

July- September 2020

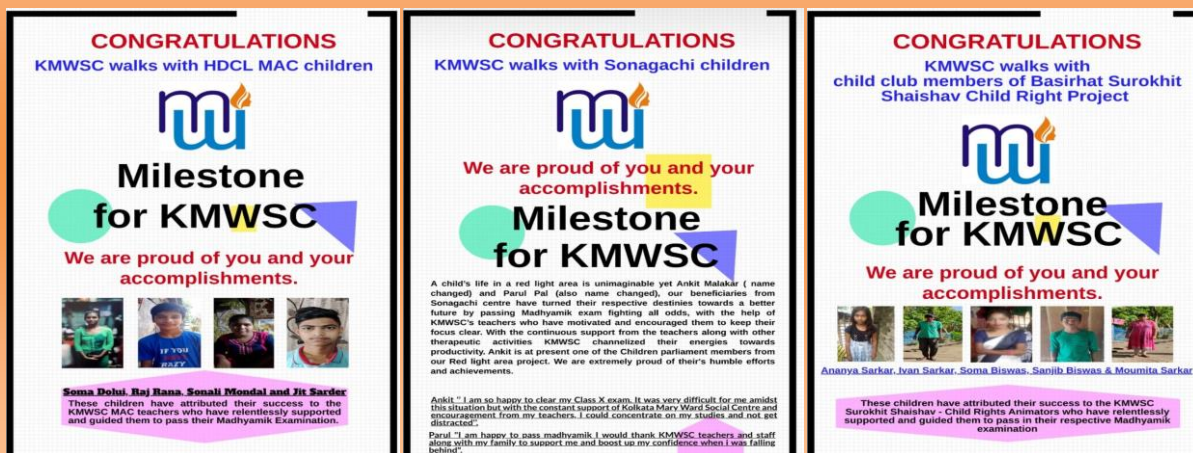
Quarterly Newsletter



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Milestone for KMWSC beneficiary students

These vulnerable children from our projects have attributed their success of passing the Higher Secondary Madhyamik West Bengal Board Examination to the KMWSC teachers



The steps taken by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre:

The Organisation's endeavor in distributing ration and essentials were done strictly following all protocols which were maintained during the lockdown. Some of the salient features of the guidelines are mentioned below:

- Maintain social distancing
- Field visits and activities were conducted from September onward.
- Food relief distribution camps were organized.
- Monitoring of the beneficiaries and project activities.
- Work for 6 days a week
- Stand beside our project staff, beneficiaries and their families at this time of crisis.



Some Pictures from the preparations to maintain the protocol in the fields:

Preparations to Maintain Safety Protocols...



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre is committed to stand by its beneficiaries at every hour.

This commitment drove the Organisation to launch a massive relief operation to support the families of Sundarban. The relief team was led by Director Sr. Monica Suchiang, along with Sr. Anita Lakra and Sr. Anjuman. The team reached Godkhali early in the morning and then availed a long boat ride towards the Gosaba. The whole of the operation was carried out with utmost precautions and maintained the government safety protocol. The team distributed relief materials which included food as well as essential commodities to 100 families.



Some Valuable Moments- Birthday Celebration of KMWSC Staffs



KMWSC Cafe & Bakery reopened on 12th of August 2020 only for take away and bulk bookings.

The reopening and blessing function was conducted by Director of KMWSC, Sr. Monica Suchiang in the august presence of Sr. Alma Toppo. The blessing ceremony was concluded with high tea prepared by the Bakery & Café team.



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre conducted Covid- 19 tests for all the KMWSC family.

The organization organized the set up at KMWSC office to conduct the tests. The pathologists took proper safety measurements like wore PPE suit, masks, gloves, head gears, sanitizers and disinfectant spray while conducting the tests. Thankfully, the tests reports were all negative for the respective staffs.

