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Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

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KMWSC stands firm towards its commitment even at times of global crisis

The outbreak of CORONA and the WHO declaring it as a global pandemic affecting mankind throughout the world. The world witnessed hundreds of death on a daily basis. In the absence of any vaccine for COVID-19, the only option is to prevent the virus from spreading through social distancing as announced by the Indian Government.

In its effort to prevent the virus from spreading into the community, the State Government declared a total lock in West Bengal for a period of seven days starting 23rd March, 2020. This was followed by a nationwide lock down order from the Central Government for a period of 14 days, which was further extended to 21 days. This lock down can be extended even further depending on the situations. As of now, the future is very uncertain.

Field level activities of every project of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre have been immensely affected owing to the global pandemic. As a socially responsible Organization, KMWSC has to take every step that it can prevent the spread of COVID-19. To create social distancing, classes at our Brick Field Schools in Nadia, North & South 24 Parganas have to be suspended. Our Multi Activity Centres (MAC) all over Kolkata has also been shut down. The centre serving children of commercial sex workers and their mothers in Sonagachhi is also closed. These centres witnessed a huge gathering of beneficiaries including students and their parents during functional times. Thus it was essential to close these MACs. Similarly, classes of the Skill Development Training Programme also remain suspended. So have been our training centres for Barefoot Teachers. Our Community Centre in Sagar Block of South 24 Parganas, which serves the extremely backward Lodha Community, was also closed. The solar lamp assembling units at Pathan Khali and Sambhupur under Gosaba in South 24 Parganas have also been temporarily closed. The Organization has also temporarily withheld its activities of generating awareness through street plays and public meetings, health awareness programmes, medical camps and every other activity which attract public gathering.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre stands firm towards its Commitment at the times of global crisis due to the outbreak of COVID-19. We, the entire KMWSC team, motivated by the organization's vision never allow our beneficiaries to starve and extend every possible support towards the needy.

Beside our own funders from overseas, national and local, a heartfelt thank you to Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Terence John, Debashish D Biswas, Nandini Bhattacharya, Shahzee Kazim, Arvind Philip, Vikram Kapur, Kritika Bhattacharya, Arina Ghosh, Kim Gomes, Amartya Basu, Christopher Khare and one of our anonymous supporter who helped us with our campaign. We are humbled and their financial support is highly appreciated.

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We want to express our gratitude to the Sr Marilla Anne D'Souza, the principal of Loreto School, Elliot Road for leading us with contacts and help

We are immensely thankful to the Police, local councilor, BDOs and brickfield owners for all logistic support in the four districts.

Last but not the least we want to thank the KMWSC staffs and their family members who are constantly standing beside our beneficiaries at this hour of need and distress.

1st Phase Distribution

Food Distribution at Red Light Area

A large segment of sex workers have been affected too due to the Corona Virus lockdown and they do not have the necessary resources to survive. KMWSC stands with them and have been monitoring the families on a daily basis. We have identified sex workers and their families who were at the risk of starvation at the end of lockdown. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre's team distributed over 6 kilograms of rice, 3 kilograms of Pulses (Dal) and 1 kilogram packet of salt to each 29 sex workers and their families at Sonagachi.

In collaboration with ITC Kolkata Branch, KMWSC Director and her few team members today distributed 5 kgs of wheat and biscuits packets to the starving 60 sex workers and their families as a part of the second phase of food distribution at Sonagachi during the Corona Virus lock down. Few food items were also handed over to the local stakeholders i.e the local club president and councilor of ward no. 18 for further distribution by our Director, who has pledged to fight against the Corona virus by serving the society



Food Distribution at Gosaba, Sunderban



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Food Distribution at Lodha Community



At this hour of pandemic panic, fear and death of Covid-19 the whole world is under lock down. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre continues to stand beside the Lodha tribal community people during this lock down providing them the essentials for their survival in collaboration with Sagar Police Station OC, South 24 Parganas in Ganga Sagar Island. KMWSC thanks the BDO and OC at a one call the BDO sends the necessary essentials for 25 Lodha families on 31st March 2020. The police also distribute masks and demonstrate how to use it.

Food Distribution at Brickfield School



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Food Distribution at our Ward No 56

Director of KMWSC Sr. Monica Suchiang and her wonderful team were distributing milk packets in Ward No. 56, reaching out their hands to 500 beneficiaries at this hour of need during this pandemic environment on 2nd April 2020. Thanks to the Ward Councillor for helping us to distribute and lending our helping hands to the needy



Food Distribution at Rainbow Homes

50 kilogram of rice, 3 kilogram of tea, 5 tubes of toothpaste, 5 kilogram of soya bean chunks, 8 big biscuit packets, 10 litres of mustard oil, 4 phenyl bottle, 500 packets of milk and 500 pieces of Bananas in 5 rainbow homes in, Loreto Sealdah, Loreto Bowbazar, Loreto Dharmatala, Loreto House and Loreto Elliot Road for the children in the homes.



Distribution at Child Right's Project

120 children Girls- 87, Boys-33 were given Masks, Dettol Soap, Biscuit and Cakes. The children were also given demo on washing the hands with soap in 20 India Bangladesh boarder area villages at Basirhat Block I North 24 Parganas



Food Distribution at Beliaghata Brickfield School



Beliaghata BFS teachers distributed 1 kilogram of rice and potatoes and a pack of biscuit to each 30 families in KBM brickfield school. As per the basic precautionary measures against the corona virus thoroughly cleaning of your hands with soap and water was also advised by the teachers, who also distributed each a mask and a soap..

