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Glancing through the Annual Report of any organization gives the reader a glimpse of what an organization stands for, its values and its priorities.

The Annual Report of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, begun and administered by the Loreto Sisters, gives a very clear picture of who and what is important to the Sisters and the many that collaborate with them.

I congratulate Sr. Monica Suchiang ibvm, the Director of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre and her team of committed associates for the great work they are doing for those of the margins of our society.

May God continue to bless them and all who support them in various ways.

Anita M. Braganza

**Sr. Anita Maria Braganza
President**





Director's Message

This is the third year of the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, since it became an independent body. As I go through the report, I appreciate and thank most sincerely the staff members of KMWSC for the hard work they have put in all through the year. I also express my gratitude to our many collaborators, who have joined hands with us to enhance our efforts towards working for the downtrodden.

All our hopes, wishes, dreams and plans have achieved success beyond our targets this year. This report is a brief outline of these achievements and records our progress in moving ahead with the values of justice, peace, freedom and integrity. As we reflect on the history of our Institution over the last 175 years, we would like to renew our commitment to

improving education, child protection and empowerment of women and backward communities, so that they are able to sustain themselves.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, inspired by our Founder Mary Ward's charism, has always been and will continue to be a leader in organizing and empowering the deprived communities. Through the expansion of the Centre's programmes and activities we try to address the root causes such as poverty, exploitation and violation of human rights to help the marginalized communities to have a happier existence.

This report documents the year's endeavours and progress towards our vision.

KMWSC is a humble establishment of action that pursues its vision relentlessly, and will continue to do so with the support of our donors, partner organizations, volunteers and well-wishers. I would like to thank you all for your encouragement and assistance throughout these three years.

Only together we can bring about a change and make a difference to the lives of those who are marginalized. We look forward to your continued support and partnership in the many years to come.

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Sr. Monica Suchiang
Director





ON ROAD OF DEVELOPMENT

KMWSC has completed its third year of being registered as a society under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act of XVII. As the social development arm of Loreto, the institution is entrenched with the ethos of Justice, Freedom, Peace and Integrity. KMWSC is dedicated to empowering the socially excluded women and to mainstream them and their children into the social order through education, protection and community development.

Healing the wounds of exploitation and alleviating poverty in thousands of beneficiaries through several projects, KMWSC is carrying forward the legacy of Mary Ward, the Founder of the Loreto order. KMWSC is kindling hope in hopeless hearts for the betterment of society at large, following the maxim of Mary Ward, **“Act not out of fear but solely from love”**.



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 DETAILS

KMWSC is at present working on the specific areas of Education, Women and Child Protection, Health Care and Community Development. The 9 project interventions categorically fulfil the objective of developing the

communities pertaining to the mentioned thematic areas. It is the core value of the organization to uphold justice in life of its beneficiaries through its various initiatives.



GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Reaching
9000 people
in
87 communities
throughout
Kolkata,
Hoogly,
South and
North
24 Parganas



TRAINING TO TEACH

The Barefoot Teachers Training (BFTT) Programme embodies the concept that people only need feet to walk, shoes are a luxury. Over the past several years, the BFTT has evolved a training programme that includes latest methodologies, inter – active teaching and designing of innovative aids that teaches the trainee teachers to make learning an interesting

process that captivates the youngsters. After completing the training, the teachers become better equipped to help children, many first generation students, to take a greater interest in academics. This training is specially designed for the teachers in rural and semi-urban areas as they have neither the time nor the resources for a formal training.

▶ 299 grass roots level teachers have received training and are successfully using their knowledge to teach young learners,

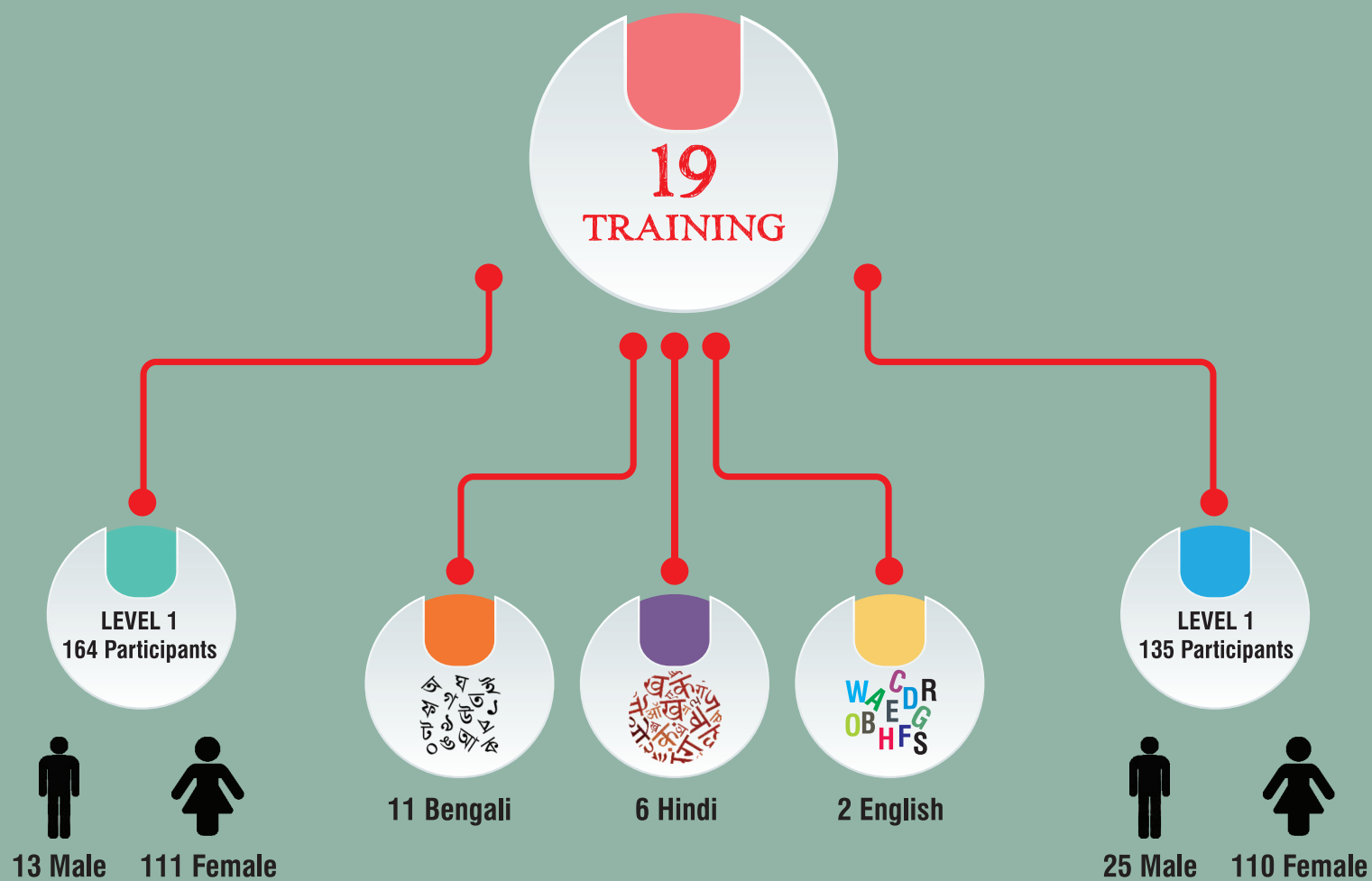
using innovative methodologies.

▶ 19 training sessions have equipped 221 women teachers, thus leading to empowerment of these women.

▶ Teachers in over 19 institutions in West Bengal and Jharkhand have benefitted from the programme.

