

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

Newsletter

October 2022 to December 2022

Our efforts

Life Skill Training

Life skill Training was conducted for the women of the villages to guide them on being self-reliant and empowered through the formation of self-help groups and how can they come together and help each other on being empowered under Lotus Child Program.



Sack Farming

Sack Farming Program is basically about the process of treatment of the seeds, types of soil, selection of seasonal plants, uses method of organic fertilizers, insecticide & pesticides, supply of water, prepare of sack for farming, mixing procedure of soil and organic fertilizers and other ingredients etc to help the migrant labourers with their basic food requirement at minimum cost.



Sticker Campaign

Awareness generation was conducted on Child Rights under the program team where they have interacted with various schools, auto/toto union, community members, children, on child protection issues to spread awareness and pasted stickers on vehicles to make it more meaningful.



Walking in grace- the ramp show

The students from the Skill Development Program under the Tailoring & Fashion Designing unit prepared their own dresses and the students from Beautician unit have done their own makeup and participated in a beautiful ramp show organized and planned by the team.



Health Program/Camp.....

Vaccination

Vaccination dose was given to the children of the migrant workers of Akra area under the Brickfield School Program to help the parents to get their children vaccinated and prevent them from diseases.



Medical Camp

Medical Camp was conducted for the villagers at Gangasagar under Lodha Community Program for the beneficiaries as a regular check-up for them to keep a track of the situation of their health and accordingly follow-up with them and medicating them as per requirement.



Health Program

Health Program was held at both the centres Chaulgola and Sonapota under Lotus Child Program where the team distributed multivitamin tablets and hand sanitizers to the beneficiaries for helping them to look after their health not only for them but also for their families.



Eye Check-up Camp

An Eye check-up camp was initiated at Chaulgola centre by the Lotus Child Program team. It was an initiative for the community members who suffer from vision problems in collaboration with GKB – Vision VRX. It was a free eye check-up camp organized where the community members can check their vision free of cost.



Teachers' Training

Teachers' Training was conducted at KMWSC with the leading teachers as a part of their capacity building in three phases in an attempt to train the teachers to conduct activities in the field.



Capacity Building Training- on child rights and cyber safety

Capacity Building Training was conducted with the children under the child rights program at "Taki" on Child Rights and training on cyber safety was conducted with the children at Basirhat. Both the trainings were very fruitful & learnt various new.



Training on use of Teaching Learning Material

A Workshop for capacity building of community teachers, focusing on proper use of Teaching Learning Materials & Joyful Learning, was held in order to contribute towards a better learning experience for the children in the villages.



Staff Capacity Building

Staff Capacity Building/Training was conducted for the teachers under the skill development program. The training helped the teachers to learn to maintain documents required for the students, classroom management, dealing with children, and conducting classes in a more professional manner.

Capacity Building Training – Gram Panchayat, ICDS Members, SHGs & local transport union members

Under Human Rights Program, the government and non-govt bodies were trained on important aspects such as Child Rights, Human Rights, especially able child at Diamond Harbour. The information on its laws and its implications were conveyed to them and to sensitize them on human rights-all humans are equal and there shall be no discrimination on any basis.



Leadership Training

Leadership Training was conducted under the child rights program where the child club leaders have trained the leaders of other programs on safety net, dealing with child protection issues, child rights laws. It was an inter program training which was successfully organized and implemented by the program team.



Barefoot Teachers' Training Program

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre organized Four days barefoot teacher's training program. It was a non-residential training program. The training focused on activities of Language Development and Number Development from. The resource person trained the teachers the Government books of class I and IV for language development.

Training Dates	Training Days	Participants	Level
7 th & 8 th October	2	25	II
18 th ,19 th ,20 th & 21 st October	4	17	II
15 th ,16 th ,17 th & 18 th November	4	17	II

22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th & 25 th November	4	17	II
13 th , 14 th , 15 th & 16 th December	4	25	II

Personality growth workshop

A workshop on personality development and individual's growth of KMWSC staff was conducted at our premises. The workshop focused on interactive sessions on personal growth of human persons and how to channelize and practice in day today life. This session was helpful to understand and mould ourselves into a better person.