Pictures of the Covid tests done for the family



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre activities at office

Human Resource Policies and Audit Orientation



Staff Review and Evaluation Meeting



Re- structuring of Project Activities



Workshop on Resilience & KMWSC Response



KMWSC Covid- 19 Relief Team: Ready to reach out to the beneficiaries!!!

KMWSC team have adopted Personal protective equipments to minimize the risk while distributing relief materials to the beneficiaries and were able to reach out to the hundreds of the neediest of needy in containment zones and other vulnerable areas of the intervention areas and provide them with basic daily essentials like ration and hygiene kits.



Food ATM distribution: KMWSC stands firm towards its commitment even at such crucial times of global crisis.

As a socially responsible organization, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has taken each and every step to stand firm towards its commitment to feed the starving beneficiaries and extend all other possible support towards the needy at this time of crisis. Due to the outbreak of Covid- 19, the team has being motivated to continue with the mission of not forsaking the hungry beneficiaries while following the safety norms. We have been able to cater to the hunger gap in and around Kolkata.



Anti- Human Trafficking Project



Activities at a glance



Meeting with Adolescents Girls Group

These meetings are the core to this project and have provided girls with encouragement and knowledge. The meetings were conducted on the issues related to Covid 19 and trafficking along with child tracking system.



Meeting with Community Vigilance Committee

These meetings help the village legislative committees to step up and form functioning of VLCPC. The meetings were conducted on the issues related to Covid 19, trafficking along with child tracking system and awareness on child marriage.



Meeting with beneficiaries during Home and Field Visits

The monitoring visits were mainly focussed on Corona status in the community, domestic violence, families on the verge of starvation, health conditions, trafficking threats and child marriage. Field visits were conducted to evaluate the conditions of the beneficiaries and take updates from the staffs and for advocacy meetings with BDO, staffs and beneficiaries.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons is held on July 30th each year, and is an annual event. People trafficking and modern day slavery is a massive worldwide problem with very few countries immune to human trafficking, and the event by the United Nations is to raise awareness and increase prevention of that.

A global problem like trafficking needs a global solution, which is why the United Nations organize the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, to raise awareness, encourage vigilance and gain support for prevention of human trafficking, and also why they have produced a protocol to punish human traffickers and are hoping to implement this globally, as well as an act to protect victims of trafficking.

Silent Protest on Anti-Human Trafficking World Day



Celebration of the day at Canning and Diamond Harbour:

On the day of programme, the field staffs demonstrated a Silent Protest in collaboration with Canning Women Police Station with our 6 Adolescent Girls Group (AGG) members. After the silent protest, the AGG members submitted the Pledge letters thereof to continue this battle against trafficking and standing beside the survivors from the trafficking prone area of Canning.



Brickfield Project



Activities at a glance

Plan for model school

Prepare Group- D Curriculum

Conduct Team Meeting

Prepare TLMs

Need Assessment Survey

Date entry & Compilation

Prepare outreach beneficiaries list

Covid- 19 Result Tool

Field visit

Conduct Teacher Trainings



Teachers training

Conducted two field level teachers' trainings followed by Prayer & registration of each participants. The topics covered were as follows:

- ❖ language development
- ❖ Number development
- ❖ Action rhymes
- ❖ Look & Say card
- ❖ Demonstration classes by teachers
- ❖ Feedback session.

Distributed learning materials for Home work and discussed with the Leading Teachers for next session plan.

Location	Participants
Basirhat	12
Pujali	14



Display of the Teaching learning Materials



Feedback session

BFS project coordinator visited the fields with the team at:

Location	Details
Basirhat 9 BFS	BFS teachers meeting at SBM BFS, regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Coming session plan ❖ Feedback of covid19 situations ❖ How to solve the challenges ❖ Teacher's training ❖ Collect all the topic files, Other documents, ❖ Visited BFS and interacted with brick field Managers, Muncie's and all the families who stayed in Brick field round the year ❖ Discussed about Brick field activities ❖ Conditions of laborers ❖ Other Govt. Guidelines to run the Brick field ❖ Discussed about MWIA Concern letter ❖ Children's photography ❖ Collected signatures from the laborers.
Kalyani 3 BFS	
Beliaghata	BFS team communicated with all teachers, collected information for closure report like total number of women per family, total family number, adolescent group, etc and also collected relevant documents. The team organised a feedback training session with the leading teachers and also with the BFS team. They maintained social distancing and other safety norms during the feedback session.