▶ More than 4,750 children are receiving education imparted by teachers who have attended the Barefoot Teachers Training Programme.





LEARNING TO TEACH

Deepak Kumar Jaiswara, was an employee of Modern Pre – Primary English Medium School, Santragachi, Howrah, when he came for his first Barefoot Teachers Training Programme. After completing his Level 1 and Level 2 trainings he started teaching the children of Classes Lower KG and Upper KG, by opening his own little school. Three others joined him in his

endeavour to impart basic education to small children. Deepak remains deeply indebted to KMWSC for giving him this opportunity to fulfil his dreams and at the same time earn a sustainable means of livelihood. He continues to participate in the BFTT training sessions and invites the KMWSC staff to all his school functions.



FROM WORK TO SCHOOL

“Working in 2 districts of West Bengal (Kolkata and North 24 Parganas) involving 3 Municipalities (KMC, Baranagar and Kamarhati Municipalities at 8 Wards)”



The **Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project** with its vision to mainstream child domestic workers and bring them back to formal learning has successfully realized its objectives through the Multipurpose Activity Centres (MAC). Children working in different areas have been inspired to join mainstream education or / and vocational training programmes to help them gain financial independence. Different stakeholders in the community as well as the government have jointly formed a safety net to prevent children from falling prey to the vice of child labour. Children are now happy to leave their jobs and

join school to receive an education.

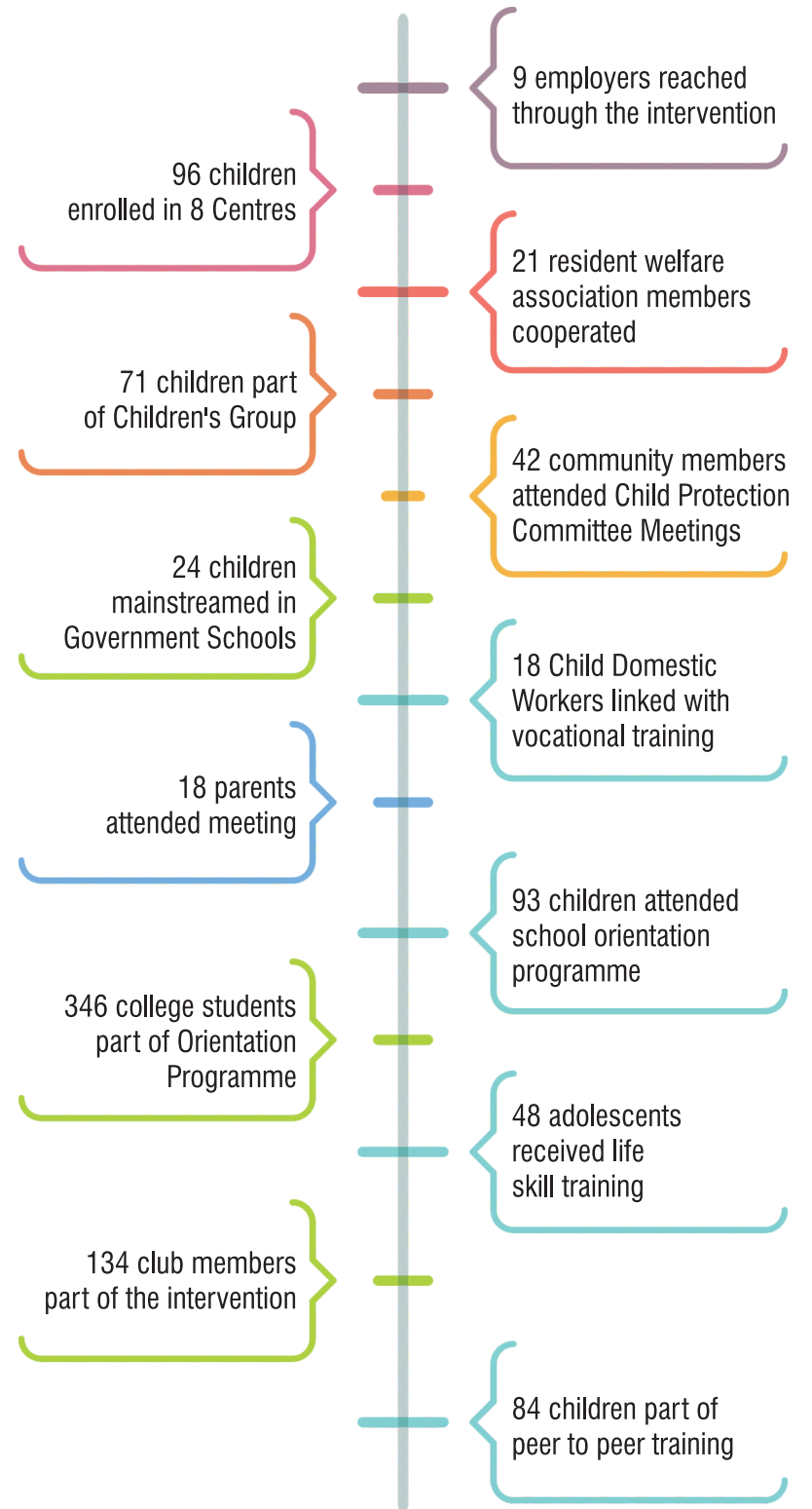
- ▶ 8 Ward Level Child Protection Committees have been formed in the 8 Wards where the MACs are located and these have been integrated to the government systems.

- ▶ 5 Residents Welfare Associations declared their residence complexes as child labour free and the members took a pledge not to engage children as domestic workers in their homes. They have also put up a board stating “This complex is a child friendly complex; we do not employ children in any capacity”.

- ▶ 119 (3 boys, 116 girls) candidates in the age group of 15 – 20 years were enrolled for training

in different areas such as Beautician’s Course, Driving, Facility Management Training and AC-Fridge Repairing Technician. Candidates completing the trainings were successfully placed in jobs in respectable organisations that included three and four star hotels, medical centres etc.

- ▶ One state consultation for RWA members from the different wards was conducted at Kolkata, where all the RWA members were thanked for their support in reaching out to CDWs and given a memento as a token of appreciation.





JYOTI MAKES IT TO THE TOP!

Jyoti Shaw, a young girl living in a slum on Canal East Road, Kolkata, lost her father at the age of 12. Seeing her mother struggling to make ends meet for the family of four, Jyoti started working from a very young age. Mother and daughter were poorly paid maids and unable to provide adequately for the family. The MAC facilitators identified Jyoti and convinced her mother to allow her to enrol in a Beautician's Training Course. After completion of her training, she joined a Beauty Parlour as an apprentice. Today, Jyoti has started her own enterprise and given employment to 4 other girls like herself. At the MAC, she encourages young girls working as domestic workers to better their lives by empowering themselves.



SMILE ON AN INNOCENT FACE!

Shipra Paul, a 18 years old young woman, lives in Ultadanga in North Kolkata. She is a special child and her parents find her a burden. Her father works in a shop that makes wrought iron grills, her mother is an ICDS worker in Daspara and her older brother is an AC repairing mechanic. The family constantly struggles to make ends meet. Shipra has studied up to Class VIII at the Ultadanga United Girls School. Ill health forced to discontinue school. She started doing embroidery work for local tailors to augment the family income. She also worked in two households doing chores. In April 2016, she came in contact with the KMWSC staff. Since then she has been actively participating in all MAC activities at Daspara. She has a special talent for singing, dancing and recitation and has been teaching the younger children at the MAC. Today, she is happy and her family's attitude to her has changed completely.





