

October-December 2024

Quarterly Newsletter

***Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre
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A Big Salute to our Child Leaders-Awarded by West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights

A big congratulations to our Child Leaders from Human Rights, Shohochori and Redlight Projects. We are proud of you for your splendid and daunting work. Your selfless act and fearlessness won you the honour of Bravery Award 2024 from West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR). May you all continue the good work and raise voice to safeguard your peers in the communities.

Thank you WBCPCR for recognizing their brave efforts and inspiring these children and motivating them to continue to take such initiatives to be leaders of the communities.



Alipur Jail Museum Visit organised by (WBCPCR) as the part of Child Rights Week





Child Rights' Week Celebration

CRC week was celebrated through awareness rally, sticker campaign at Basirhat under Surokhit Shaishav Project.



Sit & Draw Event was organized by the Lotus Child Project team for the children at Dulki Village as observing of Child Rights Week and spreading awareness on child protection with toto campaign with leaflet distribution.



KMWSC team attended The State Level Consultation on Migration

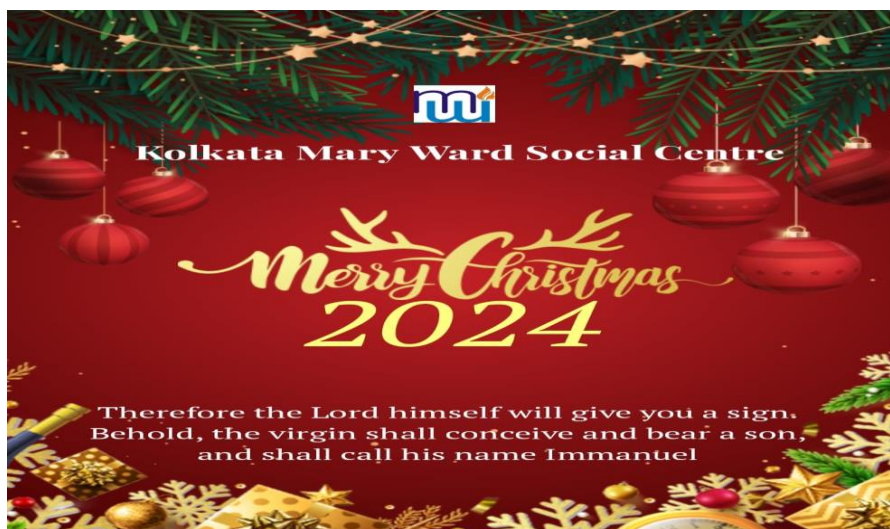
KMWSC team attended The State Level Consultation on Migration with a special focus on Adolescent girls and young women in West Bengal to Textile industry in Tamil Nadu. It was organised by Centre for Social Education and Development (CSED) in collaboration with Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL – West Bengal) and National Action & Co-ordination Group for Ending Violence Against Children (NACG-EVAC – West Bengal).





The cake-mixing ceremony

The cake-mixing ceremony is the first step in the preparations for Christmas, the most awaited event for KMWSC family. Before being added to the Christmas cakes, which will begin the first week of December, the fruits and ingredients are combined and fermented in wine. On 13th November 2024, KMWSC staff celebrated the Cake Mixing Ceremony as a remote Christmas celebration preparation that included the delight and happiness of sharing Christmas cakes.





The Christmas Celebration-2024

Christmas is the "Mass for Christ" and our Director arranged a mass of activities to make Christmas memorable for all. The day started with a prayer conducted by Director. It was followed by coffee break with freshly baked cakes from the KMWSC bakery. Later the whole team had lunch together and spent some good quality time by joining the amazing experience of sharing gifts with their secret Santa. It was mystery, excitement and was more than the thrill of opening something unknown. It was the magic of connection. Christmas celebration at office ended with lots of goodies arranged by Director and smile on the faces.

KMWSC is thankful to all its staffs for their dedication and commitment.





Funder's Visit to KMWSC

Wim, Nel Suerink and Marian de Jongh Board member from SAC visited the KMWSC on 6th November 2024.



Ms. Esther Sulker from Calcutta Rescue – Netherlands – visited KMWSC, she had a short introductory session with all office staff present on that day. Thereafter, Ms. Sulker held separate meetings with the Programme Team and the BFS Team.



Saint Ignatius's College Riverview, Australia visits Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre on 30th December 2024 and 2nd January 2025. They visited the Redlight Area Project, Identity Project and the Brick Field School Project (BFSP). Ms Kim Prodingher was with her team of 16 and were touched by the lives of the Children and the Intervention Programs implemented by KMWSC.





