

KOLKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE



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71th Independence Day Celebrations throughout KMWSC Projects



The children had gathered in Janargheri-1, Gosaba Block Sundarban centre for the celebration and 25 children from the solar centre had participated to commemorate the day. After the national anthem sweets were distributed among the participants.



A total of 120 (boys-55, girls-65) students from Ganga Sagar, South 24 Parganas Lodha centre and SSK school celebrated the auspicious day. The children even participated in cultural programs, like singing, recitation and dance to celebrate the day.



Staff from Empowering vulnerable children as agent of change project (MAC) organised 71th Independence Day at Ward no. 32 North 24 Parganas Muraripukur Multipurpose Activity Centre all the facilitators and the MAC children gathered there to celebrate the day. The event ended with the distribution of refreshment to the children.



KMWSC celebrated India's 70th Independence Day at the South 24 Parganas Dhanurhut Gram Phanyat, Chaulgola Education Centre under the Lotus Child project. Total 90 children participated in the event.





The Adolescent Girls Group of the Sensitization on Anti-Human Trafficking, from Matla 1 GP and trainees of vocational training unit hoisted the flag. After the celebration 3 Puppet shows were organized in Patthabhangi, and Bahirbena village of canning 1 Block.

A total of 250 people joined the celebration. A token of toffees and refreshment were given to all the children and their mothers who participated in the celebration.



India celebrated its 71th Independence Day. Mired in controversies and cast under a lot of glaring issues, India never ceases to emanate its aura and charm. An invisible chord binds this nation of 134 crore together. With renewed hope, zeal and opportunities India is paving its way to glory.

The morning of the 15th August, began with fanfare. The entire KMWSC team, decked up in all hues welcomed the day. Our young and enthusiastic trainees of the skill development unit presented an enthralling performance. The National Flag was hoisted by our director, Sr. Monica Suchiang and 50 strong voices broke into the national anthem with pride. The celebration ended with refreshments.



Anti- Human Trafficking, Canning Block 1 South 24 Parganas

Towards a Safer Tomorrow

A one day Block level Convergence meeting for 10 gram panchayat at Canning 1 Block was conducted by KMWSC under "Sensitization on Anti-human Trafficking Project" on 7th July 2017.

Stake holders like NGOs, Police, Panchayat, CBOs were present in the meeting. The focus of the meeting was on the child protection mechanism.



World Day against Trafficking in Persons- 30th July

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers. The World Day against Trafficking in Persons was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 2013 and is observed on 30th July every year.

A rally was organised in Canning jointly coordinated and collaborated by the KMWSC in association with Canning Police station and Canning 1 Panchayat Samitee working in the anti trafficking sector.

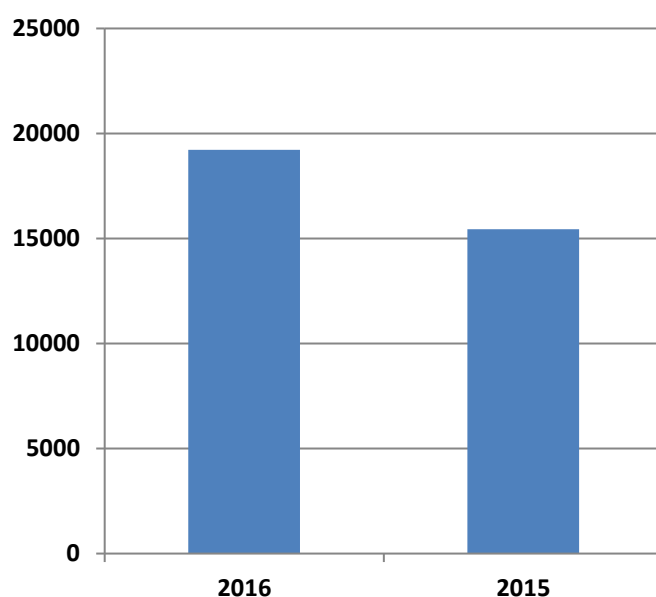
Around 400 people participated in the event that included Human rights activists, 200 Civic police volunteers, Child line members, Canning police station officials, civil society members, government officials, students, adolescent girls group members, community vigilance committee members, and many others marched chanting the same slogan through the streets of Canning (*Let's End the Human Trafficking Together*).