Therapy Sessions & Group Counseling

Therapy sessions were conducted every month for the beneficiaries especially for the children under the Red-light Program. These sessions were undertaken for the growth of the children focusing on their cognitive development. Group counselling sessions were conducted almost once a month to interact with the children and giving them a platform to speak their mind and heart out. The children are also involved in martial art, yoga for their spiritual development as well.

Skill Enhancement Sessions

Skill enhancement sessions were held with the mothers under the Red-light Program where they learn tailoring/stitching techniques from professionals which is an initiative to make them self-reliant and guiding them to peruse as their profession. Parents Meetings were also held every month for an interaction with the mothers.

Inter school Workshop

Inter school workshop was conducted at local Government schools at Basirhat to sensitize the children from various ages on child rights under the Child Rights Program. It is very important for them to know about the child rights and fight for it from an early age.



Awareness.....

School/College & Community Awareness on Human Trafficking

Under Anti Human Trafficking Program, awareness programs were conducted at various schools and colleges on Human Trafficking to sensitize the young adults and the adolescent group on the increasing rate of human trafficking, its prevention and protection at Basirhat.

Mass Awareness

Under Anti Human Trafficking Program, awareness programs were conducted at various schools and colleges on Human Trafficking to sensitize the adolescent group, community members, villagers, local transport unions and children on Human Rights at Basirhat.



Auto Campaign Awareness

Auto Campaign Awareness were conducted at various community areas to make the people aware about the courses conducted at KMWSC under skill development program which includes-beautician course, computer course, bakery course, tailoring & fashion designing course. Campaigns were also conducted at schools to reach out to more young adults.



Sanitary Pad Unit-Awareness Program

The sanitary pad unit /team had conducted various mass awareness programs in different local government schools with the high school girls along with in the community areas to make them aware on the process of menstruation, its scientific stages, social stigma attached to it and the tips to menstrual hygiene.



Awareness Camp on Government Schemes

Awareness camps were conducted at Gangasagar with the beneficiaries on generating awareness on the governmental schemes so that the villagers can avail the benefits of the schemes and also can let others know about it.



Awareness Campaign on Child Rights

Child Rights Program team conducted Awareness Campaigns at schools, villages, communities on Child Rights, Protection issues, its concept, preventive laws and actions, articles, especially to the children to make them aware of their rights.



Relief and Nutrition kits distribution

Relief and nutritious kits were distributed under human trafficking program at Basirhat to stand by the side of the beneficiaries during their hard times and support them with the essentials as per their requirement. Around 550 members were served during the distribution.



Clothes Distribution

A Distribution program was conducted under the Lodha Community Program for the beneficiaries where clothes and hygiene kits were distributed to them to meet their basic requirements to some extent.



Thank you Loreto Elliot Road, Dharmatalla and Loreto Bowbazar

Thank you, Loreto Day School-Elliot Road, for joining hands at our Christmas celebration with children of the Red-Light area. Your wonderful Christmas gifts to the children have made the festive season brighter for them.

Thank you, Loreto Day School-Dharmatalla, for joining hands at our Diwali celebration with children. Your wonderful gifts to the children have made the festive season brighter for them.



Thank you, Loreto Day School-Bowbazar, for joining hands at our Christmas celebration with children. Your wonderful gifts to the children have made the festive season brighter for them.

Food ATM Program

Food ATM Program was held every twice a week to feed the needy beneficiaries from various community areas. Freshly cooked, hot & nutritious food was served to the needy beneficiaries from various unprivileged local communities.

Month	Dates	No. of beneficiaries	Area
October	13/10/22	100	R.N.C. Road
	14/10/22	100	Motijhil
November	2/11/22	100	Motijhil
	4/11/22	100	Bibi-Bagan
	9/11/22	100	Motijil
	23/11/22	100	Kapalibagan
	30/11/22	110	Motijhil
December	2/12/22	100	Bibi-Bagan
	15/12/22	200	Kapalibagan
	22/12/22	100	Bibi-Bagan



Creating memories.....

Annual Sports Day Program

Sports Day was celebrated under various programs to encourage and motivate the children and involve them into various sports activities. Various fun sports were organized for the children and mothers at different program areas.



