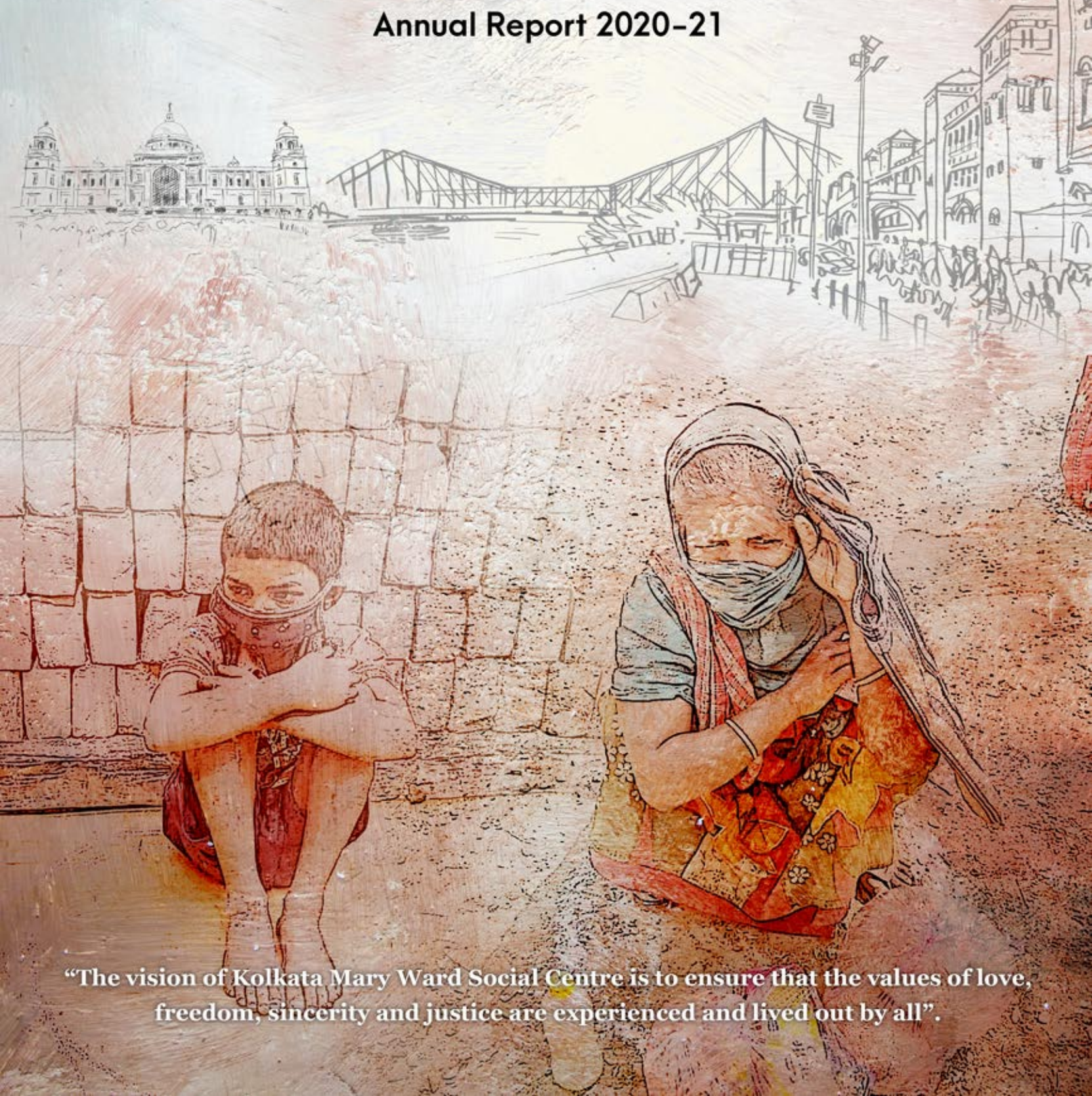




# Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

Annual Report 2020-21



**“The vision of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre is to ensure that the values of love, freedom, sincerity and justice are experienced and lived out by all”.**



# 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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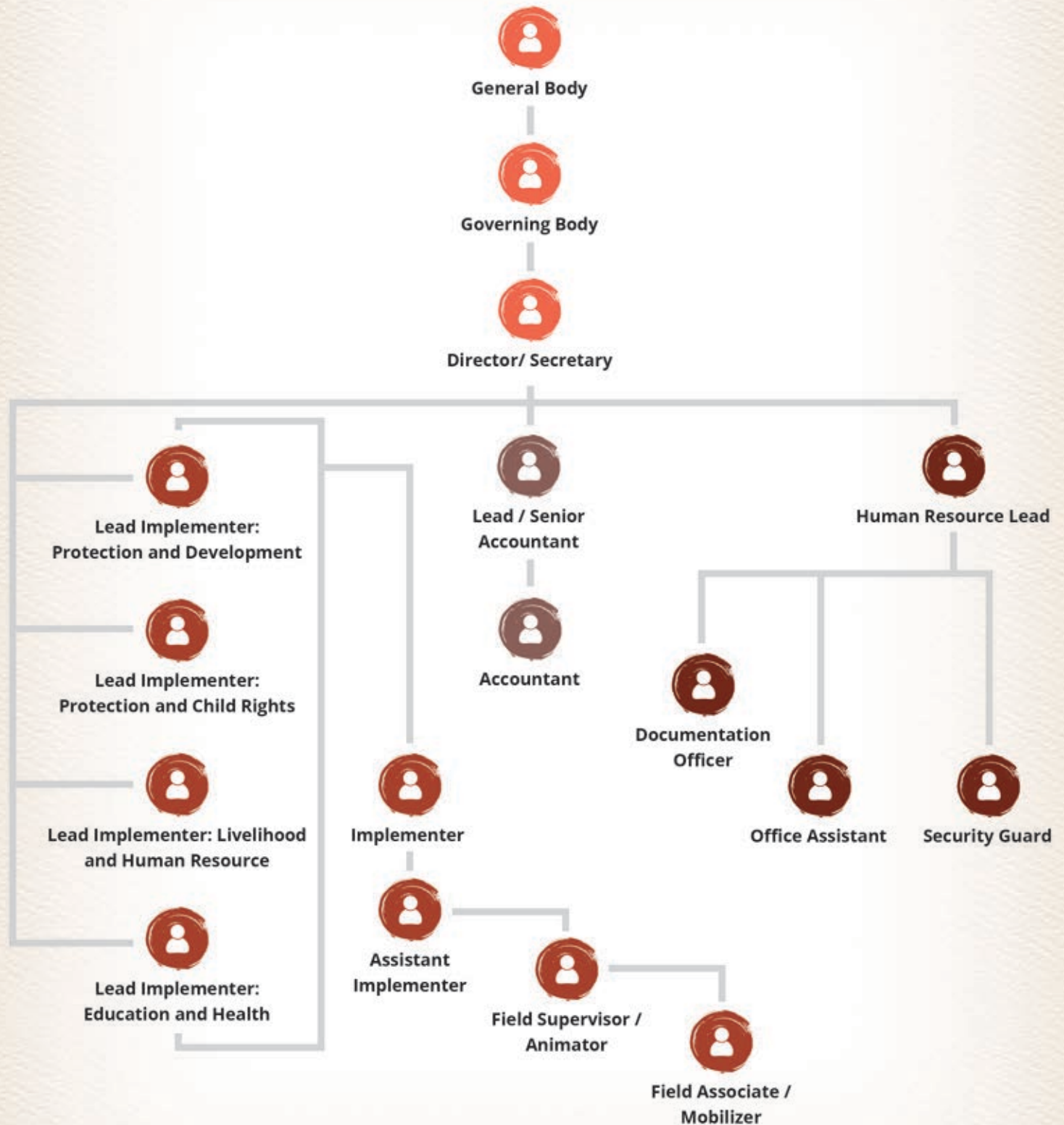
### Goals

- 1) To reduce all forms of violence and injustice against women and girls.
- 2) To ensure, through our service, that every Child and Woman is supported with love and care.
- 3) To promote gender equality and empowerment at all levels through education and creative opportunities.



# Organogram

*Project , Decision Making and Authorization Structure*





## ● Governing Body

Name	Position
Sr. Sabrina Edwards	President
Sr. Priyanka Topno	Vice President
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3	Mr. Vidya Singh	
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# Vice president's Message



'Generous Service and Reaching Out' is often termed as the Art of Listening and the Science of Hope to those who are without hope.

We have all been propelled into undertaking an extraordinary, unexpected journey during the last year. Some of us have survived the hazards, others have arrived at their destination and others still are on the way... The hazards evolved faster than any preparations could be made – be it in terms of the waves of the Pandemic from the first to the second wave and the dread of a third... be it the natural calamities that ravage humanity – and it was always the vulnerable and poor who were left most helpless in their wake.

Yet in every desperate situation, the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre was present to meet the challenges and to alleviate suffering.

Blessings upon the entire team of KMWSC under the noble guidance of Sr. Monica Suchiang who was always alert to face the reality with courage and faith. The unfailing dedicated service of each members with constant support and understanding from their families has been a blessing for all those who needed their care. The past year has taught us much but even more- it has taught us the power of togetherness in working for the cause of those who suffer.

On behalf of the entire Loreto Family and the Province Leadership team, I extend our sincere gratitude to every member of the KMWSC Family for being available throughout the challenging times in 2020-2021.

Protection and blessings and may you continue being hope for others.

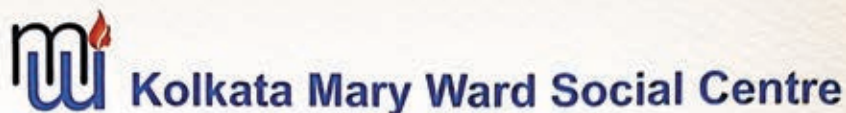
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priyanka Topno".

**Sr. Priyanka Topno IBVM**  
*Development  
Province Leadership Team*





# Director's Message



The Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre recognizes the skills and commitment of our TEAMS, who remain dedicated to providing quality service to all our people in the 4 districts of West Bengal and Bihar. At this moment we are living through an unprecedented time with the Covid 19 pandemic, but what keeps KMWSC going is our unprecedented commitment to responding to the requirements of our people.

Our generations will never forget the social distancing circle drawn everywhere on the floor. Yet the KMWSC Team was able to adapt to the challenges of the crisis while staying attentive to what we could do best: contributing to the wellbeing of our people. As representatives of civil society, we were committed to upholding our convictions in favour of the rights of people. While doing this, we needed to reinforce our position to remain united and committed to our core mission.

Throughout the past year, April 2020- March 2021, much effort was put in, in the areas of operations, with convincing results and some disappointments ;yet we believed that were on the right path. I would also like to emphasize that we tried to create a stronger network, especially during the hard times of Covid 19 and the Amphan Cyclone. Doing advocacy work, often in partnership with other NGOs, has been one of our strengths.

This year, KMWSC, put different policies in place, which allow us to ensure well-being at work, work-life balance, pay equity, a fair distribution of positions between men and women, as well as continuing education and talent development for the Staff.

KMWSC is indebted to all those who have opened their hearts to help us in this endeavour, be it individuals, Religious Institutions, Schools, Colleges, Police departments, Cooperates Houses, Students, Volunteers, Non- Profit Partners, Advisors, Board Members and collaborators around the world. We could do this because of the incredible faith and foresight of our donors who have made permanent commitments to KMWSC. Their commitments will continue changing the future for generations to come.

To all our donors, Non-Profit Partners, advisors and others who have shared with us, their generosity, and on behalf of our dedicated and talented Board, I offer my sincere gratitude. We are mindful that every penny represents a dream; an investment of a donor aids us to strengthen the communities of KMWSC.

Thank you for inspiring us and for joining us in building KMWSC together.

  
Sr Monica Suchiang  
Director/Secretary

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# Monitoring visits of the Director





# Landmark

## International Webinar

**NO MORE SILENCE! Our efforts towards building the “Unshakeable Success”!!!**

An International webinar on “Best practices to strengthen the prevention process of Human Trafficking”.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020 organised a webinar which saw participants and speakers across the globe.



### 🕒 Time for Webinar

🇮🇳 India Time: 4:30 pm

🇺🇸 US Time: 6 am

🇪🇸 Spain Time: 12 noon

🇬🇧 UK Time: 11 am

This webinar on the Zoom platform was the continuation of the efforts made by KMWSC during the International conference on Anti-Human Trafficking that was held in the year of 2017. The purpose of this webinar was to empower the Adolescent Girls Group and to prepare them to track the vulnerable girls of their own age creating a safety net for protection. The webinar was launched by the Director along with the KMWSC team in the presence of the Provincial leader, the President of KMWSC and her council members along with the eminent speakers of the webinar.







## Speakers

### Ms. Ananya Chakraborti

Chairperson of WBCPCR  
Eminent Speaker, India

### Ms. Maria Llinás

Director -  
Mary Ward International Spain  
Eminent Speaker, Spain

### Ms. Beth Yates

Acting British Deputy High Commissioner of  
Kolkata at present & First Secretary Political Affairs  
British Deputy High Commission, Mumbai  
Eminent Speaker, United Kingdom

behalf of **Ms. Beth Yates**

The British Deputy High Commissioner  
of Kolkata, Eminent Speaker, United Kingdom

### Mr. Roque Coutinho

Director, Preventions and  
Operations East and West Zone  
Eminent Speaker, India

### Ms. Shandra Woworuntu

Founder and the CEO of Mentari, a Non-  
Government Organization based in New York  
to help Human Trafficking survivors.

### Mr. Samir Baptist

Chief Executive Officer of Vihaan, a project of West Management Society  
Moderator, India

## Some Glorious Moments

19 countries | Participants from all walks of life joined | 364 registrations  
Facebook Live Viewers | Youtube Live viewers





# PUBLICATION

Publication-An Unconventional Promotional Milestone!!!



## Strengthening Adolescent Girls Group to Combat Human Trafficking

Safety Module through Child Tracking to Combat Human Trafficking in South 24 Parganas district  
Implementation 2015-2020

On the verge of completing its 6<sup>th</sup> year of implementation of the Anti-Human Trafficking Project at Canning 1 and to commemorate the occasion, KMWSC launched its publication on best practices to combat Human Trafficking through the safety module on child tracking system on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 during the International Webinar 2020, "Strengthening Adolescent Girls group to combat Human Trafficking"

An Unconventional Promotional Milestone!!! Launching of the Book during the International Webinar 2020 "Strengthening Adolescent Girls group to combat Human Trafficking"- A safety module through CHILD TRACKING to combat Human Trafficking in South 24 Parganas district. The book contained the road map in a systemic structure to conduct tracking of children through the Adolescent Group Members to combat trafficking and create a safety net of protection. The book is accessible for all, on the organization website which was launched in association with WBCPCR.





## ● New working space of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre - A blessing!

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre inaugurated its new spacious office on the same premises with all the modern amenities. The Director, KMWSC staff, Sr. Flora, Superior of Loreto Entally Community and few other sisters offered prayers on the Blessing programme of the new Working Space of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre. Father Patrick from Don Bosco presided over the blessing and led the whole team into this prayer service. KMWSC staff took the initiative of decorating the courtyard for this momentous occasion. This was followed by a short speech by the Director of KMWSC on the inception of the new working space and on how the development of projects unfurled over the years. Our associates from Caritas India also joined in our happiness. The service was followed by coffee and refreshments from the freshly baked items of the KMWSC bakery.