Media Clippings

Good Samaritans fan out with food

DERRAJ MITRA AND
BINUK MAZUMDAR

Calcutta: The threat of the virus is looming large, the streets are deserted, there is no transport and the sun is scorching. But that has not deterred some people from stepping out of their homes to give food to the poor, who have lost their livelihood because of the lockdown.

South 24 Parganas

Women carrying children in their arms, carrying mothers and others came to collect ration that would sustain them for some more days during the lockdown, which has robbed them of their livelihood. The men, women and children are migrant labourers who work in brick kilns of South 24 Parganas for eight months, starting September. The kilns have been shut because of the lockdown.

The Kolkata Mary Ward

Social Centre, a wing of the Loreto Congregation in South Asia, on Thursday distributed 3kg rice, 3kg dal, 3kg potato and 1kg of salt to each of the 400 migrant families in four brick fields in Pargana and Ranpur villages, more than 100km from Budge Budge and over 100km from Bangladesh.

Most of them migrate from Bihar and Jharkhand to spend eight months in Bengal. The entire family works to earn a living. The Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has been running a brickfield school project to provide education, health and awareness to migrants in South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas and Nadia.

"Even during the lockdown we are maintaining the conditions of these migrants. It is difficult to arrange food supplies and receive necessary permission for distribution but we think it's important to reach out to them. We followed the government guidelines during the distribution," said Sister Monica Suchiang, the director of the centre.

On Thursday, 10 staff members of the centre went



The Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre distributes food among families of migrant workers in a South 24 Parganas village on Thursday

for the distribution. "We had done a survey the day before to identify the most needy families. Some of them

were wary to come because they thought they would be charged for the supplies. We gave them cereals because

there are many expecting women in the families and children who need nutrition," said Rita Singh, a project coordinator

of the brickfield project who was among those who were distributing the ration.

Tangra

Over 200 families across Tangra and Topra have got a week's ration over the past few days, thanks to an inter-faith organisation.

A small team of volunteers has been covering around 50 to 60 houses every day. The kit given to each family includes 3kg rice, 3kg dal, 3kg potato, 1kg oil, five packs of biscuit and four bars of soap.

The houses they are visiting are mostly a series of shanties with asbestos roof and walls made of plastic sheets. "These people are mostly ragpickers, rickshaw pullers and daily wage earners. With everything shut, their livelihood is gone," said Omkar Adani, the founder of the Indian Foundation Foundation, which has arranged for the food.

The volunteers of the foundation, which works to promote communal harmony, have drawn up a list of over 300 families across Tangra and Topra. "We are coordinating

with the police and local clubs to identify the needy families," said Adani.

Selmipur

Over 200 families living in shanties near the local crossing in Selmipur got food ration on Saturday. The group were employees of the Bank of India. Every kit included 3kg of rice and wheat, 3kg each of potato, salt and sugar, 100g oil and ten instant noodle packs.

The numbers of the team that distributed the ration worked in the small office of the nationalised bank. Saturday was a working day for bank employees. The volunteers could make it because they were not posted in branches. Some of them were in the marketing department.

"Yesterday, we went to a shop along the road in the neighbourhood to buy the food. We wanted to cover an area each in the north and south," said Radhika Bhatia, the social manager, Calcutta, of the bank, who supervised the distribution.

"We are utilising the CSR funds that are allocated to each area," he said.



It is immensely felt that in this crucial moment, the need of the hour is to stand by them, in this crucial situation with whatever help we can provide, though keeping in mind the theory of social distancing with which we can keep ourselves and our communities safe.

Visit by the Provincial and her Council



Visit by Sr. Sabrina Edwards, the Provincial and her council – Sr. Priyanka, Sr. Anjuman, Sr. Beatrice and Sr. Nirmala

It was hugely symbolic that the Province Leader came to Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre for the first time on 21st of January, 2020.

The guests were received at the entrance by the staff and the programme team members along with the Director of KMWSC, Sr. Monica Suchiang. The presence of the Provincial and her Team was a blessing for our organization. Our special guests were received heartily with garlands and in our Indian traditional style of welcoming, by putting Tilak on their foreheads. A beautiful Rangoli pattern made by the staff completed the pristine beauty of this ceremony. The Director of KMWSC led the Chief Guest to the Circle of Prayer, which is a tradition started by Mary Ward, the foundress of Loreto Congregation. After the formal prayer,

A welcome Song was sung by one of the staff members. The advocacy coordinator read a welcome address in which she expatiated on the services of the provincial head and her team of Sisters.

Soon after a short introduction by each of the staff members, the programme team presented a brief interaction with a short PPT presentation by each of the coordinator on their projects, its impact and progress. Different community level programmes were also discussed along with the day to day challenges faced by our beneficiaries, field staff residing in different MAC centres and in field sites and how KMWSC was making a difference in their lives and in the communities. The policies were also discussed by the Governing body along with the Director. They also visited each department of the skilled development units like Beautician, Tailoring, Sanitary pad making unit, bakery, computer class and the KMWSC Cafe. At the outset, Sr Sabrina Edwards had words of praise for the organization and its skilled development units followed by a photo session with all staff of KMWSC

11 Projects in 4 District of West Bengal and Bihar

WOMEN PROTECTION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- ⊗ Sensitization on Anti Human Trafficking at Canning & Diamond Harbour, South 24 Parganas
- ⊗ Red Light Area Multi Activity Centre in Sonagachi, Kolkata
- ⊗ Empowering vulnerable children as an agent of change in Chingrighata, Muraripukur Kolkata Station, Park Circus, Kulia Tangra & Motijheel
- ⊗ Child Rights Program, Surokhit Shaisav-Protecting safe childhood at Basirhat