At a glance- No. of Trafficked Women and Children in India

As per the current data presented by the Women and Child Development department government of India, approx 19,223 women and children were trafficked last year against 15,448 in 2015, with the highest number of victims recorded in the east state West Bengal.

No. of Trafficked Women and Children in India



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Circle of Protection

Follow up training was conducted on Child Protection and Child Tracking for 20 Peer Educators System.

These peer educators were selected from the existing Adolescent Girls Groups in 10 Gram Panchayats of Canning 1 Block. 149 active members of 10 Children's Group are tracking 739 community girls under 18 years every day.

Thus total number of 888 (149 + 739) girls are being tracked in 10 GPs by the tracking system, which is a remarkable achievement.

Circle of protection at a glance

Peer Educator	20
Children group	10
Active Members	149
No. of community girls being tracked	739

Purpose of Child Tracking

The purpose of the system is to provide a comprehensive databank of children in the project operational areas. Collating such data would help protect and create awareness on rights of children and help prevent child trafficking, child marriage, drop-out, and child abuse cases and early pregnancy. The peer members of the adolescent girls group are tracking the neighbouring children of their communities and spreading awareness through one on one interaction, monthly meetings and house visits.

Puppet show

Since puppetry is a dynamic art form that appeals to all age groups, this medium of communication has been selected by KMWSC for mass sensitization on Anti human trafficking.

On 19 September 2017 three Puppet show were organised in Hirgora village of Basra Gram Panchya, Mudhukhali village in Itkhola gram panchyat and Paramara village in Dighirpar gram panchyat.

Multiple issues were addressed during the event like child marriage, sex trafficking, child labour etc.



Brickfield School

A step to enhance the performance

KMWSC organised a one day feedback workshop for the BFS project. 76 teachers from Tona, Haroa, Kaikala, Barasat, Uttara para and Basirhat attended the workshop. BFS team developed a format for the assessment of the teacher's performance as well. The workshop was conducted to understand the present scenario of the BSF project.

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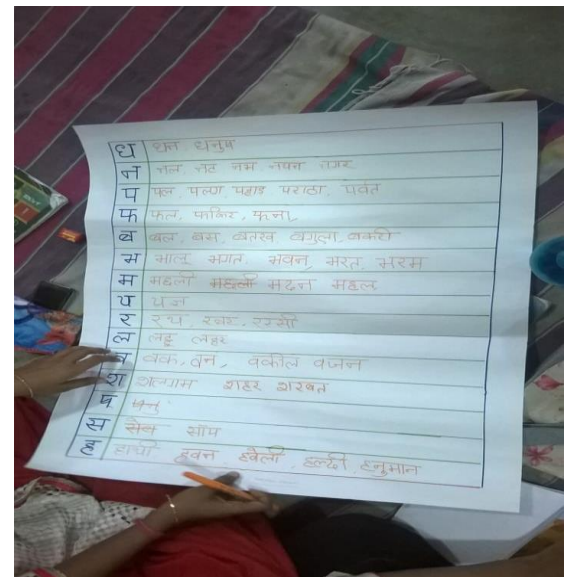


Key to Success

With a well planned, purposeful, progressive, and systematic process BFS team had developed a curriculum in Hindi, Bengali & English for Brick field school during the academic session of 2014-15. BFS team along with the teachers felt the need to modify the curriculum after the monitoring visit and feedback workshop.