Field visit gallery

KMWSC Brick field School project coordinator along with the BFS team was poised by the challenges yet they remained committed towards its beneficiaries, to be with them at this extremely distressful hour and supported their families.



Barefoot Project



Trainings conducted

S.N.	Training Dates	Training Days	Districts	No. of Participants	Male	Female	Language
1	6 th , 7 th , 8 th and 9 th of July	4	South 24 Parganas	10	3	7	Bengali
2	21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd and 24 th of July	4	South 24 Parganas	10	-	10	Bengali
3	17 th , 18 th & 19 th of August	3	Kolkata North 24 Parganas	14	6	8	Bengali
4	24 th , 25 th & 26 th of August	3	North 24 Parganas	16	3	13	Bengali
5	2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th and 5 th of September	4	South 24 Parganas	15	4	11	Bengali
6	14 th , 15 th and 16 th of September	3	South 24 Parganas	16	3	13	Hindi
7	22 nd , 23 rd & 24 th of September	3	South 24 Parganas	15	7	8	Bengali
Total Number of Training Days		24	Total Number of participants	96	Total 26	Total 70	

Participants with Teaching Learning Materials



Training Programme Gallery



Lotus Project



Mothers meeting

Lotus Child project team divided themselves into groups to conduct mother's meeting at both the centre. The team was segregated into several groups so as to avoid crowding and to maintain safety by social distancing. Each group was assigned to meet at the centre at a particular time.

The agenda for the meeting was mainly on the new protocol of the organization towards the project activities and on safety measurements against the Covid- 19.



Peer Group Meeting

The team conducted peer group meeting at both the Chaulgola and Sonapota centre. They were segregated into groups so as to avoid crowding during this covid-19 situation prevailing everywhere. Each group was assigned to meet at the centre at a particular time and they maintained the safety protocol. The topic for the meeting was mainly on the awareness and safety measurements against the Covid- 19.

Coordinator visit:

The Coordinator also visited homes of the beneficiaries at Chaulgola and Sonapota, got connected with the families, and monitored on the expanding challenges- like domestic violence, substance use, mental health needs and all other issues that surge during crises, observed their house conditions and verified whether they have received any ration or not in past from KMWSC, their current situation post Amphan and during Covid period, whether they have received any sort of Amphan relief fund from Government, etc. care, health related and other Government relief services and its procedures.



Online class

Sonapota : 18

Chaulgola : 72

Monitoring over Phone

Sonapota : 33

Chaulgola : 67

Monitoring thermal check- up

Sonapota : 64

Chaulgola : 63

Home Visit

Sonapota :105

Chaulgola : 68

Situation of centres after renovation

SONAPOTA



CHAULGOLA



Our Support

Date	Place	No. of Beneficiaries	Items distributed
15 th of August	Chaulgola	45	Rice, dal(lentils), potatoes and cooking oil.
28 th of August	Sonapota	60	Muffins, Sweet buns, fruit cakes and biscuits.
24 th of September	Chaulgola	46	Rice, dal(lentils), potatoes and cooking oil