Director's Monitoring Visit



Identity Project



Sohochori Project



Lotus Child project



Tribal Project



Red Light Project



Brickfield School Project



New Initiative: Mangrove Plantation Drive
Mangrove plantation drive at the river embankment at Gosaba, Sundarban under CAB Project.

Handhold training for farmers
was conducted at Bipradaspur under CAB Project



International Human Rights Day Celebration

International Human Rights Day Celebration was conducted at Diamond Harbour under Human Rights Project with poster competition on 10th December 2024.





Children Day's Celebration at Different Project Areas



Diamond Harbour under Human Rights



Basirhat under Brickfield School



Sundarbans under CAB project.



Identity Project



Kalyani Under Brickfield School Project



Gangasagar under Lodha Tribal Project



Anti-Human Trafficking Project



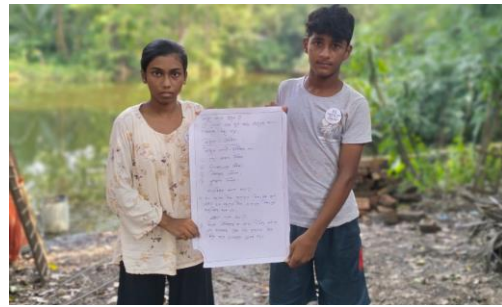
Activities at a Glance

- Awareness at community level
- Mass Awareness Meeting
- Shop Keeper Union Meeting
- CP Meeting
- CVC Meeting
- Poster Awareness Program
- Meeting with Police
- Networking and Advocacy
- Special Day Celebration
- Home Visits
- Health Camp
- Peer to Peer Meeting
- Survivor Meeting
- Case Intervention
- School /College Awareness