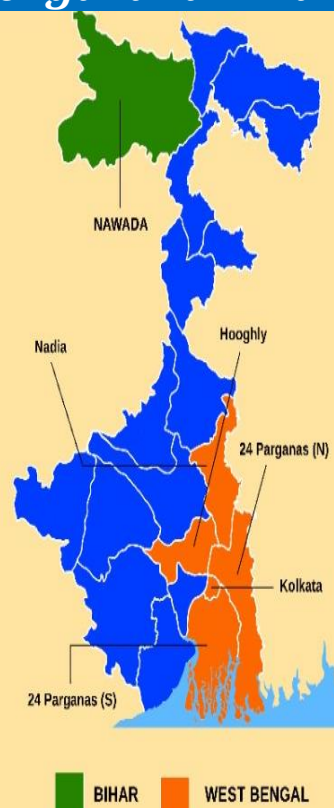
EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- ⊗ Brickfield School in the district of Hooghly, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Nadia & Nawada (Bihar),
- ⊗ Community and Adult Education Programme at Chaulgola & Sonapota
- ⊗ Barefoot Teachers' Training



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LIVELIHOOD AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- ⊗ Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Programme at Gosaba, Sundarbans, South 24 Parganas
- ⊗ Lodha Community in Gangasagar, South 24 Parganas
- ⊗ Skill Development
 - Tailoring - 6 months course ▪ Computer - 3 months course
 - Beautician - 3 months course ▪ Bakery - 6 months course



Anti-Human Tracking Project



AGG Formation (Canning 2)

Formation of the Adolescent Girls groups are the first entry point in community mobilization against Human Trafficking. The girls between the ages of 12- 17 are most vulnerable to human trafficking. Many community issues that they could be coerced or influenced into Human Trafficking Issues such as : Child Marriage, forced by family financial condition to seek work in the city, lured by street Romeos into false relationships, and being trapped by traffickers or sometimes through blatant kidnapping.

CVC Formation (Canning 2)

The formation of the Community Vigilance Committees is vital in the intervention as we need adult groups to support the girls vulnerable to trafficking. These adult groups consist of gram panchayat members / elected community leaders.

Community awareness

Community awareness campaign for community Self Help Groups were arranged at Nazrulpally village, in Tambuldaha II Gp of Canning II Block. Anti- Human trafficking sensitization given them more power and verbal power to speak out against the issues in the GP level and Block level.

Meeting With Families on Child Trafficking Issues:

- Child Rights
- Child Marriage
- Trafficking: Juvenile Justice act

Theme

Workshop and Training Program with Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC)

- Child Marriage:
- Child Protection
- Formation and maintenance of VLCPC

Theme



Republic Day Celebration

During the celebrations discussions were made on the freedom struggle importance of Human Rights and the need of the adolescent group to protect the country by fighting against human trafficking .



Sports day celebration

The sports day programme was organised to boost the morale of the adolescent group participating and also created gender equality awareness by involving both boys and girls in the

Intervention at Diamond Harbour Area

Capacity building of the adolescent groups on Child rights and child marriage (its prevention, law and about reporting structure)

Community Vigilance Committee on Child Rights

Community Awareness Campaign on Human Trafficking

Child tracking system

Children of SW's and high risk (6 to 18 years)

(No. of Direct Beneficiaries- 80)

SW and high risk prone women of the community

(No. of Direct Beneficiaries- 30)

Club Member

(No. of Direct Beneficiaries- 10- 15)

Community people

(No. of Direct Beneficiaries- 150)

Adolescent Children

(No. of Direct Beneficiaries- 10)

No of cases attended
Domestic Violence: 3



Therapeutic workshop for children

Painting Therapy

No of classes: 12

No of participants: 294

Life Skill Education

No of classes: 17

No of participants: 294

Therapeutic workshop for children

Mother's Meeting

No of classes: 5

No of participants: 64

Skill Development

No of classes: 5

No of participants: 44

Activities for Adolescents

Adolescent Groups Meeting

No of classes: 3

No of Participants: 30

Children Parliament

No of classes: 3

No of Participants: 30

Other Activities

Awareness camp:

- Puppet show- safe sex, child marriage, education

No of participants: 50

- Street Play- Health and hygiene, Communicable and non communicable
- Disease

No of participants: 55

Exposure visit of the mothers and Children:

Through the exposure visit the mothers were taken to science city where they saw 3D movie on the galaxy. Though the children and mothers were taken to the same place due to funds constraint but after entering the science city they were divided in two separate groups and spent the day separately. The mothers spent a day learning new things away from their trade and daily routine of entraining clients.

Director Meeting With the Mother:

Sister Monica conducted a mothers' meeting along with the project staff. Interacted with the mothers discussed their issues and took centre and project update from them.

Home Visit

Review of the family condition and identify high risk issues (exploitation of child rights and child protection). Follow up the children's regular attendance Vs drop-out. Searching of new children for enrolment either in pre-school session in the centre or school enrolment, based on the age. Identifying children to be enrolled in the hostel. Rapport building and trust between stakeholders and service providers.

Total No of home visit: 196



Advocacy

With the advocacy of the project one organization came up and sponsored the cost of one health where gynecologist, general and skin specialist doctors conducted the camp and distributed free prescribed medicines along with sanitary napkins for the mothers and adolescent groups.