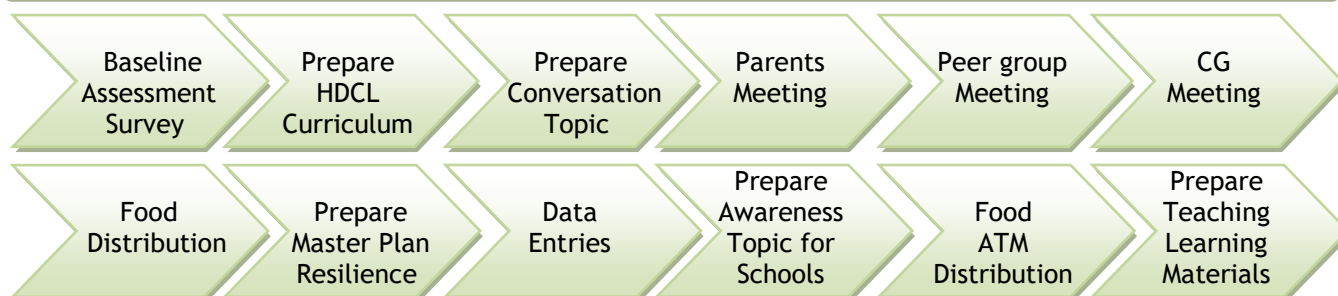
Food Distribution Gallery



Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project



Activities at a glance



Visit MAC centres:

KMWS staffs and the MAC teachers visited Murraripukur, Chingrighata, Kolkata station, Motijheel and Park Circus MAC centres and met the club members, parents and beneficiaries of the respective centres. The visit was mainly focused on monitoring the prevailing corona situation and introducing safety protocol, on the general health conditions and needs of the beneficiaries.



Our Support- Food distribution to the beneficiaries:

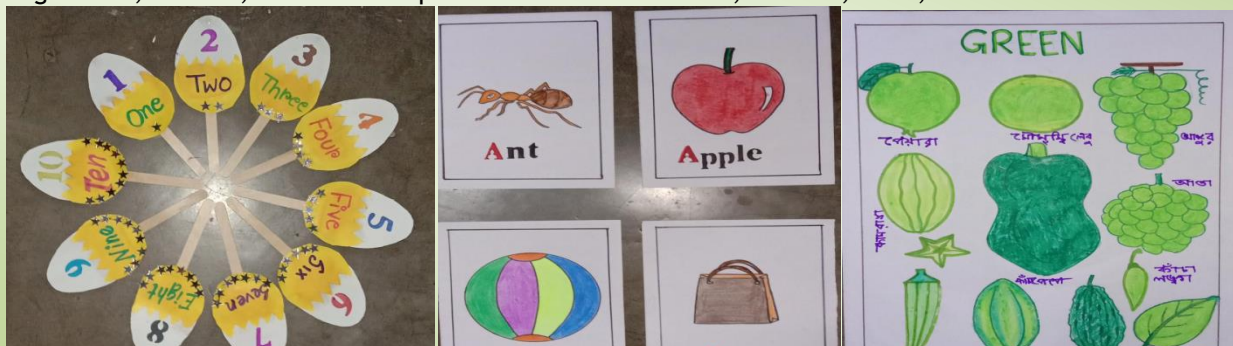
Sl No	Mac Name	Distribution Date	No Of Family	Items Provided/ Family
1	Murraripukur	15.08.2020	60	Sweet Buns
2	Murraripukur	18.08.2020	50	Chattu, Dal, Soyabean, Cooking Oil, Potatoes, Buns and Biscuits.
3	Chingrighata	16.09.2020	50	Chattu, Dal, Soyabean, Cooking Oil, Potatoes, Buns and Biscuits.

Food Distribution Pictures



Teaching Learning Materials (TLMs):

MAC teachers prepared TLMs for the coming session. They prepared TLMs on different kinds of fruits, vegetables, flowers, numbers and placards on national fruits, animals, birds, etc.



Workshop on HDCL curriculum:

Conducted one day training for HDCL staffs about change of survey format, brief description about baseline, how to develop baseline format, how and when to use this format and also how to prepare curriculum week wise.