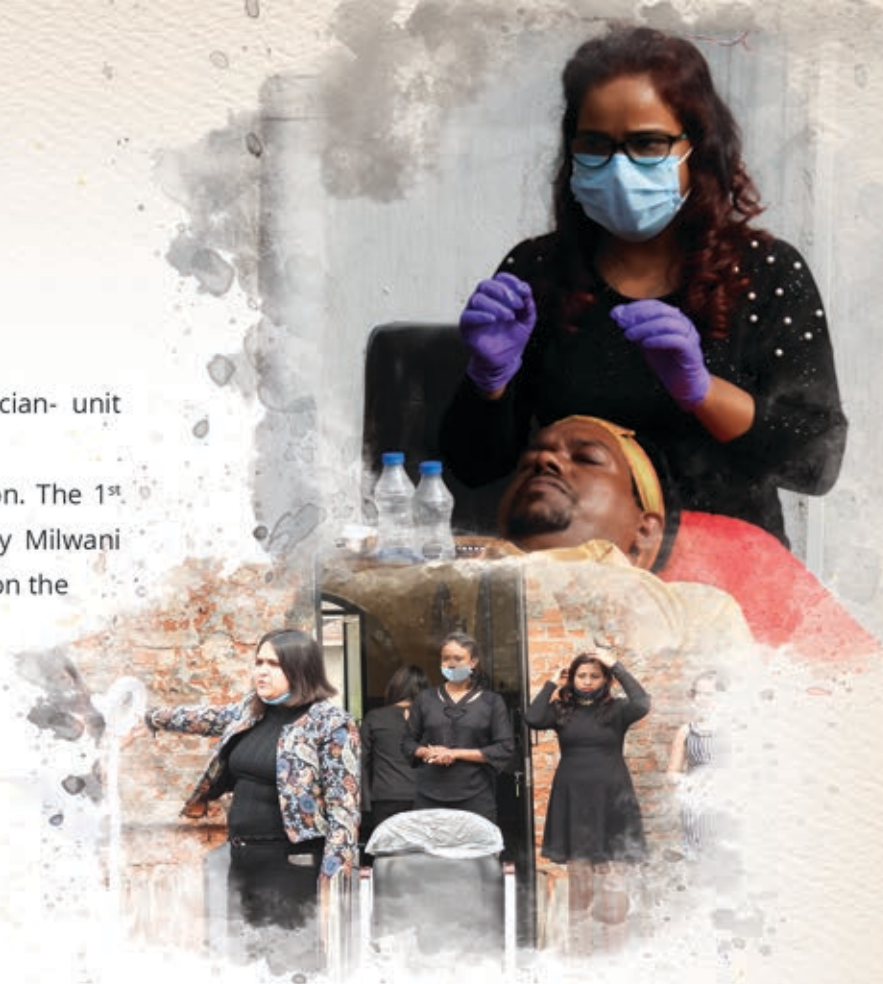




## ● Collaboration - Beauty and Wellness

### Pioneer Approach- Beautician course (Skill Development Project)

A pioneering step was taken for the Beautician- unit under KMWSC Skill Development project in collaboration with M/S. Glammour Spa & Salon. The 1<sup>st</sup> orientation conducted by Ms. Jasmita Jeremy Milwani from the Glammour Spa & Salon was to focus on the inner transformation and to train our girls from our skill training and Beautician course unit to be skin and hair stylists, makeup artists; thus helping in empowering them. New teaching techniques involving meditation, personal grooming and international product knowledge were a part of this training as well.



## Upgradation - Advance Tailoring Course

KMWSC took the initiative to encourage youths for a better livelihood by handcrafting bags & masks. A unique initiative was taken by the tailoring unit of the Skill Development Project of KMWSC that teaches marginalized youth. The module of the traditional tailoring course is updated with the modern approach of fashion designing courses such as 3D tactile, hand embroidery, technical terms, fabric ornamentation.







## ● Phasing out with a heavy heart towards a new beginning

Under Anti-Human Trafficking project, KMWSC is moving away from the Canning centre having worked for 7 long years, handing over to the local community for its sustainability and community ownership to carry on the safety mechanism of their own girls in their own remote villages. The Director appreciated the efforts and contribution of the field staff in Canning. The Director also thanked them for their dedication and hard work and for their long association of bonding with the organization. The project field staff were felicitated with mementos and token of love for their contribution towards creating a safety mechanism in the target villages with the strong presence of Adolescent Girls Group (AGG). The Project coordinator also thanked them for their unstinted support to the organisation implementing programme activities in the remotest villages of Canning for the past 7 years and wished them the very best for their future.

## ● Pilot phase project at Basirhat

SCAR- Sensitization of Communities and Adolescents at Risk: to combat Human Trafficking and Child Abuse.

*Overall Objective:*

### AT A GLANCE

To combat Human Trafficking and Child Abuse.

### IN DETAILS

Prevention of the community especially women and children from Human Trafficking, child marriage and child labour through community awareness, capacity building, networking & advocacy with Government departments and Rescue.





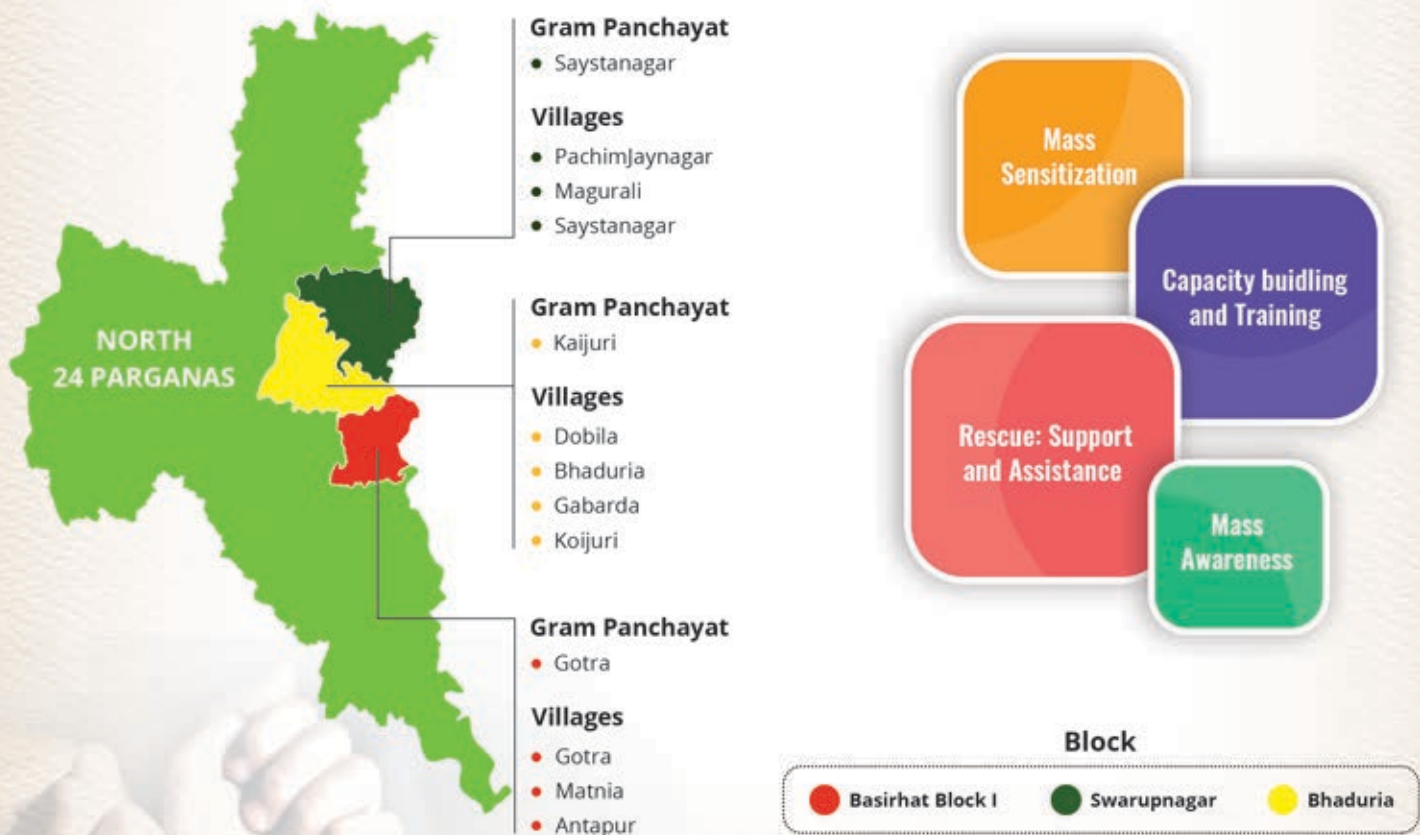
**Specific outcomes**

<b>Outcome A</b>	Cases of Human Trafficking, Child Marriage and Child Abuse will be prevented from happening in 10 villages of 3 GPs	<b>Outcome D</b>	Proactive Communities of 10 villages of 3 GPs in Basirhat
<b>Outcome B</b>	Sensitized Government Administrative and Law Enforcement in Basirhat Block- I, 3 GPs 10 Villages	<b>Outcome E</b>	Empowered, energised and informed staff of AHT
<b>Outcome C</b>	Strengthened Gram Panchayat Members in 3 GPs	<b>Outcome F</b>	Community empowerment to combat Human Trafficking and Child Abuse



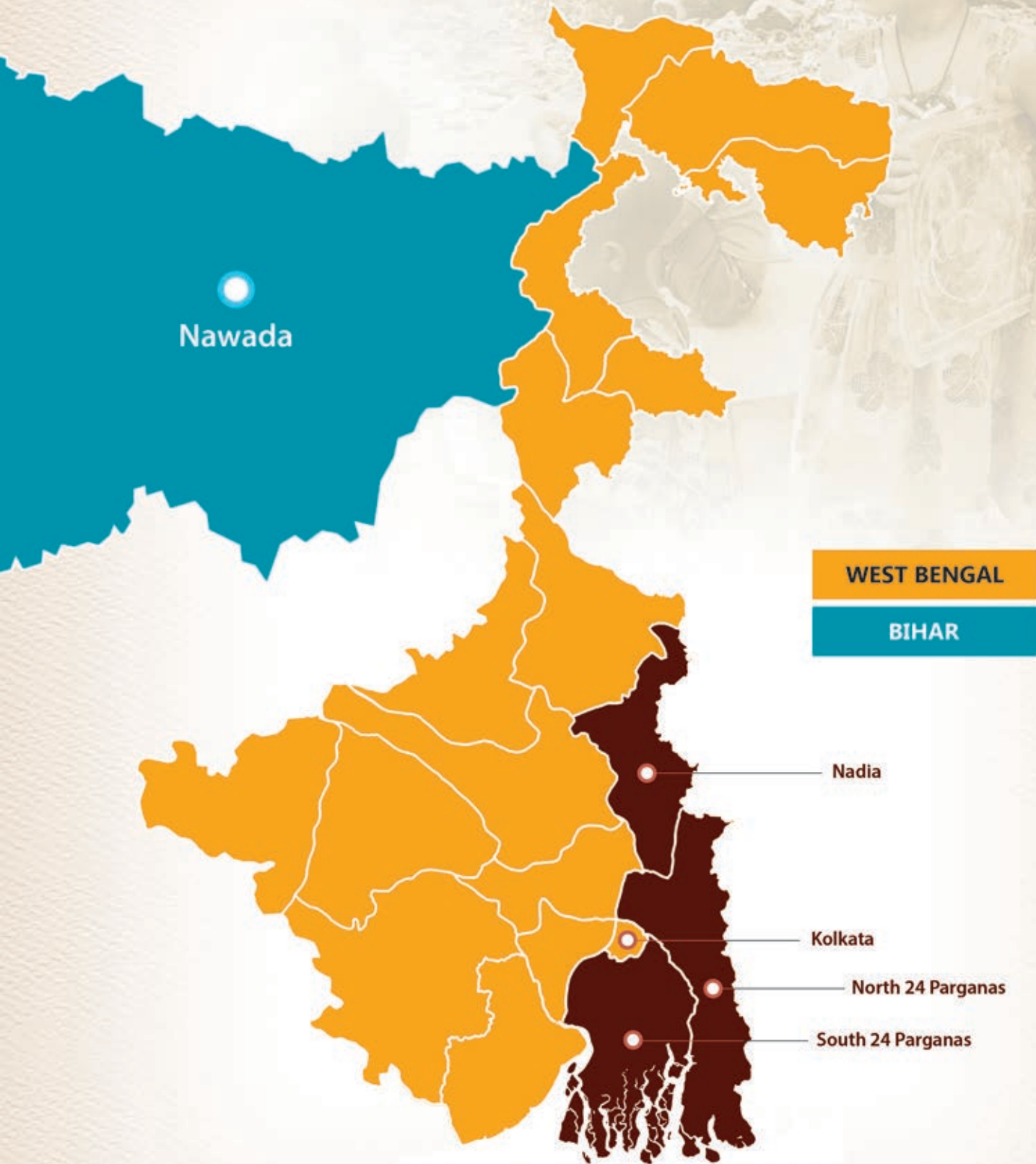
## Area of Intervention

(District - North 24 Parganas)





# OUR REACH





# Introduction of the New Thematic Area

Disaster and Pandemic Management



Corona Diary



Cyclone Amphan

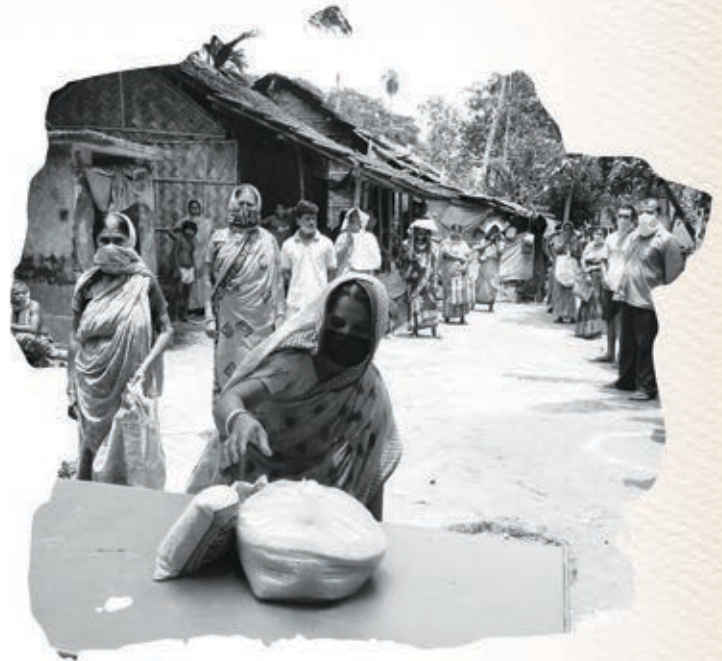




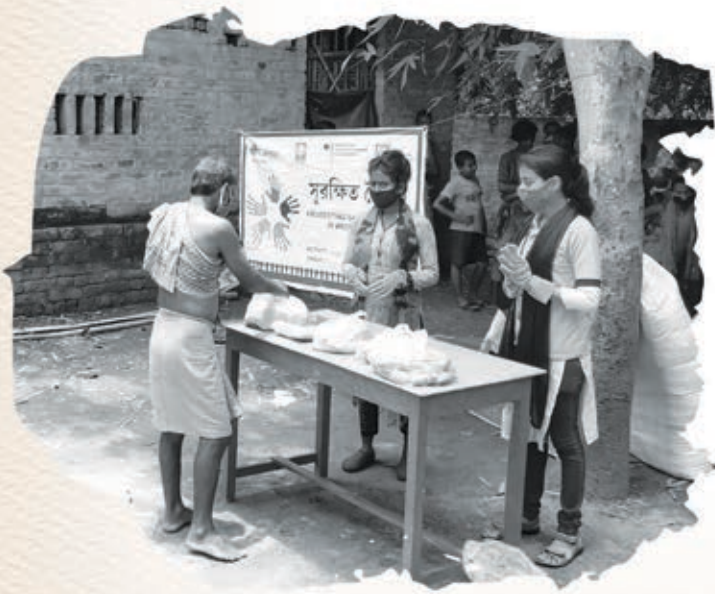
# Corona Diary

Welcome to our Corona diary which we are continuing to update in order to support the most vulnerable children and families in our project areas.