Human Rights Project



Activities at a glance

CVC meeting

10 education supports

peer to peer monitoring trainings

mental health workshops

Special support

Mass awareness meeting

Community level meeting

Community level meeting

Special Day Celebration

Sensitization workshop



Sohocho Project



Activities at a glance

Staff capacity building

Staff capacity building

Mother's Meeting at Matia

Mother's Meeting at Sonagachi

Advocacy

Capacity building of Adolescent

shop foundation workshop

Stakeholders awareness meetings

Special Day Celebration

Menstrual hygiene awareness





Brickfield Project



Activities at a glance

Saree Distribution

Tree Plantation programme

Field level survey

Project Evaluation

Lead Teachers Meeting

Advocacy Meeting with Education Dept

Inner Wheel Visit

Funder's visit

Interview of the teacher

Workshop for BFS teachers on CPP

Distributed harvested

Remedial coaching





Identity Project



Activities at a Glance

Monthly Staff Meeting

Legal Entitlements

Mainstreaming of Students

Director's Monitoring Visit

Networking Program

Monitoring Visit by Coordinator

Awareness session with the mothers

Aadhar Card Issued: 26

Birth Certificates Issued:5

Home Visit/ Survey

Auto Awareness Campaign

Children Group Meeting

Dance Movement Therapy for Teachers

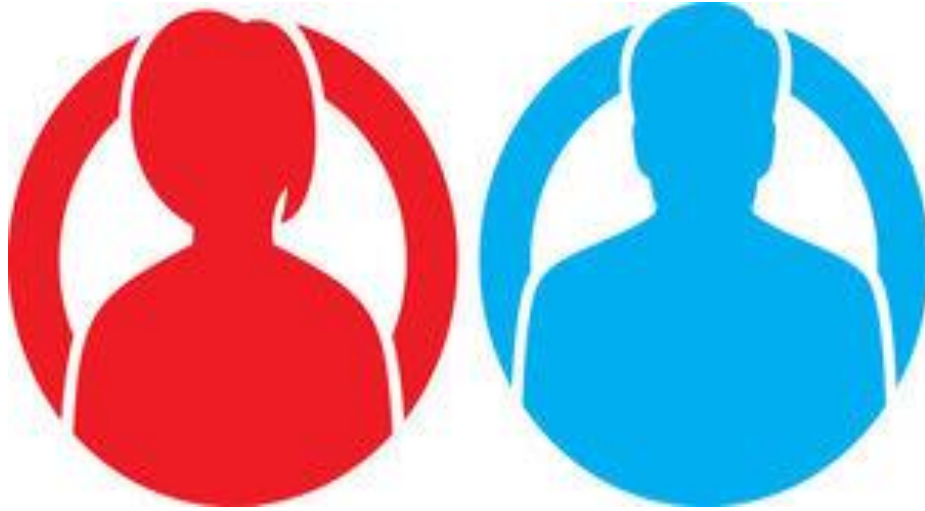
Life Skill Training

Capacity Building Trainings





Red-Light Project



Activities at a Glance

Music/Dance
Therapy

Art & Craft/
Drawing
Therapy

Child
Parliament

Group
Counseling

Martial
Art Class

Trainings on
Rights

Raksha
Bandhan
Celebration

Visit from
American
consulate

Special Day
Celebration

Support
education
classes





Skill Development Project



Activities at a Glance

Enrolment of new students

Staff Meeting

Therapeutic & Regular Classes

Certification

Networking with Milan Mela

Master Class by Professional

Examination

Counselling Session





Food ATM

Dates	Areas	No. of beneficiaries served
11/10/24	Motijheel	100
16/10/24	Kapalibagan	100
20/10/24	Motijheel	100
23/10/24	Kapalibagan	100
07/11/24	Bibibagan	100
14/11/24	Radhanath Chowdhury Lane	100
21/11/24	Radhanath Chowdhury Lane	100
30/11/24	Radhanath Chowdhury Lane	100
01/12/24	Bibibagan	100
04/12/2024	Motijheel	100
08/12/2024	Kapalibagan	100
20/12/2024	Motijheel	100
21/12/2024	Kapalibagan	100
22/12/2024	Bibibagan	100
23/12/2024	Radhanath Chowdhury Lane	100

Awareness and Free Distribution of Sanitary Pads





Child Rights Project



Activities at a glance

Mother's collective meeting-

Village Awareness Program

Child Club Meetings

Circular Learning Exercise

Child Club meeting

Inter School Workshop

CRPD set up

Circular Learning Workshop





Solar Project



Activities at a Glance

- Child Parliament
- Legal Entitlements
- Home Visits
- Distribution of Chicks
- Awareness Program
- SHG Meeting
- Solar Light Distribution
- Livelihood support SHGs
- Solar Light Repairing
- Stakeholders Meeting

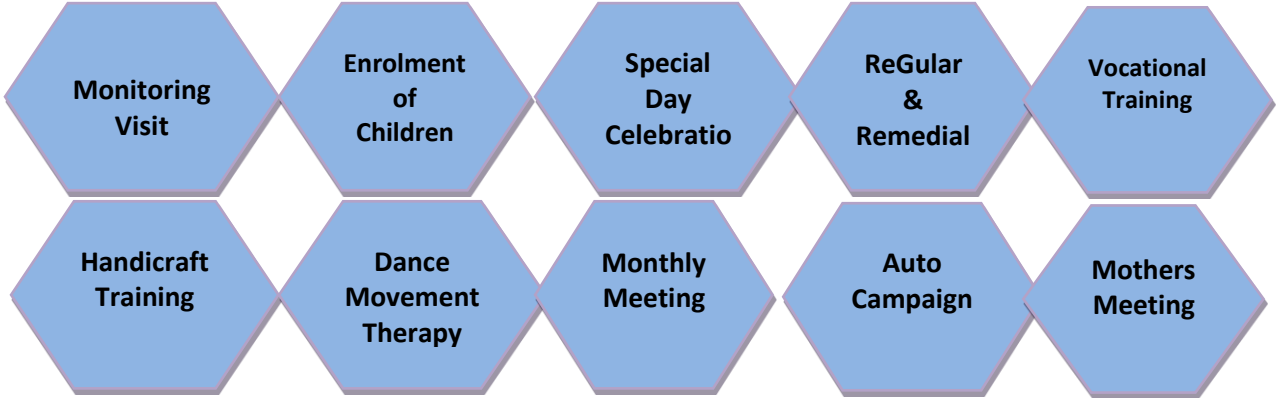




Lotus Child Project



Activities at a Glance





Tribal Community Development & Empowerment Project



Activities at a Glance

Learning Support

Staff Meeting

Formation of New Child Club

Free Health Check Up

Follow-Up Visits to Hostel

Monitoring Visit

Special Day Celebration

Legal Entitlements

Dance Movement Therapy for Teachers

Monthly Child Parliament Meeting

Nature Crafts Workshop

Advocacy Program





Advocacy & Networking

Networking with Rotary Club



Networking with Nomi Network



Collaboration with UN Women network

Sr. Biviya attended the online webinar on Seeking Safety, Finding Exploitation organized by UN Women network where Nabanita Shome was the speaker.