STOLEN PEOPLE STOLEN DREAMS

According to the 2015 NCRB data, of the 1,255 trafficking cases in West Bengal during that year, 1,119 (89%) involved children. Due to extreme poverty in some rural areas, it becomes easy for the traffickers to lure the children, and hence the state acts as a source point. It is also used as a transit corridor as well as the final destination for trafficked individuals. Canning, in South 24 Parganas, is strategically important for the border security of the state. It also serves as a base operation point for the remote locations in the Sunderbans. Trafficking cases in Canning have been on the increase for many years now and has now reached alarming figures.

The **KMWSC Sensitization on Anti-Human Trafficking Project** focusses on combatting trafficking around Canning and adjoining areas through educational awareness and preventive measures. Protection of the victims is done by providing services such as vocational assistance and training and through various partnerships (with official bodies, community members, other non-governmental organizations and corporations), so that the survivors feel empowered to live a respectable life.

KMWSC has dedicated this project to creating an awareness about human trafficking and educating the simple rural folk about the ways and means adopted by the traffickers. Working closely with local, state and law enforcement agencies, KMWSCs effort is to expose, arrest and prosecute the traffickers, while providing the necessary support systems that help to heal the physical and mental damages the child has suffered.

- ▶ Approximately 800 women from 10 Gram Panchayats have been sensitized on Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives through Community Awareness Campaigns.
- ▶ Approximately 500 Gram Panchayat members have been capacitated on women and child protection laws and legislations.
- ▶ Approximately 2500 school children have been sensitized on child trafficking, child labour and child marriage.
- ▶ Approximately 100 Anganwadi workers (community-based workers under the Integrated Child Development Scheme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India) from Canning Block have been sensitized and capacitated on anti-human trafficking initiatives.
- ▶ 200 Civic Police Volunteers and 150 Self Help Group members from Canning 1 Block attended a Rally on World

Day against Trafficking in Persons.

- ▶ 50 vocal AGG members have represented the children at the Block Level for consultations with stakeholders of the community.
- ▶ 4 AGG members represented their communities at the Sub- Divisional Consultation on Anti-human Trafficking Initiatives.
- ▶ 200 AGG members from 10 Gram Panchayats have been sensitized and trained on child rights and child protection issues.
- ▶ 100 Child Vigilant Committee members have been capacitated on anti-human trafficking initiatives.
- ▶ Approximately 25000 local people have been sensitised on human trafficking issues through leaflet distribution, auto-campaigns and emergency response units.
- ▶ Approximately 100 participants from NGO's, Local Self Govt. and Local Police Stations participated at the Block Level and Sub-divisional Level consultation on anti-human trafficking initiatives at Canning Block 1, to create a safety net for the protection of women and children.
- ▶ Approximately 50 participants from NGO's, Local Self Govt, Probationary Officers, Police Stations, West Bengal State Commission for Protection of Child Rights participated in the District Level consultation on Social- Reintegration of Survivors of Human Trafficking.
- ▶ Monthly meetings were conducted with 100 Community Vigilance Committees at 10 Gram Panchayats of Canning 1 Block
- ▶ Approximately 100 women and adolescent girls from Canning 1 Block have been given vocational training on paper bag making.

The KMWSC provides the framework for initiatives in support of the anti-trafficking efforts and focusses on 4 thematic areas.

- ▶ **Prevention** including awareness-raising and addressing root causes of trafficking- KMWSC runs workshops on human trafficking to create awareness of human trafficking in Canning Block 1. The young people are trained in prevention of human trafficking and they spread awareness in their communities.
- ▶ **Rescue**- Identifies victims and perpetrators of sex trafficking, assists and mobilizes Childline and other law enforcement agencies to rescue victims and arrest perpetrators
- ▶ **Rehabilitation** through vocational training
- ▶ **Networking and Advocacy** with government departments, police and likeminded organizations.



KMWSC has intervened directly in 4 cases of child marriage and indirectly handled 12 cases along with Childline and Canning Police Station -- including 1 case of a minor boy missing from Patharpratima Block and 9 cases of trafficking of minor children. Of these cases, 8 children have been rescued and 1 case is in progress, nearing solution.

BORN INTO NEW LIFE!



Tara (name changed), a young girl from a very poor family in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, had to face hardships from the time she was a child. Her father, who had a drinking problem, and under the influence of alcohol would abuse her as well as her mother and younger sister. The situation became financially worse for the family when he was diagnosed with cancer and finally died of the disease. With her husband's intermittent earning also not there, Tara's mother struggled to make ends meet. When she too died after a

couple of years, Tara and her younger sister became orphans, dependent on kind neighbours even for a meal. The neighbours were impoverished themselves, and Tara realised that being dependent on their kindness and mercy was not a permanent solution. She started looking for work, and in the process, met Meena (name changed), who promised her a job with a good salary at a catering services organisation in Delhi. With hope in her heart that the bad days were finally over, Tara went with Meena to Delhi, to realize that she

was being employed as a house-maid. Her employers would regularly abuse her mentally and physically and to keep her in their clutches, they even withheld her salary. After two years of this torment, Tara was rescued by the Delhi Police. KMWSC stepped in and took her to the safe environment of Sanskar Home for her rehabilitation. KMWSC staff then secured permission for Tara's return to Kolkata. After being produced at CWC, South 24 Parganas, Tara was sent to Sanlaap and also reunited with her younger sister.





LODHA - BUILDING A BETTER LIFE FOR THE MARGINALIZED

KMWSC's 'Building a Better Life' project which aims to create a better life for the less privileged members of the society, extends to the Lodha Community Initiative. The Lodhas were designated as a 'criminal tribe' during the British Raj. Now 'de-notified', they still carry the social stigma of being outcastes.

The Lodhas live in abject poverty, cut-off from mainstream society. The area/region where they reside, poses great challenges to development intervention due to a multiplicity of factors --- socio-cultural, economic and the prevalence of myths and faiths, as it common in tribal communities. Despite these challenges, KMWSC has implemented some developmental initiatives, which is improving the quality of life of the members of the community. KMWSC is trying to create a more social and sustainable life for this extremely marginalized and so called primitive Lodha tribe through motivation, child education, community health and alternative livelihood options.

"I enjoy the lessons my teacher teaches me. In the evening, I recite them at home in front of my parents. I have made many friends in my school" -- **Santosh Mallick, studying in Class 1, Radhakrishna Pur Subodh Smriti Sshishu Shiksha Kendra**

"We didn't think education mattered, but the KMWSC staff convinced us, Maybe our children can give us a better life."
Parent of Santosh Mallick



▶ Towards creating a healthier society by popularizing preventive measures, KMWSC organized awareness programmes on various issues of health and hygiene where 160 people participated.

▶ Free Medical Health Camp has played a pivotal role in facilitating interaction among community stakeholders to promote awareness in healthcare programmes and provide 'Quality Healthcare to All', especially to the needy. 150 people have benefited from this, by receiving health care at their doorstep.

▶ Adult Education aims at extending educational options to those Lodha adults, who have lost the opportunity to become literate while they were young and have crossed the age limit for formal education. They now wish to become literate and receive basic education. Skill development through vocational education is another requirement of the community.

▶ KMWSC has enrolled and mainstreamed 13 children (boys-8, girls-5) of the community into Sishu Shiksha Kendras i. e Government Schools through a structured programme, thus strengthening the pursuit to provide quality education to children who are missing out on their basic right to education.

▶ 8 children have been admitted in Class V and 1 child in Class VIII, in January, 2017, and 12 children (boys-5, girls-7) are awaiting admission. This initiative aims to catalyse efforts to significantly reduce the number of Out of School Children (OOSC) worldwide at the primary level.

▶ Alternative livelihood options such as poultry farming have been introduced for the community people to establish economic sustainability. All families of the Lodha community, living in the area were given 15 small chicks each to rear and sell.

This will help them to generate income immediately by selling eggs, chicken and also growing the business.