The outbreak of Covid 19 has shaken the existence of humanity on Earth. The pandemic filled the world with pictures of desperate families scrambling for proper medication and food. During the first lockdown in the first wave of Covid 19, the poor families were nearly starved; many agencies, companies and offices were closed down. As a result numerous people lost jobs and had no means of income generation. Now, in the second wave, we see a picture of helpless Covid affected families running after oxygen cylinders, hospital beds failing more often, than not. We have never seen huge queue of bodies, bagged and stacked on the pavement, awaiting their turn for the burning pyres everywhere across the country. As the pandemic continues, the distribution of ration, food kits, groceries and safety kits to the most vulnerable sections of our society continues. KMWSC still continues to reach out to the different vulnerable groups as that was the need of the hour. People were and are becoming more susceptible to the disease and vulnerable to starvation and hunger.



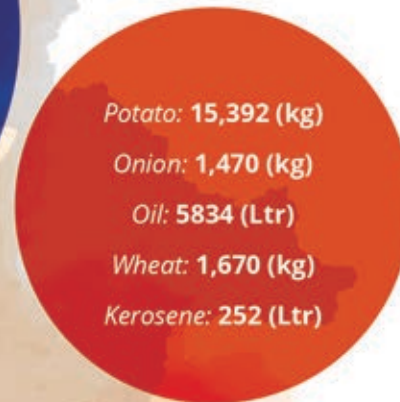
Distribution of ration/food kits and essentials were done at the beginning of lock down starting from 26<sup>th</sup> March in different locations of the projects. The distribution of groceries and dry rations included the basic food which will sustain their survival. Protein drinks for women and baby food were also part of distribution in the project areas keeping in mind, the safety and well-being of the different communities. Corona safety and precaution kits and sanitary pads were distributed to maintain well-being and menstrual hygiene for adolescents and women groups.



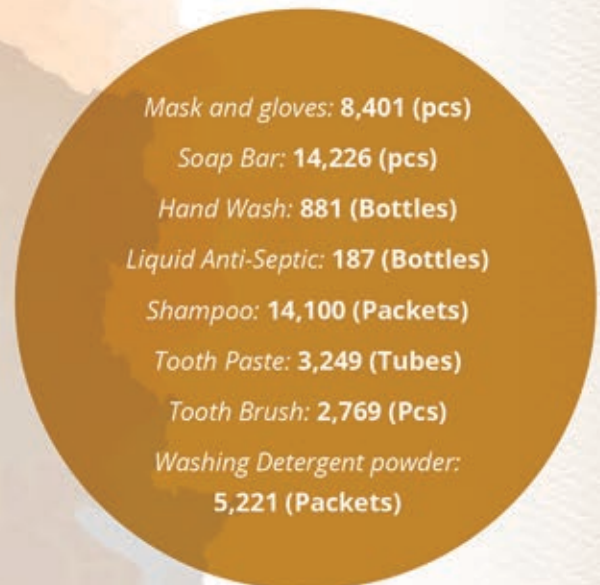
The organisation's endeavour in distributing ration and essentials was done strictly following all protocols which needed to be maintained during the lockdown. For the purpose of safety of staff and the beneficiaries of KMWSC, the organisation prepared a SOP aligned with the protocols and guidelines issued by the Government. The organization sent the reports to the Ministry of Home Affairs every 30 days.



## Total Dry Ration Distribution Kit



## Total Health, Hygiene and Nutrition Kit



Total number of 'At-risk' economically backward individual - 69,964

Total Number of 'At-risk' economically backward families members - 1,84,387

Total number reached (children, adolescent, adult, women, men, migrant workers, sex workers) - 2,54,351





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## Testimonies

*Parvez Sawan Hossain is the son of Afzal Hossain ,aged 16 years , resident of Merudandi village in Sangrampur GP near the banks of the river Icchamati in North 24 Parganas, Basirhat- 1 studying in Basirhat High school and is a leader of Merudandi child club. Parvez Sawan who is a member of the child parliament/club leader under Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre's Surokhito Shaisav project led his entire group of 15 members to think out of the box and reached out to people in need ,during this lock down and the pandemic crisis. At the initial stage of pandemic Covid- 19, he with his club members arranged awareness and sensitization programmes in their own locality, on physical distancing, wearing masks and keeping the surroundings clean. They also frequently demonstrated how to wash hands in a proper manner, wearing masks correctly while going out on errands. After attending the workshop, his outlook, thinking and approach towards children who get less opportunity to go to schools, changed. With the help of facilitators, he organized a rally in his locality and near the marketplace to protest against child labour. He approached shopkeepers in his locality to sensitize them on not employing children for work in their shops. He often thought beyond his level and the focus of his thought process was on how he could help the economically disadvantaged children who could not afford to buy books ,stationary and other items that are required in schools. Parvez and his team also kept vigilance on child marriages in their locality. He identified many poor children who never enrolled in schools or dropped out due to their financial condition. His explanation to his team members about how they could aid those poor children with their fees and books showed his simple yet mature thinking. He proposed the idea of piggy banks, saving money from their pocket money to put in there. Everyone welcomed the idea of piggy bank and they started to collect the money from the month of June 2020. Everyone was happy to contribute Rs 5 to Rs 10, every week in the piggy bank. The child club members themselves identified some of the children who they would like to support with fees, books and stationery when the school reopens after the pandemic Covid-19. Parvez says, "Every child of my village, will go to school". The determined Pervez helped every poor child in the village and the child club team made sure that the shopkeepers did not employ children for work.*

*Kajal Bhakta ,wife of Sukumar Bhakta, aged 34 years lives with her aged mother, three sons and two daughters in the Lodha Community. In 2018 ,her ailing husband died while he was hospitalized. The main occupation of the family was fishing and catching crabs from the river. The monthly income of this 7 member family, after the death of her husband ,was hardly Rs 2,000 and thus they led a life of misery and extreme hardship.*

*She struggled to bring her children up. Her two children attend the learning centre everyday and go to the Government Primary school. During Amphan, the condition of the family deteriorated even further. The storm blew away the asbestos of the house and broke the walls. The house had no windows or doors. Rain water flooded the house. Kajal worked in others' houses and found it harrowing to spend the nights at home. She had no means to get the house repaired and was distressed and helpless . With support coming from KMWSC, she repaired her house and is grateful to KMWSC for it.*





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OBR INDIA  
FOR COVID-19 KNOWLEDGE  
RELIEF  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

সুরক্ষিত শৈশব  
PROTECTING SAFE CHILDHOOD  
IN WEST BENGAL  
ACTIVITY VENUE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# Natural Disaster - Cyclone Amphan

**Super Cyclone Amphan:** The state of West Bengal witnessed the dual attack of Super Cyclone and the Covid 19 pandemic. The nightmare of 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 cannot be soon forgotten. It was a powerful and catastrophic tropical cyclone that caused widespread damage in Eastern India, specifically West Bengal, Odisha and in Bangladesh. The most vulnerable were the poor. Amidst the fear, death, despair and panic, already existing, the cyclone washed away everything.



**Prevention:** As there was an announcement to vacate the mud houses and take shelter in cement houses, the field associates of the projects helped the families to get shelter in safer places. The staff consistently announced to all, to carry their legal, and important documents like bank pass books while shifting to safer places like the primary schools and Panchayat Bhavans. The concrete structured Lodha learning center which was converted into a cyclone shelter home for two hundred people had housed children and women. All the government schools were turned into shelter homes in Gosaba, Sunderban. The villagers were instructed by the staff to carry the



important documents and bank pass books along with them when they take shelter in the primary schools and Panchayat Bhavan. Dinner and snacks were provided on the day of the cyclone to the inmates who took shelter in the centre. No casualties were witnessed in the project areas due to timely intervention and actions.







### After effects:

- ⦿ Soon after Amphan, an emergency cyclone relief team was formed at KMWSC.
- ⦿ Lodha Learning center was converted into a cyclone shelter for two hundred people.
- ⦿ The cyclone relief team made a survey of cyclone affected families in Basirhat, Gosaba and Gangasagar Island.
- ⦿ Loreto schools and college came forward with donation in kind – relief materials to distribute to the needy families.
- ⦿ Loreto sisters collaborated with the relief team to distribute the relief materials.
- ⦿ The relief team collected the relief materials from different sources and distributed them to cyclone affected families in Kolkata slums and Basirhat, North 24 Parganas.
- ⦿ Identification of the most cyclone affected families was done.
- ⦿ Building of new houses and repairing of existing ones post Cyclone:



**7 Families at Basirhat**  
24 Parganas (N)



**23 Families at Gosaba**  
Sundarban, 24 Parganas (S)



**15 families at Gangasagar,**  
24 Parganas (S)

Follow up visit to the families was conducted to ensure the well-being of the families. This was done after the repair work and completion of constructing the houses.











# Thematic Area - I

## Women and Child Protection and Development



Anti-Human Trafficking Project (AHT)-  
South and North 24 Parganas



Providing Education and Protection  
to Vulnerable Children-Sonagachi,  
Kolkata



"Surokhit Saishav" promoting safe  
childhood in West Bengal



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





# Anti-Human Trafficking Project

Human trafficking is a crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labour or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Human trafficking affects individuals across the world and is commonly regarded as one of the most pressing human rights issues of our time. Human trafficking affects every community in India across age, gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The project focuses on generating awareness on Anti-Human Trafficking through sensitization campaigns, training and workshop with stakeholders at various levels, alongside doing networking and advocacy with Police, Government departments, etc. Rescue, Restoration and Rehabilitation of trafficked survivors are also an important component of the project.

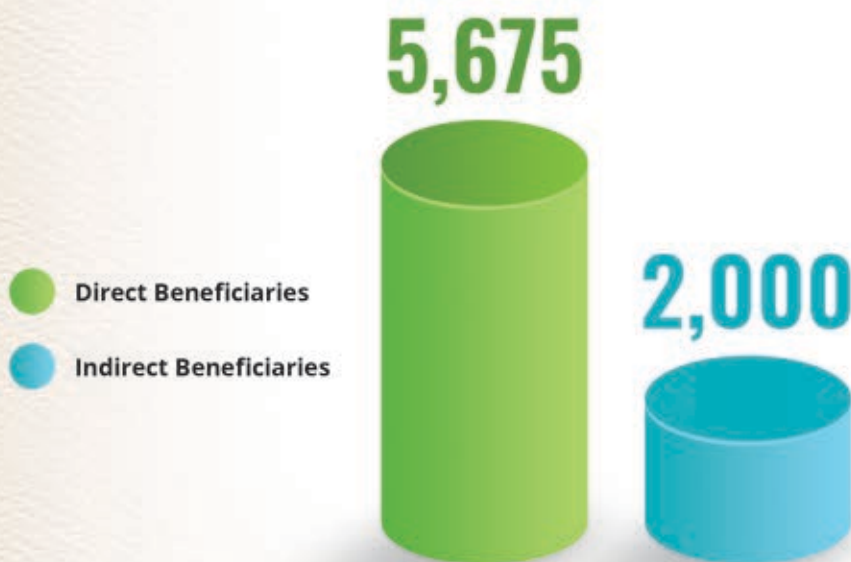
## Name of Projects

- Sensitization on Anti-Human Trafficking
- Community Based Intervention Initiative on Anti-Human Trafficking
- SCAR-Sensitization of Communities and Adolescents at Risk: to combat Human Trafficking and Child Abuse

## Area of Intervention

- Canning Blocks I & II - 20 villages
- Diamond Harbour Block I - 6 Villages
- Basirhat-I & Swarupnagar Blocks of North 24 Parganas District. - 7 villages

## Beneficiaries covering all 3 project locations





## Threats encountered owing to the COVID-19 pandemic:

The nationwide lockdown and the restrictions during post lockdown phase made it difficult for small business establishments, shops, factories to function smoothly. Many such units subsequently shut down.

Normal functioning of project activities was also difficult. Hence the project team improvised new methods to continue their work. The adolescent and women's groups were divided into smaller units to avoid large gatherings for group activities. Contactless monitoring was introduced. Awareness activities in small groups were also introduced.

Trafficking of both adults and children for labour and sex trade will be "one of the biggest threats" in the post-lockdown period as household incomes of the most vulnerable deplete. Several factories in different states closed compelling the migrant labourers to return home whereas the daily wage labourers were mostly out of work. All villages under this project have high concentration of such economically backward 'at risk' vulnerable families. Under such circumstances where poverty was rising, child labour and Human Trafficking was bound to increase.



### Activities during Lockdown phase

### Activities during the "Unlock" phase

**Topic:** Trafficking (prevention, precaution, laws and acts), child rights, women rights and protection issues along with Covid-19 awareness and domestic violence

- Home Monitoring
- Over the phone tracking of Adolescent Group Members (AGG)
- Community Vigilance Committee (CVC) members' follow-up through phone
- AGG members' data collection to create data base and monitor the vulnerability of the families
- Liaising with Government stakeholder over phone

- Home monitoring visits
- AGG members follow
- CVC follow ups
- AGG members' data collection
- Special Day-Children's day celebration
- AGG meeting



## Activities during Lockdown phase

- Creating data base of Government help centres for beneficiaries
- Creating data base of Government schemes for beneficiaries
- Over the phone tracking of Covid cases and connecting them with local government health care personnel.
- Over the phone tracking of vulnerable 'at-risk' families
- Over the phone need assessment
- Creating master data base for all beneficiaries' information

## Activities during the "Unlock" phase

- CVC meeting
- Community Awareness Campaign
- Community Awareness meeting with SHG
- Village Level Child Protection Committee- VLCPC meeting
- Vehicles' Union meeting
- Child Parliament formation
- Child Parliament meeting
- Auto- campaign
- Gram Panchayat - GP members meeting
- AGG child tracking system follow up
- Special Day celebration
- Protection Volunteer (PV) meeting
- Thermal Check of beneficiaries' temperature
- Formation of PV group
- Community Vigilance Committee (CVC) meeting with PV
- AGG meeting with PV
- Parents meeting for formation of Child Parliament
- Wall painting- Mass Awareness
- Formation of CVC
- Shopkeepers' union meeting





# SUCCESS

## S T O R I E S

### Case - 1

**First Information:** On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, our project staff Bithika Mondal was informed by a CVC member that the marriage of a girl, aged 17 years, named Amrita Biswas (name changed) was fixed by her father Sahadev (name changed) in Kumarkhali village in Canning-I Block.