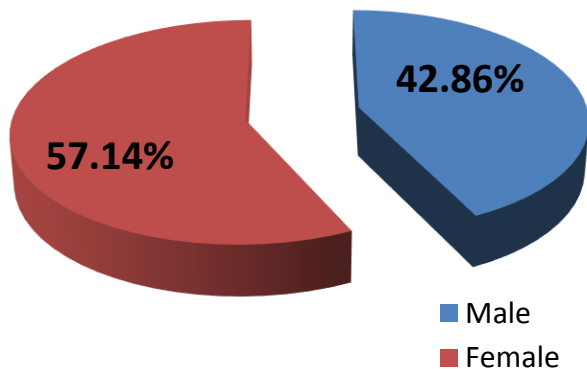
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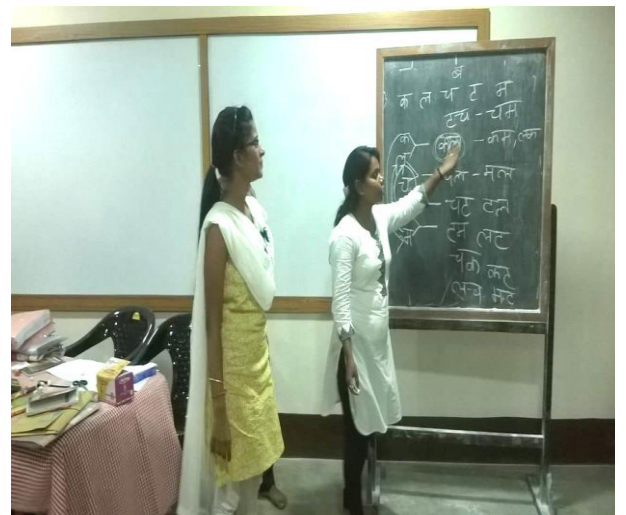
GROUP A (total no. present during training)	
BLOCK- South 24 Parganas	
Pujali	Akra
39.13 %	60.87 %
Group B (total no. present during training)	
BLOCK- South 24 Parganas	BLOCK- North 24 Parganas
Tona	Basirhat
63.26%	37.74%



Teachers Training

BFS team had organised two 4 days long BFS teachers' training for the capacity building of the BFS teachers from 4 zones Pujali, Akra, Tona and Basirhat. During the monitoring visit it was noted that few teachers were finding it difficult to cope up with the new BFS curriculum which has been specially developed, keeping in mind the needs of the brickfield migrant children.

The training was organised for language and numbers development. It focused on skill building and development activities of the teachers addressing their issues and different teaching techniques through the medium of fun, interactive sessions and games. During this training, BFS training team also taught the teachers to write the daily lesson plan and develop their own learning materials for the children.



Preparation for next session

- Advocacy with local government officials in West Bengal (WB) and Nawada, Bihar
- Advocacy with District level government officials in West Bengal (WB) and Nawada, Bihar
- Advocacy with Brickfield owners in West Bengal (WB).
- Advocacy with different brickfield workers union in West Bengal
- Preparing TLM for multiple Brickfield schools in WB.
- Training Teachers in West Bengal.
- Storing medical resources for health camps in Brickfields in WB
- Preparing of curriculums for the session in WB

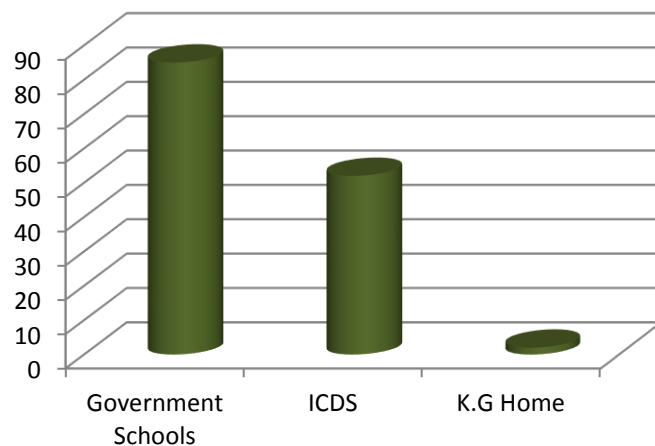
Nawada Intervention and Advocacy in Bihar under Brickfield Project

Phase 3rd and 4th visit to Nawada

3 BFS Staff visited NAWADA for 8 days during the third phase i.e. in the month of July and 3 BFS staff along with Director of KMWSC visited NAWADA for 4 days in the month of August 2017 to:

- Identify and mainstream the children of Brickfield project in formal/ residential schools after their return to their native village in Nawada District.
- Networked with the Head of the Institute and provided them a consolidated list of Brickfield children, with all the relevant information for admission in formal schools.