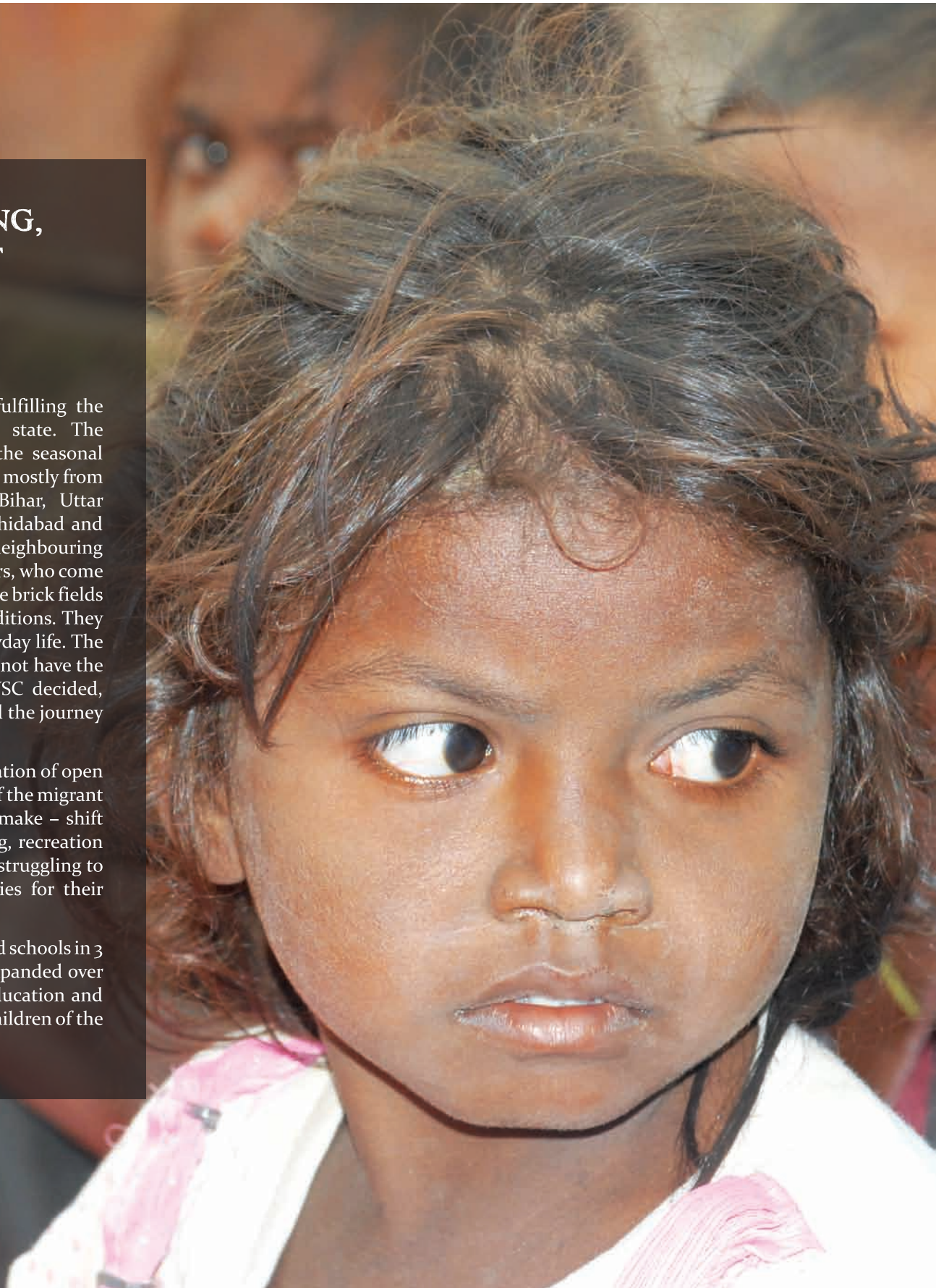


REACHING, SUPPORTING, NURTURING MIGRANT CHILDREN AT BRICK FIELD

West Bengal has over 2000 brick fields fulfilling the continuous need of bricks around the state. The **Brickfield School Project (BFS)** is for the seasonal migrant workers and their children, who are mostly from the neighbouring states of Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and the districts of Murshidabad and Bardhaman in West Bengal, as well as the neighbouring country of Bangladesh. The migrant workers, who come to West Bengal only during the time when the brick fields are in operation, live under deplorable conditions. They are denied even the basic amenities of everyday life. The children who migrate with their parents do not have the opportunity of a formal education. KMWSC decided, "Let's bring the schools to the children", and the journey of BFS project began.

Since 2008, KMWSC is facilitating the operation of open air schools by acting as a catalyst. Children of the migrant workers at the brickfields escape to these make – shift schools for few hours every day for learning, recreation and rest. It is a beacon of hope for families, struggling to provide better lives and more opportunities for their children.

The project started in 2008 with 20 brick field schools in 3 districts of West Bengal. The project has expanded over the years and is today providing a basic education and creating awareness amongst approx. 3000 children of the migrant workers through 60 such schools.





KMWSC will continue its work of initiating activities and programmes for the children of migrant workers employed at the brickfields.

► KMWSC has made an impact in the lives of these children by providing them with basic education for 5 days a week, 3 hours each day. In the session 2015-2016, 10 Brickfield Schools were functional in 3 district locations in West Bengal. Each Brickfield School had 2 teachers with around 50 children.

► In 2016-2017, KMWSC has reached out to approximately 3876 migrant children in the brickfields by way of providing basic education, health care and supplementary nutrition.

► 120 Teacher Training programmes were organized under other schemes of KMWSC during the year,

which was attended by around 20 teachers teaching in the Brickfield Schools. This has helped in enhancing communication skills between students and teachers and between peer groups. It has also helped in enhancing learning and grasping skills amongst the children.

► Teaching learning materials provided to the Brickfield School teachers is supporting the learning objectives of children.

► The community's attitude towards the girl child's education has changed. Girls are now regular in attendance and participate in all activities. One of the most significant changes visible is the mobilisation of parents and exchange of ideas and experiences during the awareness programmes. Migrant brickfield

families are becoming more aware of the importance of education and other pressing social issues.

► This project is unique not only because it imparts information but also because it provides public health information at the brickfields, in a language that the workers understand.

► Health workers from the Primary Health Centres, who earlier did not attend to these children are now visiting the brickfields to provide vaccines for the same children. This is step forward in the direction of sustainability of health services for the migrant community at the brickfields.

► The Health Awareness programme along with Health Camp is focussed towards making the brickfield community aware of how they can



maintain a healthy lifestyle by undertaking various preventive measures. In line with the commitment to Health for All, the Health Camps not only provide solutions but also focus on information dissemination. An important focus area is to sensitize the community on generating awareness, early diagnosis and treatment of numerous health problems.

▶ A total of 1345 migrant labourers from the brickfields have participated in the Parents Meetings which are designed especially to foster and benefit parent - teacher partnerships. Located within the community, the Brickfield Schools routinely connected with families in multiple capacities, which provided opportunities for community communication and participation.

▶ Constant networking and advocacy initiatives have convinced the brickfield owners to provide space to KMWSC to run the Brickfield Schools. 45 Networking visits facilitated the transfer of learning and helped in building solidarity between the NGO's, ICDS and

government hospitals. This has positively impacted the situation of brickfield children and enabled the strengthening of field level initiatives.

▶ Extracurricular activities like sports, celebration of special days etc provided 1567 migrant children with a safe space for learning, education, development and interaction and is fostering personal growth of the children in a highly supportive environment

▶ The Brickfield School project had organized a sports event and a drawing competition for the children with the objective to make the day very special and memorable for the little ones whose childhood has been completely lost owing to their family responsibilities. This also provided them with a platform to showcase their talents/skills in various sports, thereby ensuring their right to development, leisure and recreation.