Type of doctor	No. of participant	Male	Female
General and skin specialist	89	25	64
Gynaecologist	38	0	38
total	216	25	102

Special Day Celebration:

- One Billion Rising
- World day of fight against sexual exploitation and Women's day
- Republic Day
- Mary Ward day
- Holi:

Visitors:

- Loreto Shimla (Group 1): 16
- Loreto Shimla (Group 2): 16
- Sister Priyanka (Council Member)

The story of Shyamoli Biswas and her daughter:

Shyamoli, who is now 30, was married to a guy from her village at an early age. Her husband worked as an agricultural labour. His earning was though meagre, but they managed their regular meals and daily essentials. The couple was blessed with wonderful girl child.

One day, when the child was only 6 months old, Shyamoli's husband was run over by a truck and he died on the spot. Shyamoli's parents were too poor to support her and her daughter. Thus Shyamoli moved to Kolkata to work at an Aiya Centre. The manager of the Aiya Centre used Shyamoli to fulfill his physical desire. When Shyamoli protested or refused, the manager stopped allotting work to her forcing her to give up and sleep with him. Being in this precarious situation, Shyamoli decided that if she has to fulfill a man's physical urge to earn a living, it's better to fulfill such urge as a professional sex worker and earn more rather than being such a worker in disguise. Thus, she moved to Sonagachi along with her daughter and started life as a professional sex worker.

At Sonagachi, Shyamoli met a client named Ismail, who pretended to fall in love with her. Shyamoli seeing a ray of hope married Ismail. Unfortunately, the love was only pretence. All that was Ismail interested in was Shyamoli's income. When Shyamoli refused to part with her income to Ismail, she was severely beaten.

By this time, Shyamoli's daughter was already 11 years old and started coming to our centre at Sonagachi. One day, Shyamoli approached our supervisor Rinku and requested her to do something for her daughter. Rinku spoke to Shyamoli about the Rainbow Home of Loreto Sisters. Hearing this, Shyamoli insisted Rinku for making arrangements for her daughter at the Rainbow Home. After much persuasion with the Loreto Sisters, Rinku was able to put the 11 years old girl at the Rainbow Home.

Meanwhile, dejected by the way of life, Shyamoli moved out of Sonagachi and once again, with help of our Supervisor Rinku, was able to relocate in a slum on the outskirts of the city. She has totally left prostitution.



Multipurpose Activity Centre at:
Muraripuku, Matijhil, Kuliya, Tangra,
Chingrighata, Kolkata Station, Park Circus

Hidden Domestic Child Labor Project



Director of KMWSC, Sister Monica Suchiang's visit to MAC

Director of KMWSC Sister Monica Suchiang visited at 6 MAC centres on 13th March. This was her visit experience at MAC Centre. At first she visited the area and communicated with community members. After that she went to MAC centres and interacted with the children, observed the teaching process. Children do the action poem and drawing also

Field Survey Count: 50

Home Visit Count: 50



Meeting with Parents:

Parent's meeting is an effective way for parents and facilitators to interact and discuss about their child's progress



Mainstreaming of Children:

At the MAC the children are taught the basic education and are prepared to mainstream them in the Gvt. schools. They meet with parents and motivate them to send their children in the MAC.



Children Group Formation:

To identify the Child Development Welfare, Child Line and enrol them in MAC.

Monitoring the other Children in the Centre.

To motivate Children to save the water and utilise it



Peer Group Meeting

Peer Group Meeting is conducted to aware the children on issues like Child Marriage, Child Labour, Child Rights, Right to Education



• Children Group Meeting



• Peer group Formation:



• **Club Meeting**



• **Networking with Govt. Schools:** Our organisation conducted school awareness programme at A.I.W.C BUNIADI VIDYAPITH FOR GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL.



• **Auto campaign and Leaflet Distribution:** Hidden Domestic Child labour Project conducted auto campaign for Vocational training through leaflet distributed to the mass public and on the spot enrolments.



• **Capacity Building of the MAC:** Training on Social Defence issues was held at KMWSC office. This was conducted by one of our Field Associates from the Brick field Project.



• **Barefoot Teachers' Training for MAC facilitators:** Bare Foot Teachers' Training was conducted for 3 days on teacher's training

Loreto Shimla School Visit



OBR Celebration



St Stephen's Green School Visit



Republic Day Celebration



Women's Day Celebration



Surokhit Shaishav- Child Rights Project

Awareness campaigns. Rally was conducted with 280 children female-128, male- 160, holding placards, slogan on banning the child labour.

Help Desk was setup in 14 villages of the target areas to spread the child rights and child protection issues. The Desk was set up beside the roads, schools, panchayat office and market places to bring public awareness and sensitization.

Half yearly interschool workshop and capacity building was organized in Itinda Panitor High school for 35 teachers male-20, female- 15. The teachers shared various issues of the schools & the role of School Management Committees.

Formation of children's clubs in 6 villages was done by the CPWs. The children's clubs comprised of 15 to 16 children both boys and girls.

Children's club meeting was done in 12 villages where the children discussed and shared about the protection issues of children and child marriage issues. One child marriage case was identified by the children club members



Awareness campaigns and sessions with the students of Merudandi FP schools, Rally was conducted with 154 children female- 69, male- 85, holding placards, slogan on banning the child labour in the month of Feb 2020. The children of Merudandi FP schools made two lines holding the banner front and the rest holding placards on the prevention of child labour in the locality. They marched till the market place and they returned

Help Desk was setup in 14 villages of the target areas in February for the publicity of help desk and child rights in the remote villages in Feb 2020. The Help Desk set up has reached out to many people who passed nearby. Many people flocked to the help desk asking the purpose of it.