Total No. Of Mainstreamed Children



Following number of children were mainstreamed in school at Nawada

Village Name	Block Name	Admission in Govt. Schools										ICDS	K G Home	Total
		Class - I		Class-II		Class -III		Class- IV		Class- V				
		Male (M) Female (F)												
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
Eruri	Pakribarawan	4	2	2	0	5	3	3	1	1	1	13	1	36
Bihta	Pakribarawan	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	0	12
Chitarkoli	Rajauli	1	4	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	2	8	1	22
Parman	Nardiganj	4	3	0	4	0	2	2	4	4	2	11	0	36
Akauna	Nawada	6	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	3	1	13	0	33
Total children enrolled		16	12	4	8	8	7	9	6	8	7	52	2	139

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Advocacy during the visit at Nawada

- With the Panchayat Member
- With the District programme officers
- Home visit of the children
- With the District Programme officer
- With Head Master of Eruri Village
- Community Awareness



Barefoot Teachers Training at West Bengal

Towards Informed and Effective Teaching Practice

Teacher is the crucial element in any education system. Being competent and well-performing teacher is one of the most important resources influencing student achievement.

Lack of professional training of teachers can be a key source of dissatisfaction in the quality of their teaching. So KMWSC train and support both new and experienced teachers through Barefoot teachers training to breed competent students with the necessary knowledge and skills in the different subject matters.

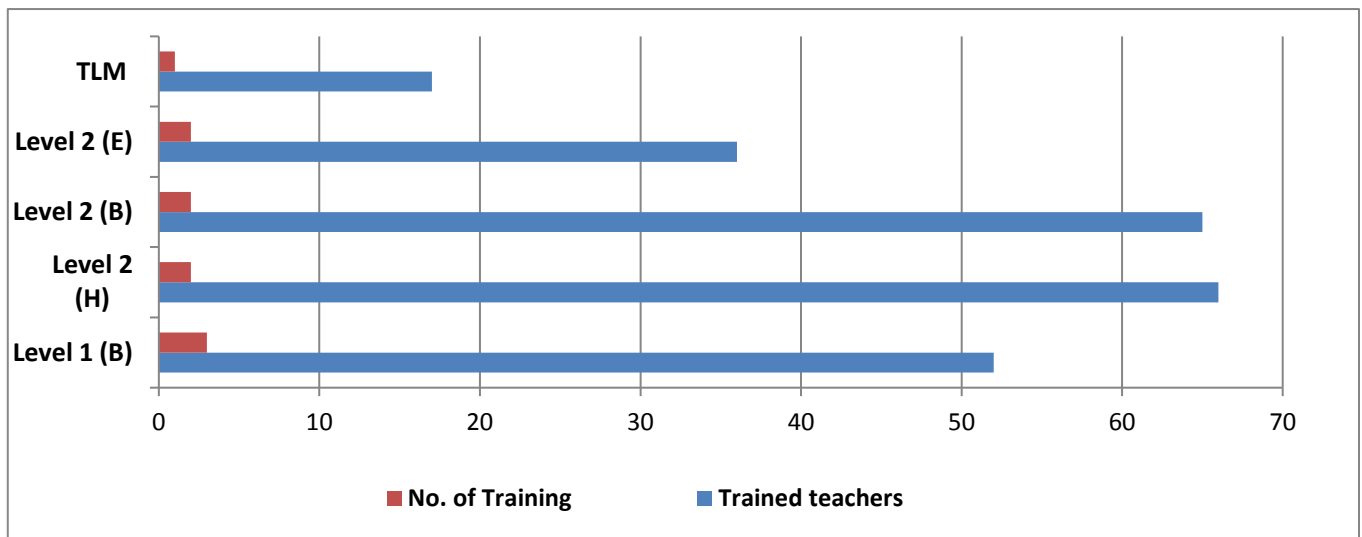


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Summary

During this time period, 7 barefoot Capacity Building teachers training was conducted by KMWSC