▶ Through 53 awareness camps round the year, 3300 community members have been provided with information on different basic entitlement schemes,

and the process of accessing them. KMWSC also helps applicants avail of these entitlements through assistance with the application process and interceding on their behalf with government departments to access the benefit of schemes such as the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Card, Ration Card, National Health Insurance Scheme, The Janani Suraksha Yojana Scheme (JSY) etc.

▶ Health Camps have been conducted in over 50 brick fields providing free health check-up and medicines to over 3000 migrant community people. People have been treated for minor as well as major medical complications. Two patients requiring special attention have received specialized medical attention.

▶ Medical awareness sessions have been conducted to educate 2565 people to generate awareness on health and hygiene, prevention of disease, balanced diet and family planning.

MESSAGE FROM BENEFICIARIES



"On behalf of my wife, children and family, I wish to express my profound and sincere gratitude to KMWSC and every individual who has contributed in one way or the other in the successful tongue surgery of our son, Rabi Sardar. He was unable to communicate his feelings to us as he was unable to talk, but after the intervention it is a joy to see Rabi playing with his sister who

is 2 years old. We are so happy to see him running around tirelessly with great energy. We thank you all for giving Rabi the hope and opportunity to live a healthier life", **Gopal Sardar, 35 years, Ranjana Sardar 28 years, from Tona Brickfield.**

Fulba Manjhi mother of Sandip Manjhi at Akra Brickfield, "The talk held at our Brickfield Centre was truly enlightening and gave me a good insight on how to deal with common ailments for my parents and children."

Sofhikul Gazi, father of Reshma Khatoon at Basirhat Brickfield- "I will now ensure that my children are adequately vaccinated".

Doctor Dr. C. K. Mahato who conducted the Health Camp at Uttarpara Brickfield, expressed, "These brickfields were unchartered territories. We have successfully been able to implement these health schemes through our talks across the brickfields. The villagers have appreciated our efforts to enlighten them on local health issues."







LIBERATING FROM THE DUNGEON



The **PROVIDING EDUCATION AND PROTECTION TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN** project which stretches out a hand of help and support to the children of Commercial Sex Workers (CSWs) has been in operation since 2015. Stepping into the third year, the project now has 50 children of CSWs under its purview, who are receiving academic guidance and support in recreational and life-skill education through this initiative.

50 children of the CSWs are receiving quality education and recreational opportunities.

10 children who had opted out,

have been readmitted and are now regularly attending school.

6 girl children from the community have participated for the first time in a stage show, performing before a highly appreciative audience of 5000 people.

10 children have been involved in life-skill need assessment and are now attending regular sessions.

15 women are receiving vocational training in two areas –Beautician's Course and Tailoring, which will help them to earn a sustainable means of livelihood.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING



BEAUTICIAN & TAILORING COURSE

(7 TRAINEES)

(8 TRAINEES)



EDUCATING 50 CHILDREN



OVER 100 HOUSEHOLDS BEING BENEFITTED

BRINGING HOPE IN LIFE

“Due to financial crisis I was forced to withdraw my two sons from school last year. Due to my failing health I cannot work as much as I used to earlier and find it difficult to make ends meet. Continuing with the schooling was an

extra burden and out of question. It was the Sisters and volunteers from KMWSC who extended their helping hand to readmit my children in school. Now, the boys are not only regularly attending school but also the Remedial Education

Centre run by KMWSC. KMWSC staff members have also inspired my sons to attend football training. I can once again dream of my sons becoming respectable established professionals in their life.”

- Soma Das, 33 year old CSW



JOURNEY OF METAMORPHOSIS OF TWO VILLAGES.....

Two remote villages, namely Chaulgola and Sonapota of district South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, are enveloped in poverty and illiteracy. The **Community & Adult Education Programme** run by KMWSC brings the light of education, health services and community development to the villagers residing there. The programme has brought great hope to the residents of the villages, who now can aspire to bring a change in their lives.

▶ 174 children are receiving quality

education at the two Centres located in these two remote villages.

▶ 18 parents have been motivated to admit their children in to formal school and their children are regularly attending school.

▶ 51 adult women are now able to read and write through the Adult Education Intervention.

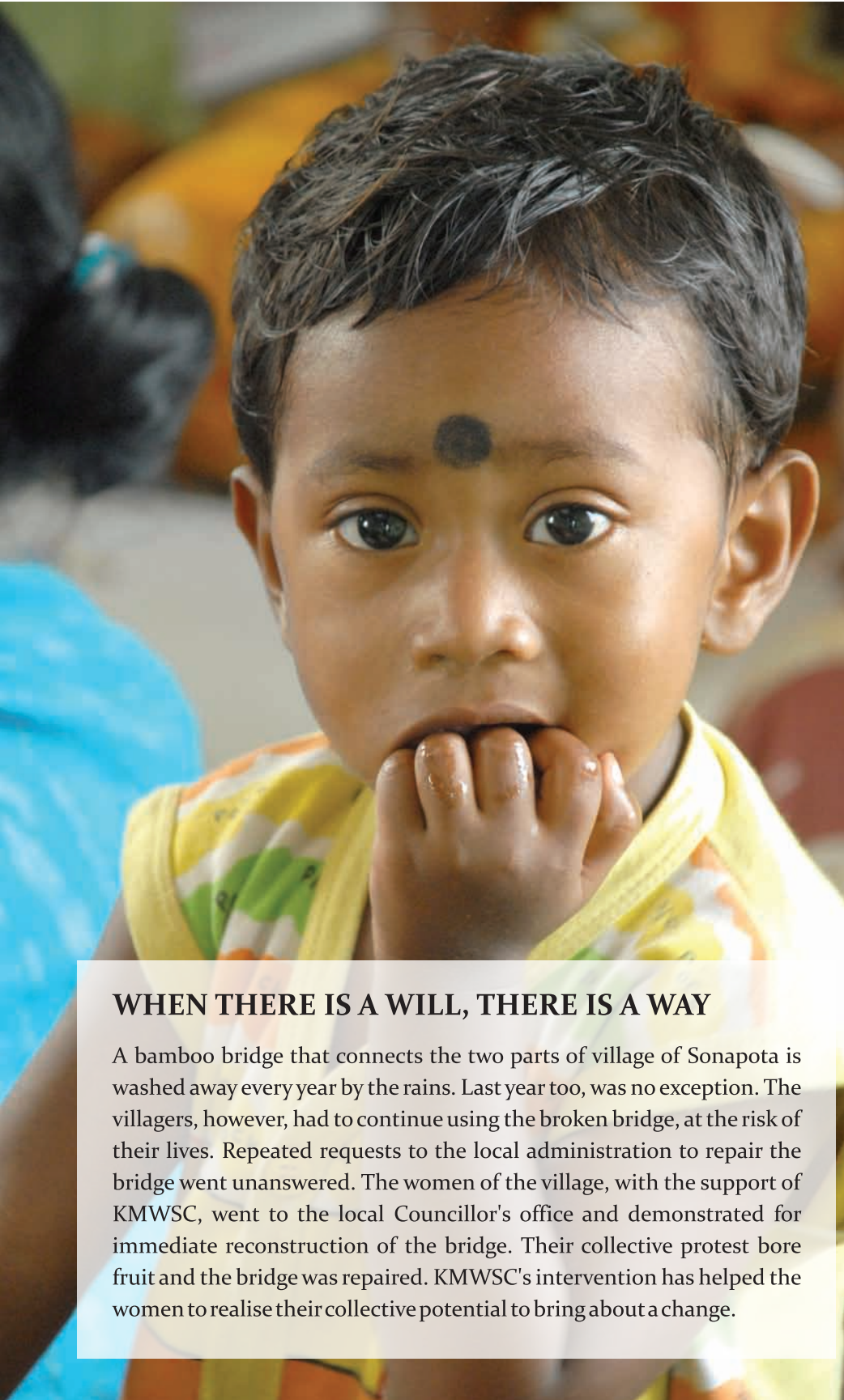
▶ 125 waterlogged houses at Sonapota have been provided with zeoline and ORS solutions thereby bringing good health

support in their lives.