On getting the news, Bithika, along with the CVC member Ms. Halima Mondal met the girl's father, and tried to convince him that Amrita being below 18, should not be married off now. He was informed that any marriage below the age of 18 is considered to be a child marriage and is prohibited as well as punishable under the Indian law. Unfortunately, the father was reluctant to stop the marriage. At this point, our project staff had no other alternative but to tell the father that unless the marriage is stopped, they will report the case to the local police station and the law would take its own course.

With the help of our project staff and the CVC member, a meeting was organised between the girl's family and the groom's parents. After a prolonged discussion, both families agreed to wait till Amrita turned 18 and then they would solemnise the marriage after that.

### Case - 2

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, one of the Child Protection Volunteers informed our project staff that Swapan Sardar (name changed) of Bahirbena village had arranged the marriage of his 20 years old son with a 16 years old girl living in the same village.



Immediately, after getting the information, the Canning Child Line was contacted. A joint action was initiated by Child Line and the KMWSC. With help from the local police station, the marriage was stopped.

### Case - 3

On January, 26<sup>th</sup> 2021, Tagari Gayen, one of our PV members informed our project staff, Ms. Bithika Mondal that a 27 year old man was getting married to a 17 year old girl. Bithika immediately informed the Canning Child Line and a

joint action was promptly initiated. The joint team visited the girl and found her to be in deep distress. With the help of the local police station, they rescued the girl and after fulfilling several formalities, the girl was placed in the custody of a Government home.

### Case - 4

One morning in October 2020, two of our CVC members Sariful Bibi and Ajmuda Bibi informed our project staff that the father of a 17 year old girl named Asheka Khatoon, living in Shehardaha village under Diamond Harbour Police Station, in South 24 Parganas District, was forcefully organising the marriage of his daughter. Immediately, after hearing the news, our project staff along with two CVC members went to the village and met Asheka's father.

They met Asheka's father in the village. The team had a prolonged discussion with the father. Meanwhile, the panchayat representative from Shehradaha village also joined the discussion. After almost 2 hours of discussion, when the father was still reluctant to stop the marriage, the visiting team threatened to inform the police and district Child Line to take action as per law to stop the marriage. At this point, Asheka's father gradually softened his stand and stopped the marriage from taking place.



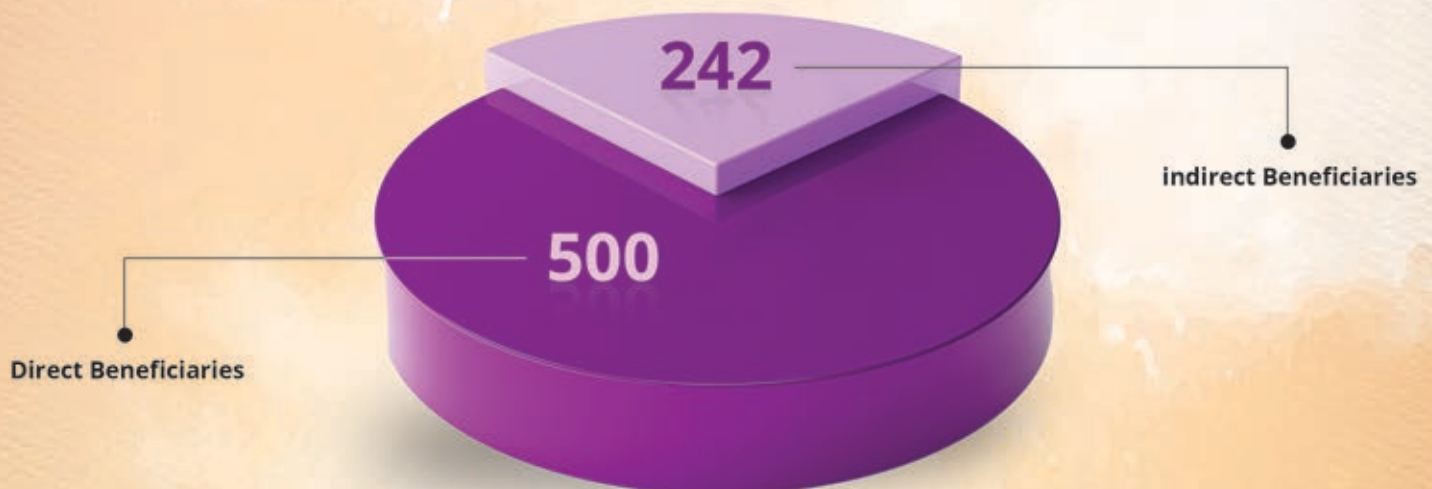
# Providing Education and Protection to Vulnerable Children – Sonagachhi

Sonagachhi in Kolkata is one of the oldest and largest red-light areas in Asia. For the first time in its history, the nationwide lockdown resulted in bringing the curtains down for more than two months. Even during the post lockdown period, the red-light area ran out of business owing to the decrease in the footfall.

The project focusses on to create opportunities for Sex Workers and their children to live a regular childhood through all-round development. The aim is to ensure quality education for the excluded children, starting from basic education at the Centre, eradicating inequality in educational opportunities irrespective of caste, creed, gender and language especially for children with disabilities along with engagement with Adolescent Children to Build Awareness on their Rights and Health Issues and Vocational training to the sex workers for alternative livelihood.



## Beneficiary Inclusion





## ● Threats encountered by beneficiaries during COVID-19:

### New Risk due to the Pandemic for the project - Mother

- Many of the sex workers of Sonagachi fell into a debt trap during the COVID-19 pandemic as most of them had to take loans during the lockdown since they were out of business. This led to exploitation of themselves but also for their children.
- Domestic violence increased due to very little or no income. Thus, the sex workers were unable to pay off their pimps
- Starvation gradually hit them.

### New Risk due to the Pandemic for the project- Children

- Since mothers were not getting sufficient clients, managing family expenses was difficult. Taking advantage of the situation, clients started approaching mothers for “using” the adolescent girl children, making the children vulnerable to exploitation.
- As schools were closed, the children were at home 24 X 7. They were at high risk facing sexual exploitation by the live-in partners of the mothers, pimps and neighbours.
- The children were vulnerable as they could be sold off to make ends meet.




## ● Activities at a glance during lockdown and unlock phases

Type of activities during lock down	Type of activities post unlock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Over the phone-Periodic checking of Temperature of beneficiaries.</li> <li>● Over the phone monitoring</li> <li>● Online- Skill Development (Tailoring classes)</li> <li>● Online- Art therapy classes (Drawing and Craft Class)</li> <li>● Online- Music therapy classes (Dance classes)</li> <li>● Online- Parents' Meeting</li> <li>● Online- Adolescent Group Meeting</li> <li>● Online- Child Counselling</li> <li>● TLM Making- (During lockdown the staff made TLM for the centre)</li> <li>● Connecting with the Government hospitals for Covid -19 test</li> <li>● Online Education Classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multi Activity Centre (MAC) class- to maintain social distancing, the class was divided into 4 small groups</li> <li>● Child Parliament Meeting</li> <li>● Home Visits</li> <li>● Art therapy classes (Drawing and Craft Class)</li> <li>● Music therapy classes (Dance classes)</li> <li>● Skill Development (Tailoring classes)</li> <li>● Parents' Meeting</li> <li>● Adolescent Group Meetings</li> <li>● Child Counselling</li> <li>● Temperature checking of beneficiaries before class</li> <li>● Admission into Government school</li> </ul>



# SUCCESS STORIES



## Case - 1

Purnima Bali (Name Changed), a student of Class XI, is the eldest daughter of a sex worker of Sonagachhi. For the last few months, her mother Asha Bali (name changed) had rented a house at Baruipur along with her live-in partner, Sumon, who was economically dependent on her. Despite knowing about her partner's shady past of selling girls in Kamartipuri, she begged to differ and kept her daughter under his supervision whenever she had to leave for work.

Purnima disliked Sumon's company at the beginning, but she started receiving the much-needed attention and care she craved for. On 17th February 2021, the KMWSC staff were contacted by Asha Bali that her daughter was missing. Purnima was also not receiving her mother's phone call. With constant effort from the staff, Purnima finally received the call of our team member and informed them that she was with Sumon. When our staff spoke to Sumon, he confessed his love for her and he expressed his desire to marry Purnima and take her to Mumbai. Hearing this, her mother was sure that Sumon was planning to sell her underaged daughter in the Mumbai's red-light area on the pretext of marriage.

Quickly the KMWSC staff contacted the CHILDLINE, CRPF and Baruipur police station to prevent the girl from being trafficked. With the intervention of the police force, Purnima was returned to her mother in the early hours of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Purnima again fled from home on the pretext of going to school. She called her mother in the afternoon and informed her that she had married Sumon and was planning to move to Mumbai soon. Asha, knowing that Sumon was a human trafficker, immediately contacted the KMWSC project team. An FIR was filed against Sumon and a joint raid with two district police teams and the KMWSC staff was conducted late at night on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Initially, it took some time to coordinate with different levels and departments of the Government, but ultimately, with the support from the Women police station of Baruipur, Women's Police of Hooghly, BDO of Baruipur, CHILD LINE, Anti-human Trafficking task force of Hooghly district and the WBCPCR, Purnima was rescued on 27<sup>th</sup> of March and was taken to a government shelter home.



## Case - 2

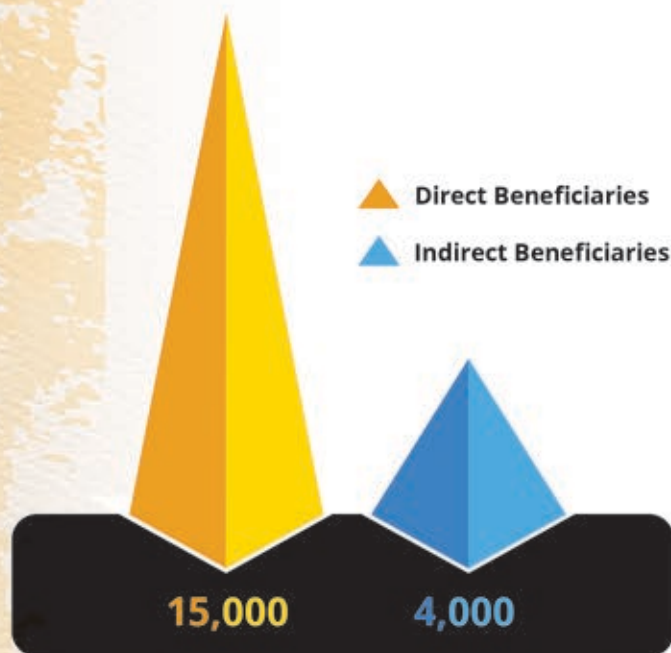
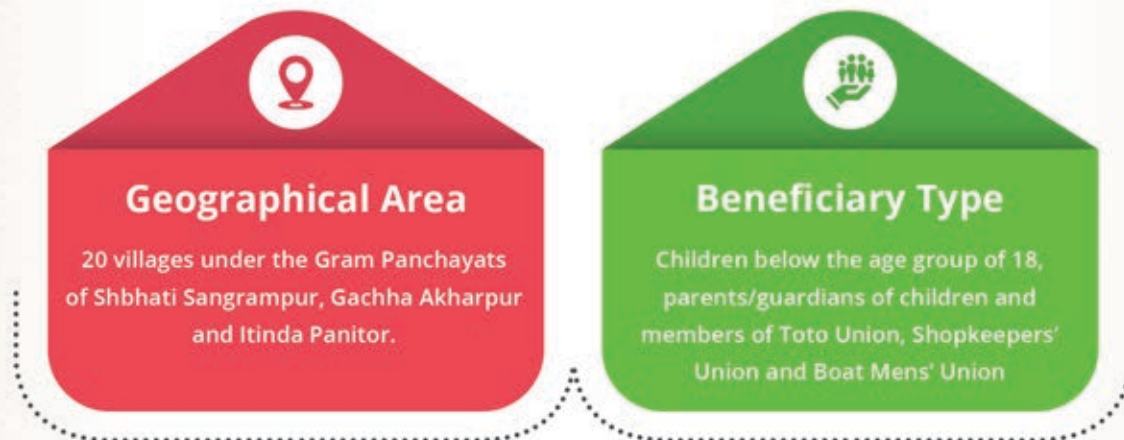
Minu Nandi (name changed), aged 11 years, was raped by her step father. Minu's mother is a sex worker at Sonagachhi. On further enquiry by her mother, Minu said that she was being sexually exploited by her step-father for the past one year. The step-father also threatened Minu to kill her if she ever spoke to anyone about these sexual incidents.

During this time, her mother reached out to the KMWSC team. KMWSC, with the support from local police station, medically examined Minu. The medical examination revealed that Minu was pregnant. A FIR was filed against Minu's step father under POCSO. The girl was being monitored by KMWSC team even during her medical check up and treatment at R G Kar Medical Hospital. The organisation accompanied Minu to give her the much required mental support when she registered her statements before a Judicial Magistrate.



# Surokhit Saishav – Promoting Safe Childhood in West Bengal

In 2019, the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre ventured out with their pilot project titled **“United for Child Protection – Protecting and Reclaiming Childhood in West Bengal”** from April on Child Rights and Child Protection in the district of North 24 Parganas,. The pilot phase covered 20 villages under 3 Gram Panchayats adjacent to the Indo-Bangladesh border of Basirhat – I Block. In October 2019, the name of the project was changed to “Surokhit Shaishav-Promoting safe childhood in West Bengal”. Since then, 21 Child Clubs have been formed having 341 members and 19 CBOs (community base organisation) of mothers’ collectively having 90 members.



**Beneficiary Count**







The project addresses the following issues in 20 villages:

- 01 Child Rights
- 02 Awareness on Child Protection issues
- 03 Child marriage & child labour
- 04 Creating Child friendly villages
- 05 Childrens' Clubs in schools and villages
- 06 Re-integration of drop-out children
- 07 Child friendly police station
- 08 Strengthening village level child protection committees, SMCs, CBOs, sensitization and awareness on human trafficking

### Threats encountered by beneficiaries during COVID-19:

- 01 Movement was banned in the villages
- 02 Staff was not allowed to move out from their houses
- 03 It was difficult to monitor all the child club members over the phone
- 04 Being restricted at home during lockdown, children became restless
- 05 Losing livelihood, starvation gradually crept into many families. Child Club members of respective villages informed our staff over the phone about families in distress





## Activities at a glance during lockdown phases

- Mask & soap distribution among Child Club members
- Awareness programme & poster campaign (COVID-19)
- Food distribution to poor families during Covid-19
- Food distribution (Jagori OBR)
- Mobile tracking of Child Club members
- Online competition in drawing, poetry and recitation
- Announcement over mikes on the prevention protocols of Covid-19

## Activities during unlock phase

- Child Club meeting was held in 20 villages
- Earth Day Network Programme was conducted in the villages, planting trees
- Awareness programmes & using posters for safety from Covid-19
- World Day against child labour was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> June
- SHG meeting was conducted for 20 village SHGs
- New Child Club formation was done post lock down
- Awareness campaign through child friendly activities were conducted on child rights
- Piggy bank established in one Child Club to help the poor children

- Village awareness through rallies and public announcements
- House repairing of 7 families affected by super cyclone Amphan
- 5 times sensitisation dialogues with the unions of auto, van, boat, toto took place on child rights and child labour
- Anganwadi meeting was conducted 15 times on Child Rights issues
- 20 times CBO meetings were conducted on child protection issues and on the mandates of members
- Advocacy with MLA was conducted along with the Child Club leaders to submit the joint demands and appeals for free and compulsory education up to class 12
- ADVOCACY with SDPO of Basirhat-1, the Child Club leaders met with SDPO, interacted and submitted joint appeals
- Interface meeting with legislative members of 3 panchayats for submitting charter of demands from the children's group.
- Networking meeting with health service providers on child rights and child protection issues
- Orientation to civic police volunteers on child rights and child protection issues, was conducted to sensitize them at Basirhat police station
- Advocacy programme with CWC along with the Child Club leaders to interact and to know about the CWC in the district
- SMC activation was done in 3 schools for better functioning
- Awareness campaigns (rallies) were conducted on ban of child labour through rallies and posters





# Success Stories

**Ratna Sarkar, aged 16 years,** is the daughter of Nakul Sarkar, a resident of Nakuadaha village of Itinda Panitore Gram Panchayat. She is studying in class 10 in Itinda Union High School. During the lockdown, on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, a phone call came to one of our CPW staff that a child marriage was taking place at midnight, in their village secretly. Our CPW team, the very next day visited their place for intervention but Ratna's family was unavailable at that time. They interacted with their neighbours and collected some information about the marriage that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> between 11pm - 12 midnight.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June, our CPW visited Ratna's house again and met their parents. They came to know that Ratna had fled from home and had got married in a temple without informing her parents. Taking advantage of the Lockdown uncertainty, and with the schools being closed, she found that her future was uncertain. She thus, decided to marry a boy whom she loved.