Red-Light Area Project



Activities at a glance

Online
Tailoring
Class

Online
Dance Class

Online
Drawing
Class

Online
Mother's
meeting

Online
AGG
meeting

Make
Teaching
learning
materials

Monitor
mothers
and
children

New
Centre
agreement

Resilience
project
plan

Cash
Flow

Need
assessment
survey

Intervene
Cases

Rescue Story

Nilima Kar (name changed) a 13 year old girl was been sexually exploited by her step father over a period of time. One day her mother found the girl being raped by the father and raised alarm. The community people called the police and the mother filed an FIR against the step father. The girl said that her step father had threatened her to kill her mother and younger brother if she tells any one. Later she was taken to R. G Kar hospital for medical check- up.

KMWSC Intervention:

KMWSC staffs monitored the condition of the child from hospital and followed up with the police on the case update and have put constant pressure to keep the case to be in the right track.

The father has been booked under POCSO Act and is imprisoned. Since then we have been firmly supporting the family and the child during this crisis. We have also roped in with our legal partners NUJS for legal guidance and for the clear understanding of the case from the legal prospective.

Skills Development Project



Activities at a glance

Tutorials on courses	Advanced Tailoring Course	Sanitization Of Units	Home visit Calls	SKD Brochure
Design Posters	Purchase of Raw Materials	Document Files Segregation	Tutorials On Mask making	Field Visit
Online Meeting of Beneficiaries	Date entry & Compilation	Cash flow Report	Online Classes	Sanitary Napkins Distribution

Our Support

Date	Place	Total Beneficiaries	Items Distributed
15 th of August	In and around Kolkata slum areas	20	Horlicks- health drink supplement, Milk powder, Soya beans, Sanitizer and Hand Wash.
18 th of August		30	
14 th of September		50	
21 st of September		35	
22 nd of September		80	
29 th of September		15	

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre Bakery and Café continued with the purpose of supporting the Skill Development Unit and provided for the daily contributions to the Food ATM from the month of August onward. Basically, it provided cooked food for the SKD beneficiaries. The cooked nutritious breakfast and lunch was provided twice a week for the months of August and September.

Food distribution Gallery



Child Rights Project



56 Child Club Meeting

- Child Rights
- Importance of child club
- Cyber security
- Health & hygiene
- Covid 19
- Good & bad Touch
- Sanitization

12 Community Based Organization meeting

- Child Rights
- CBO role & duties
- Child Labour
- Child Marriage
- Covid 19
- New Project activities
- Missing cases

52 Child Rights Protection Desk setup

- Child rights
- Child Labour
- Right to Education
- Distress free Helpline
- Childline No: 1098
- Issues on Protection

120 Awareness campaigns conducted in villages through:

- Auto/ Toto campaign
- Pamphlets/ leaflets
- Banners/ Placards

3 Interface Meetings held with the duty bearers



17 Annual Anganwadi Enrolment meetings with ICDS teachers



3 Workshop trainings with child club leaders on CR Journalism



3
Rally Mass programmes
conducted with students



4
Sensitization dialogue with
Toto/ Auto Union drivers



1
Interface meeting with
legislative member



1
Workshop training with AGG
members on Cyber security



1
Periodic Leadership Training of
Child Club members



1
Meeting with Auxiliary Nurse
Wives



Story of Success



The story of Ananya Sarkar

Ananya Sarkar is now 15 years old and is the resident of Kolapata Village in Gaccha Akharpur Gram Panchayat. Ananya's father Robin Sarkar died 5 years back in an accident. Her mother Mita Sarkar is the only bread earner of the whole family by working in a paddy field and is earning as a daily wage worker Rs 100 per day to fulfill her daughter's dreams.