- Level 1 Language (Bengali) and TLM making training for 17 teacher
- Level 2 (English) training for 10 teachers.
- Level 1 (pre primary- Bengali) training for 25 teachers in Lodha Community at Ganga Sagar, South 24 Parganas
- Level 1 (pre primary- Bengali) training for 10 teachers
- Level 2 (Bengali and English) training for 26 teachers of Baidyanath Bidya Mandir in Uday Narayanpur, Howrah
- Level 2 (Hindi) training for 27 teachers.
- Level 2 (Hindi And Bengali) 4 days training for 39 teachers



Lodha Community at Ganga Sagar Island

Foundation Day celebration at Lodha Community

Foundation Day was celebrated at Lodha community project on 30th July 2017 with 200 participants. They were given brief information about Loreto and KMWSC and its different projects by the project coordinator.

Mr. Tufan Barui interacted with the participants and talked about the projects activities, objective and goals. Parents were very pleased to hear about Loreto and KMWSC.



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Bridging the gap through Health Care

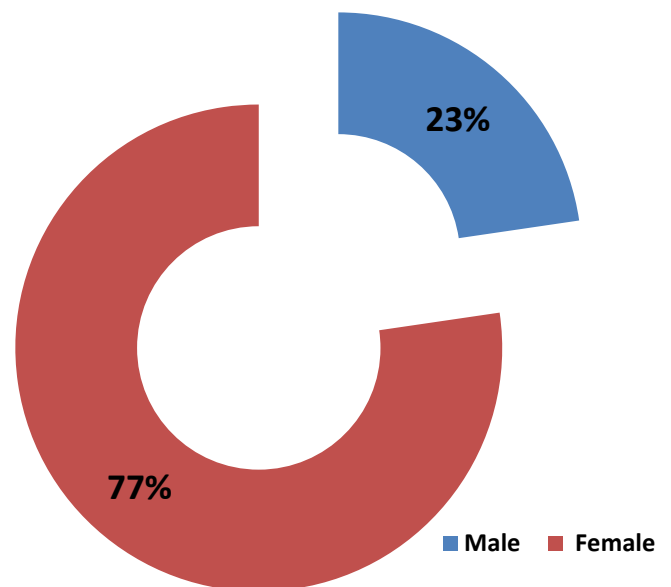
With 70% of India's population living in villages are often far from proper healthcare facilities. KMWSC aims to bridge the gap by addressing the needs of the target population by organising multiple medical camps in Lodha Project areas.

- 3 medical camps were conducted in Lodha Community on 5th August, 18th August and 2nd September 2017.
- Doctors were hired for each medical camp.
- A total number of 95 people enjoyed the benefit of the medical camps.

Total number of beneficiaries for 3 medical camps in Lodha community

5 th August		18 th August		2 nd September	
27		46		15	
30.68%		52.27%		17.05%	
Male(M)	Female(F)	M	F	M	F
6	21	12	34	4	11

Total % of Beneficiaries for 3 Medical Camps



Solar Enlightenment and Community Empowerment at Sundarban

Inexhaustible source of energy

India has tremendous scope of generating solar energy. The reason being India is a tropical country and it receives solar radiation almost throughout the year, which amounts to 3,000 hours of sunshine. This is equal to more than 5,000 trillion kWh.

Keeping this in mind KMWSC conducted a training session from 20th to 22 July 2017 to teach 15 youth in how to make solar lamps.



Foundation Day celebration at Solar Centre

Foundation Day was celebrated in Janargheri-1 on 23rd July 2017 with 100 participants. They were given brief information about Loreto and KMWSC and its different projects by the project coordinator.

Parents were overwhelmed to hear about Loreto and KMWSC. Mr. Dilip Gayen talked about the solar project and its goal and objective. This was the first time this kind of celebration was conducted in the centre.



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Eyes are the windows to the soul

God has blessed us with five senses and this would not be wrong to say that eyes are the most crucial out of all the sensory organs. There are a lot of people who are suffering from eye disorders such as cataracts, poor vision, glaucoma night blindness, etc. In highly populated country like India, the number is in millions; predominantly in rural India most people cannot afford proper health care.