Half yearly interschool workshop and capacity building was organized in Nakuadaha FP school for 21 teachers male-15, female- 6 in Feb 2020. The topics of the workshop was to orient the teachers on child rights and child protection issues. Interaction on the role of SMCs for the benefit of the children and the schools.

School awareness was conducted in Nakuadaha FP school male-9, female-12 regarding the child rights, child labour and child protection issues. It helped to build rapport with the teachers who discussed about issues of children.

The capacity building training of children's leaders from 15th to 17th Feb 2020 at Seva Kendra Kolkata. Two boys and two girls from Basirhat participated in the capacity building training for children's leaders who were accompanied by one male Child protection worker and one female child protection worker. On 17th was the National Conclave of child leaders on labouring childhood which witnessed the children participation and their points of view and looking at the things and reality. It was the platform for both adults and children to look at the issues of the society.

No of cases attended
CNCP: 5
Child Marriage: 4

Formation of children's clubs in 3 villages and monthly meeting was done in 6 villages in the month of Feb 2020. This strengthens the children in the regular monthly meeting. They learn how to participate in the meetings

During the month of Feb 2020 Child Rights Protection Desk was set up in 13 villages to spread the child protection issues with the village people learn how to participate in the meetings

During the CRPD **3 Cases** were registered in our register reported by the village people. Intervention process is being done in Child marriage, CNCP and one missing child's case was withdrawn from the police station

Baseline survey workshop at Darjeeling was organized by Caritas India for all the 7 partners in West Bengal from 20th to 24th Feb 2020. The tools of survey and the sample size of the survey were finalized along with JPISC. The survey was started from 26th Feb 2020 and the dead line was 12th March 2020. The secret survey and the observation was the part of the survey tool. The key informant information also was the part of the survey. The Basirhat team finished 1079 house hold survey within 8 days along with help of JPISC.



Brick Field School Project

The Brick Field Schools (BFS) are being run at over 60 brick fields, spread across the districts of Nadia, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas districts of West Bengal. The schools are located in clusters at several locations in the districts mentioned.

41 health camps were organized at the BFSs across the 60 brick fields. Besides health camps, awareness camps on health and good hygienic practices were also conducted. Area wise details of health and awareness camps are provided in the following table

DISTRICT	AREA	NO OF CAMPS	HEALTH CAMP PATIENTS		AWARENESS PARTICIPANTS
			CHILD	ADULT	
NORTH 24 PGS	BASIRHAT	10	384	288	326
	BELIAGHATA	6	269	161	169
SOUTH 24 PGS	AKRA	13	191	313	496
	PUJALI	12	83	140	119
NADIA	KALYANI	5	134	199	190
	TOTAL	46	1061	1101	1300



The activities at the project

Brick Field Schools celebrated birth day of Mary Ward along with birth day of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on January 23rd at Basirhat, Akra, Kalyani, Pujali & Beliaghata

On January 26, the Brick Field School at Basirhat celebrated the 71st Republic Day. The celebration began by unfurling of the National Flag by the teacher. Children joined in chorus to sing the National Anthem. In all, 360 children participated in the celebrations, among whom, 194 were males and 166 were females

Annual sports day was held at Pujali & Akra in South 24 Parganas, Kalyani in Nadia and Basirhat & Beliaghata in North 24 Parganas district during February and March 2020. Approximately 3,000 children from 60 Brick Field Schools within the age group of 3 to 14 years participated in the sports events.

Volunteers Visits:
St. Stephen's Green Ireland-February
Loreto Shimla – January & February
Loreto Elliot

Teachers' training programme
for BFS teachers of Akra, Kalyani and Beliaghata were conducted

Holi was celebrated on 6th March, 2020 by children and teachers of Brick Field

Drawing competition was also held among children of Brick Field Schools

Meeting with Mothers

The involvement of mothers is very essential for this project structure. It is important for the mothers to be updated on the children's development, be aware on child rights.

and take ownership of the project. It has a good relationship with the project team. The Project has arranged mother's meeting every month at both the centre Sonapota and Chaulgola



Meeting with Peer Group

Members inside peer groups learn to develop relationships with others in the social system. Peers, particularly group members, become important social referents for teaching members' customs, social norms & different ideologies.

Peer groups can also serve as a venue for teaching members gender roles. The children were actively involved in various discussions and giving their creative ideas to organize different programs.

And in this training programme they also learned how to make proper TLM material. The training was given to them to guide them how to teach children in a play – way method by properly using the TLM's. They were also given Certificates after the completion of the training.

Barefoot Teachers' Training on TLM Making

Bare Foot Teacher's Training was conducted for 3 days in KMWSC training room for the Teacher's. 5 teachers from Lotus Child Project attended the training along with other project teachers.



• One Billion Rising Celebration

- On 14th of February, One Billion rising was celebrated in our Choulgola Centre under Lotus Child Project. Almost 120 children participated in that programme



• Republic Day Celebration

- Republic Day is a remarkable day in the constitution of our country, which is celebrated on 26th of January with almost 120 children with great pomp and show.



