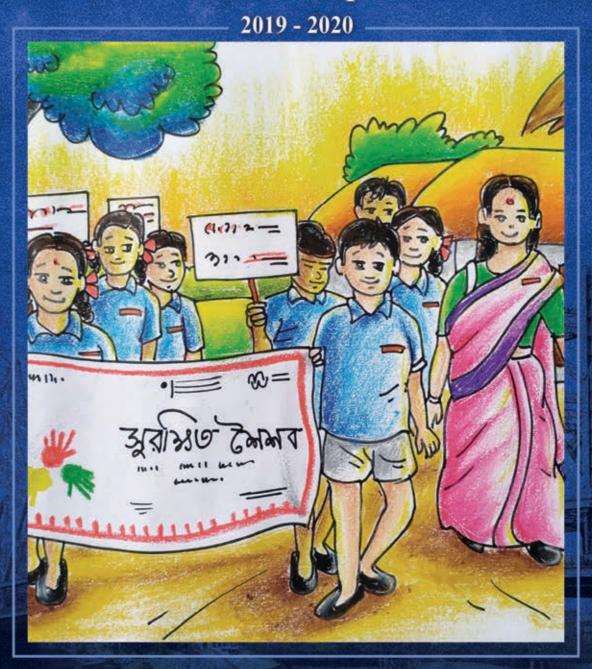


# Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

**Annual Report** 



# Online Social Campaign Reach Out



"Our mission is to empower every person who is touched by our work through 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".

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# Accountability

We always believe in "Accountability" towards our funders, volunteers and beneficiaries. Through developing several mechanisms we ensure downward and horizontal accountability to our partner communities, supporters and Board Members. Our constant processes of review and reflection at community level, bottom-up planning and budgeting exercise and people's conclave help us to ensure accountability. Display of plans, budget and policy documents are done during the Quarterly Governing Body meetings, and also through our website. The three months' news letter and Face book page reflects our philosophy in maintaining transparency and accountability. The board members of KMWSC meet at regular periodic intervals to examine performance, address financial issues as well as monitor accountability. During the year 2019 – 2020, various strategic exercises were facilitated including strategic planning, quarterly reviews and impact assessment. Each of the project activities are designed and implemented on need basis and focus on accountability. Mentioned below are few of such activities.

Two way communication: The KMWSC family conducts review meetings at four levels. 1. Project Level Meeting for project updates with field for accountability at individual project level and for update and exchange of suggestion on project level decision 2. At the Office Level Meeting, the project level information is exchanged and updated in an open forum among different project teams for accountability at origination level and for exchange of suggestions on both project and origination level decisions 3. Programme team meeting with Director, for origination and project level decision making and exchange of information. 4. Sharing information with the Governing Body to be accountable and transparent with regard to all projects and organizational activities.

Special day celebrations: Special days are celebrated in all the KMWSC projects. It caters to the vunerable, underprivileged and deprived sections who are constantly at risk. Through these celebrations, some amount of joy comes into the lives of such children. Empathising with them, we believe that it is our responsibility to allow them to celebrate and thus get across to them the idea and meaning of celebration. Besides joy, fun and entertainment, celebrating special days also throws light on the relevance of such celebrations

Monitoring Visits: Monitoring KMWSC projects is a systematic and long-term process that gathers information on the progress made on the implementation of the project activities. KMWSC stresses on quantity and qualitative methodology that is able to constantly monitor the development of the project so that the evaluation of partial and final output is consistent with the monitoring process. The projects are monitored at the director level, project level, field level and beneficiary level.

**Survey:** Surveys play a crucial role in planning programmes and activities under the KMWSC projects, well articulated survey makes the decision making process easier and transparent. It also helps in the identification of real areas of intervention and people requiring such intervention. To maintain transparency, survey outcomes are shared with the board members and funders to draw a cleaner image for the need of the project.

**Home Visits:** Home visits are an important component of all our projects. The aim of the Home Visit is to empower vulnerable households to improve the care and protection that the children and women need to thrive, in extremely difficult or risky circumstances. The KMWSC approach provides a platform for the project team to develop supportive relationships with most vulnerable children and their families. A home visit addresses various issues of health, hygiene, child protection, exploitation, and updates us on our beneficiaries

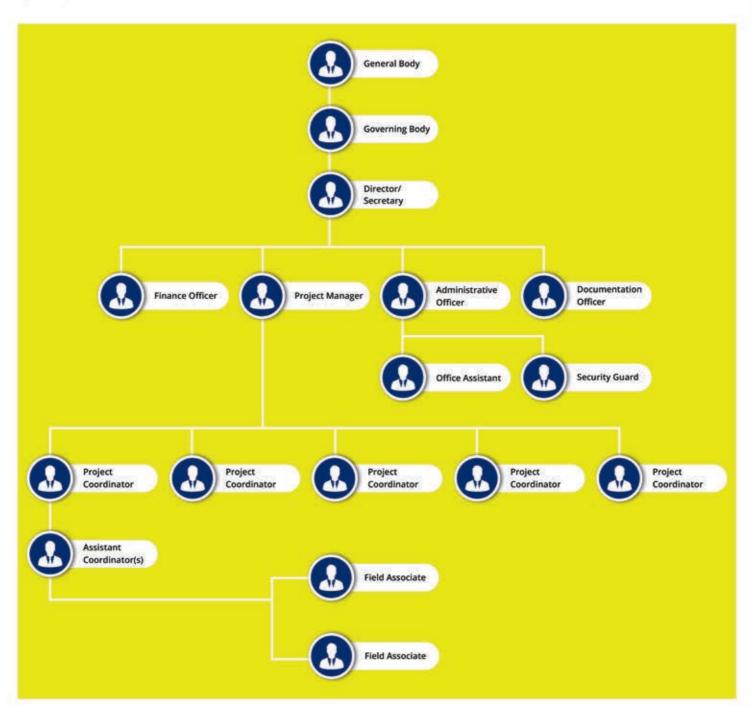
# **Transparency**



#### In keeping with the vision and mission of the Social Centre, the Goals are

- · To reduce all forms of violence and injustice against women and girls.
- · To ensure, through our service, that every child and woman is supported with love and care.
- To promote gender equality and empowerment at all levels through education and creative opportunities.

### Organizational Structure



## **GOVERNING BODY**

SI. No.	Name	Position
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3	Sr. V Thomas Jency	Treasurer
4	Sr. Edelin P Kujur	Member
5	Sr. Tina Farias	Member
6	Sr. Carmella Coelho	Member
7	Sr. Monica Suchiang	Secretary / Director

# **THE KMWSC CIRCLE**

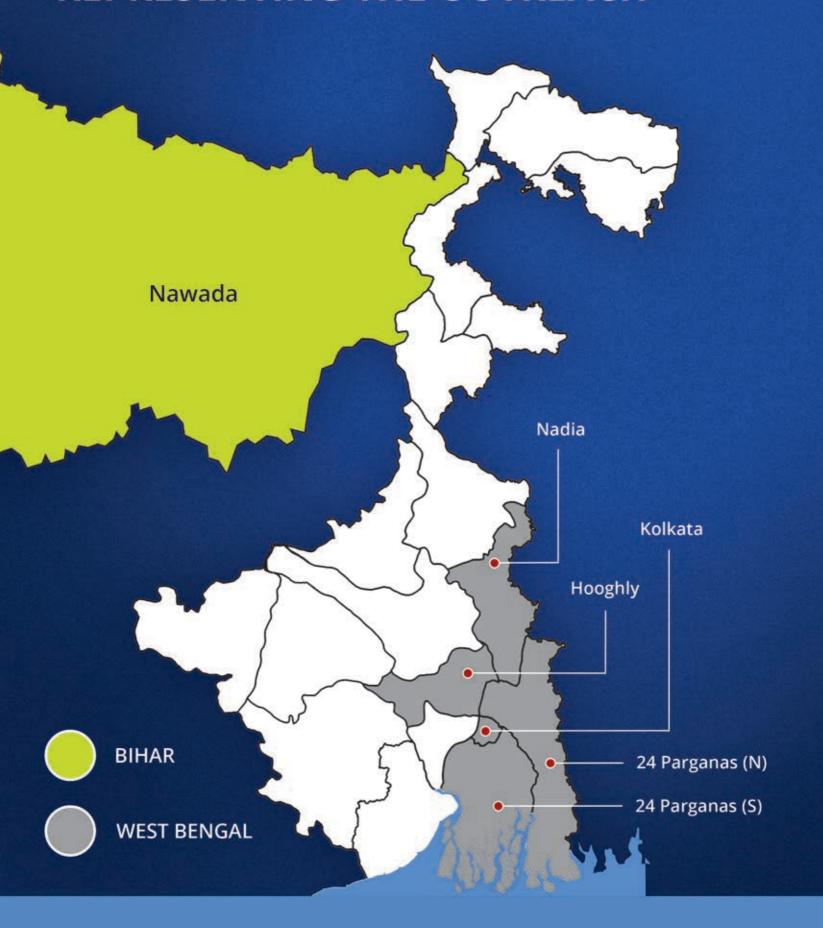
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We as the KMWSC family, be it on the field or at office start our day being in a circle of love and trust, praying for our projects, beneficiaries, well wishers and staff. The security of the circle help us in exchanging information project wise and creating a transparent platform for everyone to express ourselves.

# REPRESENTING THE OUTREACH







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Congratulations to Sr. Monica Suchiang (Director) and the Team for the successful completion of six years of KMWSC! You have achieved many milestones and continue to chart a path forward as you respond to the needs of the times. Many new initiatives have been taken to reach out as well as become sustainable as an organization.

On behalf of the Province Leadership Team and all the sisters I thank you for taking us forward to "bringing those forced to live in poverty to the center of our life..." (G.C. Calls 2014)]

Blessings on all of you and those entrusted in your care.

President's

Message

Saberia Edwards

Sr. Sabrina Edwards, ibvm Province Leader



# Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

With an unchanged vision and extended mission KMWSC has taken it's path breaking journey towards societal cohesion since it's humble inception. It is my immense joy and pleasure to share with you the Annual Report 2019 - 2020 amidst the pandemic Covid 19. Yes, this pandemic has brought the world to a stagnation point and shook the roots with its deadly and profound impact.

From the four districts of West Bengal and Bihar, KMWSC took strides and left its imprints on its new ventures like the Food ATM, Cafeteria, Sanitary Napkin making and awareness on Child Rights.

The pandemic saw KMWSC continuing with its mission of carrying forward Mary Ward's legacy not only in Bengal but right to the borders of Bangladesh. We have gone where the need was most and this was possible only because of the unstinted support of the funding partners and agencies, our well wishers and of course, the KMWSC staff.

KMWSC believes that it stems from the root of belief... Justice, Peace, Integrity, Freedom and Love and to be able to carry this to the next level is due to the divine direction that we as a KMWSC family have received. The work we did had moments of transformation, inspiration, self belief and conviction that a conceptual growth and expansion is the inevitable change that the world looks forward to.



# Director's

Message

The opportunity given to the social activist is that he or she is challenged to do things on the terms of the world and not of their own. He / she may constantly feel out of place in it but he needs to take a step back from his/ her own securities and look out of the comfort zones to see the real world as it is! He/she needs to reach out in their own ways to people and live the vision and mission of Mary Ward.

I sum up by saying - Take risks! Fail! Fall! Take the leap!

Director/Secretary







#### Director's Visit

This is to understand, the constant changing needs of a project, to track a project development, to monitor staff performance, to keep interpersonal relationships with the project staff, and with the direct and indirect beneficiaries. Monitoring and evaluation are separate practices dedicated to the assessment of the NGO's overall performance.

In KMWSC, monitoring is a systematic and long-term process to gather information with regards to the progress. This is conducted by the Director of the organization, project wise through its monitoring tools to access deliverance and achievements of the projects.

Thus, Sister Monica Suchiang, Director of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre divided her schedule in four slabs with a time frame of three months each, to evaluate all the projects. The monitoring evolution plan had five key components 1. Field Visits 2. Interacting with the Direct Beneficiaries on a one to one basis 2. Interacting with the Indirect Stakeholders

- 3. Field staff review meeting 4. Project staff review meetings
- Evaluating all project documents on a monthly basis.

SI. No.	Month	
1	April 2019 to June 2019	
2	July 2019 to September 2019	
3	October 2019 to December 2019	
4	January 2020 to March 2020	

During the Covid 19 virus pandemic, the director called every member of the KMWSC family to find out about their well being and the well being of their project beneficiaries. She also monitored the project field activities over phone and conducted multiple conference calls with the project team over the same.

# **Creating Milestones**

To mark five years' anniversary of the organization. New initiatives were flagged off.





### Food ATM, Kolkata, November 25th, 2019

Vision of the Food ATM: Any Time Meal (ATM), a new venture to feed the needy from and around the regions of Tangra, Kuliya Tangra, Bibirhaat, Motijhil and Dhobighat. This vision took into effect from the month of November, 2019. The Food ATM operates from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm providing food to almost hundred to two hundred people daily. Since its inauguration, Loreto Day School, Dharmatala, Loreto Convent, Entally, Loreto Day School Elliot Road and Loreto Day School, Bowbazar collected food from their school children through the food drive for the underprivileged; programme once a week and donated it to the Food ATM. We also thank Sr Beatrice, Sr Angela, Sr Christopher & Sr Claire from Loreto New Residence, Rt. Justice Nadira Patherya, Principal of Loreto School, Asansol, KMWSC staff and other individual donors for their generous contribution. We also received donation in kind, from the local people.

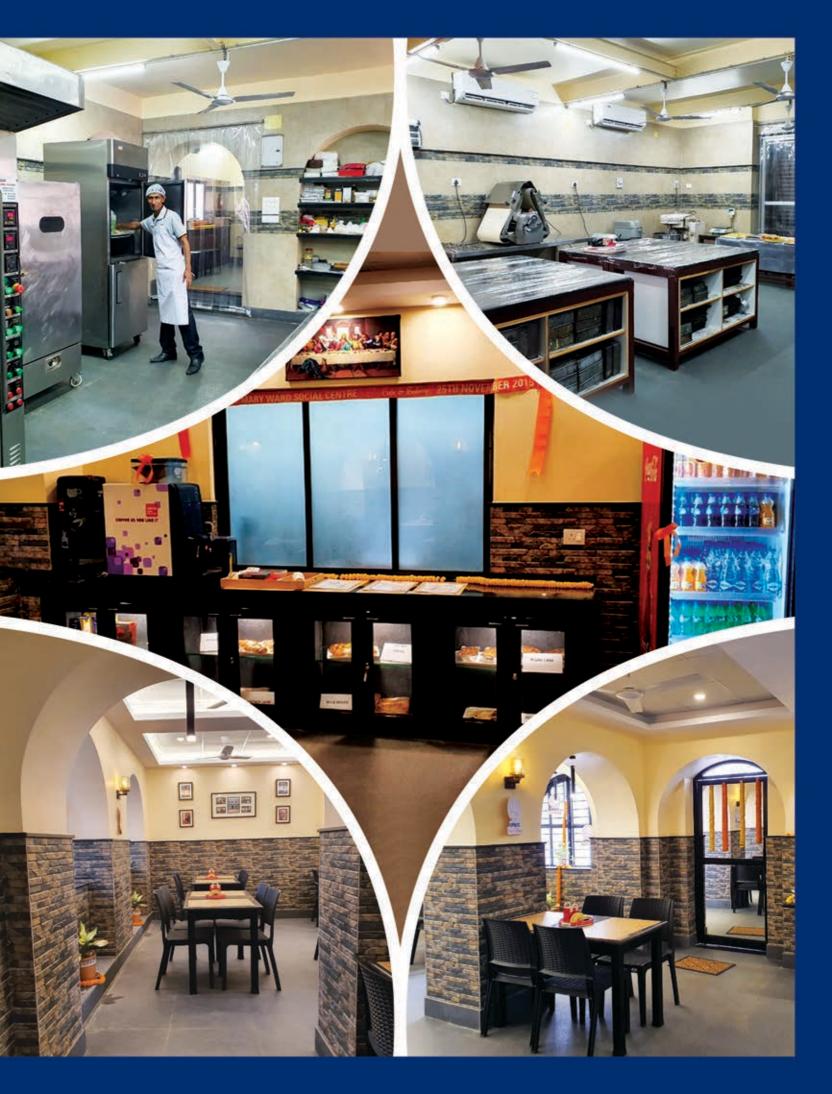
#### Cafe and Bakery, KMWSC

Cafe and Bakery: The basic objective behind opening the cafe is to support the Skill Development Unit and to provide for the daily contribution to the Food ATM. It is to inculcate the habit of contribution and to imbibe in people the concept of sharing food by keeping aside food for those who are hungry and do not get sufficient to eat. People coming to the Cafe & Bakery are made aware of the Tangra slums where people starve each day. The idea is basically to buy two- one for oneself and the other to donate.

Until 2016, only Christmas cakes were baked. In the second year of its inception, in 2017, after renovation and with new machines procured, home baking during Christmas commenced. People flocked from all corners of Kolkata bringing along their own ingredients. The family baking of getting their own ingredients and mixing the ingredients for the Christmas cakes with their own hands continued thereafter and is still open. The number of families for Christmas cake baking has been increasing every year. Apart from baking the bakery items, a training programme was initiated in which the students and girls were trained in order to be placed in good hotels, like The Gateway, Flury's and many others. The bakery is flourishing now and the food items are not only being sold to Loreto schools but are being catered for individual orders and for the children in the Rainbow homes.