Sl No	Program Name	Program Areas
1	Hidden Domestic Child Labour	Muraripukur, Park Circus, Dhapa and Chingrighata
2	Lotus Child Program	Sonapota and Chaulgola
3	Lodha Community Program	Gangasagar

International Girl Child Day

International Girl Child Day was observed to honour the womanhood and to make aware regarding the women rights, including educational rights and sensitize them on gender equality. Interesting programmes were conducted under various programs at different areas.



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1	Hidden Domestic Child Labour	Muraripukur, Park Circus, Dhapa and Chingrighata
2	Lotus Child Program	Sonapota and Chaulgola
3	Child Rights Program	Basirhat

Children's' Day Celebration

Children's Day was celebrated under various program areas to encourage our beneficiaries and to make the day memorable for our little masters. Various programs have arranged fun activities for the children to celebrate the day their way.



Sl No	Program Name	Program Areas
1	Brickfield School Program	Akra
2	Lotus Child Program	Sonapota and Chaulgola
3	Hidden Domestic Child Labour Program	Muraripukur, Park Circus, Dhapa and Chingrighata
4	Child Rights Program	Basirhat
5	Anti-Human Trafficking	

Strengthening our bond

Christmas was celebrated with the field staffs of all the programs of KMWSC at office. It was arranged to entertain the program staffs who are working in the field all day long and are a strong part of our programs. We thank them for their contribution.

Christmas was celebrated under various programs at different locations. All the beneficiaries along with the program staffs have participated in the Christmas celebration in their respective field. All of them come together during the festival and spread joy among them.



Meet for a Cause

We convey our thanks to our donors and well-wishers for taking time out of their busy schedule and attend the Influencers "Meet for a Cause" on Saturday, the 10th of December'2022.



National Restaurant Association of India – Kolkata Chapter

KMWSC expresses its thanks and gratitude to bringing smiles to the children and mothers at the onset of this festive season. The food packets provided by you to the children and mothers, had definitely brought warmth and love during this Christmas season.



UNICEF in collaboration with WBCPCR

Observed World Children's Day 2022. Children from our Multi Activity Centres under Hidden Domestic Child Labour program, along with children from other city-based NGOs, enjoy the cricket match at St. Xavier's University, organised jointly by UNICEF and WBCPCR, to celebrate World Children's Day



As part of Children's Day celebration, the West Bengal ***Commission for Protection of Child Right observes CRC Week (Convention on the Rights of the Child)*** to celebrate the childhood and motivating the children towards a brighter future. On 16th of November and on 17th of November 2022, children



from our Red-light and Hidden Domestic Child Labour programs visited the Eco Park & Wax museum and Alipore Museum respectively.

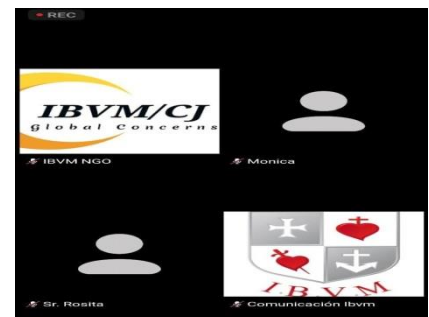
The Director of KMWSC visited **Fundacion Kambia** (Mary Ward Foundation Spain) at Madrid as a part of networking and advocacy. A fruitful meeting and interaction was shared with Ms. Maria Llinas, the Director of Kambia Foundation along with the entire team of Mary Ward International Spain. It was a wonderful platform to share about the organization.



Networking meeting with
Health Workers

Networking meeting with
Border Security Force

UN Meeting on the update of
the Trafficking unit



Ward Counsellor
and Police at
Sonagachi

School- Sri vidya
boys and Oriental
Girls

P. C. Chandra

American
Consulate

DALSA, CWC, CDPO & SWO,
Panchayat Pradhan, AHTU unit
BSF, BDO – Basirhat

BDO Basirhat &
Swarupnagar &
Local CHILD LINE

Christmas Cake Baking-2022

Cake Mixing Ceremony

Cake mixing ceremony marks the beginning of remote preparations for Christmas – the most coveted festival for which the entire KMWSC family awaits throughout the year. Fruits and ingredients are mixed together and fermented in wine for more than a month before they are added to the Christmas cakes which will start from the first week of December. Staffs of KMWSC marked the Cake Mixing Ceremony on 25th October 2022 as a remote preparation for Christmas celebration blending the joy and happiness of sharing the Christmas cakes.