▶ 127 people at Chaulgola and 113 people at Sonapota have received free medical check-up and necessary medicines at the Health Camp.

▶ Women have not only received vocational training but have become capable resource persons for paper bag making. 2 women are now earning their livelihood by training fellow women and others are making paper bags.

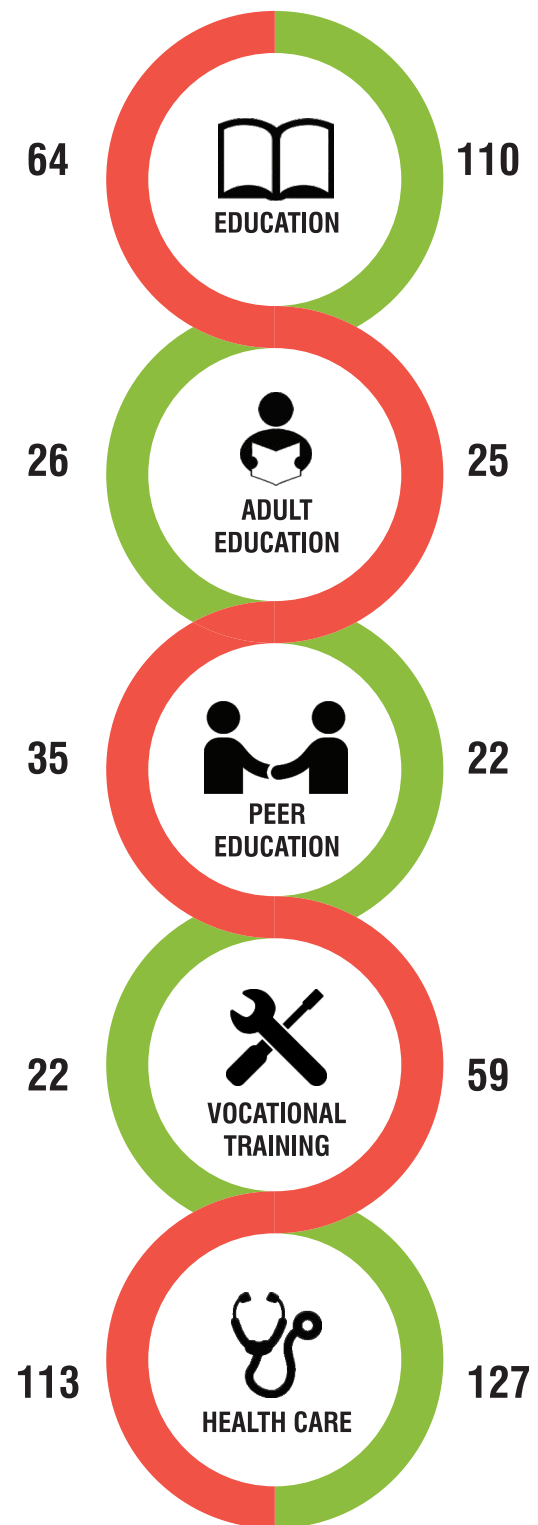




WHEN THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS A WAY

A bamboo bridge that connects the two parts of village of Sonapota is washed away every year by the rains. Last year too, was no exception. The villagers, however, had to continue using the broken bridge, at the risk of their lives. Repeated requests to the local administration to repair the bridge went unanswered. The women of the village, with the support of KMWSC, went to the local Councillor's office and demonstrated for immediate reconstruction of the bridge. Their collective protest bore fruit and the bridge was repaired. KMWSC's intervention has helped the women to realise their collective potential to bring about a change.

BENEFICIARIES AT SONAPOTA AND CHAULGOLA





SOLAR - LIGHTING UP PEOPLES LIVES



Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project (SECEP) is an intervention of KMWSC at Manmathnagar village in Gosaba Block, South 24 Parganas.

Gosaba is one of the main deltaic islands in the Sundarban region and Manmathnagar village therein is very remote, extremely poverty stricken and without regular electricity. Villagers rely mainly on kerosene oil or locally felled timber to light their homes. Kerosene is expensive and often causes respiratory problems for both children and adults and leads to an extra financial burden on their meagre means. KMWSC provides small self-contained solar lighting units which are user friendly, portable, sustainable and affordable, to the communities through this project. Along with solar lights KMWSC also has four Learning Centres which benefit 130 children.

The main area of work under SECEP has been

- ▶ Providing educational support to 140 children throughout the year, 5 days in a week.
- ▶ Bridging the gap between technology and people. Training

Our family is now using the solar lantern for cooking and weaving fishing nets at night. Before we used kerosene lamps, which couldn't provide continuous power. Solar lanterns are very useful and better than other products

Krishnapada Mridha from Gosaba, a 60 year old man, who has been using the solar lantern.



programmes are enhancing the skills and resources of the communities in making solar lanterns and teaching them to adopt clean technologies.

▶ 225 solar lamps were distributed amongst families who do not have access to electricity. The distribution has promoted health and well-being, increased access to affordable and clean energy, and built effective partnerships

▶ 130 community members have been made aware of smokeless chulas during community meetings. Community is continuously provided with support and is being encouraged to use environment friendly chulas.

▶ Home visits conducted provided an opportunity for parents and the school to work closely in the best interest of the child.

▶ 5 teachers' received Teachers Training. Emphasis was given to "learning by doing"- activity based learning, development of creative skills, self-development and inculcation of moral and spiritual values into the lessons.

255 Households illuminated



1020 lives impacted



4 Villages lit up



255 Solar lanterns disseminated



130 children attending School



4 Technicians designing the solar lights



CHANGING LIFE OF YOUTH

BEAUTICIAN

- ▶ More than 200 candidates have been enrolled in the Beautician's Course in the last year.
- ▶ Many parents and indirect beneficiaries could be reached out to through meetings and interactions, thus making them aware of the immense possibilities lying ahead for their daughters to become independent professionals.
- ▶ Networking with salons like Christine Valmy, Star and Style Salon, (which is part of Dr. Paul's group) etc, has been beneficial for the trainees. This was a very professional exposure for them, as they observed a service which needs deft acumen. Their response after this visit was very positive.
- ▶ The renovation of the training room was completed and an inauguration was organized on 4th of November, 2016, which was attended

by ITC officials, Loreto Sisters, parents, students and our well wishers. The event was covered by the press.

- ▶ Positive feedback from the salon owners is a boost for the programme. They have acknowledged that the quality of training imparted at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre is of a very good standard. Being part of a variety of activities has exposed them to the various possibilities the course offers and has groomed them into confident individuals.

- ▶ The continuous auto campaigns have had very good and positive response for the course. Home visits and follow-up visits have garnered trust, credibility and recognition about the course and have had an impact on the community.

BAKERY

- ▶ More than 1000 children of six schools and colleges buy hour wide variety of sumptuous

food during the recess, from our specially set up counters.

- ▶ New machines have been bought in the bakery.

- ▶ The bakery is awaiting a new revamped look; after it is refurbished and some more machines are bought, it will be at par with the most sophisticated bakeries in the city.

- ▶ There has been an increase in the number of trainees over the past few months.