### Bakery team puts up a stall at Allen Park during the Kolkata Christmas Celebration

The Bakery team of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre put up a stall for the first time at Allen Park with support from the Anglo Indian MLA, Mr. Shane Calvert on the occasion of the weeklong Kolkata Christmas Festival. Food items prepared at our bakery were kept at the stall for selling. It is worth mentioning here that the bakery is managed by women who have undergone the bakery course at our skill development unit. The stall was visited by numerous people from all over the city. According to them, the items at the stall were delicious.

### Collaboration with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Science

Being involved in projects like Anti Human Trafficking, Child Rights Protection, prevention of sexual abuse, well being of migrant labourers and many other similar activities, it is essential for the staff and peer members of the organization to have a comprehensive knowledge about related laws and legislation. Obtaining such knowledge, in a methodical way, requires training inputs from professionals in legal fields. Apart from receiving training inputs, our past experience had revealed that there had been situations when the project staff needed to consult legal experts whilst handling situations on the ground.

Kolkata Mary ward Social Centre in collaboration with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Science (WBNUJS) provides training to our staff and members of peer groups on laws which relate to our projects.

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 3 pillars of Juridiction, trauma and justice work, difference between sexual exploitation and commercial sexual exploitation, process and to identify the difference between General Diary and FIR, journey of a case and many other topics. The project staff were also made aware of the definition and the end to end process of Domestic Violence jurisdiction.

### Sanitary Napkin Production

Our experience in working among women and adolescent girls in rural areas revealed that women in such areas are quite unaware about the cleanliness required to maintain menstrual hygiene. They use unclean cloth, rags or even ash to absorb their menstrual secretion. Though some of them are aware of sanitary napkins, they find it cost prohibitory to use the item when the need arises.

The seeds of this goes back to the time when Sr Monica after her personal interaction with our Sonagachi mothers realises that the happiest moments of their life was when they were free from servicing clients. So bring them relief and comfort on their personal days, "My days" took form.

With this vision of our Director, Sister Monica Suchiang, the Sanitary Pad Unit stared to provide low cost sanitary napkins to vulnerable communities along with providing awareness on menstruation hygiene.

After several test runs, the project was officially launched in August 2019, when KMWSC celebrated its 5th year of registration. Though production capacity of our plant and equipment is 1000 sanitary pads per shift, at present we are only utilizing 40% of the capacity. The present production is distributed among beneficiaries of our project in four districts of West Bengal. KMWSC has applied for obtaining brand registration of the products.









# THEMATICAL AREA 1

Women and Child Development

Sustainable Development Goal are incorporated in each projects









Anti-Human Trafficking Project - Canning-I & II and Diamond Harbour-I



Providing Education and Protection to Vulnerable Children - Sonagachi



"Surokhit Shaisav" promoting safe childhood in West Bengal



Hidden Domestic Chiled Labour (HDCL) Project -North 24 Parganas and Kolkata

# Anti-Human Trafficking Project – Canning - I & II and Diamond Harbour-I

"Life is a gift from our Creator...and it should NEVER be discarded, devalued or put up for Sale." - SANDRA DAY O' CONNOR

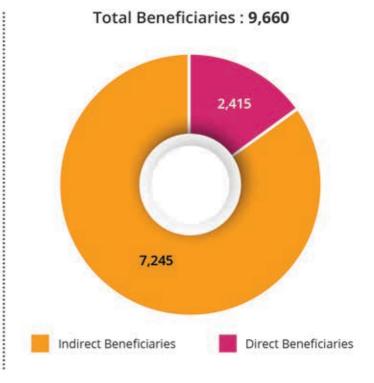
To combat the global problem of human trafficking, one of the world's most shameful and organised crimes, affecting lives of millions of people around the world and destroying their dignity, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, for the last five years, has been generating awareness on Anti - Human Trafficking through campaigns, trainings and workshops at various levels with stake holders. Rescue, rehabilitation and restoration of survivors of human trafficking is an integral part of this project. Close networking and advocacy with the police and government administration at local & state levels have helped KMWSC to achieve its success in Anti-Human Trafficking endeavour.

Diamond Harbour in South 24 Parganas, is a major source as well as a transit point for human trafficking in West Bengal. Owing to poverty, illiteracy, lack of awareness about child marriage, child labour etc. people, mostly adolescent girls are easy victims of human trafficking, which is an organised crime having a deep nexus at the community level. Thus, by natural choice, KMWSC focuses at this geographical location through preventive measures at the community level, involving community people as primary stake holders of the project.

Canning is another location in South 24 Parganas which serves as major hub for human trafficking in West Bengal. Thus, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre undertakes various community level activities ranging from sensitization of people against human trafficking to rescue and rehabilitation.

### **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Community level intervention through community group formation against human trafficking
- · Sensitization against human trafficking
- Capacity building of community
- Capacity building of adolescent girls
- · Village, block and district level advocacy
- Rescue & rehabilitation through referrals
- Advocacy & networking



#### OUTPUT

- Communities will identify and take concrete steps in reporting incidents of missing child & child marriage.
- Communities will be proactive in the campaign against Human Trafficking and Child marriage.
- Classification of Young people (girls and boys) as child defenders.
- Members of Adoloscent Girls' Group (AGG) from every community will track at least 10 girls each, using the child tracking system.
- Strengthened Gram Panchayat Members.
- Child friendly village of Devisabad will be made a model village towards protection of children.
- Strengthened Village Level Child Protection Committee Members

#### OUTCOME

- Preventing cases of Human Trafficking and child marriage.
- Sensitized Government Administration and Law Enforcement agencies.
- Sensitized Gram Panchayet Members
- Strengthened Child Protection Committee at Village





### Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries	
Activity	Details	Canning I & II	Diamond Harbou
Community awareness campaign with self help group mothers		25	30
Orientation on Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives with ICDS Workers at Canning-I		50	N.A
Auto campaign & leaflet distribution		700	300
Street Kiosk & leaflet distribution for Emergency response	Awareness was created on Child Rights, Anti-Human Trafficking, Acts and policies for child protection. The school staff also are now skilled to identify the cases and report back	400	N.A
Capacity Building of families at 2 Blocks (Street Theatre, Puppet Shows, Leaflet Distribution)		1,200	54
Meeting with Families and Community key participants on Child Trafficking Issues		900	54
Orientation on Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives & Child protection issues with Vehicles Union (local transport)	As the trafficker / abuser uses vehicle for trafficking / escaping etc it is very important for an intervention in the union where the fishermen / vehicles union can act as a safety net and report and intervene, when needed	50	60
Orientation on Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives & CP issues with the Fishermen Community and boat operators		50	N.A
School awareness campaign on Child Rights and child protection issues	School children and the staff are being made aware on Child Rights, Anti-Human Trafficking, Acts and policies for child protection. The school staff also are now skilled to identify the cases and report back	1,600	500
Formation of Adolescent Girls Group (AGG) and conducting monthly meeting	The girls have been made aware of Child Rights, Anti-Human Trafficking, Acts and policies for child protection	500	75

Formation of Community Vigilance Committee (CVC) and conducting of monthly meetings	The community stakeholders (Panchayat members, local club members, school teachers, health worker, ICDS worker and an influential person of the community) are the members of the CVC. They have been oriented on women and child protection issues focus on human trafficking and the push and pull factors of human trafficking like child marriage, domestic violence, child abuse, school dropout etc. On a regular basis, they have been oriented on the roles of the community vigilance committee and village level child protection committee under the integrated child protection scheme. They have been encouraged to participate in block and district level consultations and to raise the issues of women and child protection at the community level.  • The stakeholders are now acting effectively to make their neighbourhood aware on the protection mechanism of women & children. They have shown keen interest to discuss issues and have wanted to learn the process to avail Government services for the protection of women & children in their native villages	500	75
Capacity building of Gram Panchayat Members on Anti-Human Laws and Legislations	Strengthened Gram Panchayat Members on Child protection and trafficking issues	400	N.A
Sub-Divisional Level Police Training on POCSO	Civil volunteer and Sub-Divisional Level Police were trained in Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 for child protection	72	N.A
Home visit at project implementation areas	Home visits were conducted for monitoring and awareness	450	645



Peer Group training on Child Tracking System-	<ul> <li>The members of each track the neighboring girls / friends of their community who are under 18 years, on a daily basis.</li> <li>Spread awareness on child marriage, child labour and child trafficking issues. They track other community girls to stop child marriage, school drop-outs, unsafe migration, elopement and trafficking issues.</li> <li>Each member tracks others and if any case is identified, the CHILD LINE is informed.</li> <li>A tracking tool (note book) is maintained where all the track records are preserved. Once in two months, the members of the girls group meet and conduct meetings on the existing situation. All members report about the girls who have been tracked by them and they record it in the note book.</li> </ul>	32	20
Workshops and training programmes with Village level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC)	Strengthening the VLCPC of child protection and trafficking issues.	110	30
Conducting Steering committee meeting of Devisabad village	Demand came up from within the community as they felt the need to create a child friendly zone where every child would be protected against violence, abuse and neglect.	8	N.A
Develop Child Friendly village	<ul> <li>KMWSC initiated the establishment of a child friendly village at Devisabad village. This is an integral part of the "Sensitization on Anti-Human Trafficking project".</li> </ul>	2000	N.A



#### Efforts made:

#### Model Village / Child Friendly Village

Child Friendly Village has been an integral part of the "Sensitization on Anti-Human Trafficking Project". Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre took up an initiative to develop a village namely Devisabad, as Child Friendly Village. The need to create a Child Friendly Village came up from the community as they wanted a child friendly zone where every child would be protected from violence, abuse and neglect.

#### · Child Tracking System

Members of AGG groups track neighboring girls /friends of their community who are under 18 years on a daily basis. Each member tracks at least 10 children each. If any case is identified, it is reported to Child Line. A note book is maintained as a part of the "Tracking Tool" where all records are related to tracking. Every alternate month, members of the AGG meet to discuss and assess the situation. They share information about girls they are tracking and maintain the records of the same.

Additionally, members of the group spread awareness on issues like child marriage and child trafficking. They train the community girls to stop child marriage, child labour, school drop-outs, unsafe migration and child trafficking issues.

In all, there are 279 members segregated into 16 Adolescent Girls Groups, who are currently tracking 1,953 children i.e 6 girls each on a daily basis in Canning Block I and II. At Diamond Harbour Block I, there are 72 members divided into 6 groups where as 43 girls out of 72 members are tracking 430 children on a regular basis i.e 10 girls for each members.

Thus a total of 2,383 children are been tracked on a daily basis

#### · Child Friendly Corner

The woman Police Station at Canning-I Block has designated a place for the Child-friendly corner. KMWSC had taken the initiative to set up necessary infrastructure for the purpose. Once the infrastructure was ready, the child-friendly corner was handed over to the authorities of the women police station. However, KMWSC is still responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the corner.



# Providing Education and protection to Vulnerable Children- Sonagachi

"Oh nations, where is my childhood and education?"

- SYRIAN REFUGEE SHEYMAA, AGED 12 YEARS

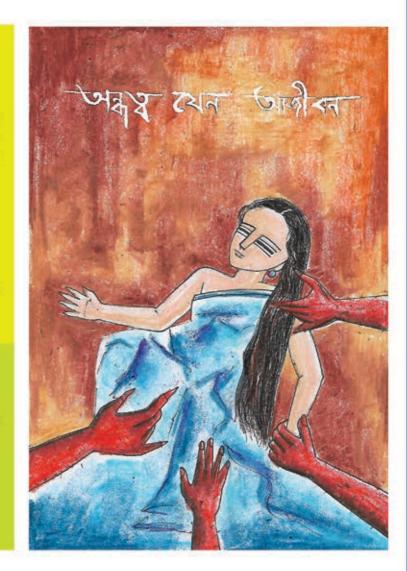
In its efforts to give back the childhood to the children of the sex workers, who are in perpetual denial of basic rights, KMWSC extends its interventions to such children in Sonahachi. Through this project, KMWSC reaches out to sex workers and their children, contributing towards the overall development of the children. The project is functional since 2015.

#### Need of Intervention among Children of sex workers:

- The children, specifically the girl child, is exposed to exploitation and has no future except to continue in their mother's profession once they grow up.
- Male children usually grow up to become pimps to fetch clients for the sex workers.
- Thus, life of a child born in brothel ends in a brothel.

#### Need of intervention for the sex workers:

- Sex workers do not have any alternative source of income.
- Being unaware of the rights of children, they fail to understand when any such rights are violated.

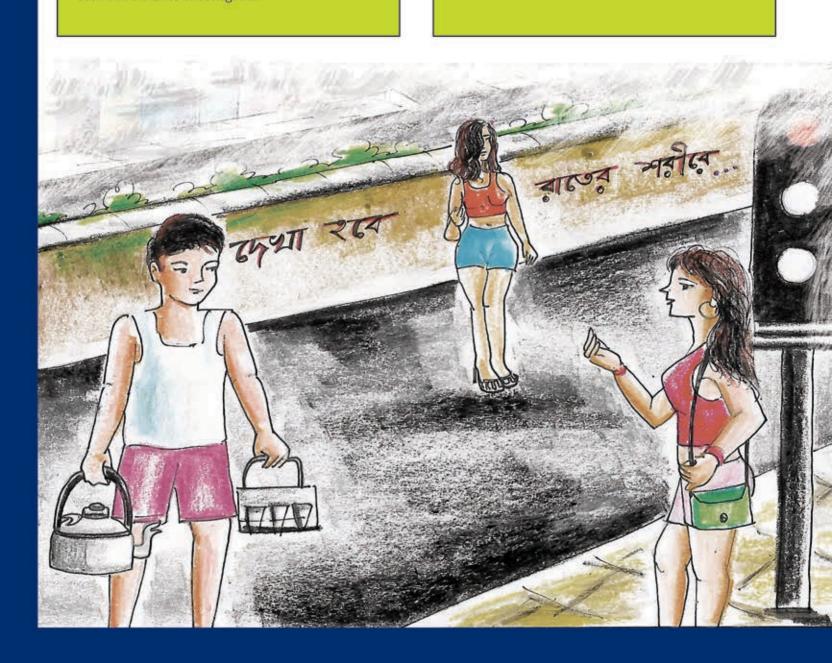


#### OUTPUT

- Ensuring quality education and eradicating inequalities for the excluded children, starting from their basic education at the centre.
- Mainstreaming of children in the Government education system.
- Engagement with Adolescent Children to create awareness about Health and Child Rights.
- Ensuring Vocational training to the commercial sex workers for alternative livelihood.
- Enrolment of girls in residential homes, to bring them out from the lanes of Sonagachi.

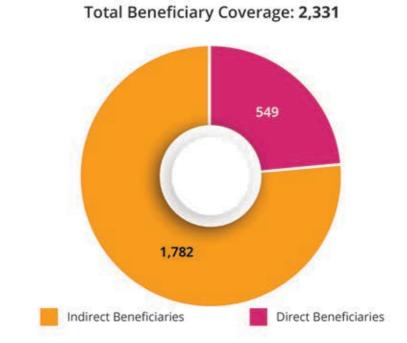
#### OUTCOME

- 80% attendance in all project activities.
- Ensure mainstreaming of 75% children enrolled at the centre in government schools and monitoring them so that they do not drop out.
- Formation of Childrens' Parliament and having over 80% attendance at the monthly meetings.
- 90% of the enrolled mothers complete their training in the skill development course.
- 15 girls enrolled in Rainbow homes.