On 2nd August 2017 KMWSC in collaboration with Susruth Eye Foundation, Salt Lake had organised eye check up camp in Gosaba Janargheri -1 village. 3 eye specialists and a helper conduct eye checkups for 120 people.

Those patients who were suffering from cataract were brought to Kolkata and had free eye operation.



Visit to Gosaba

During the survey in the month of May 2017, 13 women and 3 men were interested to learn how to make cooking stoves and had given their names voluntarily.

Mr. Ravindra Deshmukh from SAMUCHIT Enviro Tech, Pune visited, Gosaba, Sundarban on 11th to 13th September 2017. The purpose of short visit was to ensure the interest of participants for forthcoming training on smokeless cooking stoves.



Empowering vulnerable children as agents of change

Glimpse into the screening process of Multipurpose Activity Centre (MAC)

The facilitator identified the children through door to door home visit in the MAC area which comes under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and North 24 Parganas. After this the facilitator organised meeting with the parents to motivate them so that they send their children in MAC for 3 hours.

To know their level of interest and understanding, level testing is done at the beginning of the session.



What is MAC Parents Meetings?

Parents meeting organized in each MACs every month. The objective of the meeting is to sensitize them about social protection issues. The facilitators organise parent teacher meeting every month to update the parents on the progress and performance of their children in MAC.

In some MACs (Baranagar, Muraripukur) the mothers come during the class time to monitor their children performance.

How does a MAC Class Operate?

There are approx 15 – 20 children in each MAC. The MAC starts with prayer followed by regular attendance of the children. The facilitator divides the children according to their age group. The children are taught in child friendly teaching manner by using straws, dice, paper etc.

At recreational class the children enjoys art & crafts, dancing, singing classes. The children are also guided about good habits, importance of health and hygiene.



Teachers Day Celebration in MAC

On the eve of Teacher's Day the children celebrated the day in the MACs with their respective teachers.

The programme started with cake cutting followed by recreational activities like dance, singing etc. The children enjoyed a lot the whole day.



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Auto Campaign

An auto campaign was organized in the street of Tangra, Dhapa, Tiljala, Chistropher road, Anandopalit, Kamaldanga and Rajabazaar. The purpose of the campaign was to sensitize people about the skill development unit of KMWSC.

Methodology used:

- Distribution of leaflets
- Direct interaction with community people
- Announcement through micro phone and loudspeaker.

Outcome:

- 55 have been registered on the spot of the campaign
- Many have contacted over the phone.
- 700 community people aware on skill development unit of KMWSC
- People of the community sensitized on the skill development unit of KMWSC



Lotus Child Project



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Capacity Building of Teachers

From 11th July to 12th July 2017 KMWSC organized a Capacity Building teachers training to create a group of well groomed teachers who will be able to impart child friendly teaching methodology and efficiently handle the children in all the centres. The two days training was facilitated by Mr. Ashis Kumar Das. To break the ice and to know each other the training was started with a skill building games.

The participant teachers prepared lesson plan which they will follow in their respective MACs.

After the completion of the training program the Director of KMWSC organised a meeting with the participant teachers to evaluate the training and to know about their experience.

Outcome:

1. How to identify the letters of Bengali / Hindi/ English and how to start reading by a single/two/three letter word.
2. How to introduce "A kar" through activity based activity and how to start one letter and two letter words with 'A kar'.
3. Story telling exercise through puppet or mask. The teacher Participants have designed and made number of puppets and masks of different animals.
4. Participants were divided into four groups and were asked to develop a story and demonstrate role play with the developed puppet or mask.
5. They also learned how to prepare teaching learning materials.



Skill Development Units under KMWSC

Tailoring Unit

In view of the financial constraints that a family faces, this skill building Tailoring programme strives to empower the community women at large. It has been observed, that if some kind of stitching skill is imparted to the women it would give them more avenues for their living.

The unit is bustling with orders from Loreto Rainbow Home Sealdah. It is a whopping amount and our young batch of trainees has set their heart into it. The unit is being run under the leadership of a deft trainer and we are gearing up for the international conference and plan to exhibit the talent and craftsmanship.