• Women's Day Celebration

- Women's day was celebrated at both the centres of Chaulgola and Sonapota on 11th March. Around 60 women and adolescent girls from Sonapota and 90 women and adolescent from Chaulgola were involved

Barefoot Teachers' Training Program



Kolkata Mary ward social centre organized teachers training program for Barefoot project. The teachers had come from four districts of West Bengal, namely:

1. Kolkata
2. Hugli
3. South 24 Parganas
4. North 24 Parganas

The topics discussed

Language Development

Phonic Sound with the help of look and say Card
Letter Chart
Rhymes
Word formation
Sentence formation

Number development

Concept of Number with real object
Number chart
Number disc, number story
Number rhyme

Language development

Look and say Card with different letters in Bengali and Hindi
Conversation sheets with different letters
Letter Mobiles with different letters

Teaching Learning Material Preparation

Participants made various Colourful teaching learning materials for their centre which was enriching to see, they also made Teaching learning Material for

Action Song

The candidates were taught how to lead action songs

Craft Work

The candidates were taught to develop their craft making skills



No of trainings: 4

No of out-stationed training: 1

No of participants: 75

Solar Enlightenment and Community Empowerment Program

Area member's house visit:

In the month of January 3 times area member's house was visited on 3rd and 4th of January 2020. He shared the conditions of the people living in the villages.

Home visits

66 houses were visited by the field associates. During the house visit the field associates have identified many drop out children and many do not have the legal identity proofs..

Solar lights repairing:

12 lamps were repaired in the solar growth centre.



Community meeting:

Community meeting was held in the month of February on 5th to discuss the community people facing the problems. Many shared that the lighting system in the village is completely nothing. They face the darkness of the villages. There were 8 women who participated in meeting.

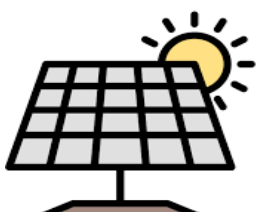


Solar lights making

17 solar lamps were assembled in the solar growth centre..

School Visit:

The field members have visited 3 schools for the awareness programme in the schools



Lodha Community in Gangasagar, South 24 Parganas

Legal Entitlements:

ID card was made for 8 people (male 6 female 2). 13 pan card have received the legal documents which will help them to open the bank account. 15 Lodhas have applied for Schedule Tribe certificate.



Meeting

Meeting with the Parents: was conducted. There were 36 (male-13 female- 33) participants for the meetings. The topics of the parents meeting were as following:
1) Admission of children in government school
2) Apply for Ration Card.

Training on capacity building
Training on capacity building for Livelihood was conducted by field associate, parents and Lodha community held at community Centre .Total participants 15 male 7 female

Community meeting: For 45 (male-15 female- 30) participants for the meetings. on needs and importance of the legal documents. Health and hygiene.



Admission

Children in Lodha Center: 13 (boys- 7, girls-6)

Admission of children in Government School: 15 children (Boys-9 Female 6)

Home Visit: 6 Door to Door visit of families and children.

Formation of children's Club: An orientation and strengthening on child rights and formation of children's club for 20 children.

Camps and Celebrations

Free Medical check up Camps :

health camp was organized on 25th January, 22nd February and 7th March. Total participants were 170 (male 60 female 110).

Celebration:

OBR programme cum cultural Programme:

Celebration of Netaji Birth Day

Awareness

Government Scheme: was held at Khelaghar Learning Centre on 20th March. An awareness camp was held with guardians and Lodha people and local community. Total 100 people (male 30, female 70) attended this camp

Child rights and child protection: was organized on 21st & 24th January and 10th & 11th February at 4 high schools. Total no students: 571. (Boys 246, Girls 325).

Health Awareness Camp: was held at Lodha Para & Radhakrishnapur Bahirplot FP School on 11th an 14th March 20 .A health awareness camp was held with Students, guardians and Lodha



Enrollment	Counselling Encouragement, Life Skill encouragement during classes: 105	Monthly meeting of beneficiaries/parents: 105	Monthly meeting of beneficiaries/parents: 105
Beautician Kolkata: 34 women Canning : 17 women Tailoring Kolkata: 37 Canning : New batch from April Spoken English 11 boys and girls Computer 6 boys and girls	Achievements <div> Certifications of courses were done for Spoken English; Beautician and Tailoring courses term on 13th March 2020. An examination was conducted based on the course and the certificates were awarded to the recipients. </div> <div> KMWSC was invited to put a stall and represent our Skill Development Project Unit at the “Ek Kadam” mela for mothers and children on 11th March 2020 at Kasia Bagan Club of Park Circus ground. Few of our KMWSC certified students were awarded at the spot </div>		

Success story: Once you choose hope, everything is possible

Taposi Mondal, a young bright lady residing at Itkhola Village of Canning says, “I received a bigger perspective of life from KMWSC; I learnt to see the life beyond”. She lives with her husband and daughter and does farming for their livelihood. She did her beautician course from the Skill Development unit of Canning and soon after the training she opened a parlour in her new home. A hope came to her life. The training had given her a broader view of life. She does farming during the day time with her husband to run the family and she uses the money earned from the parlour to bring up her only daughter. Her life has changed and lives happy with new hope.