### **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Protection
- Education
- Skill Development



Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on the number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Home visit Home visits are an essential element in monitoring the progress of the project and assess the impact. Project staff conducts regular home visits in the project area	<ul> <li>Identifying new children for enrolment either in the pre-school session at the centre or school enrolment, based on the age.</li> <li>Review the family condition and identify high risk issues (exploitation of Child Rights and child protection).</li> <li>Follow up on drop-out cases from centre.</li> <li>Identify children to enroll them in the hostel.</li> <li>Building Relationship &amp; Trust between stakeholders and service providers.</li> </ul>	325
Life skill class	Life skills help in the framework that allows children to apply the knowledge they acquire at the centre or schools in real life situations and problems. It also helps to develop self-confidence and successfully deal with challenges, such as bullying and discrimination.	244
Dance Class An escape route for the soul from the mundane daily routine	Music itself can be very powerful. Dance movement is a therapeutic form (DMT) of exercise which is beneficial for both physical and mental health. It helps in reducing stress and mood-management. In addition, DMT's physical component offers increased muscular strength, movement coordination, mobility, and decreases muscular tension.	463
Drawing Class Explores hidden talents & potential	Painting therapy, a hybrid field largely influenced by the disciplines of art and psychology, uses the creative process, pieces of art created in therapy, and third-party artwork which help the children to develop self-awareness, express emotions, address unresolved emotional conflicts, improve social skills, and raise self-esteem.	1,228

Skill development of mothers- providing alternate source of income	Skill development training in tailoring is provided to the sex workers to find an alternative source of income. This programme is undertaken to provide tailoring skills to the sex workers in Sonagachi and opt for other sources of income.	Beautician= 31 Tailoring=44
Mainstreaming in school	It is very important to provide the children with formal education so that they have a chance of alternative and better future opportunities.	22
Awareness Generation	Through puppet shows & street plays, awareness is built on important social issues like Child Rights, Child Marriage, Health & hygiene, communicable and non communicable diseases, etc.	315
Capacity building training for mothers	Special training for the mothers was organised on health and hygiene, along with life skills.	56
Free health Camp – a healthy mind in a healthy body	The environment in Sonagachi is unhealthy for men, women & children. Infrastructure problems include unreliable supply of electricity and water, shanty rooms, uneven roads and open gutters that are breeding grounds for contagious diseases. To make things worse, unlicensed medical practitioners run rampant in the area and advertise "special treatments" to cure sexually transmitted infections (STIs), which are highly prevalent among the women in the red light area.  Many of the customers are prone to harmful myths, e.g., that sex with children cures STIs and HIV/AIDS, that sex without a condom increases sexual potency, or that sex with a virgin restores masculinity. Due to this mentality and the absence of quality health	248
Free distribution of health and hygiene kit	care, there is a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the community, a high frequency of STI among women who work in brothels, and high risk of very young girls being trafficked into prostitution.  Distribution of medicines and sanitary napkins among adolescent girls and women are an integral part of this project.	225





Free distribution of safe sex kit	Condoms are distributed among sex workers on a regular basis.	20
Education support	The Education centre in the red-light area is catering to the age group of 3-17 years, seven days in a week, so that children do not become sex workers/pimps and will have an alternative career option. At the centre, they receive guidance, awareness and motivation to continue with their education.	136
Sponsorship of children	Every child deserves a good childhood. There are numerous children in the lanes of Sonagachi who do not get the opportunity to bloom to their full potential. Through funding, among all our registered children in the centre, we were able to support three of the brightest children identified in the project area.	3
Mothers' meeting	The involvement of mothers is very essential for this project structure. The mother, who is a sex worker, is also one of the key persons for community mobilization and community awareness programme. It is important for the mother to be updated on the children's development, be aware on Child Rights and take ownership of the project and has a good relationship with the project team. The Project has arranged mother-teacher meetings every month.  During the mothers' meeting, special awareness sessions were conducted on 1. Safe sex 2. Communicable diseases 3. Menstruation health and hygiene. During the session, free condoms were distributed to the mothers.	174
Adolescence group meeting	Through the Adolescent group, a Childrens' Parliament was formed to empower and enable children to raise their voice against any form of exploitation and violation.  During every meeting, the parliament members fix a topic of discussion for the session and conducts a meeting on it.  During the meeting special awareness sessions were conducted on personal health and hygiene where free sanitary napkins were distributed.	105
Sports Day	Sports is beneficial for children, especially of the red-light area whose lives are confined within the narrow lanes of Sonagachi. Sports activities boost up the confidence of children improving their physical skills. They learn to be team performers and the sporting activities adds to the fun factor as well.  The annual sports for the Sonagachi children was held on 10th December, 2019 at the Corporation grounds in Sonagachi. A number of events were organized. Participants were organised into groups based on their age and gender.	110

#### **Major Achievements**

#### Formation of Childrens' Parliament:

The main idea behind forming Childrens' Parliament in the red-light area was to bring the children together to strengthen their voice and leadership in order to direct their attention towards issues which affect children directly or indirectly. The motive behind forming and facilitating Childrens' Parliament is to promote the right of participation so that children can speak the unspoken and their unheard voices may be heard.

#### · Enrolment of 15 girls in the Rainbow Home:

Our endeavour in Sonagachi enabled us to identify fifteen girls who were enrolled in the Rainbow Home run by the Loreto Sisters. Here, they would not only receive education, but would also receive vocational training, participate in co-curricular activities, receive training in music and other skills, till they became self-reliant.

#### · Exposure visits:

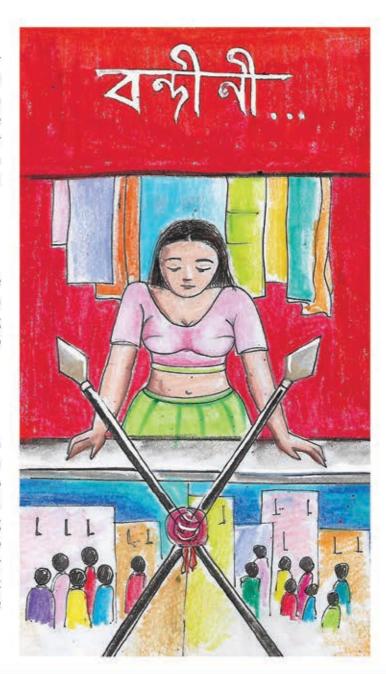
Life of children of the sex workers, living with their mothers is totally confined within the narrow lanes and social boundary of the red light area. Thus, the children remain completely unaware of the city and life outside Sonagachi, KMWSC organised exposure visits for children of Sonagachi. Besides acquainting the children with the city, visits of this nature also add a recreational value to the life of children.

#### · Visit to Nicco Park:

36 Children and 10 mothers visited Nicco Park for the first time. The entrance of every ride offers an explanation of the scientific principle behind the working of the ride. Not only the children but their mothers too enjoyed every ride.

#### Visit to Science City:

To give the children an exposure to Science City which gives educational cum entertainment value, children along with their mothers from Sonagachi were taken to the place by KMWSC. Here, for the first time in their life, they watched a 3D movie on the galaxy. After entering Science City, mothers and children were put into two separate groups and they spent the day in their respective groups. The mothers and their children spent a day learning new things, away from the by - lanes of the red light area.



# Surokhit Shaishav – Promoting Safe Childhood in West Bengal

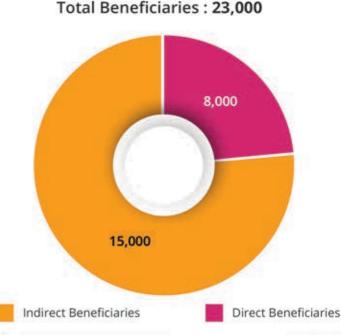
"Hugs can do great amounts of good, especially for children" - DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

Working over the years, KMWSC felt the need to strengthen Child Rights and provide inputs to them so that they can take part in decision making process, be it among their families or in social life together in partnership with Caritas India. The pilot phase lasted from April 2019 to October 2019 as a Child Rights' Programme - United for Child Protection - Protecting and Reclaiming Childhood in West Bengal.

After the pilot phase, the project title was changed to Surokhit Shaishav - Promoting Safe Childhood in West Bengal" from October 2019-20.

### KEY AREAS OF WORK

- PRA on Social Mapping, Resource Mapping
- Awareness generation on basic Child Rights
- Advocacy & networking on Child Rights
- Mainstreaming of dropouts into Government Schools
- Installation of Child Rights Protection Help Desk (CRPHD)
- Formation of Child Clubs & making clubs child friendly
- Advocacy with local administration





#### OUTPUT

- Education Activities to Improve Child Rights
- Training on Child Rights
- Capacity Building for Staff on Child Rights
- Capacity Building and Counselling for Children



#### OUTCOME

- 80% out-of-school children are enrolled / re-enrolled and retained in age appropriate classes, recording improved learning outcomes under the Right to Education Act (with special focus on children withdrawn from child labour)
- resolved by Community based organizations (CBOs) in collaboration with the statutory bodies (Child Protection Committees, ChildLine, Police, Child Welfare Committees, Samaj, Mothers' collective, school teachers)
- O State level Children's Campaign on Child Rights to demand the ban of child labour and thus secure child development and protection measures
- raised and strengthened to advocate and influence policy framework and action plans of the State Government

#### Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Participatory Rural Appraisal, (PRA)	<ul> <li>Social Mapping, Resource Mapping</li> <li>Information collected on number of households, population, school dropout children, Child labour, children with disabilities, etc.</li> <li>Information also collected on Community toilets and hand pumps available.         During the appraisal, women came out with issues like child marriage, still existing in the locality     </li> </ul>	20 Villages in 3 G.Ps
Admission of children in Government School	6 dropouts (4-boys, 2-girls) admitted immediately after PRA     15 children under process of getting readmitted under various government schemes	21 children
Awareness creation drives	Life skills help in the framework that allows children to apply the knowledge they acquire at the centre or schools in real life situations and problems. It also helps to develop self-confidence and successfully deal with challenges, such as bullying and discrimination	717 children

Child Friendly Clubs	Forum/platform for children to discuss issues related to Child Rights, child labour, child abuse etc. in 20 villages	400 children
Advocacy & Networking	Through advocacy and networking with school teachers and local clubs health centre, Mahila Sangh ,they have been motivated to stop activities regarding child issues, Child Rights abuse and report such cases immediately to Child Line	193
Earth Day Networking	Awareness on environmental issues including global warming, scarcity of water, plastic pollution, etc	1,034 children
Networking Meetings with ICDS Members	<ul> <li>To discuss about the basic knowledge of Child Rights</li> <li>To share our child labour agenda</li> <li>Letting them know about our activities</li> <li>Sharing information on missing children</li> <li>Consequence of child marriage</li> </ul>	

#### Achievements:

- . Child Rights' Protection Desk (CRPD): is also known as child help desk. It is a mobile desk which has been put up at different villages and market places to spread the information on Child Rights and child protection issues in Basirhat-1. CRPD was also set up in Basirhat Railway station to send messages across different villages. The leaflets on Child Rights and the child line number were shared with thousands of village adults and children. Many children came forward to share information relating to child marriage, missing children, child labour and child in need of care and protection. It is a visible help desk for the children at risk in remote areas.
- . Children's Parliament: A group of children were given opportunities to attend life skill training and capacity building training on Child Rights, laws related to children protection issues, JJ Act and building of self confidence between the age group of 12 to 18. Hence, the children act as agents of change in their own various villages. Through this powerful initiative, the children take part in the village level child protection meetings, using this as a tool to bring a change into the lives of children.





# **Hidden Domestic Child Labour**

"Child Slavery is a crime against humanity. Humanity itself is at stake here."

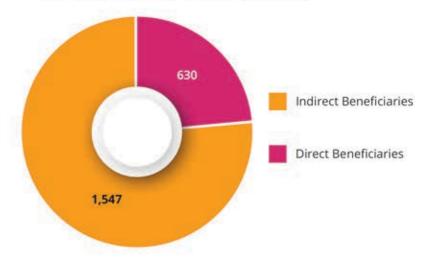
- KAILASH SATYARTHI

KMWSC aspires to reach out to all forms of child labour that are socially and culturally unacceptable in Kolkata. The main focus is to enable children from the areas of Chingrighata, Muraripukur, Matijhil, Park Circus, Kuliya Tangra, Rajabazar and Kolkata Station in order to withdraw them from the child labour force and mainstream into formal or open schools and provide them with opportunities for alternative livelihood in order to give a dignified life.

### **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Education
- **Health and Awareness**
- Life Skill Training
- **Capacity Building Training**
- Advocacy

#### Total Beneficiary Coverage: 2,177



#### OUTPUT

- Main streaming 80% of the drop outs and children affected due to child labour into Government schools
- At least 80% children in the age group of 6 14 years are mainstreamed into formal schools and for the age group of 15 - 18 years mainstreamed into open school
- Equip them with Life Skill Training on Child Rights & Child Protection, Child Marriage, Child labour, Women Trafficking, Right to Education, Self-Motivation, Building self - confidence and self- assessment
- Outreaching through awareness campaigns by auto rickshaw, school awareness programmes and making the MAC wards, labour free
- Outreaching beneficiaries through Auto awareness campaigns, school awareness programmes and making the wards where MAC is operational child labour free

#### OUTCOME

- To ensure quality education for the excluded children, give them basic education
- To mainstream the children (6 14 years) into formal schools & enrol (15 - 18 years) in open schools, National Institute of Open School (NIOS)'
- To provide life skill education and recreational activities to the children in Multi Purpose Activities Centres
- To create child safety mechanism through network and collaboration with, government duty bearers
- To build the capacity of the children group to ensure Child Rights in the community
- Advocacy initiatives to create awareness
- Sensitize the community regarding Children Protection issues through campaigns

#### Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

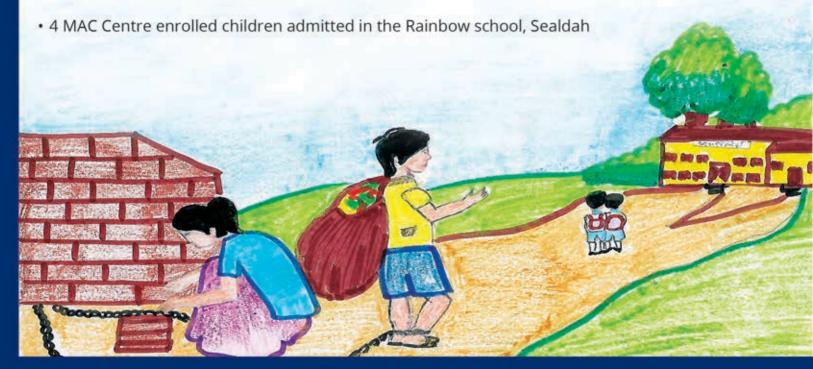
Programme / Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Running 6 Multi Activity Centrs (MAC)	Monthly meeting Impart basic education to children. Health & Hygiene Focusses on Laws related to Child Rights, protection, etc	300 children
Parent meetings	Awareness given on importance of education over child labour, child marriage and on saving water.	200 parents
Children's group meeting	Imparting basic education to children, importance on Health & Hygiene, on laws related to Child Rights, protection, etc.	80 children
Peer group meeting	Identifying the CL & CDW's, Child Marriage Case, Child abuses, etc. if any, and informing the same to the respective MAC facilitators.	75 children
CPC Meeting	Monthly interaction and meeting, maintain register, vulnerability mapping of the area, and action plan for the next month, follow up and intervention of cases of child rights violation etc.	29 members
Stakeholder's Meeting	Working on Child Labour & CDW, Child Marriage, Child Abuse and Child Rights and Child Protection.	25 members
Club Meeting	About KMWSC, HDCL project, importance of Education, child marriage, health & hygiene, saving water, etc.	30 club members



Vocational Training	Provides Beautician, Tailoring, spoken English and computer courses for a better livelihood.	50 beneficiaries
Capacity Building Training	Child trafficking, disability issues, counselling child labour, social defense issues, etc.	42 members
Life Skill Training	Child Rights & Child Protection, Child Marriage, Child labour, Trafficking of Women, Right to Education, Self- Motivation, Building self - confidence and self- assessment.	70 children and peer group members
Eye camp organised in association with GKB Optical CSR Initiatives.	Total of 91 beneficiaries have registered their names and have got eye check - up done.	91 beneficiaries
Auto Campaign	Awareness and leaflet distribution on the Skill Development activities under HDCL project.	90 members
Running 6 Multi Activity Centrs (MAC)	KMWSC conducted awareness programme which was supported by Child Line. The Representative of CHILD LINE visited our MAC and conducted awareness Programmes on Social Protection Issues, like, Child Rights, Child Marriage and ChildLine Number-1098.	300 members
Special day Celebration	Children's Day • Women's day • Republic day • One Billion Rising Independence day • Christmas.	300 members

#### **Achievements:**

• 111 MAC centre enrolled children were mainstreamed in government schools so that they can continue with their studies



# THEMATICAL AREA 2

## **Education and Health**

Sustainable Development Goal are incorporated in each projects











**Barefoot Teacher's Training Project** 



**Brick Field School Project** 



Lotus Child-Community and Adult Education Programme

# **Barefoot Project**

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

### - NELSON MANDELA

The Barefoot Teacher's training programme is a compact intensive training pioneered by the Loreto schools and now taken over by KMWSC. It is a window of opportunity for the grass root level teachers to enhance their teaching skills and teach the children of their communities in an effective manner.

The main focus of this programme is Capacity building - of the teachers and supporting the education with the remedial education system.

A total number of seven hundred and forty four community level teachers have been trained this year, exceeding our projected goal of five hundred teachers. It is a huge achievement where a total number of five hundred seventy six female teachers have been empowered to teach community children. This acts as a pivot to the building capacities and the empowering of women from marginalized backgrounds and enabling them to play the structural role in the society.