Our CPW had a conversation with Ratna's parents and made them aware on child marriage and its laws. The legal aspects were explained to the parents.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, our CPW went to meet the Pradhan of Itinda Panitore to take immediate action against the child marriage. The Pradhan and his members called a meeting on the same day where both the families were present to discuss the illegal marriage. After much discussion with the Pradhan and members, both the families reached a mutual understanding that until Ratna completes 18 years of age, she will stay with her family. Both the families signed an agreement to this effect, before the Panchayat.

At present, Ratna is staying with her family and she wishes to complete her class X board exams with a good percentage. She is a member of our Child Club Nakuadaha village. Our team is monitoring her weekly and motivating her to fulfill her future dreams.



# Hidden Domestic Child Labour

In our efforts to eradicate all forms of child labour from Kolkata, the organisation concentrated in and around areas of Park Circus, Dhapa, Chingrighata and Muraripukur to wean away the slum children from forced child labour and veer them gently towards education by giving them relevant inputs. With this, they were mainstreamed into formal Government schools with the hope that, that will lead them later towards opportunities for alternative livelihood in order to give them a dignified life.



## Areas of Intervention

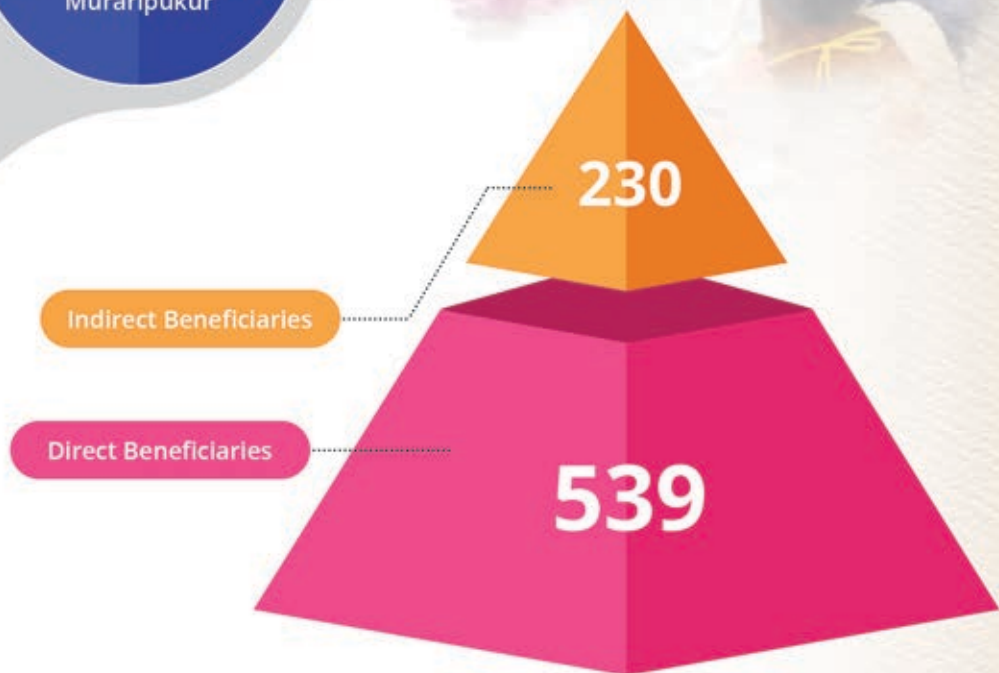
Child development & mainstreaming children into the formal education

## Geographical Location

Slums at Park Circus, Dhapa, Chingrighata and Muraripukur

## Beneficiary Type

Child labour & domestic child worker



**Number of Beneficiaries**



## ● Threats encountered owing to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 1 Most families in the slums being daily wage earners, lost their livelihood owing to the lockdown.
- 2 Domestic violence increased affecting children the most
- 3 Our Multi Activity Centres remaining closed, children were confined to their homes making them restless.
- 4 As families lost their livelihoods, they were facing starvation
- 5 The havoc created by the super cyclone Amphan further increased the miseries of the families and the slum children
- 6 Children faced the risk of being sold off, to make ends meet.

Type of activities during lock down	Type of activities post unlock
Prepared teaching-learning Materials	Survey
Prepared curriculum	Home Visit
Prepared survey format and its indicator	Life skill Training
Data entry	Sports Programme
Conversation Topic	Visit to the Alipur Zoo with WBCPCR
Parents Meeting and Peer group meeting topic	CRC Week Celebration
Relief kit Distribution	Special day Celebration







# Success Stories

*Name - Zubaida Javed*

*Age - 11 years old*

Zubaida Javed is a 11 year old girl, whose parents after coming from Bihar settled in the slums of Park Circus. Her father is a van driver. She is a child with special needs. Zubida's mother works as a domestic help in an apartment near her slum. Zubida dropped out from of school in class II. After being counselled by our MAC Teachers, Zubida's parents started sending their daughter to our MAC regularly. Right from the beginning, Zubida took keen interest in studies. Observing Zubida's interest, our teachers collected the necessary documents from the girl's parents and enrolled the girl in a Government School in Park Circus. Our teachers also helped Zubida to obtain the disability certificate from the Government and receive the disability scholarship as well.





# Thematic Area - II

## Education and Health



Barefoot Teachers Training  
Project



Brick Field School  
Project



Lotus Child-Community and  
Adult Education Programme





# Barefoot Project

The unsurpassed meaning of Barefoot is "Without Shoes".

'People only need feet to walk; shoes are a luxury', given the millions of children who need to be educated in India, a highly theoretical two-year Teachers Training Course is an unrealistic luxury.

The concept of this training is mainly focused on the practical teaching instead of learning theories. The goal of the Barefoot Teacher's Training course is to give the essential inputs through a thorough practical exposure in a relatively shorter period so that the trainees are equipped to teach in circumstances that provide the bare minimum.

This project aims to create a new generation of trained teachers from among the deprived communities in remote villages and rural areas. Along with the capacity building of the community teachers of rural Bengal, we are also reaching out to formal school teachers as well as NGO teachers of other states like Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh and across the National borders in Nepal.



## Areas of Intervention

Pan West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh etc and also in Nepal.

## Beneficiary Type

Under privileged, marginalised and dropouts



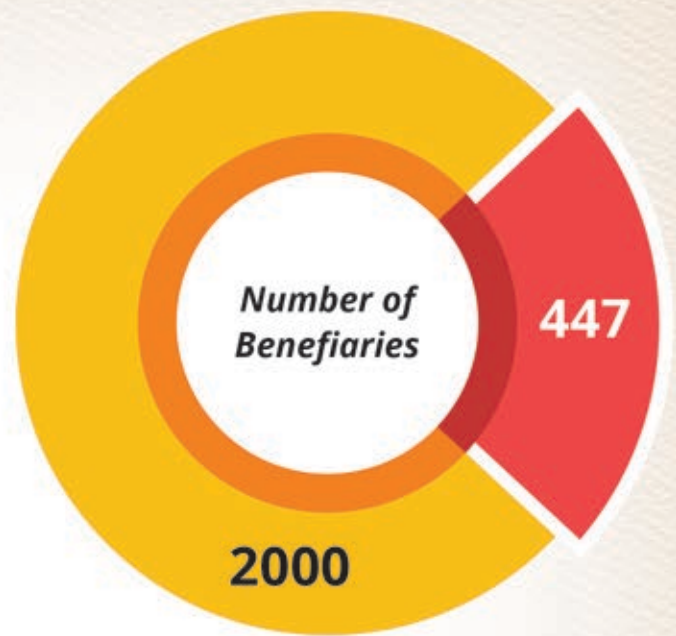


## ● Threats for beneficiaries that we came across during Covid-19:

Due to unprecedented circumstances during this Covid crisis, sometimes it became quite difficult for the resource person and the registered participants to reach the venue.

New activities from Government books were adopted: The teachers are getting adapted to the new challenges of learning from the Government school books of classes II, III and IV.

Challenge faced during the festive season: Sometimes after the Level-1 training, the teachers were keen to get the Level-II training, but teachers from different communities, occasionally found it difficult to join on the dates of the training, especially when they overlapped with the festive season.



■ Direct Beneficiaries    ■ Indirect Beneficiaries



Due to the lockdown in 2020, out station trainings were restricted

Due to the Covid- 19 fear, the training schedule was restructured keeping in mind the Covid protocols. A limited number of trainees were permitted during the training in order to maintain the physical distance between them.

As per the Government protocol for safety, the days of lockdown were decided and only then the training days were organized. Thus, the training was conducted on days when there was no lockdown.

Number of Corona patients were growing rapidly in the surrounding areas. Some community people were violating the Government COVID protocols by not wearing masks and not maintaining social distancing in busy areas.



● **Activities during lockdown and unlock phases:**

Type of activities during lock down	Type of activities post unlock
Communication with the Beneficiaries over phone	Capacity Building Level- I training
Communication with NGOs / Schools for the next training programme over phone.	Capacity Building Level- II training
Preparation of Teaching Learning materials	Monitoring visit to Chaulgola learning centre, Basirhat BFS, Akra BFS, Chingrighata MAC, Dhappa MAC, Park Circus MAC
Preparation of Language and Number worksheets (language- wise)	
Language and number development activities, outlined in the government books	
Update of Data Entries	

# Case Study

**Sampa Basak** took the 20 days' Barefoot Teachers Training. She completed Level I and Level II curriculum entirety. Before undergoing the training, she did not know how to take the teaching learning classes for children. Subsequently, after the training, she became thorough on how to take Language development and Number development classes for children. She also learnt about the uses of Teaching learning materials and aids in the class. Through this, she is now able to educate the marginalized and the slum children. She was also able to create an identity for herself as a well-established person in the society.





# Brickfield School Project

The Brickfield School Project aims to provide education to children of inter-state and intra-state migrant workers, who migrate along with their families, to brickfields of West Bengal in search of livelihood. During their stay at the brickfields, the children are deprived of educational opportunities. The project aims not only to provide education to these children at the brickfields but also to mainstream them into Government Educational institutions when they return home, termed as "source area". The project also provides basic health care and medical check-up facilities to the migrant families during their stay at the brickfields.

## Geographical locations

### 45 brickfields spread across

- Achipur under Pujali Block, District of North 24 Parganas.
- Akra, Under Maheshtala Block, District of North 24 Parganas.
- Kalyani, (Charjadubati and Majher Char) Under Chakdah-I Block of Nadia, District
- Dhaltitha under Basirhat I no. Block, District of North 24 Parganas
- Bellaghata, Under Barasat I no. Block, District of North 24 Parganas.

## Areas of Intervention

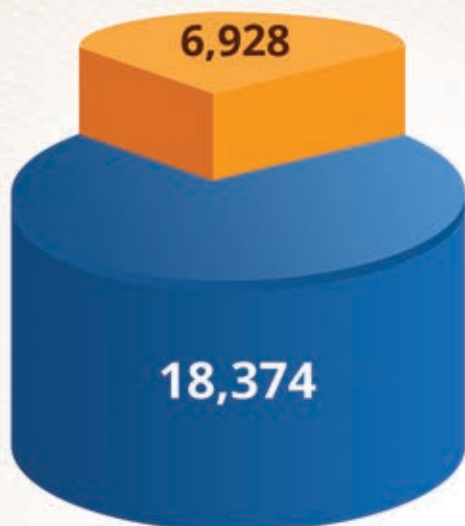
Education, Healthcare, awareness on socially relevant issues.

## Beneficiary Type

Migrant community engaged in Brickfield of West Bengal







● Direct Beneficiaries     
 ● Indirect Beneficiaries

**Number of Beneficiaries**

## ● Threats encountered during Covid-19 for Beneficiaries:

Owing to the nationwide lockdown, production in brickfields came to a halt. The migrant workers being labourers on a daily wage basis lost their means of livelihood. As transport was unavailable, the migrants could not return to their native villages and were stranded in the brickfields. Losing livelihoods starvation crept in, among the community.


Classes had to be suspended during lockdown, gatherings and movements during lockdown were prohibited, owing to which, all awareness programmes had to be cancelled.

As number of regular activities of the Brickfield School Project could not be undertaken through its usual procedure, the project team had to realign several activities and redesign them to be undertaken in a neo-normal condition.

Type of activities Post Unlock	Type of activities during lockdown
Communication with the Beneficiaries over phone	Awareness campaign During lockdown, teachers were divided into small groups. With permission from local government and authorities, door to door awareness sessions were conducted with the migrant communities and the brickfield staff.
Teachers' training (field level)	
Meetings with Brickfield Owners and Managers	Posters conveying messages about precautions to be taken and the do's and don'ts to avoid COVID infection was prepared in Hindi and Bengali. They were put up in the brickfields to spread awareness among the brickfield community
Brick field Survey	
Advocacy with health department, Government of West Bengal, for all locations	Prior to distribution of ration and survey on data collection on pregnant women and their condition during these lockdown days, the BFS community were briefed about avoiding COVID-19 infection and lifestyle adjustments through 23 community outreach activities and interactions. The brickfield owners, managers and officials were also interacted with and requested to extend their help and support towards the migrant community during the pandemic situation.
Advocacy with health department, Government of West Bengal & WHO for Vaccination of the BF's children and Pregnant mothers.	
Advocacy with a Government School (W.B)	
Teachers' interview	Covid-19 precaution training for the migrant communities, beneficiaries were given thorough inputs about hand washing procedures, usage of hand sanitizers, maintaining social distancing and other WASH components.





Type of activities Post Unlock	Type of activities during lock down
Mainstreaming of BFS children	Preparing new Teaching- learning materials by the teachers at home during the lockdown period, for all 45 centres 
Health camp	
BFS awareness programme	
Parents' meeting	
Christmas Day Celebration	
Mary Ward Day Celebration	
Republic Day Celebration	
OBR plantation in each centre.	
Monitoring visit	
Director visit	
Adolescent Group training	
External Evaluator visit.	
Emergency programme/ cases.	
Teachers capacity building training	
Strategic plan training	



# Case Studies



**Name - Ajeet Kumar Gop**

**Age - 4 years (Pujali BFS )**

Ajeet is one of our students at the Pujali Brick field school. His parents migrated to the brickfield from Chakradharpur in Jharkhand in search of livelihood as a labourer. On 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2021, during sports in school, he fell down and sustained an injury. Noticing the injury, the teachers gave Ajeet first-aid in school. On 12<sup>th</sup>, Ajeet was absent due to fever. Our teachers visited his home to enquire about his health.