She is currently a student of Itinda Union High School and also works as a child club member of Kolapata village. Ananya has two brothers and one sister who are also studying in the same school. She has travelled daily 5kms to and fro from her house to the school to pursue her dreams. She aspires to be a nurse and treat the helpless people of her nation with full passion and dedication, living whilst her dream shattered when she lost her father during her childhood days. By nature she is a very bright student and always loves to read Bengali poetry books of Rabindra Nath Tagore. After school she helps her mother with household chores and also assists her siblings in their studies. She is extremely happy to score 2nd division in the Madhyamik Examination. She wants to complete her higher secondary and wants to join in a nursing school where she can fulfill her dreams and later help her family as she has seen her mother struggling to feed her family.

Ananya in her own words says, "I am proud of myself that I have cleared my first phase of life. I am thankful to my mother and KMWSC Child Rights animators who have worked tirelessly to support my studies. I still wish to become a nurse and serve the people."

Solar project



Activities at a glance

Home Visit

Coordinator
Monitoring
visit

Monthly
Staff
Meeting

Repair
Homes

Distribute
Solar
Lamps

Meet PRI
and
Pradhan

Distribute
Food
Relief Kits

Home Visit: 100 families

Field staffs surveyed and then identified 100 needy beneficiaries from the following villages:

- Manmathanagar (Biprodaspur)
- Palpur(samvunagar)
- Chandipur (Biprodaspur)



Repairing 10 Houses:

Field staffs identified fully damaged homes of the beneficiaries & re-built it.



Distribution of Solar lanterns to 120 families

The solar project team met many families during the time of crisis and assembled the solar parts in the solar growth centre. They made 120 solar lanterns and distributed to such 120 needy families.



Networking with PRI and Area Pradhan

Visited 2 Gram Panchayats and discussed on Covid-19 awareness and shared Government Helpline. Field staffs also met the Area pradhan with the identified lists of the beneficiaries of government allotted houses and un-allotted list along with an intimation letter to rebuild the damaged houses of our beneficiaries.

Coordinator's visit



Lodha project



Activities at a glance

Staff meeting	Visit to Lodha Para	Compile Data Entries
Rebuild Homes	Food Relief distribution	Collaboration with Bharat SevaAshram Sangha
Maintenance of the Lodha School	Prepare TLMs	Educational Support
Home Visits	Free Medical Camps	Meet Child club members
Parents Meeting at Lodhapara	Family survey	Segregate Reports

Our Support towards the Lodha Community	
Learning Support given to Children with Collaborations from Bharat	122 children were given educational wise learning support in Radhakrishnapur village.
Clinic and Learning material distribution on the 29 th of July 2020	Necessary educational materials were distributed, in an attempt to increase the enthusiasm of 122 children from our project area.
Free medical camp was organized on 4 th of July and 18 th of July 2020 respectively	Total participants -131, Male-40 and Female-91. The doctor treated the patients with holistic healing remedies of Homeopathy and gave advice to patients on preventive and conservative approach towards the Covid-19. Free Homeopathic medicines were distributed to the patients who were prescribed by the concerned doctor.
Health camp was organized on 1 st of August and 22 nd of August 2020	Total participants- 134, Male- 37 and Female-97. The doctor checked the patients and distributed free homeopathic medicines to boost the immunity onwards Covid-19, cholera and Dengue because of the improper waste management and drainage facilities. They were encouraged to maintain cleanliness, washing hands often with soap and to wear mask while going out from home.
Health And Hygiene Awareness Camp on 19 th of August 2020	Total participants- 20, Male-6 and Female- 14. The following topics were discussed in the camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discussed about mother pregnancy, Janani Surakha Joyana. 2) Health insurance and government scheme. 3) Discussed about Vaccination

Events & Celebrations

Celebration at Canning



World Day against Human Trafficking:

Date: 30th of July 2020

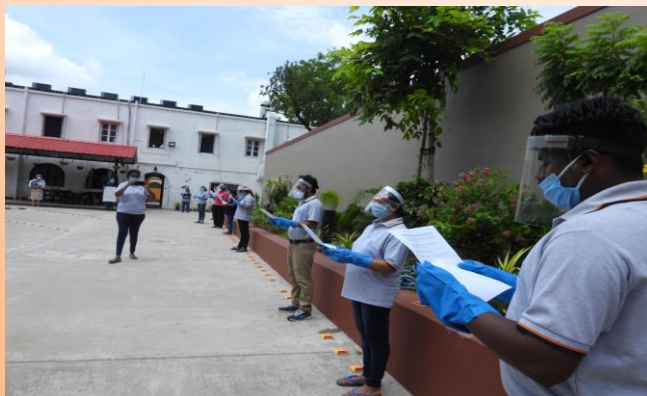
To mark this special day, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre encouraged people to express their solidarity with the victims of human trafficking by giving. KMWSC staffs from our Canning and Diamond Harbour centres demonstrated a Silent Protest in collaboration with Canning Women Police Station and Diamond Harbour B.D.O. Office with our Adolescent Girls Group (AGG) members. Project staffs from our different projects, joined us in this silent protest to raise the awareness on the global problem of human trafficking by holding posters and expressing their solidarity.

Celebration at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

Director along with the KMWSC staffs whole heartedly pledged to continue this battle against trafficking and joined in the silent protest. They stood and stood beside the survivors from the trafficking prone areas of Canning and Diamond Harbour.

Loreto Entally Sisters also joined in this Silent protest to commemorate and express their solidarities in order to aid and stop the crime through sensitization, awareness, protection and prevention. Sisters from New Loreto Residency also supported the cause and commemorated with KMWSC to highlight and raise awareness on prevention against human trafficking.

Pictures with KMWSC family



World AHT Day with Loreto Residence



World AHT Day with Loreto Entally Sisters





Independence Day

Date: 15th of August 2020

Director Sr. Monica Suchiang hoisted the National flag on the auspicious occasion of the 74th Independence Day within the premises of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre and addressed the KMWSC staffs along with the SKD staffs, who were all dressed in traditional attires.

Amidst the pandemic crisis, the celebration took place across all the projects field level. The programmes were conducted keeping in mind the protocol for safety. The program included hoisting of the tri-coloured flag at each field by the KMWSC staffs, independence speech, recitation of poems, patriotic songs were sung, dance and drama performances by the beneficiaries and field staffs and later through distributions of food packets. Children were dressed in beautiful attires and thoroughly enjoyed the celebration.



Independence Day Celebration across the projects at field level



KMWSC Appreciation Day

Date: 30th of September 2020

Employee appreciation is an integral component of a healthy and motivated workplace. Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre recognizes and appreciates each and every one of the field/office staffs for their sense of belonging. KMWSC stands firm towards its commitment because of the benevolent support from its team.

On behalf of KMWSC family, Sr. Priyanka Topno, Sr. Beatrice Stuart, Sisters from Loreto Entally along with Sr. Monica Suchiang Director of KMWSC felicitated with a memento and appreciated all the staffs for their continuous support in reaching out to the Covis-19 and Cyclone affected families at this crisis times of lockdown and pandemic. The team made a significant successful contribution towards the mission of the organisation as they worked diligently throughout the lockdown being the organisational Covid warriors, by serving the beneficiaries and the community through their services and acts of love.

The felicitation programme was followed by lunch arranged by the KMWSC Bakery & cafe team.



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre Family



Advocacy and Networking

Corporate Social Responsibility with





The pandemic has made women from marginalized sections of the society realize the importance of self-reliance and independence, feel many organisations working with them.

“We train them and sell the products manufactured by them and give them the money. The sense of urgency and responsibility is more among these women now. They say if they do not earn, their children will go hungry,” Sister Monica Suchiang, the director of KMWSC, said.

In Calcutta, the KMWSC currently trains 150 women in batches of six for 90 minutes from 9am to 4pm.

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Pandemic lesson of self-reliance for marginalised women

Greater demand for vocational courses; husbands more cooperative now, say NGOs

Women in a Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre tailoring class
Telegraph picture

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For the support in reaching out to the cyclone affected families
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