The medium of instruction of the training was in Hindi, Bengali and English. The training details depending on the mode of instruction, is as mentioned below:

### OUTPUT

- Pre-primary and primary methodologies were taught with TLMs, Child Centric Method
- Activities based method
  - All round development method-social, mental and physical
- games
- Trainings conducted in three different languages
- Through the Monitoring and evaluation methods
- · Follow up visit to the area of teaching
- Through enhancing the capacity building of the trainees
- Imparting adequate knowledge of the subject
- Almost seven hundred forty four grass root level teachers were trained in the barefoot teachers training

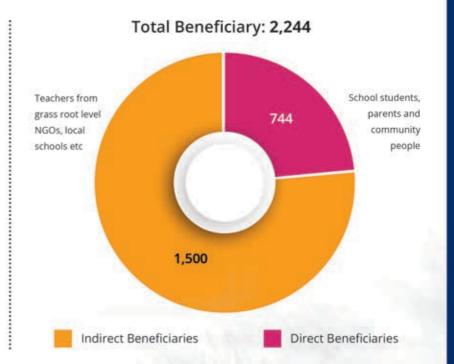
### OUTCOME

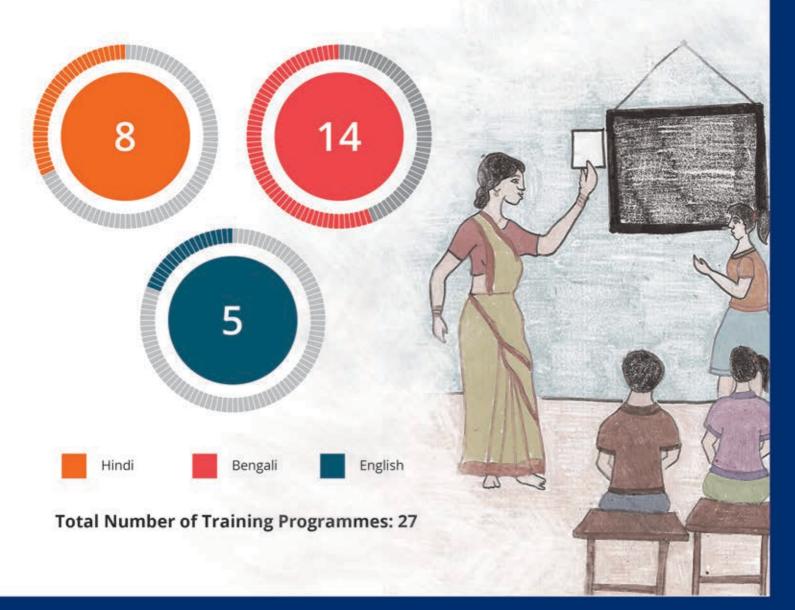
- At least 75% teacher trainees are effective teachers
- At least 90% teacher trainees improved their knowledge, skills and confidence for effective teaching
- More than seven hundred teachers were trained



# **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Training grassroot teachers
- Monitoring the teachers post training
- · Capacity building of teachers to reduce children drop out
- · Inhouse and at field handholding sessions

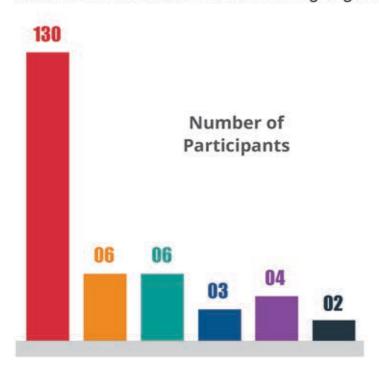




## Names of Schools and NGOs that attended the Training Programmes:

	Name of School / Organization	District & State & Country		Teachers
Ì	Loreto Nepal Dharan	Nepal		43
	Party Park India School, Jasrajpur Rajghat Sankira & Youth Buddhist Society of India Organization, U.P.	Etawa, Uttar Pradesh		40
I	Children's Happy Home Kalikapur	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		35
Ī	Moshal Public School Budge Budge	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		25
	Rabindra Sangha	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		36
	Baidyanath Vidya Mandir Udaynaranpur	Howrah, W.B.		40
Ī	Netaji Model School Mahendraganj (Sagar)	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		25
Ī	Bapuji Model School Krishna Nagar (Sagar)	South 24 Parganas, W.B.	):0	18
A	Friend's Children Academy (Sagar)	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		14
	St Joseph's High School Pakur St Joseph's High School Pakur	Sahibganj, Jharkhand		08
	St. Joshep's Academy Sahibganj	Sahibganj, Jharkhand		25
Ì	Modern pre - primary English Medium School	Howrah, W.B.		30
I	Mothurapur Diganta	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		26
Ī	Indian Children Dhapa	Howrah, W.B.		35
I	Sundarban Snehadan foundation Mothurapur	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		40
I	Radha Kirshnapur Sagar	South 24 Parganas, W.B.		18
	Deepika Welfare Society Kolkata	Kolkata, W.B.		08
	Christipo Jeevan Jyoti Mission	Kolkata, W.B.		10

## Schools and NGOs that attended the Training Programmes:





## **MONITORING VISIT to Schools:**

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	Name of Schools monitored
	St. Francis Academy
	St. Joseph Academy
	St. Teresa Academy
Utk	ramit Primary School Khagarshi Kelabar
L	odha Community School Ganga Sagar

District & State	
	Sahebgunj, Jharkhand
	South 24 Paragnas, West Bengal







# **Brickfield School Project**

## "Dare to enter the darkness to bring another into the light" - TONY KIRWAN

Observing the miserable condition of the children of migrant workers in the brickfields of West Bengal, the Loreto Sisters initiated the 'Mucchada Vapara Pathshala' programme (Brick Field Schools or the BFS) programme in 2008. After the registration of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre (KMWSC) in 2014, the organization took charge of the BFS programme. Through this programme, KMWSC attempts to bring education to the children and health care facilities to the brick field community. Stress is also given on sensitization about good hygiene practices and menstrual health among women and adolescent girls.

KMWSC implements the BFS programme through two-fold intervention - one at the destination area and the other at the source area.

#### Intervention at the destination area

At the destination area, where migrant workers stay for about eight months along with their families including children, KMWSC provides education to children through Open Air Trunk School concept with the help of trained teachers and well designed curriculum based on age appropriate learning. Classes are held five days a week, three hours each day. Besides subject knowledge, children are also provided drawing lessons to bring out any hidden potential among them. Sports activities also form an integral part of this project. Apart from education, KMWSC also undertakes health care initiatives among children and families of migrant workers.

### Intervention at the source area

Majority of workers in the brick fields mostly migrate from Nawada district of Bihar. Thus, KMWSC initiated interventions at Nawada (source area). The purpose is mainstreaming of children - who return to their native villages once production season is over in West Bengal - into formal education system of the state; i.e. Government schools and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya for Girls. There is mass awareness among villagers in their native place to return to the same brick field so that their child's education in the destination area can be continued in the same school.



### OUTPUT

- Enroll children within 3-14 years in BFS
- Children increase their confidence & articulation
- Children participate in extracurricular activities
- Children are sent to BFS regularly
- Parents & children attend health and awareness camps whenever such camps are held
- Balika Vidyalaya enrol children of migrant labourers
- Education department willing to provide rights to the children of migrant labourers
- Labourers are aware about labour laws and their rights
- Labour department willing to provide rights to Brick field labourers
- One hundred and eighteen educated youths from areas adjoining brick fields are absorbed as teachers. They are provided training in teaching methodologies and other administrative functions
- Nutritious food for children are outsourced from local vendors, which give them a considerable amount of business to sustain their families
- KMWSC staff visit BFS on regular basis. Additionally, leading teachers also conduct monitoring visits. Each school is visited at least three days in a week

## **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

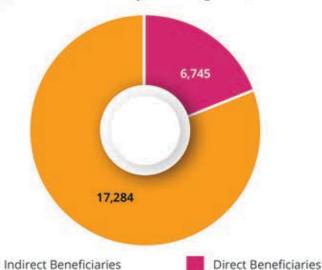
- Age appropriate basic education for children of migrant labourers
- Health & hygiene for Brick Field Community
- Awareness & Advocacy
- Child tracking
- Mainstreaming of children in formal schooling system both at source and destination
- Capacity building

### OUTCOME

- Children attend BFS for eight months (November to
- Parents realize the value of education & health for children
- Mainstream children in government education system in source area
- Mainstreamed children in source area to receive all government facilities and schemes
- Labour department to issue labour cards for providing entitlements to labourers
- Employment generation for locals
- Monitoring through rigorous field visits



Total Beneficiary Coverage: 24,029



## Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Health camp	167 Health camps were organized in 4 districts of West Bengal for brickfield school children, their parents, labourers and staff, with renowned and experienced doctors. Complimentary medicines and health kits were provided to the beneficiaries.	10,963
Awareness programme	167 Awareness programmes were conducted on Health & Hygiene, Nutrition & Food, Prevention of Disease, etc. Toiletries and nutritious food packets were also distributed during every programmes.	17,310
Parents' Meeting	360 Parent meetings were organized by our trained teachers in each brick field on selected topics like Right to Education, Against Child Labour, Against Child Marriage / early Marriage, Health & Hygiene, Child Rights & Child Protection, Safe Migration. During meeting, the other labourers of the brick fields participated and partook in activities, questionnaires and feedback sessions and toiletries and food packets were given to each participant	13,191





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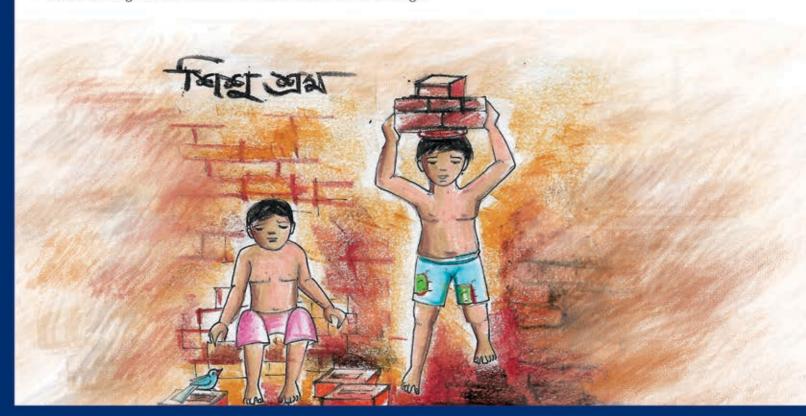


Street Play	18 Street plays were organized on sensitization on Child labour, early marriage, safe migration, Child Rights & child protection by reputed street play groups.	8,088
Teachers' Training	8 residential teachers training organized for both the newly joined teachers and old teachers to improve their capacity to teach, creating joyful teaching & learning environment. They prepared teaching learning materials.	1,015 (out of 172 teachers, most of the teachers who attended were the same for each training)
Special day celebrations	One Billion Rising, Children's Day, Republic Day, Christmas, Netaji's Birth day, and Holi were celebrated in the 60 brickfield schools. Children participated in various events, games and fun activities on those occasions followed by the distribution of food packets.	8,425
Annual Sports programme	Annual Sports programme was organised for all the brickfield schools. Some centres were merged together to hold the annual sports. Individual and group events were held at the sports events.	5,160
Drawing competition	26 centres which do not have sufficient space for sports activities, held drawing competitions.	2,235
Sanitary napkin distribution	As part of awareness on menstrual hygiene, sanitary napkins were distributed among adolescent girls and women.	345

Adolescent group programme	Programmes were held for adolescent girls to discuss about health & hygiene, menstrual hygiene and other similar topics.	375
Childrens' annual evaluation	Annual evaluation was held on language, Mathematics and Art. In all, 120 evaluations were conducted in 60 brickfield schools. 1875 children from two groups B & C were a part of the annual evaluation.	1,875
Mary Ward Day celebration	42 programmes were celebrated in the 60 brickfield schools. Children participated in various events, games and fun activities on those occasions followed by distribution of food packets.	8,180
Women's Day celebration	International Women's Day was celebrated in our office along with BFS teachers, Leading Teachers, administrative staff and other project staff. Contribution of women and their role as leaders were highlighted in the programme.	246
Capacity buildings training for adolescent group	4 workshops for 2 days for adolescent groups were organised on mental health, physical hygiene, etc.	340

## **Achievements:**

- Mainstreaming of 742 migrant children in Source Location at Nawada Distinct Bihar of which 4 were admitted in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya
- · Mainstreaming of 403 children in destination area of West Bengal



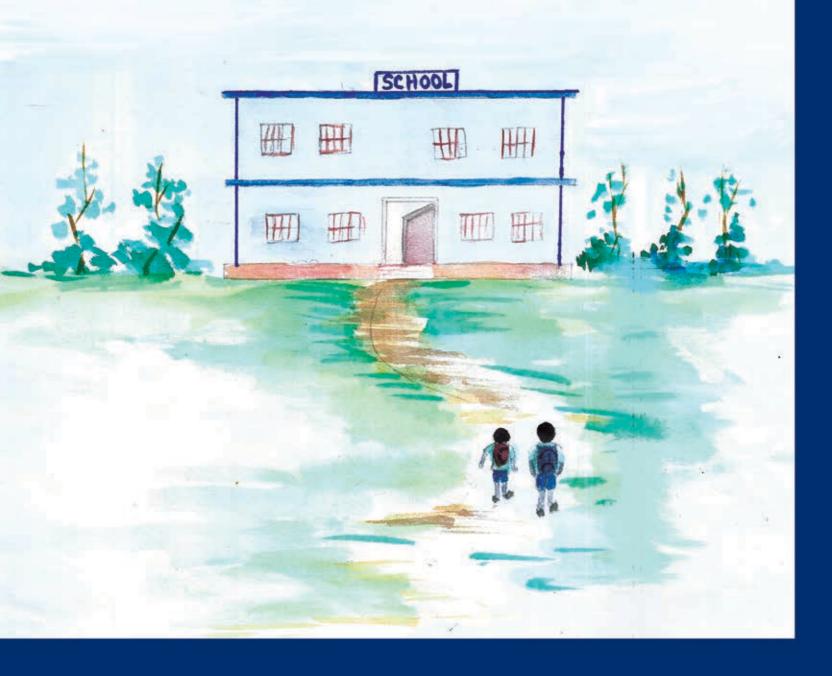
# **Lotus Child Project**

"There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work towards the same goals." - IDOWU KOYENIKAN

With the desire to touch rural communities in West Bengal, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre bridges the gap between poverty and education to the two remote villages, namely Chaulgola and Sonapota of the district of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal to bring hope in their lives.

KMWSC goes out of their way stretching out to the community to be self dependent through various activities throughout the year to enable them to join in and contribute to the nation's growth.

The main focus is on education because it is the ladder to free the children and the women of Sonapota (Garia) and Chaulgola (Lakshmikantapur).

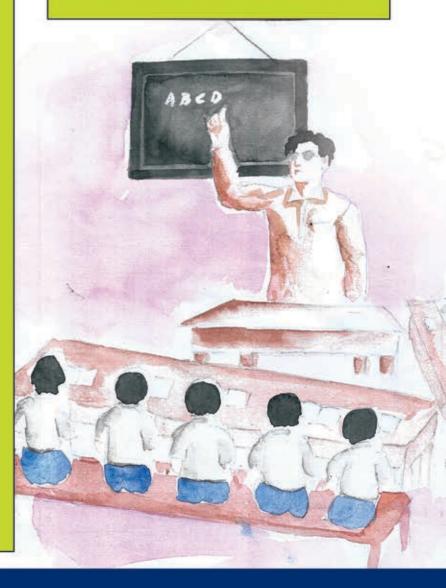


### OUTPUT

- Community is aware about importance of education
- Parents of all children of 6-14 years of age got enrolled and they continue to send their children to schools regularly
- Adolescent children and their parents advocated with local government and education department to demand for more schools located closer to their homes
- Adolescent children and parents were given general awareness on issues like child marriage and on the importance of education
- Monthly meeting with mothers and peer group was held regularly to follow up with the awareness and the laws
- Through street plays, people were sensitized on Child Rights and were encouraged to attend schools and not get into early marriage
- Provided Basic literacy skills to the adult women
- Created a passage for alternative livelihood with the help of vocational training on hand-crafts such as embroidery, kantha stitch, making of cards, woollen items, tailoring and beautician were other courses
- Encouraged women to identify the income generation activities which would generate an income of at least INR 5,000 per month for them
- Awareness sessions / campaigns were conducted to sensitize the communities on various health issues
- Free health camps were conducted two times in each village
- Free Eye-Check up camps were also conducted along with free distribution of spectacles
- Through introduction of Child Parliament, adolescent children were encouraged towards quality education and were sensitized on their rights
- 30 % of peer group members attended all the life skill trainings

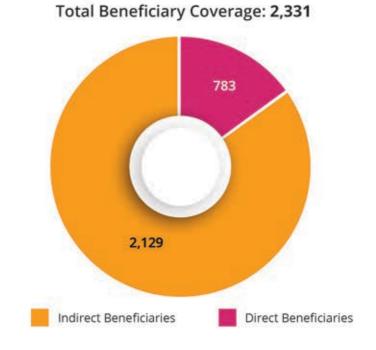
#### OUTCOME

- At least 90% children in the age group of 6-14 years in identified houses in two project villages have continued to attend formal school / no drop out of school / have not entered the child labour
- No girl children between the ages of 13 to 18 were married
- Women have been encouraged to sustain income of at least INR 5,000 per month
- Women and Children along with the community members maintained proper Health and Hygiene.
- o Village level children's organization (Parliaments) to advocate on the child rights issues with stakeholders
- 30% of peer group is skilled and have life skills



# **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

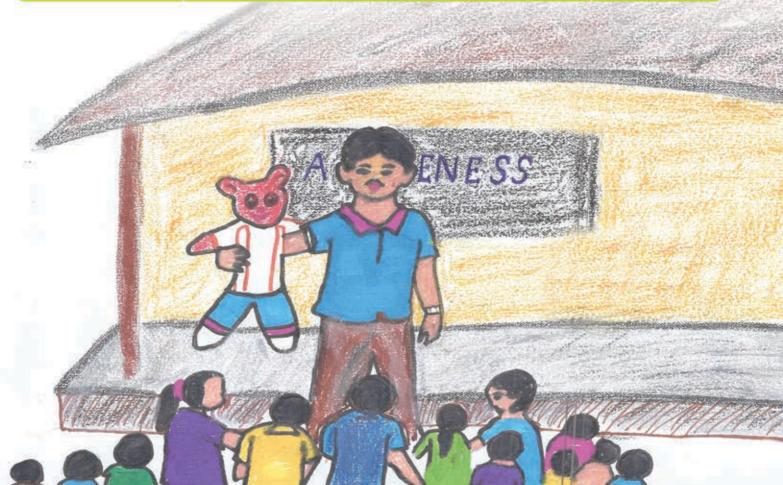
- Education
- Health and Hygiene
- Awareness and Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- · Mainstreaming children
- Adult women



## Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Programme / Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Remedial education programme	TLM distribution, Monitoring of the lesson plan, Monitoring of the teachers' teaching method and making new admissions and follow-up of the mainstreaming.	150
Peer Group	Awareness session on Child Rights to the peer group, the POCSO Act, child labour, importance of education, discussion on child labour.	45
Life Skills Education Training	Children in age group of 12 to 15 years gained knowledge and insights into dealing with situations. Child Parliament Training.	36 45
Skill Development Training (beautician)	Peer group girl participants interested in training in the three days basic beautician course.	22
Adult Education programme	The key role of adult education was to allow adults to increase their knowledge, develop new skills and gain helpful qualifications and credentials.	30
Vocational Training for Women	Socio-economic empowerment of women, enhancement of the quality of women's lives. Gender-based community development.	20

Monthly meeting with mothers	Helps the mothers to plan out the learning process of their child; they are interested in the adult classes to broaden their outlook and their life skills	50
Community awareness campaign on social issues (puppet show, street drama)	Issues like Child Rights, Child Abuse, Good touch and Bad touch, Education, Child Marriage, Child Labour, Child Trafficking and on Health and Hygiene were covered	230
Exposure Visit	Children from Sonapota and Chaulgola centre along with eight staff went for exposure visit at Bakkhali	75
Free Health Camp and Eye Checkup camps with distribution of spectacles collaboration with GKB Optical who is one of our CSR partners	Two free health camps and two eye check up camps were organised for the children of the centre, adult educators and community people	380
Home Visit	To build up rapport with the family members and know the situation of the children and the family closely.	200
Capacity Building Training	Training on Social Defense issues Teachers' Training	28



# THEMATICAL AREA 3

Community development and Skill Development

Sustainable Development Goal are incorporated in each projects











Lodha Community Project



Skill Development Project



Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project

# **Lodha Community Project**

"There are two educations. One should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live." - JOHN ADAMS

The Lodha Community - A backward tribal community living a nomadic life.