After speaking to the mother and meeting Ajeet, they observed a swelling on the boy's left elbow. He was in extreme pain and also had high temperature.

The teachers immediately informed our office about the situation and after consultation, they took Ajeet to the nearest Government Health Centre without further delay. An X-ray was done at the Health Centre. The X-ray revealed that there was a fracture in the child's left elbow. Extent of the fracture being severe, immediate surgery was necessary on the affected elbow on an urgent basis. Unfortunately, the Government Hospital refused admission to the child on grounds that they were not equipped to handle such emergency cases.

Following refusal by the Health Centre to admit Ajeet, the teachers took him to a nearby private Nursing Home. There, after examining the boy, the doctor suggested to have another X-ray of the left elbow. After a thorough examination of the X-ray plate, the doctor reinforced that surgery on emergency basis is imperative. Blood test was suggested prior to the surgery. The blood sample was collected and the report was provided in the evening. The doctor advised Ajeet's admission on 13<sup>th</sup> morning and that he would perform the operation in the afternoon. Accordingly, Ajeet was admitted in the Nursing Home. The surgery began at 1:30 p.m. and lasted for a little over 90 minutes. The child's parents, Project Coordinator of BFS Project along with teachers and other staff were present at the Nursing Home at the time of surgery. Around 3:30 p.m. Ajeet was transferred to the general ward from the Operation Theatre.

Under the advice of the doctor, Ajeet was kept under observation at the general ward for 2 days. As there were no complications, the boy was discharged from the Nursing Home after 2 days. Ajeet needed to be brought in to the nursing home after 2 weeks for further examination and dressing. The healing was on expected lines.





## Candle light Baby Birth

We have heard about Candle Light Dinners but for the first time we experienced candle light baby birth in a brickfield at South 24 Parganas of West Bengal. Mrs. Roshni is one of the migrant labourers working in Durga brickfield. She came to the Brickfield with 3 kids, husband and father in law. She works as a Rezarar (Brick framing) along with her family. When she migrated from Nawada she was 7.5 months pregnant.

On 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2021, we received a phone call from one of the Brickfield leading teachers that one pregnant woman was in labour pain and intervention was necessary. All 3 leading teachers reached Durga BFS around 5'o'clock in the morning. The Project Coordinator also joined the team. We were shocked to see the condition of the house; there was no electricity. The torch of one mobile scarcely lit up the room. There was no other alternative. We switched on our mobile phone lights and to procure some candles.

During the first one hour, we tried our best to convince the pregnant woman's family and Brickfield Munsu to admit Mrs. Roshni to the hospital for the delivery. No one agreed. The Munsu opined that during these pandemic times, taking her to a hospital for delivery meant exposing her to the virus. He expressed his reservations by emphasising that should such an eventuality occur with her contracting Covid and she returns back here, then who would look after her and one family. He was anxious to know who would shoulder the responsibility of treatment or if she had a caesarean baby then who would take care of the baby.

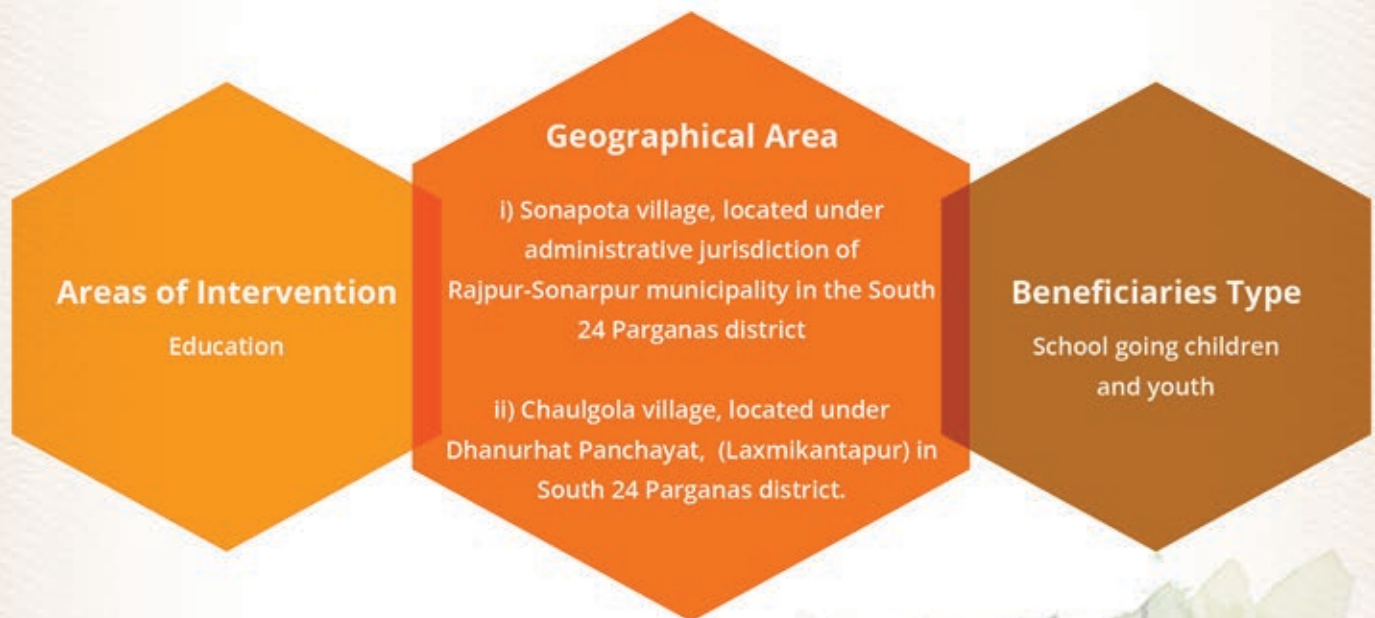


He wondered aloud how she would complete her assigned work..." The apprehensions were endless. No solution could be arrived at. The pregnant woman's condition started deteriorating. We took instant decision to call for the local doctor around 6.30 am. Upon arriving, the doctor gave an injection for pain and around 7:51 a.m. the mother gave birth to a baby boy. As good luck would have it, the delivery was normal without requiring any surgical intervention. The mother and new born baby, both were in good health, and out of danger. KMWSC provided all Medical and nutritional food support to the lactating mother and child.

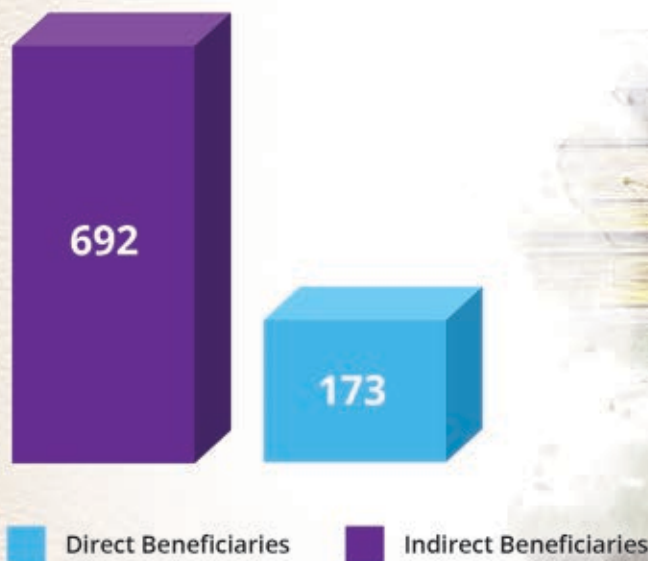


# Lotus Child Project

With a desire to bridge the gap between poverty and education, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has been implementing a community and adult education programme in two remote villages of West Bengal which consists of remedial coaching for school going children, basic healthcare for children and community people, community awareness & sensitisation on child rights, child labour, child marriage & child trafficking.



## Number of Beneficiaries





## ● Threats for beneficiaries: we came across during Covid-19

Already under threat from rising cases of Covid-19, lives and livelihoods in some of West Bengal's most economically disadvantaged regions became even more uncertain with the arrival of the super cyclone Amphan. With Covid-19 delaying farming and halting the labourers' daily wage for more than three months in a row, the cyclone destroyed their homes and livelihoods, putting them under extreme hardship. It will take them years to come to terms with this loss.

### Activities undertaken during lockdown phase

- Monitoring students over phone
- Set model question paper for students
- Making of Teaching Learning Materials

### Activities undertaken during unlock phase

- Sanitisation and safety Kits Distribution
- Distribution of Teaching learning materials
- Peer group meeting
- Temperature checking of students using thermal guns
- Data Collection and compilation
- Repairing of centres post -Amphan
- Mother group meeting





# Thematic Area - III

## Community and Skill Development



Lodha Community  
Project



Skill Development  
Project



Solar light and Community  
Empowerment Project





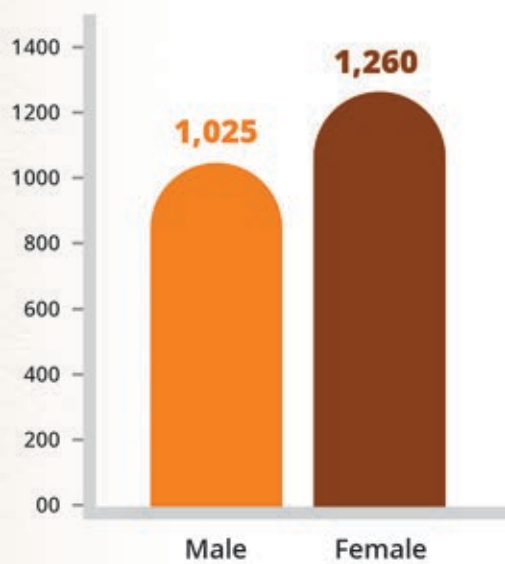
# Lodha Community Project

Lodhas are a backward tribal community living a nomadic life. Members belonging to this tribal community are considered to be untouchables by the wealthy upper caste. Driven by the passion for empowering and social inclusion of this nomadic tribe through education, awareness and sensitisation on health, hygiene and alternative livelihood programmes, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre has been trying to build a sustainable development of this community since 2014.

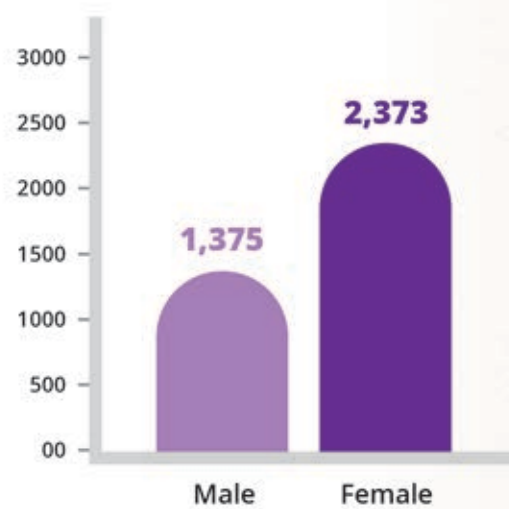
The Lodha community lives in the remote village of Radhakrishnapur under Rudranagar Gram Panchayat of Sagar Block in Kakdip Sub Division of the Sundarban area. The block is situated at the confluence of the river Ganga and the Bay of Bengal. Road connectivity inside the village has not improved much over the years.

Being a river-centric village, it suffers from natural calamities and excessive rainfall. It takes about 8 hours to reach the place from the Sealdah Railway station. The journey may be started either by bus or by train followed by boarding a small transport vehicle connecting the railway station or the bus stand to the river. A passenger ferry service is available to cross the river, once again followed by a 30 minutes ride on a small transport vehicle to reach the project location. At present, there are 25 Lodha families in the community. Through our interventions, almost every member of this community have received their legal documents and identity cards. 15 children from the Lodha families have been admitted to a hostel at Patharprotima Island for their further studies.

**Beneficiaries Type:** Students, Lodha, poor farmers, Amphan affected families.



**Direct Beneficiaries**



**Indirect Beneficiaries**



## ● Threats we came across during covid-19 for beneficiaries:

- Movement was not allowed in the villages owing to lockdown
- Monitoring was done through phone calls.
- It was difficult to do home visits.
- Families lost means of earnings which lead to starvation during lock down.
- Mass awareness could not be conducted as gatherings were prohibited.
- Super cyclone Amphan destroyed houses which had to be rebuilt.

After Super cyclone Amphan, 10 houses have been rebuilt, 15 houses have been repaired, while 15 toilets were constructed, 11 old toilets were repaired, 12 washing enclosures had water taps installed.





## ● Activities at a glance during lockdown and unlock phases

### Type of activities during lock down

- Health Camps were conducted 9 times during the lockdown ,avoiding any gatherings.
- Community Meetings were held 3 times to discuss the activities during the lockdown.
- Parent's meetings were conducted 4 times with the Covid-19 protocols to sensitize them about the pandemic
- Panchayat meetings were conducted 2 times to help the poor starving families.
- Home visits done to identify the pandemic affected families.
- Awareness camps on the benefits of the Government Schemes which could be availed during lock down, conducted 2 times at the centre.
- An awareness programme on health and hygiene was conducted 2 times.
- Covid- 19 relief distribution to poor families including 25 Lodha families.
- TLM, Corona kits mask, hand wash, sanitizer distribution to the children and adults undertaken once.
- On the ease of lock down Independence Day was celebrated at the centre.
- Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti was observed after the ease of lock down restriction.
- Home Visits to Lodha para during lock down.

### Type of activities post unlock

- Health Camp was conducted 6 times in the post lock down period.
- Community Meetings were conducted 2 times with adequate medical supplies.
- Parents meeting was conducted once to get feedback from the parents.
- Panchayat meetings were conducted 2 times to let the members know the work done in the Lodha families.
- Home visits conducted for 560 families after the cyclone.
- Awareness camps conducted on Government Schemes 4 times in the community.
- An awareness programme on child rights was conducted 4 times.
- Amphan relief kit distribution to the cyclone affected families.
- TLM, Corona kits mask, hand wash, soap distribution to the children and parents.
- Annual Sports was conducted in the month of December 2020 for all the children of the centre.
- Legal entitlement- Voter cards, Adhar cards, PAN cards, bank accounts.
- Admission of children in the Lodha centre.
- Tutorial Learning support was given to 132 children in this cycle.
- Celebration of Swami Vivekananda Birth Day was observed at the centre.
- Celebration of Republic Day was organized at the centre for children and parents.
- Awareness Programme on Child Rights was conducted 2 times for 104 children.
- Child club Meeting was conducted 2 times at the centre.
- Women's Day was Celebrated along with One Billion Rising on 8th of March 2021.



# Case Study of a Lodha Mother

**Kokila Mallik** Kokila Mallik is 32 years old. Her husband's name was (Late) Dhibar Mallik. Her only son named Bidhan Mallik is 12 years old. With the help of the teachers, he got admitted in class III at Patharpratima Adibasi FP School. This two member Scheduled Tribe family with hardly Rs 2000/- as monthly income belonged to the Lodha Community. The main occupation is catching crabs in the river.

Due to lack of funds, her husband could not get good treatment. The economic downturn of the family worsened as a result of the lockdown. They were not helped by neighbours or society even in times of danger and need. The duo had no legal documents like the Voter Id or Adhaar Card. Infact, they had no idea about the importance or necessity of these documents.