Bakery Unit

Providing and empowering security for the lives, health, education and employment of the vulnerable youth of the community has been a prerogative for us at KMWSC. The women trainees are receiving comprehensive training in recipes and baking, packaging and distributing, company communication.

The bakery looks grand after restructuring and the new oven has been installed. Orders are fluttering in. We are busy gearing up for Christmas and orders are already on its way.



Beautician Unit

Auto campaign was organised in Kolkata in areas like Tangra, Motijheel, Chatubabu Lane, and Anandapalit, Park Circus, Seal Lane, for candidate mobilisation. More than 200 candidates have been enrolled in the last year through the campaign.

The continuous auto campaigns have had very good and positive response on 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.

Networking with various parlours has been beneficial. A good number of candidates have been placed in various parlours in the last few months. It is good and encouraging to witness the sea changes in our candidates after they have started earning. Financial independence of the trained and earning candidates has brought in the desired changes which is imperative for the sustainability of the project.



Apostolic Experiences of our Six Novices



On 10th July'2017 the Novices visited KMWSC office along with Sr. Beatrice (Novice Mistress) and Sr. Prabina. They were introduced by Sr. Prabina. An orientation program regarding the projects and the areas of project fields were shown to them through power point presentation by the staffs of KMWSC.



From 18th July to 18th August 2017

Ablin Tirkey	Jewanti	Nilam	Miri	Manjula	Mariana
Daria, South 24 Parganas	Chaulgola, South 24 Parganas	Manmathnagar Janargheri-1	Sonapota, South 24 Parganas	Chandipur, Gosaba	Lodha (Ganga Sagar)



An experience to remember

In this one month all the novices had built up a very close relationship with every member of the family, relatives and neighbors by mingling freely with them in their work, teaching English, helping in the household chores and spending quality time in listening to the stories of the families.

They actively participated in every project related work to help the community and enjoyed all the experience they gained during their stay.



Spreading Far and wide

Happiness in the form of Visitors

- A team of total 13 students and teachers from John XXIII, Australia visited KMWSC. A brief orientation session was organised for them on 19th September 2017.

The group later visited our centres in red-light area and the MAC centres under the Empowering vulnerable children as agents of change project.

- A team from University of Toronto, Canada visited our MAC centres under the Empowering vulnerable children as agents of change project

Reaching Out for others

16 adolescent girls was accompanied by 4 field associate from Child In Need Institute (CINI) visited KMWSC campus for orientation and exposures on skill development unit.



Thank you to all our friends and well-wishers

We want to thank the Loreto Lay associates of teachers for their unconditional support.

Visit to DMWSC

KMWSC is as eager as always, to go that extra mile to extend any sort of help to DMWSC. This effort had further helped to build a stronger network between KMWSC and DMWSC.

Thank you Yalda



Over the years many volunteers have visited KMWSC and all have left a mark with their tremendous efforts.

Yalda was no exception. We would like to acknowledge and thank her tremendous efforts in the selection of abstract for the International Anti Human Trafficking Conference.



International Anti- Human Trafficking Conference

About the Conference

We are very proud to say that Loreto congregation have completed 175 years of their presence in India. To commemorate the occasion KMWSC will be conducting an "International conference on Anti-human Trafficking on 25th and 26th November 2017" at RTC, Indian Council for Cultural Relations Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Key Note Speaker

Ms Flavia Agnes is a lawyer with expertise in marital, divorce and property law and has written and published numerous articles, some of which have appeared in the journals Subaltern Studies, Economic and Political Weekly, and Manushi on the themes of minorities and the law, gender and law, and law in the context of women's movements and on issues of domestic violence and feminist jurisprudence.

Advocacy Meetings

Advocacy meetings were conducted with regard to International Conference

- West Bengal State commission for Protection of child rights
- Directorate of Child Rights in Trafficking Department of Women and child Development Government of West Bengal

Knowledge Partners:

- The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences
- Vidyasagar School of Social Work
- ATSEC South Asia
- Justice and care

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At a Glance

2016 report of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on Global Report on Trafficking in Persons stated that:

"Children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide. Additionally, women and girls comprise 71 percent of human trafficking victims."