KMWSC shares the passion for empowering and social inclusion of the Lodha Community, with the help of educational support, awareness and sensitization of programmes on health and hygiene, alternative livelihood programmes and in bringing sustainable development in their lives.

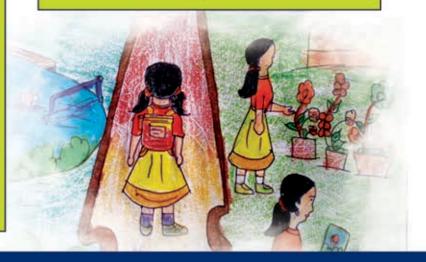
In the 6th phase, with the indefatigable spirit, all the programmes are aimed at making them aware on availing the government schemes for the tribal people of the state, to get their complete identity and to help them to generate income inculcating their livelihood options.

#### OUTPUT

- education
- activities that helped to generate at least INR 5000 per month
- Families were made aware of the importance of having their legal documents
- Advocacy with Government officials
- More than 80 people benefitted till date
- Lodha community people were made to understand the importance of bank account and to access the government schemes
- accounts
- Awareness programme on health and hygiene were conducted for the families
- Free health camps were also conducted

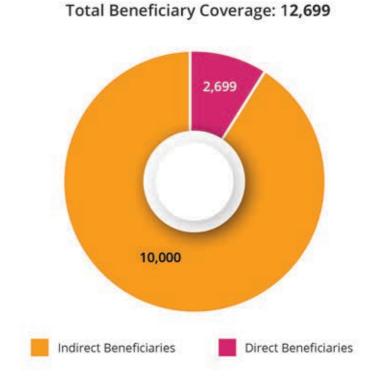
#### OUTCOME

- 40% of children in the age group of 3-18 continue to attend school / not dropped out
- income generation activities of at least INR 5000 per month
- 81 Lodha people have personal legal documents (ration card, Adhaar card, Voter's ID, Pan card, Birth Certificate, Janani Suraksha)
- account for savings
- awareness and knowledge



# **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Education
- Health & Hygiene
- · Awareness and Advocacy
- Capacity Building
- · Mainstreaming drop out children
- · Livelihood and Skill Development.



### Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Admission of children in the Lodha Centre	Admission of 12 boys and 29 girls.	33
Lodha family Survey	This survey gives the full details of each family.	160
Free medical camps	A doctor was hired to examine the patients and provide some common medicines.	670
Community meeting	Application to BDO for construction of community hall infrastructure or hostel.  Awareness of Health and hygiene.  Application to BDO for construction of PMAY house for the Lodha community.  Awareness of needs and importance of the Self-Help Group.  Attending different cultural programmes.	165
Home Visit	Door to Door home visits of families and children; interaction with the parents to motivate them to send their children to the centre, for admission in the hostel, on livelihood and for monitoring economic status.	13

Parents' meeting	Awareness of the government's scheme information.  Awareness of Khadya Surakha Card and application for Ration Card.  Admission of Lodha children in the hostel and Government School.  Discussion on Safai Abhigyan.  Discuss the livelihood of the Lodha and other communities and poultry training.  Discussion on children's health and hygiene.	(146)
Awareness of Government Schemes	Discussion on mother and child health issues.  Imparting Knowledge to mothers on the pregnancy issue and on government health care.  Education and public welfare.  Discuss about Aadhaar card, Voter card, Ration card and ST certificate requirements and how to apply for them.	235
Livelihood Development Programme: Poultry Farming	Two day training of poultry farming for livelihood development programme under the Lodha Community Project was held at Lodha Khelaghar Learning Centre.	50
Distribution of Poultry	Families were given 15 ducklings and 10 chickens. Through this initiative, the families were economically strengthened.	55



Skill Development-Tailoring Course	Women came to learn tailoring in our Centre with an objective - to build a business team and train them as masters. Five trainees have already completed the 6 months course. Out of them, two women have purchased sewing machines and are stitching clothes as an alternative livelihood.	8
Awareness camp on Health & Hygiene	Discussion on family planning, Health insurance under government schemes.	483
Formation of Children's club	An orientation and strengthening of Child Rights and formation of children's club at Lodha Community Centre.	20
Teacher's Training Programme	A four day Teacher's Training Programme was held with the local teacher of the government & private school.	40
Training on capacity building	Training on capacity building for livelihood was conducted by field associates, parents and Lodha community held at the community Centre.	15
Awareness Programme on Child Rights and child protection	Discussed the rights and protection of the children.  Issues related to child trafficking and prevention of child marriage were discussed. Children were made aware of 1098 childline.	571



# Skill Development Project

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think."

- A.A.HILNE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

The main focus is to provide alternative livelihood options for the women and adolescent girls who are at risk of trafficking or who have survived the ordeal. Through this vocational training centre, KMWSC intends to provide income generation opportunities for the deprived women.

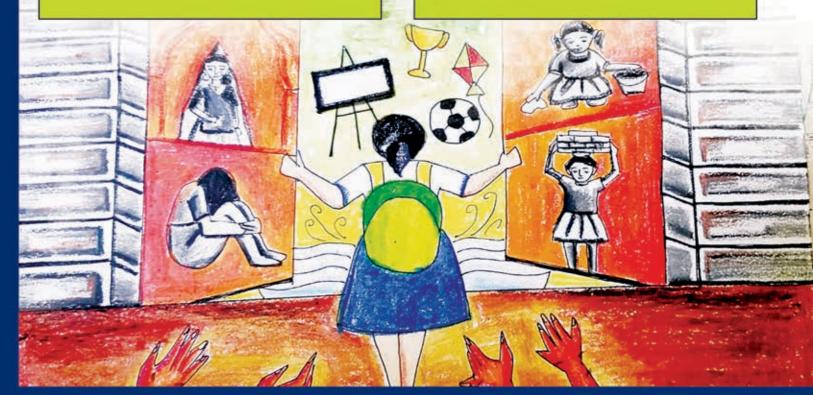
The project is based on streamlining the marginalised, oppressed women and young girls for tailoring, beautician, bakery, computer and Spoken English course. Some marginalized boys are also being trained in Spoken English and Computer courses. These groups of young people are mostly from the underprivileged section of the society belonging to the slums of Kolkata.

#### OUTPUT

- Ensuring quality training to the underprivileged to the excluded students
- Certification of the students
- Achievement in economic sustainability

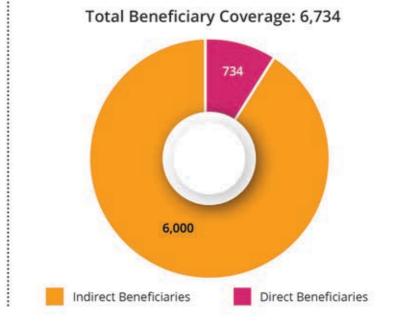
### OUTCOME

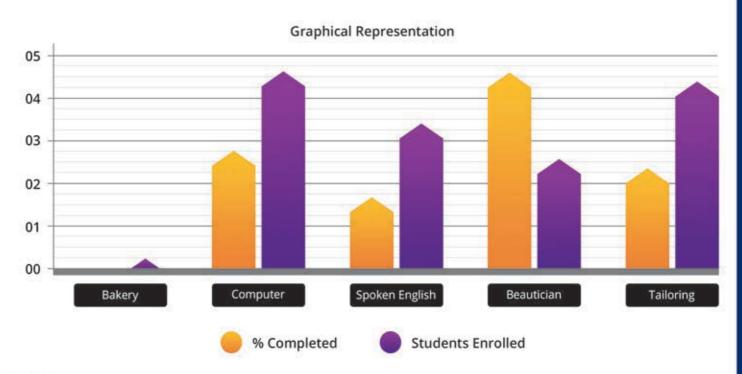
- 85% attendance of students enrolled at the centre 80% attendance in all project activities
- training in Tailoring, Beautician, Spoken English and Computers
- 30% of the certified students will be provided with placement assistance



# **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Life Skill Training
- Awareness Campaigns
- · Stakeholder consultation
- · Livelihood building.





## At a glance:

Units	Students Enrolled	% Completed
Tailoring	180	69.4 %
Beautician	392	74.74 %
Spoken English	91	83.5 %
Computer	.51	88.2 %
Bakery	10	On going

## Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Auto Awareness Campaigns	Awareness campaigns were held on the various courses available in the SKD of KMWSC.	6,000
New Bakery course	Course duration is of six months, with twice a week schedule, a new module inclusive of all kinds of baking, desserts, sauces, etc.	10
New Recruitments	Recruitment of Chefs, Kitchen assistants and Supervisor for the enhancement of the Café and Bakery.	5
New Equipments purchased	Planetary machine	8
New Collaboration	New tie ups with:  • Café Coffee Day • Coca Cola	2
Home visits	Home visits help to establish strong, positive communication between our coordinators and our sponsored wards' parents and guardians.	22
Monitoring and Evaluation visit at Canning	Monitoring and evaluating staff performances, feedback from the beneficiaries and the community.	20
Parents' Orientation	Meetings were held where advocacy was done with the parents on the future of their awards.	734



Soft Skills Training	Benefit for Empowerment.  Mastery & Purpose ability to communicate effectively with all.  Also helps in relationship building and in the improvement of time management.  Develop organizational skills.	734
Enrollment of trainees through conducting community meetings	Counselling and Life Skill Encouragement during classes.	400
Meetings conducted with trainees on orientation of the course and on the time table drawn up by the centre	Meetings with the beneficiaries have been conducted by the coordinator to orient them regarding the course content and time table of the centre.	734

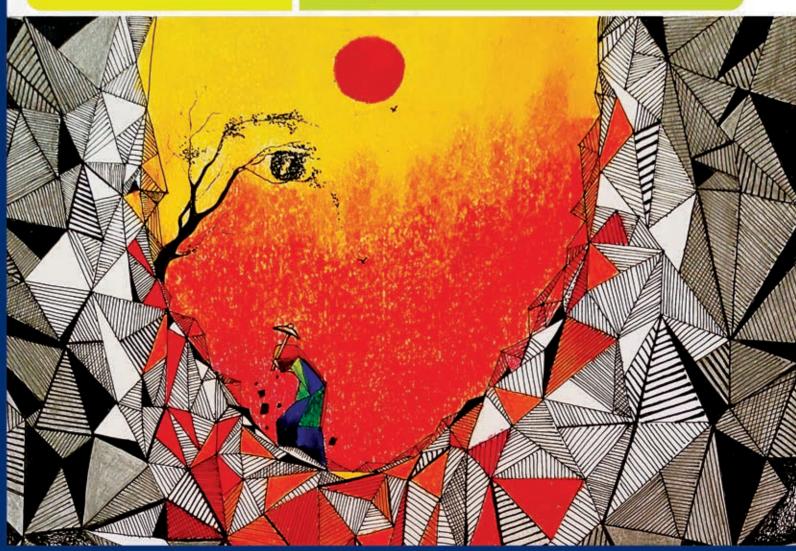
### Achievements:

- . The Certification of courses for Spoken English, Beautician and Tailoring were done for the two enrolled students who had completed their training schedule within the period. Two Certifications were done on 8th November 2019 and 13th March 2020, after the successful completion of the three and six months training courses, respectively. An examination was conducted based on the course and the certificates were awarded to the recipients.
- . KMWSC was invited to put up 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 on the Park Circus grounds. It was a good initiative as a part of awareness. We spoke about our project at the mass level and distributed leaflets for admission. Few of our KMWSC certified students were recognized and awarded at the spot.
- This year Christmas baking with KMWSC had exceeded almost 400 kgs of cakes.
- . The New Bakery course commenced with a duration of a six month course, two days a week. The new syllabus for the course includes: menu planning, budgeting & maintenance, classic baking & artisan breads, yeast breads & laminated dough, tarts & deserts, tea cakes & cookies, custards, creams & sauces, cakes & icings, restaurant-style & plated desserts, wedding cakes, safety & hygiene, theory classes & assessment.



# Exposure

Mehendi Class	External teachers were called to train the students of the beautician class with designs
Bridal make up	External teachers were called to train the students of the beautician class with bridal makeup
Pro 100 visit:	The students were taken on an external exposure visit to the East India's biggest beauty trade show at Nicco Park where the students got exposure
East India's biggest Beauty Industry Gathering	on:
	Networking Opportunities
	Exclusive beauty product launches
	Updating on upcoming beauty trends
	360 degree product knowledge
	Free educational seminars to enhance skills
Cross Learning exposure	NUJS on legal aids
	Child Rights



# **Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project**

"Solar power is the last energy resource that isn't owned yet." - BONNIE RAIT

Pathan Khali and Sambhupur are two Gram Panchayats, in the Gosaba GP, Sunderban (village communities). This is one of the human habitat islands overlooking the forest buffering area and chosen for KMWSC Rural community Development.

With a demographic profile being 90% Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste, the problems in the community cannot be approached by specific intervention. The intervention has to be community based where the key problems could be addressed and therefore it must be need based. Hardly any electricity is available in the villages. The villages consist of approximately four thousand heads.

The focus of this project is Lighting villages through Solar Lamps. Rural electrification was not considered as a basic human need like water and food in the past. A number of recent studies provide insight into how rural electrification helps in the betterment of rural society in various ways. It is impossible to improve health, education and reduction of poverty in these areas without adequate supplies of affordable energy.

#### OUTPUT

- Identified hundred families facing challenges in day to day life due to the scarcity of electricity
- · Follow up visit to the area of teaching
- Community awareness on the importance of education
- Enrollment of children to schools
- Solar group formation
- NRLM is monitored properly and goes to the right people
- @ Formation of Childrens' Parliament. Children are encouraged towards better education and are sensitized on their rights

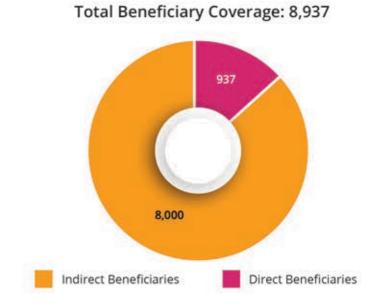
#### OUTCOME

- households
- Reducing Drop-out rates by 50 %
- Two solar groups formed to help the solar growth centre
- Village level Childrens' Parliament to advocate on Child Rights issues



# **KEY AREAS OF WORK**

- Solar Assembling
- **Promoting Solar lamps**
- Self Help Groups
- Education
- Awareness Campaigns
- Health & hygiene
- Livelihood



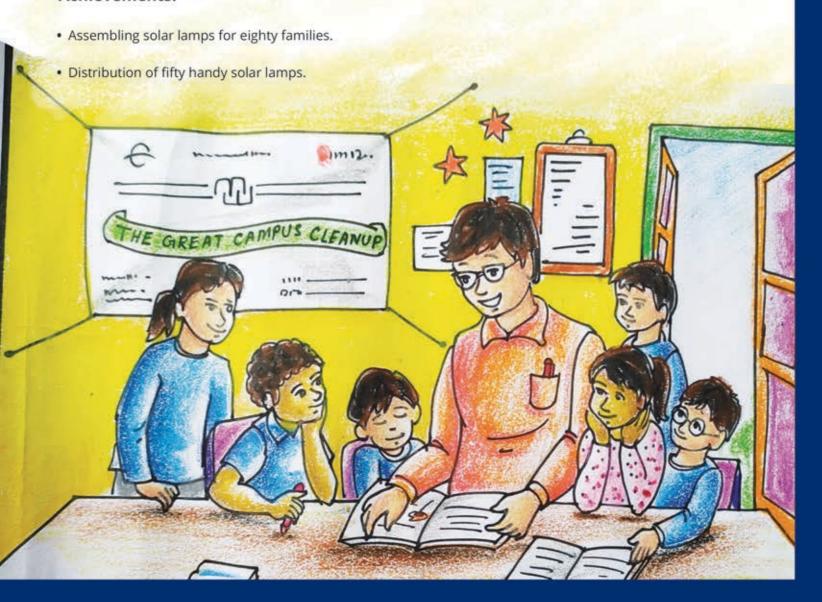
Programmes & Activities at a glance: (number of beneficiaries depends on number of activities)

Activity	Details	No. of Beneficiaries
Home visits	Identified the families, their economic situations, making of identification related documents like Aadhaar card etc and mapped the houses of those who did not have electricity.	227
Self Help Group meeting	Awareness made on the use of solar energy and bio gas energy.	280
Solar Lamps repairing	Solar lamps were repaired for the houses as the plug points had got corroded due to the weather.	102