One day at an Awareness camp held on the Rights to legal entitlements, at the Lodha Community Project, Kokila expressed her dismay at not getting any opportunity or receiving any endowments from the Government. Despite informing the Panchayat more than once, there was no solution to the problems. As time passed by, she felt that saving was the most important step.



Society views her family differently for being a part of the Lodha Community. With anguish, it is observed that even today, in the civilized world, the uncivilized people of the so-called 'civilized civilization' still maintain the same distance with indigenous communities. She finally received her Aadhaar, Pan and Voter card from BDO office with the help of the teachers. It was a great challenge to procure the documents. This was a herculean task because, it was very difficult to get information as her family had no hereditary identity proof.

Kokila after receiving the document opened a saving account in the bank. She also receives the house scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana after opening the bank account. She said "My family did not have any legal documents. I will always be grateful to KMWSC for procuring my bank account and to get the Prime Minister's house scheme."



# Skill Development Project

Objective of this project is to empower youths and women from underprivileged families by providing sectoral skill development training to make them employable. Presently Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre provides skill development training on Tailoring, Beautician and Computer Fundamentals. Modules of training are designed keeping industry requirements in mind. A well-balanced theory and practical sessions using state of the art modern equipment prepares the trainees according to requirements of the industry.

## Sectors of Intervention

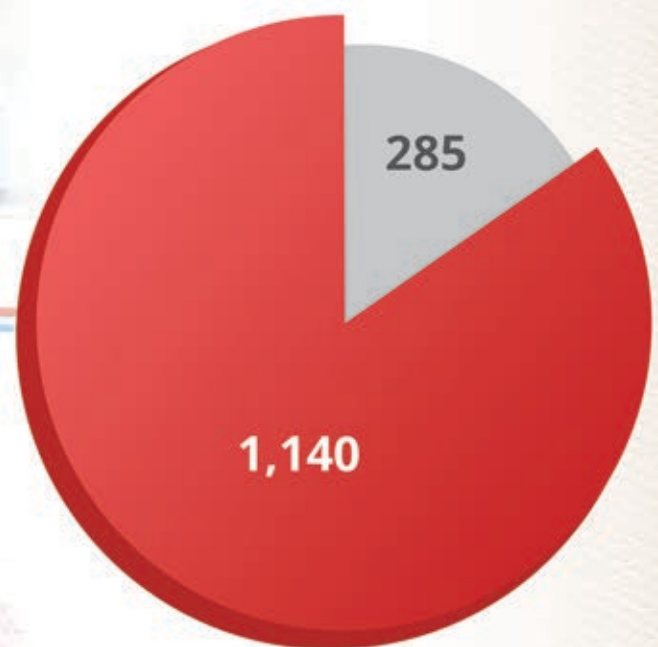
Tailoring, Beautician and Computer Fundamentals

## Geographical location

Kolkata

## Beneficiary Type

Adolescent, youth and women



Direct Beneficiaries

Indirect Beneficiaries

**Number of Beneficiaries**





## ● Threats for beneficiaries, we came across during Covid-19:

Already under threat from rising cases of Covid-19, lives and livelihoods in some of West Bengal's most economically disadvantaged regions were endangered. The super cyclone Amphan made things even worse. While COVID snatched the livelihood of daily wage earners, Amphan destroyed their homes and took away their hopes, possibly for years to come.

### Activities at a glance during lockdown phase

- **Work from home:** Though field level activities remained suspended, there were several other work which had to be completed. Thus, the Skill Development team had to work from home through the months of April and May. The team coordinated amongst themselves on a regular basis, to formulate a work plan, delegation, and its execution
- **Awareness and sensitization on Corona virus:** Every week, a Corona virus awareness and update session was conducted with beneficiaries where information on the status on corona virus- pandemic, threats and precautions were shared
- **Awareness and sensitization on Amphan Cyclone:** Every week an awareness and update session was conducted with beneficiaries where information on the status of the cyclone, the destruction effects and relief measures were shared
- **Special Session:** A special session was conducted over the phone with beneficiaries on how to prevent and monitor domestic abuse and child abuse during the lockdown
- **Tutorials on course:** Tutorial videos on the curriculum of Spoken English, Computer, Beautician and Tailoring courses were made by the staff with their mobile phones and were circulated to the students. The queries of the beneficiaries were virtually attended at group and one-to-one level meets.





- **Online classes:** Online classes through conference call app, on Tailoring, Spoken English, Computer and Beautician classes were initiated to engage the beneficiaries with learning and to continue with their respective courses. It was followed by question and answer session. Discussions were held via video conference on the hands-on sessions.
- **Tutorials on mask making:** The beneficiaries were taught to make washable and reusable masks through online tutorials to meet the needs of their own self hygiene and protection in the current scenario. The staff made 170 masks to distribute in the community
- **Data entry of the food distribution details:** Data entry was done for food distribution .17 neediest beneficiaries belonging to the daily wage earners who were unable to get any work and were on the brink of starvation came under this category.
- **Set new examination paper:** The Skill Development Teachers set new and updated question papers for the new batch
- **Update curriculum:** The curriculum for beautician, tailoring, spoken English and computer were drafted by the respective teachers.
- **SKD brochure:** Skill Development Project brochure was framed to disseminate information about the project among funding agencies, different stakeholders and well wishers
- **Sanitization:** Sanitizing reduces the growth of viruses. To protect the students and staff from COVID 19, the units were sanitized by the authorized third party agency. Set of washable hand gloves, mask and personal sanitizer bottles were given to each teachers and beneficiaries for the hygiene and safely measures
- **Distribution of Sanitary napkins:** The end product of the sanitary napkin unit, that is ,sanitary pads were packed and distributed to the marginalized students and adolescent girls of our project area.





## Activities during unlock phases

- Collaboration of Beautician unit with Glammour Spa & Salon
- Recruitment of Fashion Designer for the new Fashion Design course
- Collaboration of Beautician unit with Glammour Spa & Salon
- New Syllabus for Fashion Designing Course
- Handcrafting Bags and Masks
- Launching New Bakery Products
- Orientation of Beautician, Computer, Tailoring and Bakery Students
- Closing of SKD unit at Canning Centre
- Certification of Students
- Recruitment of Computer Teacher
- Enhance SKD Student engagements. Extracurricular warm up activities promote student engagement and develop their aptitude skills.
- Yoga session conducted before the classes. It was designed to boost up the motivational level of the students.
- Breathing exercises and meditation in the beautician course designed to encourage relaxation and reduce stress of the students.
- SKD students appeared for mid-term exams under KMWSC skill development project within the campus. The students from the various courses offered by KMWSC were set to appear for their assessment grades, in the open courtyard.

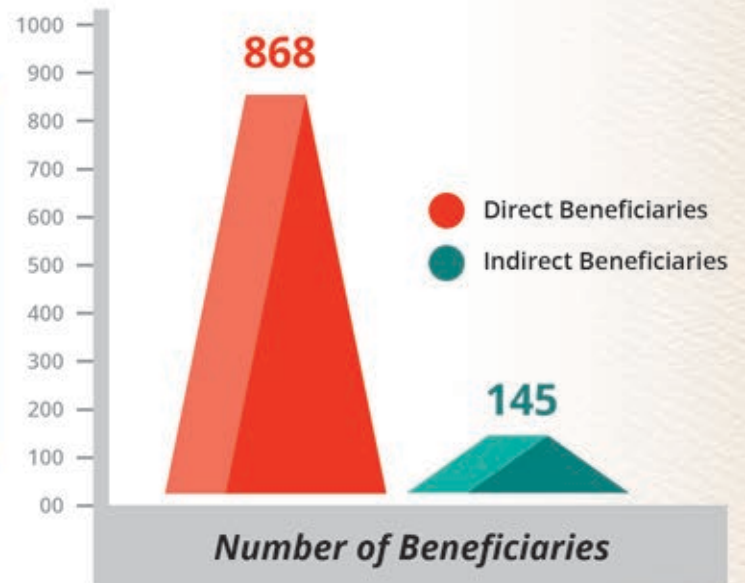




# Solar light and community empowerment project

With the availability of Solar Energy, the Solar Project commenced in 2014 in Manmathnagar, Gosaba, Sundarban. This venture started in villages where houses were not connected with electricity. Since then, the project spread to many villages. Gosaba is one of the main deltaic islands in the Sundarban region in the district of South 24 Parganas. It is the last inhabited island ending in the Sundarban reserve area - the world's famous forest. Manmathanagar is one of the remote villages in Gosaba block having a population of 20,000. The entire region is topographically remote and largely isolated. Electricity is yet to reach every house in the village. The remoteness of the area is amply understood by the fact that the entire Manmathanagar village has no pucca or metalled road, no proper transport system except pedal van; the villages are connected with unpaved and unmetalled roads. During the rainy season it is highly risky to commute. These villages are cut off from the main land. The families, children, women and elderly people are deprived of basic needs and rely completely on nature's bounty and on the Almighty.

- **Project Name:** Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Project.
- **Geographical location:** Gosaba Block, South 24 Parganas
- **Number of villages:** 4
- **Name of village:** Palpur, Mahato para, Manmathanagar, Chandipur.
- **Beneficiaries' type:** Village Community people





## ● Threats faced during Covid-19 for beneficiaries:

- Several activities came to a halt as movement was banned in the villages.
- The fear of getting infected by Covid-19 virus caused panic among many families.
- All large gatherings were prohibited.
- The staff found it difficult to travel by public transport especially by boat.
- The poor families were forsaken by the administration.
- Loss of livelihood, especially among daily wage earners brought them to the verge of starvation.
- The super cyclone destroyed many houses.



## ● Activities at a glance during lockdown and the unlock phases:

Type of activities During lockdown	Type of activities Post unlock phase
Home visits continued even after lockdown once a month, to ensure the wellbeing of the families.	Every month home visits were done, even after the lockdown, to ensure the well being of the families.
S.H.G .visit was done to get help in identifying families in the village who were on the verge of starvation.	S.H.G. visit was helpful in identifying the families who were not on the list prepared by the Government.
Ashakarmi visit was conducted with 11 members to resolve some health issues and to procure medicines for the patients.	Ashakarmi visit to render medical aid to the families who were suffering.
G.P Pradhan meeting was held to initiate dialogue with poor families in order to help them get ration from the Panchayat.	G.P. Pradhan meeting was conducted to ensure that the benefits were received by the families who were not on the list of Government.
Area member meeting was arranged to discuss how the poor families could be helped during lockdown.	Area panchayat meeting was held to evaluate the help given by KMWSC.
Awareness programme was conducted to sensitize the parents and elderly regarding the protocols of Covid-19.	Awareness programme was helpful to be aware of Covid protocols and prevention.
Solar lantern distribution to the cyclone affected families.	Solar lanterns were distributed to the cyclone affected families even after the lockdown and cyclone.
Rebuilding of houses which were destroyed by the super cyclone.	Rebuilding of houses destroyed by the cyclone.



# Case History

(Name Changed)

**Rashmi** and **Shital** are two sisters aged 10 and 12 years respectively. Both parents work as daily labourers on others' farms. Since the lockdown, work had stopped and it was often difficult to even feed the family. With this, they have now started fishing and selling the catch in the market. While Rashmi studies in class 4, her younger sister is in class 2. Not having electricity at home means they play the whole evening and go to bed as using the kerosene lamp to study is not an option.

The solar project identified them and provided them with solar lamps which came as a blessing for them. Now their mother can cook without any trouble and the children are now able to study.





# Capacity Development of KMWSC staff:

Capacity building and training holds a very important role in the organization. The man power resource is the wealth of any organization be it in corporate, government organizations, NGOs and INGOs. KMWSC has conducted multiple training and workshops to build the potential of each staff in the organization. KMWSC has also given opportunities to the staff to participate in the trainings and workshops to enhance the abilities one inherits as an individual.

**The following trainings were conducted to upgrade the capacities:**

- ▶ Covid 19 SOP, protocol and guidelines at the outbreak of pandemic.
- ▶ Covid 19 and social threats
- ▶ Life skill training
- ▶ Accounts and audit orientation
- ▶ Staff evaluation
- ▶ Project Resilience at the ground level
- ▶ Teachers' training programme
- ▶ Anti-Human Trafficking orientation
- ▶ Session on Child Parliament in collaboration with PRATYEK, Nineismine Delhi.
- ▶ Distance monitoring and evaluation programme
- ▶ Virtual Audit
- ▶ Participation in Zoom and virtual meetings and programmes
- ▶ Online workshop 5 times on FCRA to understand the
- ▶ New amendment and regulations for NGOs and social sectors.





# Celebration of Special Days



## KMWSC celebrates 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day:

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020, the Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at its head office in Kolkata and several project locations spread across the state of West Bengal.

At the head office in Kolkata, the Director Sr. Monica unfurled the Indian tri-colour followed by singing the National Anthem by staff and beneficiaries of the Skill Development project. At Muraripukur, the day was celebrated by children of the Multiactivity Centre (MAC) and the staff of the Hidden Domestic Child Labour project. Following the hoisting of the Indian National flag and singing of the National Anthem, children of the MAC put up a spectacular traditional group dance performance taught to them by their teachers. A few children also sang solo and some recited poems from their textbooks. The children were dressed in beautiful traditional Indian attire. At Sonapota in South 24 Parganas, celebrations began with hoisting of the Indian tri-colour and singing of the National Anthem by the children of the Lotus Child Project and teachers of the KMWSC community centre. Here also, the children put up a dance performance taught to them by their teachers. At every location, cakes and muffins prepared by the KMWSC Bakery and fruit juice were distributed among the children, teachers and staff of the Organisation.





## World Day Against Trafficking in Person | 30th July

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre always encourage people to express their solidarity with victims of human trafficking. On the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Person, our Anti Human Trafficking project staff at Canning along with members of the Adolescent Girls Group (AGG), demonstrated with a silent protest in collaboration with Canning Women Police Station and the B.D.O. office. They were also joined by the staff from different projects holding posters to raise awareness against human trafficking.

Back in Kolkata, at our Head Office, the Director and staff pledged to continue their battle against Human Trafficking. They stood beside the survivors of human trafficking from trafficking hotspots like Canning and Diamond Harbour in South 24 Parganas. The Sisters of Loreto Entally also joined the office team in their silent protest to express their solidarity in order to stop the crime through sensitisation, awareness, protection and prevention. Elderly sisters from the adjoining Loreto Residence also joined hands to express their support towards the cause of fighting Human Trafficking.



### Reopening of the Café & Bakery:

The KMWSC Bakery had to be closed following the lockdown. Furthermore, a devastating fire arising from an electrical short circuit destroyed the bakery and café. After an intense repairing and restoration work, the Café and the Bakery was once again opened on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020. A small function was organised to mark this special day on our calendar. Our Director Sr. Monica Suchiang presided over the blessing prayer. Sr. Alma Lakra, Bakery & Café staff, staff of the SKD team and entire office staff of the Organisation were present for the occasion. The blessing concluded with high tea and refreshments prepared by the staff of the bakery.







## Appreciation Day | 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Felicitation to Staff at all project levels for their constant and strong support in reaching out to those affected by the twin crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic amidst lockdown and the Cyclone affected families**

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 staff 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 and appreciated all the staff for their continuous support in reaching out to the Covid-19 and Cyclone affected families at this crucial convergence of the lockdown and pandemic. The team made a significant and successful contribution towards the mission of the organisation as they worked diligently throughout the lockdown, being the frontline Covid warriors for serving the beneficiaries and the community through their service and acts of love.