TAILORING

- ▶ Approximately 60 candidates have been enrolled and trained in the last one year.

- ▶ This is a busy unit with continuous orders streaming in from several quarters.

- ▶ This is a six month training which is in great demand.





SKILL TO SUCCESS!

The three month Beautician's Training course at KMWSC always has many young enthusiastic participants coming from across the state and belonging to different strata of society. Rajni Singh from Khidderpore, Kolkata, joined the course, but could not complete it due to ill health. However, she rejoined in the next session, as she was very keen to become professionally trained. Rajni's family is large and the total income insufficient. She had been earning some money using her skills in doing embroidery. She self-financed her course from her own meagre savings. Completing the course has not only made Rajni more confident, but has also brought in a great change in her personality. She has overcome her fear of travelling alone in crowded trains for long distances. The fact that she is a self-made person has also boosted her confidence.





ONE BILLION RISING

“Women in time to come will do much” – IBVM’S founder, Mary Ward’s vision came alive on the grounds of Mohurkunj, a centrally located public park in the city of Kolkata, on 14th February, 2017, where the global campaign against violence on women – One Billion Rising (OBR) was celebrated by KMWSC.

The tune for the event was set through mobilizing schools, colleges, universities, non-government organizations and different platforms about the importance of the One Billion Rising Movement. 40 schools, 10 colleges, 8 NGO’s, 4 universities (namely Rabindra Bharati University, Vidyasagar School of Social Work under Vidyasagar University, Dept. of Sociology and Women’s Studies under

Jadavpur University, Dept. of Human Rights under Calcutta University), different communities under project intervention areas of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre have been oriented and sensitised on the OBR concept. Social awareness on OBR was expanded through partnering with print media (“The Herald”, “The Telegraph”) and radio partners (“RED FM 94.3”, “Radio Salesian 90.8”).

On the day of the event, in the presence of a record audience of over 5000 students, community people, various stakeholders and common people, the programme was inaugurated with the singing of the OBR anthem “Break the Chain.” Students from schools, and colleges, beneficiaries of KMWSC



projects along with 10 well-known performing artistes sang and danced to uphold the theme of the year, “Solidarity against Exploitation of Women” and the mass slogan for the event “Rise, Disrupt and Connect”.

Through her fiery speech and the catchy sloganeering that she has come to be associated with, women's rights activist Ms. Kamla Bhasin, the Guest of Honour, urged everyone to uphold the cause of the Movement. Through this

programme, KMWSC reiterated their commitment to work towards seeing all girls, women, boys and men free from any form of threat and give full support to all agencies trying to eradicate violence across the world.



KMWSC Staff express their deepest gratitude to all the visitors who have shared their valuable time with them and look forward to a long association with each one of them.



VISITORS AT KMWSC!

Visitors from across the world have always extended support to KMWSC by giving their time, expertise and resources. It is always a great pleasure to have them at the office as well as at the various project sites.

Several individuals as well as volunteer groups have visited KMWSC this year. Students - Emma, Gillian and Tatiana - have generously shared their time and made valuable contributions to the different programmes at KMWSC. Groups of students from USA, St Stephens Green, Loreto - Manchester and John XXII, Australia have visited the various project sites giving the children an opportunity to interact with their benefactors. It has been a life-time experience for the children.

Donors, Allannah and Anne Marie from Lotus Child, George from Green App, Lilian, Esther and other members from Calcutta Rescue, representatives from SAC, and Oh My Bag and Margaret Janseen have visited their respective project areas, thereby getting an idea of the work being done in the projects supported by them.

Special visits by Sr. Noelle from Rome, Sr. Brigid from Ireland and Sr. Liz Cotter have boosted the morale of the young workforce at the Centre. They are now motivated to ensure the success of every project undertaken by KMWSC.