Capacity Building Training: Solar lights manufacturing	Solar lamps were assembled in the solar growth centre.	100
Solar lamps distribution	Solar lamps were distributed for use in the identified families.	100
Awareness programme solar lamp	A total of eight programmes were conducted on the use of solar lamps, benefits of solar energy, use of Bio gas and how to protect the charger point from corrosion.	88
School teachers' meeting	Meeting was held to discuss Solar benefits and the various problems faced by the community people.	24
Community meeting	The topics of the meeting ranged from how solar energy could be used in the villages to the benefits of Solar Energy.	16

## Achievements:



# Advocacy and Networking - Let's do it

## April 2019

- · Meeting with Ward Councillor of Sonapota to provide better infrastructure
- Meeting with Local Club Members of Sonapota for project sustainability
- Stakeholders of Sonapota and Chaulgola for project updates and planning

### May 2019

- . Meeting at NUJS on collaboration for the International conference note for Anti-Human Trafficking project
- · Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre attended the meeting on the Urban Children Plan organized by the World Vision
- · Meeting at Seva Kendra organized by the British High Commissioner and Asha NGO for Anti-Human Trafficking Project
- . Meeting with Mr. Mukhtar Ullah, consultant of Bachpan Bachao Andolan of Nawada district, Bihar at the KMWSC office on future chances of collaboration in Bihar, under the Brickfield School Project
- · Director's meeting with ChildLine on research approach
- · Kolkata Mary Ward Centre participated in the centenary celebration of Save the Children
- Participated in a collaboration meeting organized by Caritas India in Darjeeling





- · Advocacy and networking meeting in Patna with Mr Muktarul Haq from Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Dr Prabhat Pandey from International Union against Tuberculosis, Ms Sati from the Kailash Satyarthi Foundation and Anita Sinha-Dy Chairman (State Minister) Bihar State Child Labour Commission, Government of Bihar, regarding the different government policies and programmes for migrant children and child labour
- · Meeting with Nawada Block Development Officer on assisting KMWSC in procuring government identity proof for our beneficiaries; discussion regarding video or convergence and mainstreaming of children
- Meeting with the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya staff and Ms. Archana Kumari, the in-charge for enrollment of Brickfield School Project children in the source location
- . Meeting with DECPO in the Education department in Nawada District Bihar, for convergence and exchange of data
- . Networking meeting at Nawada with Avisash Kumar from Ma Saraswati Education Trust Himachal Group of Professional Institute regarding skill development of our beneficiaries in Nawada
- . Meeting with Mr. Dayanan Prasad, Principal of Uchya Mandha Vidyalay Nimdarganj regarding the mainstreaming of brickfield migrant children at source area
- . Meeting with Councillor of Ward No 32 (Ultadanga), Councillor Ward No- 56 (Entally), Councillor Ward No 59 (Park Circus), Ward No - 6 & 7 (Baghbazar) area for project update under Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project.

### June 2019

- Attended consultation at AG Tower for SUNO programme organized by Deepika Welfare Society
- Meeting at Uttkarsh Bangla for Skill Development certification
- · Meeting Karigori Bhawan for Skill Development accreditation
- Meeting with Superintendent of Police and District Inspector of Schools, North 24 Parganas
- . Follow up meeting with Superintendent of Police and District Inspector of Schools, North 24 Parganas
- . Meeting with Block Development Officer of Basirhat for permission to work in the area
- Follow-up Meeting on the convergence meet for safe migration, provision accounting to policies for brickfield laborers and their families. The meeting was attended by two representatives from CINI, Caritas India, TDH, Project Mukti, Towards Future and Emmanuel Ministries Calcutta

### July 2019

- · Attended the special lecture on Mental health challenges of the trafficked survivors, conducted by West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- · Advocacy meeting at DM office, Welfare office and CWC office, South 24 Parganas for Anti-Human Trafficking project
- · Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre participated in CACL meeting on UNCRC report release
- . Advocacy meeting with the government school regarding the Earth Day networking programme at Basirhat under the Child Rights project
- · Participated in the PUSH network for Anti-Human trafficking conference, East India, made alliances and networked
- Meeting with Councillor, Ms. Sunanda Sarkar of Ward No. 18 for an update on the Red-light Project
- Meeting with Ward Councillor of Sonapota to provide better infrastructure



## August 2019

- · Advocacy Meeting under Hidden Domestic Child Labour project with Head Master of Panchkari Adarsh Vidyalaya and Park Circus Junior School
- · Advocacy Meeting with councilor of ward No. 32
- · Participated in the meeting of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights at ICMARD building on Child Rights' Week Celebration
- . Inauguration of child help desk and advocacy programme with Pradhan and members in Itinda Panitore GP at Basirhat under Child Rights project
- . Meeting the GRP, RPF, Station Master of Basirhat Station and SDPO for advocacy on Child Rights

### September 2019

- . Meeting with the Director of Bengal Service Society for hostel accommodation for the children of our HDCL & redlight area project
- . Attended National the Director's meet for CIP as a part of East zone along with NGO members of 6 different states in the Eastern part of India. Main focus of the event was the National Childrens' Parliament formation nation wide with children representing themselves through the parliamentary Assembly
- · Advocacy meeting with Head Master of Momin High School, Rajabazar under Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project
- · Networking workshop at Loreto Convent school, Delhi with the senior section of students on the work of KMWSC





- Advocacy meeting with Head Master of Islamia High school for Boys on mainstreaming of Children under the Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project
- Attended Meeting in Common Wealth Human Right's initiatives
- · Attended the CSR scholarship programme of MBBS of the RN Tagore Hospital, Udayer Pathey
- Meeting with Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby at British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata and sharing the progress on Anti- Human Trafficking project at Diamond Harbour Block I
- · Meeting at All Bengal for enrollment in hostel of one of the beneficiaries under the red-light project
- Meeting with Local Stake Holders i.e Club members, Sub inspector of local police station,, Head Master/ Head Mistress
  of Government schools and likeminded NGOs for project sustainability

### October 2019

- Attended the meeting on UNCRC Children meet. The core team members from Save The Children, SPAN, Caritas and KMWSC conducted the meeting. The topics discussed were Planning of the final meeting with children, children presentation content, dates for the mega meeting and UNCRC meeting agenda
- Meeting with the Diamond Harbour 1 Block Development Officer. Discussion was conducted on strengthening of Village level Child Protection Committee
- Participated in CACL children workshops meeting at the Caritas office where the draft report on UNCRC was prepared. The
  children editorial team was formed and children were oriented with their presentation

### November 2019

- Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre received food Licence from FSSAI for its restaurant and bakery
- · Facilitated West Bengal Chapter on Child Labour under the banner of CACL. There were 23 participants from different NGOs. Advocacy with different Government stakeholders were discussed on several topics and questionnaires
- Attended CACL meeting on child labour mapping tools which help us to get the data from government officials in our respective projects areas
- · Attended Caritas financial meeting to understand the financial policy to strengthen our own organization regarding accounting matters along with the accountant and other partners
- The centre hosted an Orientation programme on case study and data collection on child labour. There were 23 participants from different NGOs and consultant firms
- Advocacy and networking with the ChildLine team on child labour issues at Basirhat area. The organization handed over 2 cases- one on a missing child and the other on child marriage to the ChildLine
- · Attended the meeting at WBCPCR office to plan for the Child Rights Week Celebration
- · Facilitated the whole process as a core team member, to prepare a report titled "Officially Release of Children Alternate Report" for UNCRC. The final report was presented in the presence of Government and different NGO officials under the banner of CACL at Rotary
- . Attend the workshop on Child Rights and Protection conducted by Praxis at Ranchi. The 2 day workshop focussed on child protection issues with regards to the government policies in 5 states of India, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Odisa and West Bengal
- · Attended Caritas India (CI) in association with Caritas, Germany for a one day West Bengal Partners Meet to promote "Safe Childhood - Surokhit Shaishnay". This meet was organized in order to discuss and strategize the action plan to create a safe childhood across West Bengal to combat child labour and increase in cases of violence against children. This meeting was attended by several CI West Bengal Partners, CACL (Campaign Against Child Labour - WB Chapter) and members of Caritas Germany



### December 2019

- · Attended the two days Block level Child Protection Committee Trainers training programme at the State level
- · Meetings with Block Development officer Canning Block I on updates of the Anti- Human Trafficking project
- · Meetings with Block Development officer, Diamond Harbour I on updates of the Anti-Human Trafficking project
- . Meetings at the police station in Canning Block I on the updates of the Anti-Human Trafficking project
- · Meetings at Diamond Harbour police station on updates on the Anti -Human Trafficking project
- Meeting with ICDS centre at Basirhat under Child Rights project
- . Meeting with the Chairperson of WBCPCR at ICMARD office to discuss the choice of panelists for the One Billion Rising Movement, 2020

### 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 logistics
- Meeting with Secretary of Municipality, Park Department for permission for Allen Park on Park Street for the One Billion Rising Movement, 2020
- Meeting with the Police Commissioner, Anuj Sharma to request for assistance to host One Billion Rising Movement, 2020
- . Meeting with Ms Neeloo Sherpa on Anti-Human Trafficking project and One Billion Rising Movement, 2020.
- · Climate change talk in Sunderban, organised by the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata



### February 2020

- · Field associates attended the first day of training at ICMARD on Counselling Skills for Stakeholders of Social Defense Issues. This was organised by Government of India in collaboration with Jayaprakash Institute of Social Change. There were four sessions altogether:
  - a. Concept of child protection
  - b. Major vulnerabilities of children at the state and National level
  - c. Overview on counselling, basic concept, skill and techniques of counselling
  - d. Social and Psychological explanation of the problem of Drug Abuse, Counselling the addicted
- Field associates attended the second day of training on Counselling Skills on Social Defense Issues Training. There were five sessions:
  - a. Counseling children who were Victims of sexual abuse
  - b. Presentation and analysis of cases of child sexual abuse and the role of a counsellor
  - c. Correction services and its structure
  - d. Beggary as a social problem and the sociological implications of Beggary
  - e. Physical and psychological problems of the aged and counselling them





- Meeting at South 24 Parganas ,District Magistrate's Office for permission
- Attended the Conference On Child Rights' and child Labour ,held at Seva Kendra and organised by Caritas India
- · Attended consultation on POCSO, at ICCR, organised by the Directorate of Child Rights and Trafficking, West Bengal. The Chairperson and the members of 11 state Child Rights commission, NCPCR along with representatives of the Police enforcement team, judiciary, medical field, CP units, JJB, SLSA, NGO/s and other pertinent stakeholders were also present at this WB Commission meet
- · Meeting with District Social Welfare Officer of South 24 Parganas to seek permission for Anti-Human Trafficking project
- · Meeting with Bagamari Mother and Child Welfare Organization 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's Office and Canning I Block Development Officer for permission and discussion on the updates of the Anti- Human Trafficking project
- · Attended the advance Birthday Celebration of Queen Elizabeth II, hosted by the British Deputy High Commission at Royal Calcutta Turf Club, Kolkata
- . Meeting at the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan office for enrolment of red-light children in the hostel
- · Participated in webinar meetings-trial and final and webinar panel discussion. These were conducted by panelists and participants from around the world. All three webinars were conducted in relation to the current scenario of the participant countries based on the decision made in the "Beijing Conference on Women", the Fourth World Conference on Women. These conferences were held in Mexico (1975), Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995)



- · Aim of the Webinar was:
  - The IBVM/CJ Province UN Representatives and the UN NGO Office, New York had organized an educational/awarenessraising opportunity on what had been achieved in our countries since the Fourth World Conference on Women held in 1995. It was based on the reports submitted by our respective National governments and on the review reports submitted by the countries attending the conference. It was important to know what our governments actually said that they were doing, their progress and difficulties. With that information we could draw conclusions on the present situation of girls and women
- An organization presentation along with networking meeting was conducted with Father Paul from Salesian Radio, Darjeeling and 16 Sisters from the congregation of Salesians visited KMWSC. The Sisters were representing the National Coordinators of Youth, Protection, etc of their congregation from different provinces like-Barasat, Chennai, Darjeeling, Guwahati, DumDum and Mumbai. The staff and the programme team welcomed each one of them

#### March 2020

- . Meeting with Sanlaap representative for future collaboration for mainstreaming of red-light project adolescent girls in the 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 for food distribution among the Lodha community during the Corona 19 pandemic
- · Attended the screening of successful rehabilitation stories of the victims of human trafficking by U.S Consulate General at American Centre Kolkata
- Attended the Trafficking workshop organised by Roop Sen
- Meeting with the Local Club Members of Sonapota for project sustainability



## Capacity building and training to enhance and upgrade the skills - Let's scale up

Every individual associated with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre possesses unique skill sets to serve our beneficiaries in a fulfilling way and contribute towards growth of the organization. However, skill sets require brush-up from time to time. This not only helps to fine tune the existing skills but also helps in improving capacities of an individual. Besides, it is also necessary to incorporate new skills sets, both technical and general among employees of the organization. While KMWSC has a work-force whose dedication is beyond question; such dedication at times, needs a boost to keep the work-force geared up and motivated. To address these issues, KMWSC organizes capacity building and training workshops for its staff, peer-groups, network partners and every other individual who enrich the organization in some form or the other - be it at the strategic planning level or serving as a beneficiary at the grass root level.

In the year 2019-2020, KMWSC organised number of capacity building and training workshops, not only for its staff, but also for its network partners, peer groups, volunteers and number of other individuals who contribute towards fulfilling the organization's vision. Some of our major capacity building and training efforts are listed below.



#### **Programme**

Capacity Building of families at 2 Blocks, Canning (Street Theatre, Puppet Shows, Leaflet Distribution)

#### Purpose

To create awareness on Child Rights, Anti-Human trafficking, Acts & government policies on child protection so that they are adequately trained to identify cases and report them to KMWSC or to the respective administrative authorities.

Orientation on Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives & Child protection issues with Vehicles Union (local transport) in Canning

Orientation on Anti-Human Trafficking initiatives & Child Protection issues with Fisherman Community and boat operators

As the Trafficker / Abuser uses vehicle for trafficking / escaping etc, it is very important for an intervention in the union where the fishermen / vehicles operators union can act as a safety net and report. They intervene when needed.





Capacity building of Gram Panchayat Members in Canning on Anti-Human Trafficking Laws and Legislations

Strengthened Gram Panchayat Members on Child Protection and Trafficking issues

Canning Sub-Divisional Level Police Training on POCSO

Civil volunteer and Sub-Divisional Level Police personnel were trained on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 for child protection

Peer Group training on Child Tracking System The members of each group track neighboring girls / friends of their community who are under 18 years, on a daily basis

- Spread awareness on child marriage, child labour and child trafficking They track other community girls to stop child marriage, school drop-outs, unsafe migration, elopement and trafficking issues
- · Each member tracks others and if any case is identified, the CHILD LINE is informed
- A tracking tool (Note book) is maintained where all the track records are preserved. Once
  in two months, the members of the Girls' Group meet and conduct a meeting on the
  situation. All the members report about the girls who have been tracked by them and they
  record it in the note book







Capacity building of Gram Panchayat Members in Canning on Anti-Human Trafficking Laws and Legislations

Strengthened Gram Panchayat Members on Child Protection and Trafficking issues

Workshops and Training programmes with Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC)

Strengthening the VLCPC on Child Protection and Trafficking issues

Capacity building training for mothers in red light area

Special training for the mothers on health and hygiene to enable better care of their little ones

Capacity building for teachers involved in various projects of KMWSC Training to enhance teaching skills, school administrative functions, improve curriculum for children

Training provided to every staff involved in teaching capacities of the KMWSC's projects

Training on Child Rights -Campaign against Child Labour: 18th November, 2019

A one day session on Child Rights, understanding of UNCRC in the context of Indian Constitution and their implementation in West Bengal

Training Workshop on Child Rights: Kalimpong, 26th May, 2019

A one day workshop to train staff and network partners of KMWSC on:

- · Effective implementation plan of project
- · Induction on project based activities
- · Managing within project budget

Child Rights Training on PRA: 9-13th October, 2019

Workshop on Participatory Rural Appraisal, Child Rights, POCSO, Child Labour

National Conclave of Child Leader on "Labouring Childhood": 15th - 16th February, 2020

- · Capacity building of Child Leaders
- · Child Rights
- POCSO
- · Issues on Child Protection

Capacity building on Baseline Survey: 20th - 24th February 2020

- · Detail explanation about usage of various survey tools
- · Discussion on various survey formats
- · Do's & Don'ts in survey activities



Training on Capacity Building of Lodha Community

Training on Capacity Building for livelihood was conducted by field associates, parents and the Lodha community held at the Community Centre.

Capacity Building on usage of alternative energy: Solar equipment manufacturing

Training on assembling Solar lamps and usage of alternative source of energy to beneficiaries at Sunderbans

Capacity Building of KMWSC staff on Financial guidelines of the organisation

A one day Accounts Workshop was organized by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre Accounts Department. The purpose of this workshop was to capacitate the project personnel on accounts.

The highlighted chapter of this account workshop was-

- · How to identify a Pucca Bill
- · Requisition slips
- Advance settlement
- · Bid analyses
- · Cash flow.



