survivors of violence, humiliation were courageous enough to stand on stage and share their lives with the audience. Sr. Anita Braganza felicitated them with love.

Performance by the students of Loreto Rainbow Home Bowbazar, Loreto Day School - Elliot Road, Loreto Day School - Dharmtalla, Lee Memorial School and St. Joseph's School highlighted the cause and raised awareness to rise against violence towards women.

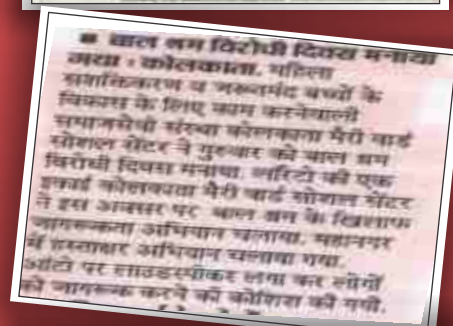
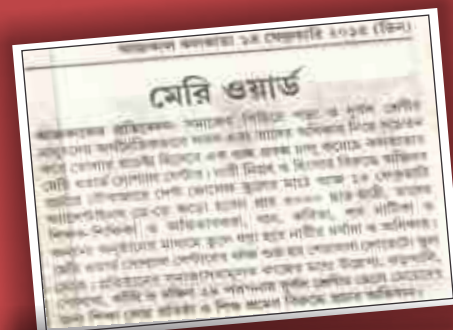
Kamran Khurshid entertained the students with his hit songs. .

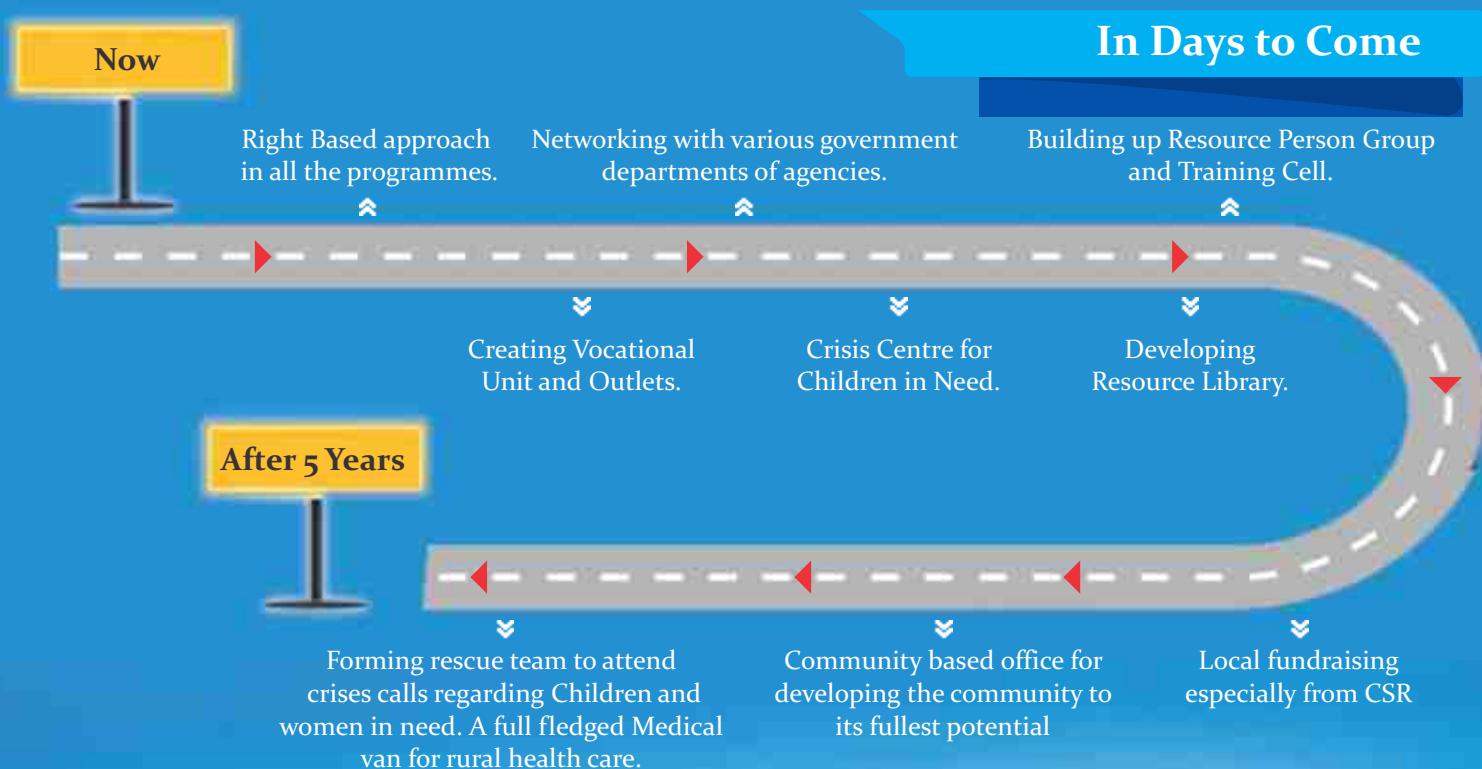
From Sonagachi a guest speaker represented the plight of women. She is now a volunteer of Durbar Mahila and Sr. Monica was very humbled to felicitate her.