Visitors:

St. Stephen’s Green School from Ireland

Celebrations:

**International Women’s Day
Holi
One Billion Rising**





Advocacy at Organization Level

Month	Advocacy
January 2020	Meeting with Mr. Firhad Hakim the Mayor of Kolkata along with Anglo Indian MLA Mr. Shane Calvert for association KMC for one billion rising movement 2020
	Meeting with Secretary of Musicality parks for permission of Allen park in park street for billion rising movement 2020
	Meeting with Police Commissioner Anuj Sharma for permission assistance for hosting billion rising movement 2020
	Meeting with Ms Neeloo Sherpa on Anti Human trafficking project and billion rising movement 2020
	Climate change in Sundarbans organised by British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata
February 2020	Meeting with District Social Welfare Officer of South 24 Parganas to permission under Anti Human trafficking project
	Meeting with Bagamari Mother and Child welfare Organisation in Canning to discuss future networking
	Meeting with Sub Divisional Police Officer, Canning Women police station, Canning General police station on permission and discussion on the updates of the Anti Human Trafficking project
	Meeting with Baruipur superintendent of Police Office and Canning I Block Development Officer for Permission and discussion on the updates of the Anti Human Trafficking project
	Attended Celebration of Queen Elizabeth II hosted by British Deputy High Commission at Royal Calcutta Turf Club, Kolkata
	Meeting in Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan office for enrolment of red-light children at hostel.
	Attended one webinar Meeting one trial webinar and one webinar panel discussion on current scenario of the participant countries based on the decision made in the "Beijing Conference on Women"
	Meeting with District Social Welfare Officer of South 24 Parganas to permission under Anti Human trafficking project
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March 2020	Meeting with Sanlaap representative for future collaboration for mainstreaming of red-light project adolescent girls in Hostel
	Meeting with District Child protection officer South 24 parganas under Anti Human trafficking project Canning
	Meeting with Block Development Officer Sagar Block South 24 Parganas, Lodha for food distribution during corona pandemic
	Attended Screening of successful rehabilitation stories of victims of human trafficking by U.S Consulate General at American Centre Kolkata
	Attended Trafficking workshop organised by Roop Sen.
	Meeting with Local Club Members of Sonapota for project sustainability
	Meeting with Sanlaap representative for future collaboration for mainstreaming of red-light project adolescent girls in Hostel
	Meeting with District Child protection officer South 24 parganas under Anti Human trafficking project Canning



Food ATM

Motijhil, Bibi Bagan, Tangra, Dhobi Ghat, Kulia Tangra, Palmer Bazar & Pottery Road

•Area Covered

Approximately 160 people were fed every day from Monday to Friday

•Figures



Contributions of Loreto Elliot Road and Loreto Bowbazar – Our Sincere Thanks

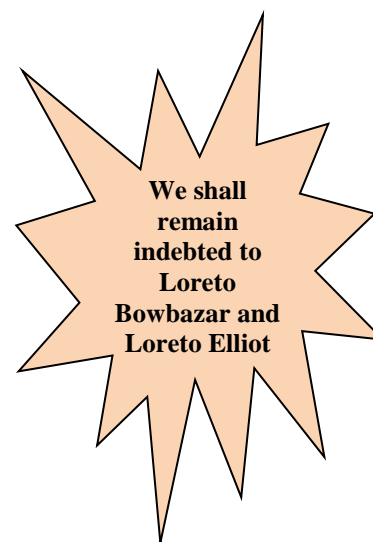
Loreto schools at Elliot Road and Bowbazar have always extended their cooperation towards our endeavours whenever we approached them.

For the last six years, KMWSC had been organising the “One Billion Rising” (OBR) campaign in Kolkata. Loreto Elliot Road, under the leadership of its Principal Sister Marilla has been assisting us to organise this massive campaign right from the beginning. She arranged all planning meets for this mega event. Not only did Sister attend the meetings personally, but also encouraged teachers of her school to be a part of the planning process. They helped us to identify schools which were sent invitations to participate at this mega event. Many of their teachers visited different schools on behalf of KMWSC and invited them to send their representative at OBR campaign. The school also designed a special cap for the event, got it printed and also distributed the caps on the day of the event. Logistic support for the event was also provided by Loreto Elliot Road. On the day of the campaign at Allen Park, children of the school put up a spectacular stage performance. Teachers of the school painstakingly trained the students for such a wonderful performance. The students also organised a flash mob for the campaign. Without support from Sister Marilla and her school, it would have been difficult for KMWSC to make the OBR rally successful

Numerous children of migrant labours are enrolled at our brickfield schools in three districts of West Bengal. Loreto schools at Eliot Road and Bowbazar have stood beside us time and again in our endeavours to serve these children and their parents. Both schools have provided clothing for the children, especially winter clothing. Both schools have provided sarees for mothers of these children. They even supported us by sponsoring food for these children during our Christmas celebrations at the brickfields.

Once again, for the Food ATM at Entaly which feeds 150 to 200 hungry mouths every day, children from Loreto Bowbazar and Loreto Elliot Road provide food once a week. Their contribution enables us to keep the Food Atm operational on 24X7 basis.

Our friends in the media published an article in a leading daily about providing KMWSC's effort in providing ration to underprivileged mothers and children during the nationwide lockdown to fight CORONA. On reading the article, Sister Marilla sent an appeal to parents of every children attending her school to contribute towards our endeavour at this time of global crisis. Answering Sister Marilla's call, number of parents extended their generous contribution towards KMWSC, which enabled us to feed the hungry at these difficult times.



At Organization Level

One Billion Rising 2020

“RISE, RESIST, UNITE”

One Billion Rising, in its 6th year with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre in collaboration with Loreto Day School, Elliot Road celebrated this movement in Allen Park on the 31st January, 2020. 2020 ushering, a new aspect with the complete support of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Apart from the Mayor, support came in from the councillor of Ward No. 63, Mr Mukherjee of KMC, Mr Shane Calvert, MLA representing the Anglo Indian Community and Joint Commissioner of police, Smt. Neeloo Sherpa on behalf of the Police Commissioner, Mr Anuj Sharma.