### **Events and Celebrations - Bringing Joy**

#### Rally on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons:

The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed by KMWSC in partnership with the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata as a part of Jagaran programme on 30th July, 2019. A big rally was taken out at Diamond Harbour in collaboration with the Diamond Harbour Police and the district administration. The rally began from Diamond Harbour Womens' Police Station and ended at the BDO Office, covering a distance of 2.1 Km. More than 450 people from 6 Gram Panchayts of Diamond Harbour-I Block participated in the rally. The rally was flagged off jointly by the Sri Mukul K. Dey - SDPO Diamond Harbour, Sri Milantirtha Samanto - BDO Diamond Harbour-I, Mr. Farrow - IC and Ms. Amrita Das -OC Diamond Harbour P.S. The dignitaries not only flagged off the rally but also participated in the full length of the journey. KMWSC extends its humble gratitude to students of St. Mary's Day School, Dum Dum, who performed the Flash Mob during the rally.











#### Celebrating Sports - Lets play like a champion

A number of sporting events were organised at all the project levels. Participants were grouped based on their age and gender. The event was organised to boost the morale of the participating adolescent groups and also to create awareness on gender equality by involving both boys and girls together. Several competitive events were held in which girls and boys participated together in a friendly atmosphere to build their confidence. The events at the Sports had a variety of races which included Math race, Musical ball, Musical chair, Sack Race, Creep race; Balloon spitted, potato race, collect coin race, throw the ball act etc. After the events, prizes were distributed to participants who secured the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions. Consolation prizes were given to all participants who could not secure any significant position

### Celebration of Colours - Rainbow of Colours:

Holi is celebrated to mark the beginning of spring after the cold and arid winters. Children and teachers exchanged coloured powders - locally called "abir" - as a gesture of welcoming the colourful spring. At some locations, the mothers of children also took part in the celebrations. The celebrations brought the much needed joy to the daily mundane routine of the children in the brick fields.



### World Day with Migrants and Refugees -Concern for vunerable people on the move:

KMWSC celebrated World Day with migrants, refugees and with Skill Development children on 28th September 2019 on the office premises. There were 60 trainees and 20 staff, male - 25, female - 55. The same was celebrated at the Basirhat brick kilns with the migrant children on 29th September 2019. There were 23 migrant children with 4 staff, which included 12 males and 11 females. Both the groups planted trees to honour each migrant and took a resolution to respect all migrants who come in contact with them.







### The Magic of Christmas - Time to bond:

A more meaningful Christmas is spreading a bit of joy and cheer to those less privileged. Keeping up with this Christmas spirit, on 24th December, 2019 Christmas was celebrated. The main purpose of the celebration was to share the delight of the festive season by bringing smiles to the faces of the less privileged. The children sang Christmas carols, decorated the centre, danced with glee to different songs and played games. The Christmas was also celebrated among the staff with music games and gifts.



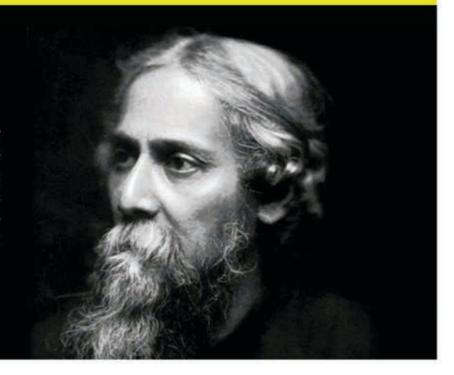
### International Child Rights Week - Teach me how to think and get my rights

The week starting on November 14th and going up until November 20th is celebrated as the International Child Rights' week. This week is the run up to the Universal Children's Day (November 20). It was on November 20th, 1989 that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCRC) came into being. UNCRC is a legally-binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

From 14th November to 20th November 2019, the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights organised International Child Rights' week and Childrens' Day. Under this, the children from red-light project participated in the tram ride programme on 14th November 2019. The tram ride started from Shyambazar and terminated at Esplanade. The carnival was on 20th November 2019. They children played games, participated in different competitions, danced to different songs and enjoyed both the days.

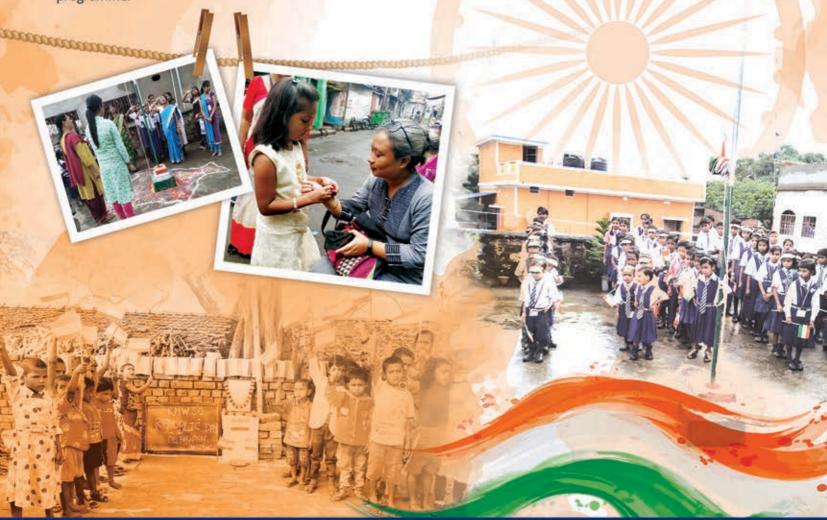
### Rabindra Jayanti - An ode to the Guru:

Cultural Festival: It was celebrated on 9th May 2019 at Khelaghar Learning Centre under the Lodha Community Project. Through Rabindra Sangeet and dance ,the children and teachers together paid their homage and respect to the poet. There were almost 90 children and parents who attended the celebration.



### 73rd Independence Day and Raksha Bandhan celebration - Remembering our Fundamental Duties of sisterhood, brotherhood and respect:

Independence Day of India, which is celebrated throughout the country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of National Days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning; the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of the 200 years' of British colonialism. The same was celebrated in different project areas like the Hidden Domestic Child Labour project in Chingrihata MAC centre and in Canning under Anti-Human Trafficking project, Lotus Child Project, the Red - Light project, Brick field project, in the Lodha community and in the KMWSC office. They celebrated the day by displaying the National Flag clolours on their attire, hoisting the flag at each centre and school in the project sites; by listening to patriotic songs, watching patriotic movies; by bonding with all the peers, children and beneficiaries. With the coordination of the community of women, the KMWSC staff and peer group, a short programme was conducted on Raksha Bandhan day by tying Rakhi, depicting botherhood, to the team. This was followed by lunch for all the participants. It was inded a great celebration where a big number of children attended the programme.



#### Save Water Day - A drop a day wastes water away:

Save Water Day was observed in Bengal on 12th of July, 2019. On this occasion, we conducted a small drawing competition for the MAC children under the HDCL project to draw, on the topic, 'Save Water'. All the children participated with great enthusiasm and excitement. The art competition was conducted in all the MACs by the MAC facilitators. After the competition, sweets were distributed to the children, as a mark of appreciation. The Peer Group Children of the Chingrighata MAC were taught by their facilitator how to conduct surveys. So, they went out for their practical training under the supervision of the MAC facilitator to gain knowledge and in turn would build their confidence.

### Mary Ward Day celebration: Remembering our roots

The celebration took place on 27th of January which was during the Mary Ward week. The A.V room was done up with decorations, rangoli designs, flowers and the lit diyas. Our foundress was honoured with a garland on the photo frame. The Director led the whole staff in the circle of prayer where she prayed and intervened for blessings and grace on the good work that the KMWSC, as a team has been carrying out for years, keeping in mind, the vision of Mary Ward. This was later followed by a short video documentation on Mary Ward and on the provinces all over the world working for the needy. Our Director also discussed and shared her own experience being one of the Sisters following the footsteps of the Venerable Mary Ward adhering to the vision of Mary Ward's values and virtues. At the end of the programme, a group discussion was held where all the staff members shared their thoughts on Mary Ward and her social work. This was followed by lunch organised by the KMWSC cafe and restaurant. The whole staff along with the bakery and cafe staff participated in this eventful celebration. Mary Ward Week was also observed and celebrated in all our project sites and in the MAC centres with the same enthusiasm.



#### International Girl Day Celebration: Let the beam of sunlight in

International Day of the Girl Child is observed all over the world on 11th October every year. This year, this special day, was celebrated by Loreto Day School, Elliot Road. The KMWSC HDCL project was a part of the celebration. Girl children from the all projects had an enjoyable time. They danced, sang, played lots of games and partook in every activity of the day. Towards the end of the celebration, they also received gifts and a certificate of participation.



### International Women's Day -Its about me and my identity:

8th of March every year is celebrated as the International Women's Day. This day commemorates the gallant story of the ordinary women as makers of history for the world women, at large. Women and girl children played an extraordinary role in establishing women's rights. They participated in drama and also in a dance programme. The topics covered under the Women's Day Celebration menstruation, health & hygiene and trafficking. A street drama was also organised by the staff and children focusing on Anti-Human Trafficking. A from woman representative community thanked Sr. Monica Suchiang for her initiative to strengthen the mindset of women and girls from all the project fields.







### Celebrating a Child's Birthday - lets learn to give more

There was a grand birthday celebration of a five year old child ,Paridhi, one of the students of Loreto Day School, School, Bowbazar in our cafe & restaurant on 16th of January 2020. Along with her friends ,there were around fifty children from two Macs of the HDCL. The parents of the birthday girl distributed return gifts to the children. The celebration continued with the cutting of the birthday cake and lunch, all catered from the KMWSC Bakery and Cafe.

Mr. G. D. Mishra with his family celebrated his grandson's (Master Adavik Mishra) first Birthday with BFS children in Pujali Indian BFS where they distributed TLM and snacks to 70 children. Mr. G. D. Mishra and his family were very much thankful to KMWSC for giving them an opportunity to celebrate with BFS children's

Mr Abhishek Das celebrated his son's birthday with the MAC centre children of Kolkata Station. Cakes, food and gifts were distributed among the centre children.

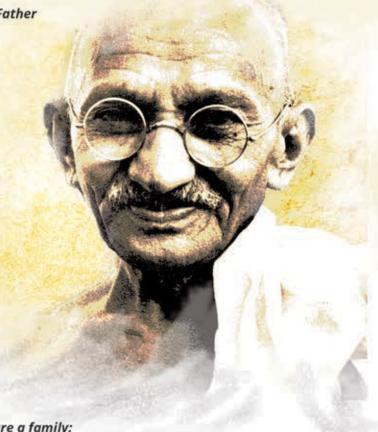
### Smile foundation - its all about happiness

Various NGO and school children participated in this programme. They arrived at St. Pauls Cathedral Church at 9 am. There was a fete, which was arranged by Smile foundation. Around fifty children and six teachers from our red-light and HDCL projects were a part of it. Special guests were also present at this programme. The venue was very comfortable for the children because it had a huge ground and they enjoyed themselves thoroughly and were extremely excited to play there. Over all, the decoration was welcoming and colourful. It was indeed an eventful day.



### Gandhi Jayanti Celebration - Remembering the 'Father of our Nation'

2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019, is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti. This year it was dedicated to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The programme commenced with a special assembly followed by a brief talk on the Mahatma. Children also shed light on Gandhiji's invaluable contribution to India's freedom struggle and how his teachings of truth and non-violence are still remembered today. The children danced, recited poems and sang songs. It was uniting together in one accord at the learning centre. Students also promised to abide by the campaign "Swachha Bharat Abhiyan" which culminated on 2nd October 2019. This conceptual initiative was started by the Prime Minister on 15th September 2019, with the pledge to keep schools, homes and villages clean.



#### Birthday Celebration of staff in the office - we are a family:

Each one is precious. The birthday of a staff member is celebrated with freshly baked cake from our bakery, a special prayer dedicated to the person and birthday wishes from the Director and all the staff.





The knockout visit by Sr. Sabrina Edwards, Provincial and her team - Sr. Priyanka, Sr. Anjuman, Sr. Beatrice and Sr. A. Nirmala.

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

Our special guests were received heartily with garlands and in our Indian traditional style of welcoming, by applying Tilak on their foreheads. A beautiful Rangoli pattern made by our 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. After the formal prayer, this was followed by a Welcome Song sung by one of the staff members.

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 coordinators on their projects, its impact and progress. The policies were also discussed by our Governing body with our 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 organisation and its skill development units. This was followed by a picture with the staff of KMWSC.



### Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre 5th Anniversary Celebration - Taking form

The joy of completion of five years by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre was officially observed on 12th June, 2019. The same was carried forward on 10th August, 2019 at Loreto Convent Entally, school hall through a celebratory functions. The five years' celebration was observed in the gracious presence of the Chief Guest, Sr. Anita Braganza, Province Leader of South Asia, President of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre & her council members and the Guests of Honour Mrs. Ananya Chakraborty, West Bengal Commission for protection of Child Rights, Nadira Patheyra, Justice (Retd). Calcutta High Court, Mrs Gauri Basu, Director of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre and Prof. Dr. Nirmal Kanti Chakraborti, Vice-Chancellor of West Bengal National University of Juridical Science. The celebration continued with a short welcome speech by the director of KMWSC, Sr. Monica Suchiang, which was later followed by a short documentary film on the Journey of KMWSC, captioned as "Walking with Mary Ward, Journey from 2014 - 2019." The celebration marked the occasion with inspirational speeches by the Guests of Honour.

During the event, children from the Red light project, Skill Development project and Brickfield teachers partook in the celebration with a short dance programme. There was a beautiful performance of one of the popular dance forms of Bengal, from Purulia, the "Chhau Dance" which was in collaboration with the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre. The beneficiaries spent the day witnessing and participating in a drawing completion, cultural programme, music and good food. The community people came forward and congratulated the project team on this momentous anniversary.

















One Billion Rising 2020 - lets raise Pink to new heights

### "RISE, RESIST, UNITE" Raising in one voice

The objective of this big 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, foeticide, sexual, gender bias and reproductive oppression, violence towards women irrespective of their race and colonization.

One Billion Rising, in its 6th year, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre in collaboration with Loreto Day School, Elliot Road celebrated this movement in Allen Park on the 31st January, 2020. The year 2020 ushered in 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.

Through Action, Art, Connection, Imagination and Love we stood and will stand side by side in global solidarity until all 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. The 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 on the theme and a Flash Mob dance on the Anthem, "Break the Chain" too, was organised by Loreto Day School, Elliot Road The other performances of schools at the event were, a short skit called "Unsuni Awaaz" by Saraswati Sadan High School and Loreto Day School, Bowbazar staged a dance performance. 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 six thousand spectators.

The programme ended with the note that through the OBR movement, we will continue to rise through our dance to express joy and celebrate the fact that we have not been defeated by the violence and discrimination in the country.







### The ground breaker



The champion Somnath Sarkar Solar Project

Somnath Sarkar, is the 16 year old son of Mr Bimal Sarkar and Mrs Anima Sarkar residing in Gosaba Sundarban, South 24 Parganas.

During our home visit to their village, we observed that Somnath was not only talented but bright in his studies. His mother was the only bread winner in the family since his father was inflicted with tuberculosis five years back and thus Somnath was completely dependent on his mother. Somnath found it difficult to study in the evenings because of the frequent power cuts in Sunderbans. Due to their economic hardships, with the family income being Rs 3000/-, they could not afford to buy solar lights.

KMWSC management helped to provide Solar light to their family in 2019.

Recently, Somnath appeared for the Madhyamik (Secondary) examination. He and his family are very thankful to KMWSC. With the help of Solar light, he was not only able to prepare for his examination, he was more than satisfied giving his examination. He is now awaiting his result.



The achiever **Sumitra Manna Maity** Lodha Project

Sumitra Manna Maity w/o of Uttam Maity, aged 28 years lives at Radhakrishnapur Village in Sagar block under the District of South 24 Parganas. There are five members in the family. The main occupation of the family is agriculture and monthly income is Rs. 3000/- approximately.

During our home visit to her father's house, the information was gathered that she had studied up to class XII. After class XII, at an early age, she was given in marriage. Due to their financial constraints, her dream of further studies was shattered. Her father, an old sickly man was a farmer and could not afford her higher studies. Thus, she had to discontinue with it.

She is married for the last five years. She helps her husband, a farmer who is into the cultivation of beetle nut leaves on the farms. She has a three year old son. Her childhood dream was to establish herself to support her family. During the parents' meeting, she expressed her desire to take up the tailoring course at the Lodha learning centre. She completed four months out of the six months' training course. After completing the tailoring course, she bought a

tailoring machine at home with a loan from the SGH Group. Only after she took care of the family chores, she stitched clothes, new dresses and mosquito nets, sewed torn clothes and big curtains for the beetle nut leaves farms. Her monthly earning of Rs. 2000 to 2500 is through sewing clothes of her neighbours. She is not only happy to share the expenses of the family together with her husband but she is also saving money from her earnings for the academic schooling of their son.

She also expressed her wish to complete the residual two months' course in order to become a trainer to equip others.

Her parents-in-law are happy with the work she began at home. Her husband thanked KMWSC for giving her an opportunity to learn tailoring. "Ami sotti onek khushi hoyechi je amar stree Lodha learning centre e selai sekheche. Jokhon vo badi te eshe amay bole je vo ekta selai meshine kinbe SHG teke loan niye aur badi te selai korbe. Aaj vo 2000 teke 2500 taka mashe income korche r badir khorcha jonno amay sohojogita korche."