Sr. Anita Braganza inspired and encouraged the entire crowd to rise up to the cause and especially the men to stand by the women.

The One Billion Rising Anthem, dance and release of the 10 hot balloons symbolized the pledge to rise for justice and gender equality. The event was authenticated by signature campaign too.

We sincerely thank the Loreto family, St. Joseph's College team, Bro. Christopher and team for their support. Thanks to the exciting anchoring by Ms. Gouri Basu and Mr. Sunil Lucas. Mr. Debashis Banerjee was brilliant in his art work. The entire team of KMWSC also deserves for a round of Applause. Thanks to all.





PLAN FOR 2015-16

- ▶ Rights based approach through networking with various government departments and appropriate agencies.
- ▶ Resource person team and training cell.
- ▶ Resource library and documentation archives.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- ▶ Each project personnel will take initiative as a team to liaison with specific government departments and agencies and establish linkage and advocate for specific causes on behalf of the marginalized and vulnerable sections of the society. Example labour law department / education department.
- ▶ Advocacy on "know your Right" with the stakeholders. Each project personnel will improvise and upgrade their capacity to provide sessions on various issues as child centric pedagogy, human rights especially child rights, life skill education, contemporary social issues and related government initiatives as RTE, child protection, human trafficking etc. This will build up a resource centre extending training facilities in and out of the organization.
- ▶ The resources already existing and in process of continuous development will be structured into a library which will be made available to all.
- ▶ The entire team of KMWSC will be equally involved for networking, advocacy and resource development for the year 2014-16.

Staff Photo with Organogram

Governing Body Members

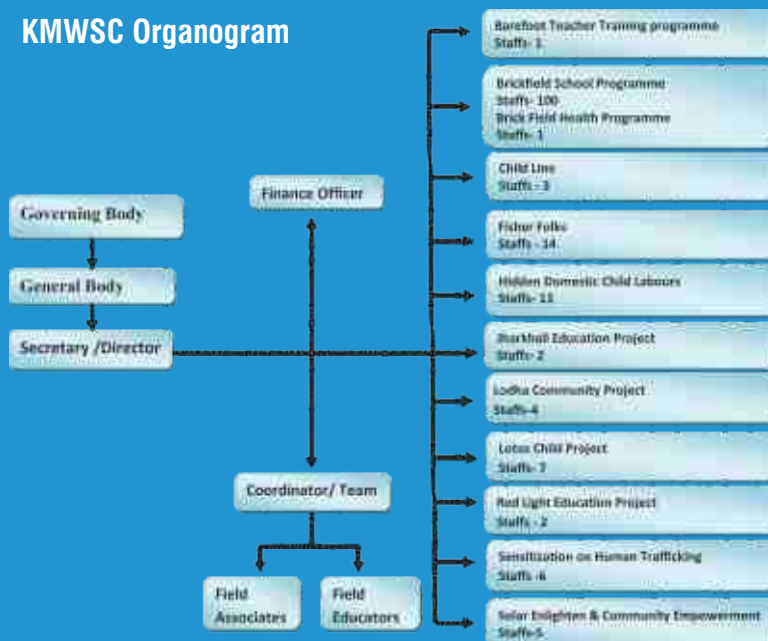
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