The **objective** of this biggest mass action, One billion Rising movement was to raise the revolution “**RISE, RESIST, UNITE**” to end rape, sexual slavery, sexual trafficking, female genital mutilation, sexual harassment, child marriage, feticide, sexual, gender and reproductive oppression, violence towards women irrespective of their racism and colonization. Through Action, Art, Connection, Imagination and Love we stand side by side in global solidarity until the violence stops. So, all at Allen Park were there to raise the vibration against any form of discrimination and exploitation against women; we were there to celebrate womanhood ;we were there to show solidarity against all discrimination -be it caste, creed, religion, gender, ethnic group or minorities. The esteemed panellists coming from different backgrounds of our society addressed the gathering about the inequality challenges faced by women and girls. This panellist team included Ms. Saira Shah Halim, Mr. Nick Rampal, Ms. Nandita Palchoudhuri , Ms. Madiha Ahmed, Ms. Anchita Ghatak and Mr. Deep Purkayastha. A medley of songs and a Flash mob was organised by Loreto Day School ,Elliot Road on the anthem “Break the Chain”. Loreto Day School, Bowbazar performed a dance and Saraswati Sadan High School staged a short skit called “Unsuni awaaz” were the performances of schools at the event. Around three hundred children collectively from these schools participated. Celebrity singers like Shayne Hyrapiet, Kamran Khurshid and his band The Voicez and Mantasha contributed to this movement with their inimitable theme-inspired renditions and supported the cause. Apart from all these, many Principals, students and teachers from the city based renowned schools, NGOs and colleges, Well- wishers, event Sponsors and Activists witnessed this event. The footfall was over more than six thousand spectators.The programme ended with the note that through the OBR movement, we will rise through our dance to express joy and celebrate the fact that we have not been defeated by the violence in our country.

Collaboration with the WB National University of Juridical Science

Under this collaboration, the first training session was held on 18th March, 2020 at the Head Office of KMWSC. A total of 40 members from different projects of KMWSC participated in the training session. Topics discussed at the session included purpose of human trafficking, difference between sexual exploitation and commercial sexual exploitation, difference between General Diary and FIR and many other topics. Several acts were also explained to the participants. Acts like Juvenile Justice Care and Protection) Act 2015, POCSO Act, and Prevention of Child Marriage Act, were discussed and explained in details



The resource person conducting the training also held a mock session about how to write a complaint to the police. All participants were divided into 3 groups. Each group was explained about an incident involving criminal offence and were asked to write a complaint to the police about the incident, which would initiate action from the police against the incident. Once each group came up with their complain, discussion was held about how the complain can be improved so that the law enforcement agencies would take serious actions against the offenders.

At the end of the session, all participants said that the session provided them new opportunities of learning legal aspects of situations they had been handling over the years. They also requested to hold more such

CMARD Training on Counseling

CMARD Training on Counseling Skill on Social Defense Issues Organized by Govt of India in collaboration with Jayaprakash Institute of social change. It was a 3 day training session. This was attended by our Field associates where the topics discussed were on concept of child protection, Major vulnerabilities of children at the state and National level. Overview on counseling, basic concept, skill and techniques of counseling. Social and Psychological explanation of the problem of Drug Abuse, Counseling the addicted, Counseling Skills on Social Defense Issues, Counseling children Victims of sexual abuse, Presentation and analysis of cases of child sexual abuse and the role of a counselor, Correction services and its structure,



Beggary as a social problem, sociological implications of Beggary, Physical and psychological problems of the Aged, counseling the aged persons, Causes and Consequences of Juvenile Delinquency and Managing such children through counseling, Probation and Parole Meaning and concept, their usefulness, Counseling skills in dealing with children at risk, street children, child beggars and Counseling skills in dealing with Traffic victim.

Exposure Visit by Father C.M. Paul



Exposure Visit by Father C.M. Paul, from Salesian Radio Partner 90.8 “Voice of The Hills” from Darjeeling

Father C.M. Paul from Salesian Radio Darjeeling and 16 Sisters from the FMAs visited KMWSC at 10 am on 22nd of February 2020. The Sisters were representing the National head of their congregation from different provinces like- Barasat, Chennai, Darjeeling, Guwahati, DumDum and Mumbai. This was their first visit and interaction with the team of KMWSC. The programme team welcomed each one of them by welcoming and putting chandan tilak on their foreheads (according to the Indian Culture) and invited them in the prayer circle.

After a brief introduction by all the staff members, the respective guests too introduced themselves one by one. This was followed by an orientation on KMWSC and our projects related activities. They also visited all our departments of our SKD units and were very much impressed by the initiatives KMWSC was taking towards future progress for the underprivileged.

Finance Workshop for KMWSC Staffs

A one day Account Workshop was organized by Kolkata Mary Wards Social Centre Accounts Department. The purpose of this account workshop was to capacitate the project personnel on accounts. The highlighted chapter of this account workshop was—

1. How to identify a Pucca Bill
2. Requisition slips
3. Advance settlement
4. Bid analyses
5. Cash flow.

Wishing You All



Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it.

May we resurrect with the Lord, walk into a new way of life, during this pandemic Covid-19. May the angels protect you, May the sadness forgets you, May goodness surrounds you, at this hour of global pandemic panic, fear and death.

May the Risen Lord continue to protect, bless and shower you with his immense love.

The entire KMWSC family is thinking of you, wishing you and your loved ones renewal of love, faith and life.



HAPPY EASTER



Thank You!