"I am extremely happy that my wife has learnt tailoring in the Lodha Learning Centre. On completion of the training, she expressed her desire to take a loan from SHG and buy a tailoring machine. She has started to stitch at home earning Rs. 2000 to 2500 every month and she is helping in the family expenditure." (Translated from the quote of her husband)

### Sahib Das - the luminary, 'in-the-making' (Child Rights' Project)

During the networking meeting with the school teachers, in Sangrampur Shibati Gram Panchayat, a teacher from S.S.K. informed that a boy, aged 11 years, from the neighbouring village Shibati needed care and protection. The team visited the village and found that the boy's father had been missing for a year. The neighbours informed the team that Sahib's father had gone to some other state to earn his living, Sahib's mother died without medical care due to an illness. Sahib lived with his grandparents in acute poverty. Owing to old age, and extreme poverty, the grandparents were unable to provide the educational support to Sahib. Sahib left school in class IV due to the poor financial condition of his grandparents. The grandparents sent him to work as a helper in a local brick kiln in Basirhat Sahib was thus helping his grandparents with his little earning. It was also learnt that Sahib was good in studies and sports.

Our team traced the location of Sahib and had many rounds of conversation with his grandparents. Thereafter, they successfully convinced his grandparents that instead of working as a child labour, which is an illegal act, Sahib should complete his education first and then take up a respectable job. In the beginning, the grandparents were hesitant but the team persisted with their efforts on a daily basis to convince and motivate them. After a month they finally agreed to send him to school.

Sahib is living with his grandparents and has been enrolled in class V at the Biramnagar High School. They are now keen that he completes his Higher Secondary





**Taposi Mondal** with the fairy tale ending Skill Development Project

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 life beyond". She lives with her husband and daughter and does farming for a 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 house. Hope then came to her life. The training had given her a broader perspective to life. She does farming during the day with her husband to run the family and during her spare time runs the parlour. She uses the money earned from the parlour to bring up her only daughter. Her life has changed and she now lives happily with hope and new vigour.



Laxmi Kumari the front runner Brick Field Project

11 year old Laxmi used to migrate every year to RCO brick field at Tona in Bhangore-II, Block of South 24 Parganas, district of West Bengal every year. At the brick field, she used to look after her three younger brothers and 2 sisters while her parents worked there.

The project staff identified Laxmi during their visit to the brick field area. They interacted with Laxmi's parents frequently and convinced them to send her to our BFS centre. At the BFS, Laxmi showed her eagerness to learn whatever her 'teacher-didi' taught. She continued coming to the centre every day, was sincere in her studies and picked up her lessons very fast.

Once the production season was over in the brick field, Laxmi went back to her native village in Nawada district along with her parents. Driven by Laxmi's passion in learning and her ability to pick up things very fast, our project staff in Nawada was informed about the child. After a series of meetings with the district authorities at Nawada, Laxmi was admitted to Kasturba Gandhi Residential Home in Pakriwarma Block where she will continue to study till

she attains the age of 14.

Today, Laxmi dreams to become like her 'teacher-didi' at the BFS schools, teaching children like her. She is happy in the hostel to start a new life again.



### The triumph of Riya Das (Hidden Domestic Child Labour)

During the field survey conducted by Ms. Shreyasi, an Educational Supervisor of HDCL project of Chingrighata Multi Purpose Activities Centre, a child marriage case came into notice. A 19 year old girl named Riya Das (name changed), a resident of Chingrighata MAC area, got married, when she barely crossed the legal marriageable age. She is now a mother of a six month old baby girl. She was mentally tortured by her husband and in-laws. To add to her woes, her in-laws burnt her H.S. Board examination admit card. She was abandoned and thrown out of the house. Riya now lives with her parents and has taken up the responsibility to take care of them. She survives and earns her living by selling tender coconut water in the locality.

She approached the MAC centre for help and wanted to be admitted in the Open School, for further studies. The MAC facilitator counselled her to take admission and assisted her to develop her skills by completing the beautician course from the Skill Development Unit of KMWSC. Now, she is an existing trainee student of the six months beautician course. She wishes to complete the course and start a new life by earning her own living, working in a beauty parlour to give educational support to her daughter.



Mr. Tufan Barui, the icon Barefoot Teacher's Project

Tufan Barui, a resident of Ganga Sagar, Radhakrishnapur village, 5 km away from Rudranagar Block of South 24 Parganas has fulfilled his dream of teaching the children in his own village through the tutorial learning centre. He proudly says that it would not have been possible without the barefoot teachers training of KMWSC. After completing his graduation, his determination and will power led him to know more about the Barefoot teacher's training programme in order to receive quality training. He enhanced his skill and acquired knowledge about child-centric and activity based methodology. After availing the training, he set a goal for himself. He campaigned throughout the village and its neighbouring areas and people gradually became aware of the need for primary education and about his school. After five years of laying the foundation of his school, the number of candidates gradually increased to hundred. Now, people from far and near send their children to the Lodha Community centre to study.

He is ever grateful to KMWSC's Teachers Training Programme. Now he sends his school teachers to get trained under KMWSC. In the month of November, the field supervisor of Radhakrishnapur Lodha Community Centre invited a resource person and the Barefoot coordinator to GangaSagar Lodha Community centre to provide training to the Government teachers along with four Jesuit brothers who participated. They were very happy with this exposure.



### Sarbani Polle, the epic story (Lotus Child Project)

Sarbani Polle is a polite and gentle child and appears to be timid while relating with others.

Tumpa Polle, the mother of the said child was abandoned by her husband Hemanta Polle four years ago. She had been earning her living as a housemaid, working in several houses to build the future of her two sons and only daughter.

Tumpa Polle has been anxious about the safety of her daughter whilst she is out on work. She has been staying in different rented houses. She approached the Lotus Child Staff who is well known to her and was introduced to Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre.

The Social mobilising team from Sealdah Rainbow, along with the Coordinator and the Staff visited her house to observe the social condition of the family.

The team from Loreto Rainbow home then decided to take Sarbani into the Rainbow home on 30th August 2019. The staff of Sonapota Centre accompanied her to Loreto Rainbow Home, Sealdah.

Tumpa Polle is grateful to the organisation for taking this step for the safety of her only girl child. She is happy to continue her further studies by staying in the Rainbow home of Sealdah.

### The roaring success of Jhumki Nasker (Sensitization on Anti Human Trafficking)

Jhumki Nasker, aged 26 is a resident of Sona Ghuri village under Matla-I G.P. in Caning-I Block. She is an ordinary house wife blessed with a baby boy. Her husband lives in Mumbai, working as a service boy to fend for the family. Every month, Jhumki's husband remits money to her, which being meagre cannot support anything beyond taking care of the daily chores of Jhumki and their son. This was a serious cause of concern for Jhumki as she wanted her son to become educated and secure a respectable office job instead of becoming a hotel boy like the father. With that paltry sum of money, she was unable to make any savings for her son's education.

Driven by her desire to educate her child, Jhumki wanted to do something that would enable her to earn for her child's education. However, she did not know what to do. One day, Jhumki's friend told her that an organisation from Kolkata, named Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has a vocational training centre in Canning-I Block. She was also informed that the unit was providing training on tailoring for many women like Jhumki and helping them to become self-reliant.

Jhumki enrolled herself for the vocational tailoring training course at our unit in Canning-I. There, she received a thorough training for six months, starting October 2019. The comprehensive training introduced her to different stages of garment manufacturing starting from cloth-cutting to stitching, trimming and finishing. Besides tailoring, the programme also provided soft-skill inputs on maintaining accounts, handling clients and similar other aspects.

On completion of the training, Jhumki managed to obtain a small loan to purchase a sewing machine and setup a small tailoring shop in her village. Her husband also provided some financial assistance to her for buying the machine. She started receiving orders from the neighbourhood to make frocks, churidars, pyjamas, pants and other items.

Today, Jhumki makes enough earning from the shop which not only helps her to manage the household well, but also to make a saving for her son's college education in the future.

According to Jhumki, "I can now realise my dream to get my son educated and secure a respectable job. It is KMWSC, which helped me to turn my dream into reality."

### Rojina Khatun - a master stroke action (Community based Intervention initiative on Anti Human Trafficking)

Late night on 12th December 2019, KMWSC project staff in Diamond Harbour was informed by one of the CVC members that in Dagira Village under the Basuldaga GP, one of the girls named Rojina Khatun (name changed) was to be married off to Rajesh Laskar (name changed) the next day. Though Rojina is just 13 years old, her family members first tried to convince her and then created pressure on her to give her consent for the marriage. The CVC member was lacking in courage to stop this child marriage all by himself and hence sought KMWSC's help. He requested KMWSC staff to intervene and stop the marriage.

The KMWSC staff connected with the other CVC members to approach the girl's family and tried to convince them to prevent the marriage. In the mean time, the staff also informed our H.O. in Kolkata to take the case forward through proper channels to prevent the marriage on time. With assistance from the BDO of Diamond Harbour, D. H. Police Station and Child Line, the child marriage was ultimately prevented.

The father of the bride being a labourer on a daily wage basis, wanted to give his daughter a better life by marring her off. With the timely and speedy intervention from the CVC members, Child Line, BDO, and the police, Rojina's father agreed to wait till his daughter turns 18, an adult, to get her wedded.

### Sima & Ashima Goswami - the box - office hits (Providing Education and Protection to Vulnerable Children at Red light area)

At the age of 14, Rima got married and gave birth to a male child. Two years later, Rima's husband abandoned her and the child. Coming from an extremely marginalised family, Rima's parents were unable to support her and the son. Disappopinted with the lack of familial support, she decided to for her survival, to enter the flesh trade at Sonagachi in Kolkata.

At Sonagachi, Rima got married again to one of her clients, named Ronny Goswami and gave birth to Sima and Ashima, now aged 7 and 6 respectively. Later, Ronny too abandoned Rima. She now got married to another man who drove Sima and Ashima out of the house. At present, the two daughters live with a distant aunt named Putul and are never visited by her mother. Putul, despite being a sex worker herself, sent the 2 children to our centre where the girls receive education along with several other girls from Sonagachi.

Today, Putul dreams of putting Sima and Ashima to a formal school through us ,once they complete their education at our centre and later, support their college education so that they do not become sex workers like their mother.





### Lock in during lockdown with Social Distancing

We stand firm in our commitment even at times of global crisis. Social distancing norms to us will forever be etched in these circles...they mean keeping distance from those whom you care for but what about the generations to come....will they take them to be empty meaningless circles or will they fill these circles with hope and a spirit of service for others. A question that perhaps will remain unanswered.

The outbreak of CORONA and the WHO declaring it as a global pandemic affecting mankind throughout the world and witnessing hundreds of deaths on a daily basis was a harsh reality. 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 lockdown in West Bengal for a period of seven days starting 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020.

Field level activities of every project of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre have been adversely affected owing to the global pandemic. To create social distancing, classes at all projects and activities are suspended

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre stands firm towards its Commitment in the times of global crisis due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and has been continuously working to help the needy and starving families. At this hour of insecurity and hunger, the entire KMWSC team, motivated by the organization's vision not to allow the beneficiaries to starve and extending every possible support towards the needy by the distribution of food through hygienic supply to the Brick Field Schools in Nadia, North & South 24 Parganas, Kolkata, red light areas in Sonagachhi, Slum dwellers in Kolkata, Human Trafficking junction in Canning 1 and Diamond Harbour, Tribal Communities in Sundarbans, and in Indo-Bangladesh Boarder at Basirhat with Rice, dal, cooking oil, salt, spices, milk, biscuits, soap, mask and sanitizers.





A big thank you to Mr Shane Calvert, the member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly for the granting us road permission without which travel around the city for the relief would not be possible.

We want to express our gratitude to the Sr Marilla Anne D'Souza, the principal of Loreto School, Elliot Road for



### Boffo - the contributions of Loreto Day School, Elliot Road and Bowbazar - our sincere thanks

Loreto Day School Elliot Road and Bowbazar have always extended their cooperation towards our endeavours whenever we have 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 assisted us to organise this massive campaign right from the start. She arranged all the 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 where invitations could be sent for them to participate in this mega event. Many of their teachers visited different schools on behalf of KMWSC and invited them to send their representatives on the OBR campaign day. The school also designed a special cap for the event, got it printed and distributed the caps on the day of the event. Logistical 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 a wonderful performance. The students also organised a flash mob for the campaign. Without the support from Sister Marlla and her school, it would have been difficult for KMWSC to make the OBR rally, successful.

#### That's not all...

Numerous children of migrant labours are enrolled at our brickfield schools in three districts of West Bengal. Loreto Day School, Elliot Road and Bowbazar have stood by 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, donated sarees for the mothers of these children. They even supported us by sponsoring food for these children during our Christmas celebrations at the brickfields.



### **Unafraid Together**

If you want to go far, go together

At KMWSC, we believe that everyone can make a difference in their own way. No matter who our volunteers are or what they do, our volunteers are truly our everyday Heroes!

Volunteers / Interns Name		
St. Stephen's Green Dublin, Ireland.	Loreto Elliot Road School	
Loreto Bowbazar School	Sr. Anjana Tikrey from the congregation Helper Sisters of Beniapukur.	
St. Xavier's MSW department	Assam Downtown University	
Jesuit Novices	Australia Riverview John XXIII College	
Sr. Adrina IBVM Novice, spent one month in Lodha community	Loreto Shimla School	
Students of MSW from Vidyasagar School of Social Work to work with us as interns.	Johann Joshua Lucas	
Loreto Manchesters, UK	Ms. Esther from Calcutta Rescue	
Volunteers from Spain	Loreto Marryatville, South Australia	
Sr. Priyanka Topno visited Brick Field Project and Child Rights Project	Mr. Hendricus Adrianus Loss and Ms. Jasnijn Loss from Netherlands Calcutta Rescue	
Mrs. Bernie and Roddy Geoghegan	Mrs. Catherine O loughlin and her family.	









### **Our Asset Banking Agency**

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### **Our Fraternizing Partners**



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### **Our Cartel Patners**











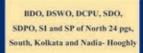
















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A/C Number 6013453673

**Bank Name** Kotak Mahindra Bank

**IFSC Code** KKBK0006572

**Branch** Middleton Row

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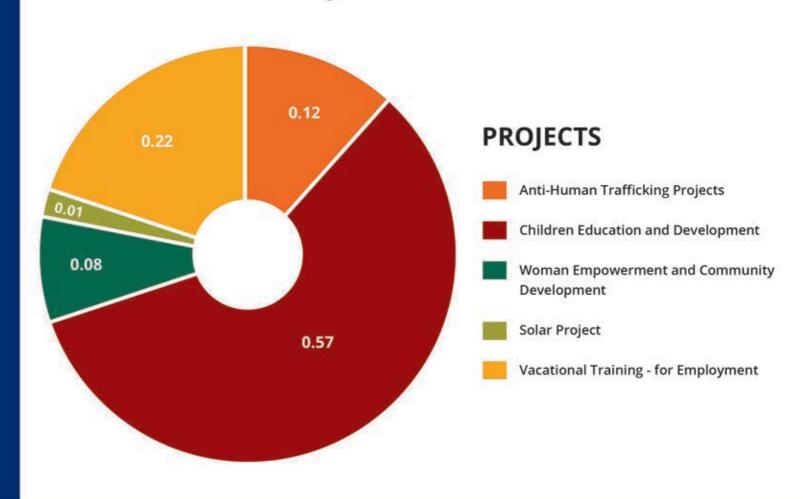
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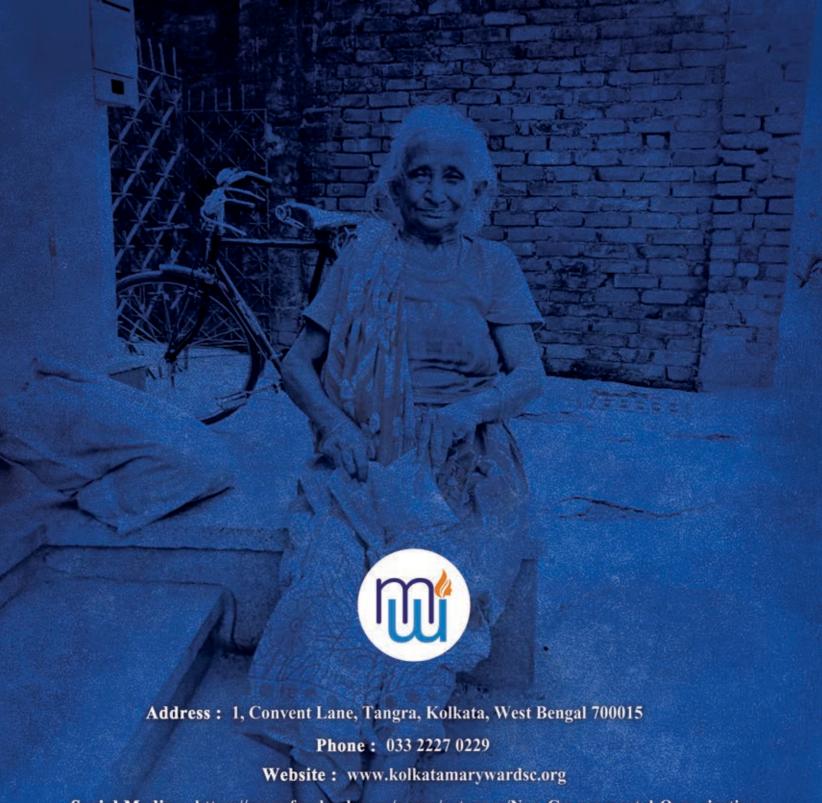
### **Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre**



# EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR THE OBJECT OF THE KMWSC During the year 2019 - 2020

Expenditure incurred for Projects	Amount (Rs.)	% of Total Expenses
Anti Human Trafficking Projects	1,383,000.00	0.12
Children Education and Development	6,900,000.00	0.57
Woman Empowerment and Community Development	1,011,000.00	0.08
Solar Project	90,000,00	0.01
Vocational Training - for Employment	2,621,000.00	0.22
Total Expenditure	12,005,000.00	1.00





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