Networking with Seva Kendra Siliguri

Exposure visit to KMWSC in December 2024 for 2 days, first day they had barefoot teachers training session and 2nd day they had visit to Brick field school project to observe the use of TLM in the fields.

Collaboration with NSS

Dr. Satyabrata Kundu from NSS has visited to KMWSC for future collaboration to adopt one village of our intervention areas.

Collaboration with American Consulate

Mr. James and Mr. Scott Kang Special agent, Diplomatic Security U.S Consulate Kolkata made their informal visit to KMWSC office

Collaboration with HOPE Kolkata Foundation

Samata Bali attended the 25th Year Celebration of HOPE Kolkata Foundation.

Collaboration with CACL

Sr Biviya and Akhil attended the State level consultation on Migration with special focus on Adolescent girls and young women in West Bengal to Textile industry in Tamilnadu.

Networking with Lorrto Schools

Sr Biviya and Samata visited Loreto Day School Dharmata, Loreto Day School Sealdah and Loreto Day School Elliot to meet the principal to talk about KMWSC, to have future collaboration and to conduct the One Billion Rising Movement in collaboration.

Networking with Inner Wheel

Inner Wheel CSR wing donated old clothes for BFS Project and were distributed to the children of BFS.

Thank You Loreto Elliot Road School for standing beside us with Food ATM.

Thank You Loreto House School for standing beside us with Food ATM and clothes distribution.

Village Experience by the Novices

Angel Tamang, Shreya Kiro, Manjusha Nayak and Christy Minj had gone to Sundarban and Gangasagar for one week of village life experiences.



Media Coverage

শিশু সুরক্ষা সুনিশ্চিত করতে এগিয়ে বাসিরহাট



খবর 24 ঘণ্টা

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা , বাসিরহাট : বাসিরহাট শহর বর্ডার সংলগ্ন এলাকায় তাই প্রায়শই শিশু পাচারের মত ঘৃণ্য অভিযোগ বার বার উঠে আসতে দেখা যায় , বাসিরহাট এর বেশ কিছু বর্ডার সংলগ্ন এলাকা থেকে । তবে সুধু শিশু পাচার নয় বাল্য বিবাহ ও শিশু শ্রমিক এর হার ও রয়েছে বাসিরহাটের কিছু এলাকায় । সমস্যা সামাল দিতে পুলিশ , বিএসএফ ও বেশ কিছু এন জি ও সংস্থা কাজ করে একযোগে । এদিন বাসিরহাট জেলা থানায় এ নিয়ে বিশেষ শিবিরের আয়োজন করেন থানা পুলিশের অধীনে । বিশেষ করে থানার অন্তর্গত সিডিক ভলেন্টিয়ার দের নিয়ে এবং কলকাতা মেরি ওয়ার্ড সোস্যাল সেন্টারের কর্মীদের নিয়ে এলাকায় এলাকায় কিভাবে প্রচার এর মাধ্যমে এই ধরনের অপরাধ দূর করা যায় সেই বিষয়ে আলোচনা করা হয় । উক্ত অনুষ্ঠানে বাসিরহাট থানার অধিনস্থ প্রায় ৫৪ জন সিডিক ভলেন্টিয়ার সহ উপস্থিত ছিলেন বাসিরহাট জেলা থানার মেজো বাবু বিশ্বজিৎ সাপুই সহ

এস এই অর্ধেন্দু জানতুও এবং এ এস আই অর্ঘ টিকাদার ।

অনুষ্ঠানের মূল উদ্দেশ্য বাসিরহাট শহর থেকে হিউম্যান ট্রাফিকিং রোধ করতে প্রত্যেক নাগরিকের দায়িত্ব সম্মুখে কিভাবে সচেতন করা যায় সে বিষয়ে প্র্যাকটিক্যাল ধারণা গ্রহণ এবং সাথেই এলাকার শিশু দের শৈশব সুরক্ষায় বাবা মা কে অবগত করতে কিভাবে একযোগে মেরি ওয়ার্ড এর কর্মীরা ও পুলিশ প্রশাসন এলাকায় কাজ করবে সেই বিষয়ে একত্রিত হয়ে আলোচনা করা হয় । বাসিরহাট প্রশাসনের পক্ষ থেকে এরকম উদ্যোগে স্কুল ছুট শিশু যাদের শৈশব কোনো দোকানে বা কোনো সংস্থায় দৈহিক পরিপ্রম করে কেটে যায় তাদের নতুন দিশা দেখাবে বলেই মনে করছে কলকাতা মেরি ওয়ার্ড সোস্যাল সেন্টারের কর্মীরা ।

Thank You