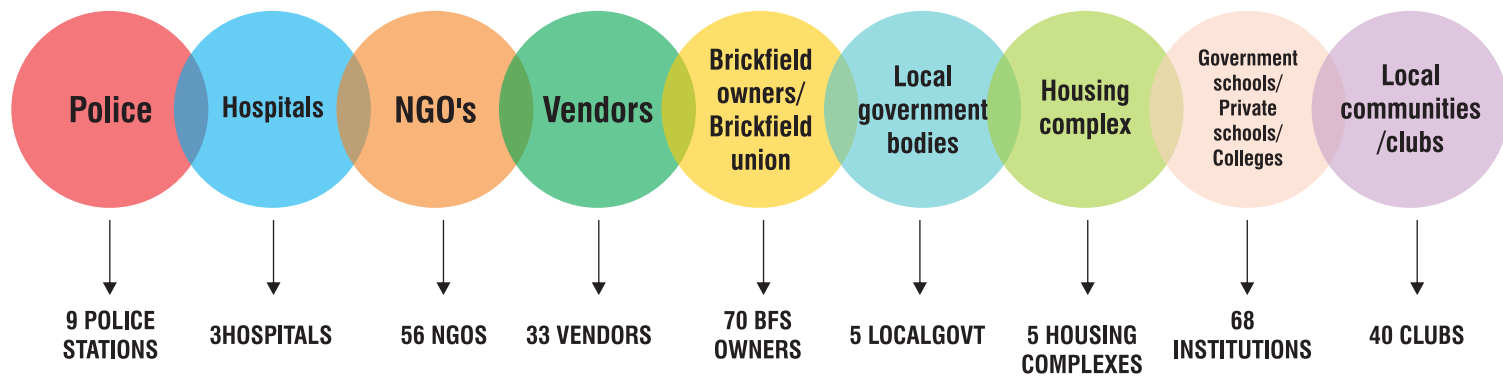




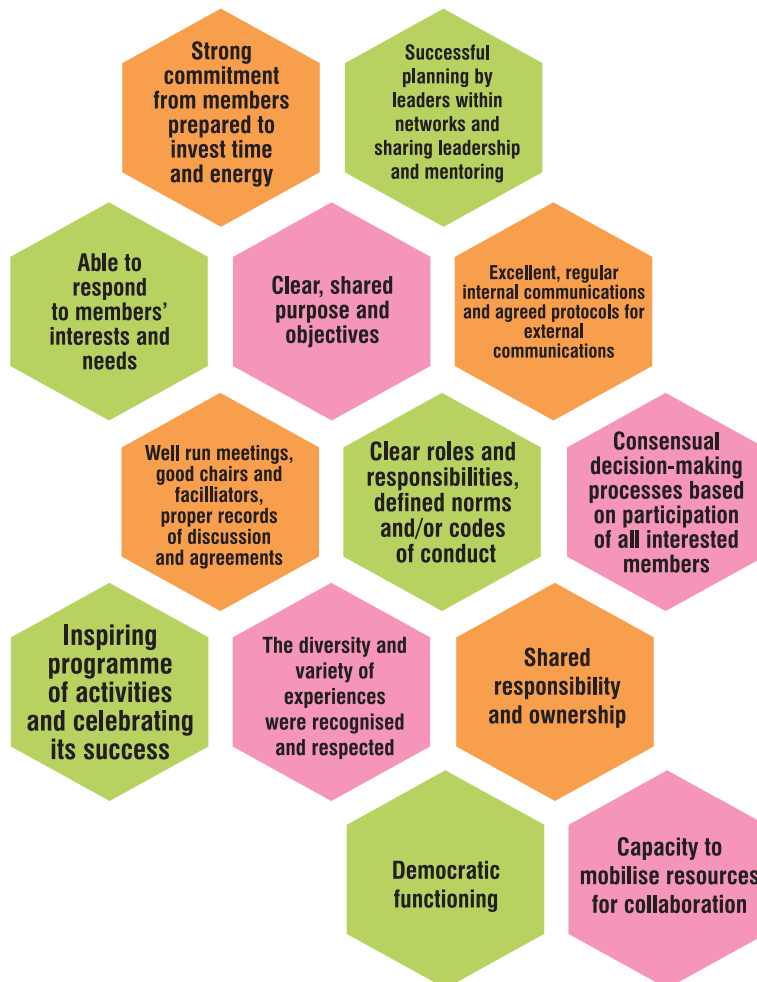


STRONGHOLDS OF KMWSC

MULTI STAKEHOLDERS PARTNERSHIP AT DIFFERENT LEVELS



SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL NETWORKS



REACHING POLICYMAKERS

- ▶ Motivating and coordinating with community leaders
- ▶ Meeting with all stakeholders
- ▶ Networking with institutions
- ▶ Resource and energy mobilisation: A means of mobilising energy and resources for advocacy -short and long term goals
- ▶ Communication: To communicate across cultures, political systems, countries, continents, contexts, providing access to information
- ▶ Promotion of co-ordination and linkage building: Facilitating more systematic communication, sharing of information, experiences and ideas
- ▶ Influencing Public Policy: It can be used as a political strategy for dealing with repression and opposition, can provide support, protection and solidarity



Creating safe child friendly environments for the children where they can enjoy all their basic rights. KMWSC is nurturing new dreams for the future. From various aspects of staff capacity enhancement to community development, KMWSC is working towards realizing its goals.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF

Enhancing the potential of the staff for better contribution in developmental work.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Creating safe child friendly environment for the children where they have enjoy all their basic rights.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Empowering women by creating income generation opportunities.

Making women a part of the development process.

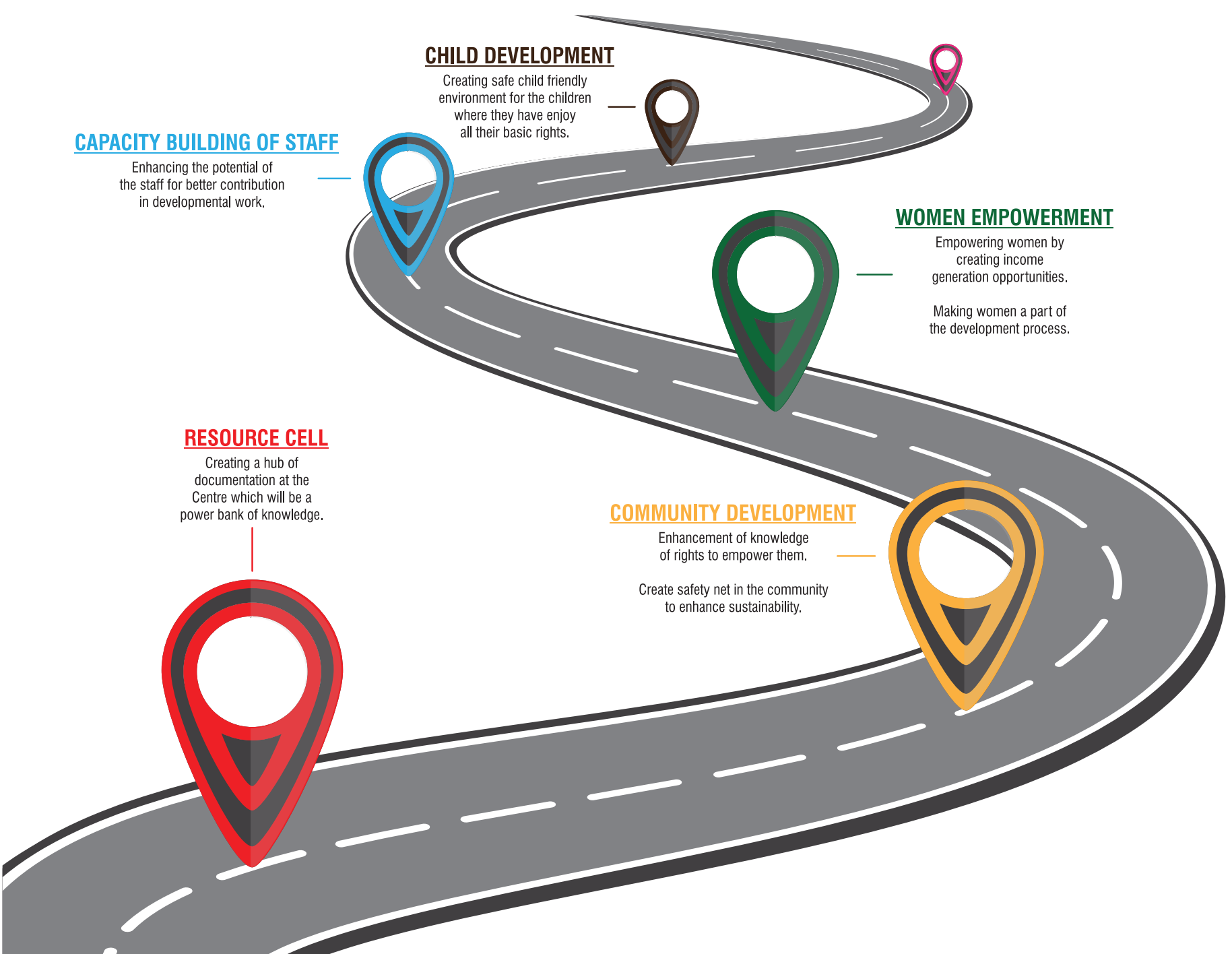
RESOURCE CELL

Creating a hub of documentation at the Centre which will be a power bank of knowledge.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Enhancement of knowledge of rights to empower them.

Create safety net in the community to enhance sustainability.



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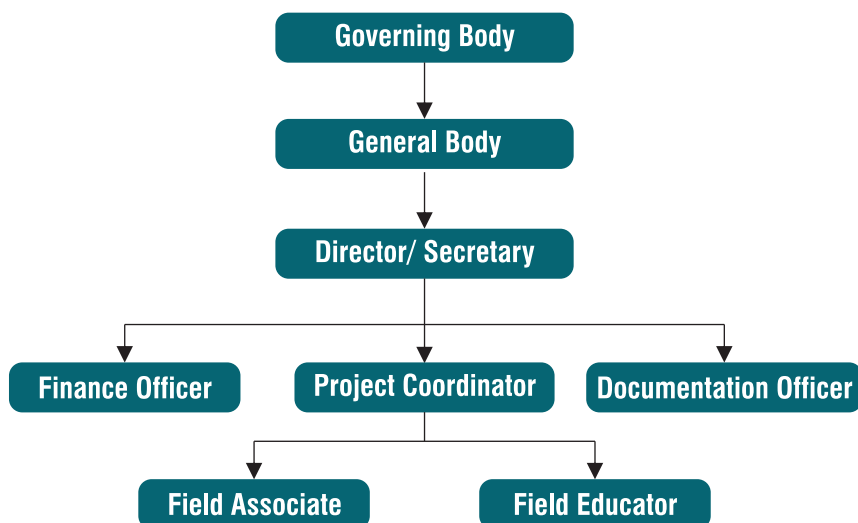


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Date: 25th to 26th November, 2017

Venue: RTC, Indian Council for Cultural Relations,
Ministry of External Affairs, Govt of India

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre- Loreto in association with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Vidyasagar School of Social Work, Justice and Care & International Justice Mission is hosting 2day International Conference on Anti-Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking is today one of the principal human rights concerns in South-Asia as well as global a concern.

Interested participants are to send their abstracts (not less than 500 words) to the address: antitraffickingsecretariat@gmail.com on or before 15th August, 2017. Accepted abstracts will be notified on or before 31st August, 2017. The complete papers must reach us on or before 20th October, 2017.

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