Cake Baking Season started from **15th of December till 23rd of December** at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre (KMWSC). People from various areas/locations gathered together in (KMWSC) to bake cake with their own ingredients and recipes. They join the baking process and enjoy it till the end. They have waited patiently for their cakes to bake and together enjoyed the procedure. During this season, a total of **669 kgs** were baked. People have also shared their experience & feedback after baking.



Cake orders pour in at NGO's baking unit in Entally

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre gives slots to those who come to their baking unit with bags full of ingredients, which they mix and bake

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Media
Coverage

Valuable sharing

Valuable sharing was recorded from the customers as they shared their experience during cake baking

20/12/22	✓ Desiree Anthony	8334075727	des21p@icloud.com	PAR EXCELLENCE!!! VERY WARM & FRIENDLY SERVICE WITH A SMILE! VERY CLEAN! SIMPLY LOVE THIS PLACE! SEE YOU NEXT TIME, GOD BLESS + A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
20/12/22	✓ Jewel Baroi	6290831480		GOOD AS ALWAYS HYGIENIC, FRIENDLY STAFF.. EXCELLENT 😊 THANK YOU SO MUCH

21/12/22	✓ Teresa Gupta Nihon Apartments	9830669082	teresa.gupta@gmail.com	Very Systematic Clean & Welcoming place - All working with smiles. A place for a picnic A very - Fine for me - feel blessed God Bless You all Coming to this place from 2006
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23/12/22	Prathima Prasad	9836698804	✓	I was searching for a place just like this. for baking Christmas cake Finally got it. Very well maintained & hygienic. Surely will visit again.
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Achievements.....

To curb human trafficking, the Anti Human Trafficking Program launched a **Help Line Service** along the **Indo Bangladesh Border** in Basirhat. The service was inaugurated by the BFS Commandant of Ghojadanga with an awareness camp against human trafficking was also conducted at Gabarda High School on the occasion.



A big Congratulations to Ritama (name changed) and Nityananda Biswas since they were awarded with Birangana and Bir Purush Awards bestowed upon them by the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) at a ceremony held on 20th November 2022 for their bravery. Children of our program for Providing Education and Protection to Vulnerable Children in red light area also presented a dance performance on the occasion. We are extremely proud of our brave children and their dedication



Mainstreaming of children

Mainstreaming was conducted at every month to process the admission of the children from the communities in order to help the children to get admission in school so that their financial situation doesn't become a hindrance in their education.

Project Name	Number of children
Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project	85
Red-light Project	10



Rescue Cases

Sona Das (name changed) is a peer group member of Muraripukur MAC of Kolkata under Hidden Domestic Child Labour Program. She is one of our proactive members. Before one month while taking a bath during evening hours inside her house premise,

a boy named Shoumen Saha (name changed), age 18 took her private video without her consent. With that video he started blackmailing her. He asked her to come. Though they both were staying in the same slum so Sona never thought in that way. But when she met Shoumen, she was shocked after seeing the video. He threatened her to have a physical relationship with him else he will put the video on social media but somehow Sona managed to escape. Out of fear, she couldn't share this to anyone. But this didn't stop and continued for one month. After repeatedly threatening the girl told this in front of her mother and her friend Bishakha Khatun (name changed), age 15. After this, Bishakha informed this to the respective MAC teacher. After that her parents logged an FIR at Maniktara police station. In between the boy tried committing suicide and admitted to hospital. Under IPC 354C, 354A, 506 and 12 POSCO act police logged the FIR. Statement from the boy was already recorded and girl was taken to CWC. According to CWC the boy was arrested after medical examinations.

Case Type	Count
Trafficking & missing	1
Child Marriage	3
Lost and found	1
Missing	4

Thank You