## Sharing Day | 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

One way to promote a culture of teamwork is to foster social bonds and friendships in the office. This bond is best achieved through a spirit of sharing. To accomplish this, the staff from SKD, HDCL and Redlight projects along with the office staff celebrated Sharing Day by contributing towards "Potluck Lunch". Director of KMWSC Sr. Monica Suchiang led the KMWSC family in a short thanksgiving prayer before the meal, thanking God for the opportunity to share home-cooked nutritious lunch. She also prayed for the wellbeing of all our beneficiaries and well-wishers during the pandemic and festive season.

## Cake Mixing Ceremony | 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

At KMWSC, we always begin new ventures in a ceremonious way. December is the season for baking Christmas cakes. A proper and thorough mixing of the batter makes the cake perfect. To ceremoniously mark the beginning of the baking season, KMWSC observed Cake Mixing Day on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. Such an event not only adds joy and fun in our daily mundane routine but also brings people together in fun and frolic surrounding to bake one of our favourite delicacies.

The KMWSC staff booked all precautionary safety measures while mixing the dry fruits with rum for the Christmas cakes. It is the joyous cake mixing ceremony that heralds the Christmas season at KMWSC. It was indeed a moment of joy and togetherness for all the KMWSC staff. More than 15 varieties of fresh and dried fruits including dates, grapes, figs, cherries, papaya and nuts like cashews, almonds and pistachios were added to make the Christmas cakes rich and delicious. Besides, spices like dried ginger, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon too were added to give the cake its quintessential aroma. The fruits and nuts were soaked in rum, wine, and fruit juices and stored in airtight containers. These fermented fruits and nuts were later added into the batter and baked to perfection during baking of cakes.







# Christmas Celebration at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre





## Children's Day Celebrations | 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020

On 14<sup>th</sup> November, KMWSC celebrated Children's Day with children from our different project areas. The day is celebrated to mark the birthday of our first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. For children living in slums, this day provides them an opportunity to escape from their daily harsh routine which has snatched their childhood.

Children gathered on that day to celebrate the occasion through songs and dances. A drawing competition was also held where children were asked to draw pictures depicting the work of KMWSC, especially works for the protection of rights of the girl child. To encourage participation, all children who participated in this drawing activity were given a memento as a prize. At the end, sweets were distributed among the children.



### Rising Gardens

In its solidarity with the global movement of "One Billion Rising", KMWSC observed the day in a special way. This year's theme for One Billion Rising was "Rising Gardens". To show the organisation's support towards the theme, saplings were planted in different project locations. These locations included the MAC at Dhapa, Sonagachi, Koijhuri, Basirhat, Chaulgola, Diamond Harbour, Community centre at Lodhapara, in Sagar Island and the brickfields at Akra and Pujali.





## Mary Ward Day | Remembering our roots

Birthday of our Foundress Mary Ward was celebrated at different project locations throughout the State. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2021, at the model centre in Akra brickfield, children garlanded the picture of Mary Ward. Teachers of the Model Centre spoke about the work of Mary Ward and the hardships she endured in her mission. Children of the other brickfield schools celebrated the day by garlanding the picture of Mary Ward. Along with celebrating Mary Ward's birthday, the children of both the places observed the birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the great freedom fighter of India, which also falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The children also sang patriotic songs to commemorate the day. The children of other project areas celebrated the day with prayer and remembering the work of Mary Ward.



## Swarasati Puja celebrated at the Model Centre in Akra:

According to Hindu religious beliefs, Goddess Swarasati is considered to be the Goddess of learning. This year, children of the Model Centre in Akra brickfield celebrated Swarasati Puja on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The children, led by their teachers decorated the centre with flowers. An idol of the Goddess was also placed for worship in true traditional Hindu way. After the pujas were performed, sweets were distributed among the children and teachers of the Model Centre.



## Farewell Sr. Marilla and Sr. Tina

Some people on earth always inspire others to live and strive for the best way of living life happily. Sr. Marilla D'Souza, former Principal of Loreto Elliot Road and Sr. Tina Farias the superior of the Loreto Entally community, are one of persons. Over the years, they have always extended their support to KMWSC whenever it was needed. We never had to ask for their support, it was always a voluntary act after serving so many years in the Loreto Congregation in different capacities, Sr. Marila D'Souza retired in March 2021. As our tribute towards Sr. Marila D'Souza, the entire KMWSC family gathered together led by our

Director Sr. Monica to felicitate her and share with her the cherished memories. The staff presented a small memento to Sr. Marilla containing a collage of the pictures of her association with various projects and activities of KMWSC. Sr. Marila thanked KMWSC for the memento and said she will always cherish her memories through the collage. The farewell get together ended with a fellowship lunch. We will always remember Sr. Marilla's dynamism, thoughtfulness, love and caring. We thank her for inspiring us to be better human beings.

The entire KMWSC team had come together in the Bakery to bid good bye to Sr. Tina Farias adieu as she was leaving for her new place Ranchi Sr. Monica and the entire team thanked Sr. Tina Farias for all the support and help to KMWSC. The farewell fellowship ended with a grand lunch prepared at the KMWSC bakery.

We wish them joyful days and good health for years to come.







## Birthday celebration of staff in office

At KMWSC, a staff is not just an employee of the Organisation but a precious member of the KMWSC family. Once every month, a special prayer is dedicated to every person whose birthday falls in that month followed by ceremonious cutting of the cake and sharing it with everyone present.

## St. Patrick's Day

KMWSC celebrated St. Patrick's Day along with the elderly sisters staying at the Loreto Residency Entally. The sisters were warmly ushered in the Cafeteria where they were greeted by a welcoming note thanking them for their selfless service as Nuns of Loreto Congregation. After a short prayer, KMWSC was honoured to serve lunch to the elderly sisters.

After lunch Mr. Christopher Lobo put up a spectacular foot tapping singing performance on the occasion. It was a day filled with joy and merriment at their old age.





## One Billion Rising Movement 2021

### Theme: Best practices to strengthen the prevention process of Human Trafficking

This year, it was our 7<sup>th</sup> OBR, but due to this on- going Covid pandemic, the organisation decided to host the OBR on a virtual platform and called upon everyone around to RISE in honour and celebrated with women workers and created a platform to grow RISING GARDENS. The theme for 2021 One Billion was "Rising Gardens". To make a garden grow is to Love and also to keep a community alive, is to Love. '2021: RISING GARDENS' is a defiant creative call for revival, restoration and transformation. They are, in many ways, a compassionate call for justice - because one of the greatest injustices of our time has been the destruction and eradication of Mother Earth, parallel to the ongoing and escalating gender-based violence. We cannot keep the ongoing extraction of women's labour and earth's produce, with no gratitude to both. We must honour and protect the Earth and women in order for any future life to exist.

This virtual mass movement was conducted by the Director along with the KMWSC team in the presence of the Provincial leader and President of KMWSC and her council members along with the guest of honor of the webinar Mr. Nick Low The British Deputy Commissioner to Kolkata, the keynote speaker Ms. Sonam Kalra- Sufi Singer, composer, activist and the founder of The Sufi Great Gospel project.





# Imprints

## Bravery Award - We are proud of two of our project children the award recipient

Smt. Ananya Chakraborti, Honb'le Chairperson of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) on 20th of November 2020 at Rabindra Sadan felicitated Parvez Sawan Hossain from Basirhat Block 1 with the Bravery award 2020 of Birpurush title for being a Good Samaritan and helping Child club leader. He took the courageous steps to help his fellow friends by contributing towards the development of his community. Infact, it is for him that recognition came to his community. Laxmi Biswas from Canning, South 24 Parganas was also awarded with the Birangana Bravery award 2020 on the occasion of International Child Rights Day held at Kolkata, for stopping a child marriage and rescuing her friend in the said area.



## VOTE FOR CHILDREN – VOTE FOR PROGRESS CHILDREN'S MANIFESTO FOR WEST BENGAL ELECTIONS- 2021

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre in association with CACL wanted to give a hearing to the aspiring voices and to be able to express the wishes of children from across fourteen districts of West Bengal were collected through a pre-designed and uniform participatory process by Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL), West Bengal chapter to enhance awareness of both the electors and candidates of forthcoming Assembly Election of the state of West Bengal in 2021 about the issues and needs from the aspect and angle of the children.







## KMWSC Café and Bakery initiatives: At your Service - Catering Small Gatherings or to hang out

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre offers sanitized rooms with all the facilities for conference meetings, workshops, trainings, capacity building sessions, small gatherings and offering catering services for these gatherings and parties, maintaining all safety protocols. Good ambience, tasty affordable food, hygienic, sanitized environment-all adding up to support the social enterprise.





## Celebration of 7<sup>th</sup> year of functioning of KMWSC

When KMWSC first moved forward with functioning of its projects it started with a very small setup and gradually with the support from its funders, well-wishers friends and the staff, the organization is proud to say we have expanded not just with our way of functioning but also with our set-up to have a better accountability, transparency and sustainability to our stakeholders. This year the KMWSC office team shifted to its new office on the same campus. The office is designed to be more staff friendly, with proper space for documents storage, record keeping. Thus during Covid-19 crisis, this set-up, was made a functional office with proper social distancing norms.





# Advocacy and Networking

This year, KMWSC had done most of its work in 2 modes that is physical advocacy with networking approach and virtual advocacy coupled with networking approach due to the safety measures. Thus, many meetings were conducted virtually or over phones with the stakeholders and staff at all project levels during this. KMWSC continued with advocacy and networking for all its projects keeping up with the safety precautions for Covid-19.

## April 2020

- Meeting with Ward Councillor of Ward No. 56 to provide milk packets to the beneficiaries.
- Distribution of Corona relief kits to Rainbow homes in collaboration with Caritas India.
- Distribution of essential commodities to the sex workers in collaboration with ITC Kolkata Branch.
- Meeting with Kotak Bank official for opening online banking for FCRA account.
- Caritas India started a new initiative towards fighting the Corona Virus pandemic with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre.
- Meeting with the Ward councillor of Ward No. 32 to provide Corona relief kits to the beneficiaries.
- Attended online webinar conference on 50th anniversary of Earth Day, Climate Desk (ECOSIDE) of Caritas India, in partnership with Earth Day Network to observe Earth Day.
- Attended an interactive session with FCRA health department at Delhi.
- Attended virtual meeting with Wish Tree, India Cares Foundation.
- Attended the first virtual meeting for the core team members of CACL on the topic on migrant labour and Response to Covid 19 situation.
- Attended virtual meeting and discussion with SPAN.

## May 2020

- In partnership with Waste Management Society, AHT team distributed food relief packets to AGG in Canning Block 1.
- Attended a virtual meeting with CACL core team members regarding building understanding on the protection of vulnerable children particularly child labour among this economic and social crisis caused by COVID 19 pandemic.





- Attended a zoom virtual conference meeting, first webinar on "Issues and challenges to rights of children at the time of COVID-19".
- Attended a webinar on the topic Cyber Crime conducted by Cyber Peace Foundation.
- Meeting with Ward Councillor of Ward No. 05 of Sonapota.
- Attended WBCPCR meeting over zoom virtual call on impact of increased online activity of children.
- Attended Jagori, the online webinar on the impact of Covid-19 on Women and their Human Rights: Voices from South Asia.
- Attended a webinar organized by Caritas India on SDGs for rights of children during lockdown.
- In collaboration with Jagori Rural, OBR India distributed Adolescent boys and girls of child clubs in 20 villages the food relief kits.
- Attended a virtual orientation meeting on Rapid Assessment organised by CACL West Bengal.

## June 2020

- Attended a webinar with other partners of Caritas India on a monthly review of the project activities during lockdown.
- In collaboration with Indigo Airlines donation of dry food towards Cyclone relief.
- In collaboration with Sr. Marilla D'Souza, Principal of Loreto Elliot Road School for donation of utensils, clothes and dry food packets towards the Cyclone Relief.
- In collaboration with Albanis School for the distribution of cyclone relief materials to our beneficiaries.
- Meeting with Government officials at Canning on the updates of the Anti- Human Trafficking project.
- Meeting with the new General IC at Diamond Harbour on the updates of the Anti- Human Trafficking project.
- Meeting with Block Development Officer of Diamond Harbour on the updates of the Anti- Human Trafficking project.
- Meeting with Childline officials on updates on the trafficking at Diamond Harbour.
- Meeting with the MLA of Sagar Island for food distribution among the Lodha community during the pandemic due to the Covid- 19.
- Meeting with the Block Development Officer of Rudranagar Gram Panchayat for Corona relief distribution.



## July 2020

- Attended a webinar with Caritas India, an orientation on new report format of BMZ.
- Meeting with the club members of 5 MAC centres namely- Chingrighata, Muraripukur, Kolkata Station, Park circus and Matijheel.
- Attended a meeting with Sanlaap for Redlight advocacy.
- Attended a webinar on Sangat - A Feminist Network in collaboration with Feminist Multilogues, from Delhi and Karwan-e-Mohabbat, a session on Politics of Radical Love.
- Attended a virtual meeting over Zoom app with Misesan Cara on monitoring and planning.
- Attended a CACL virtual meeting in collaboration with NUJS for a red light case.
- Attended a Webinar on Gender equality: Deconstructing Gender stereotyping in collaboration with CISCO.
- Meeting with officials from Women Police Station at Canning.

## August 2020

- Meeting with Diamond Harbour Block Development Officer seeking empanelment for providing access to Anti-Human Trafficking interventions in the area.
- Meeting with Basirhat Pradhan and Upopradhan for distribution of relief kits.
- Meeting with Basirhat Block Development Officer and Superintendent of Police for distribution permission of relief kits.
- In collaboration with ResponseNet for distribution of relief kits.
- Attended Caritas India virtual meeting with other partners for monthly activity review, Linking with Child rights network in the district, AHT cell of the district
- Meeting with accredited social health activist (ASHA) community health worker to review the tracking books of the AGG members and update on any recent cases of child marriages at Diamond harbour.
- Attended a webinar on the topic: Share your Food by West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR).
- Attended a Campaign against Child Labour (CACL) webinar to Release a Report on Rapid Assessment on the Status of Child Rights in West Bengal during lockdown period.
- Interface meeting with duty bearers, Gram Pradhan and Panchayat Raj (PRI) members held at Basirhat.
- Meeting with officials from District Labour department.



## September 2020

- Attended an online ERI training webinar on human rights advocacy for Misesan Cara members and relevant project partners
- An Interface meeting with the legislative member MLA along with Child Club leaders from 20 villages towards a collective demand for free and compulsory education upto to 18 years of age and ban on child labour.
- Attended Misesan Cara webinar from on ERI training on Human Rights Advocacy.
- Advocacy meeting and Annual report distribution at Basuldaga Gram Panchayat at Diamond Harbour block I .
- Advocacy meeting was held and Annual Report copies were distributed to Officer in Charge at women's police station and to Parulia GP at Diamond Harbour.
- Advocacy meeting and annual report distribution in CHILD LINE office and to BDO of diamond harbour block 1.
- Attended a virtual meeting a webinar on Foreign Contribution regulation amendment FCRA to stop the Anti- Poor bill passed on 21st of September.
- Legislative Meeting with SDPO, Mr. Avijit Sinamahapatra was held by the Child Club members at Basirhat. Charter of Demand was submitted to SDPO Sir by the child leaders.
- Attended a legislative virtual meeting with Sub Divisional Police Officer of Basirhat between child club leaders

## October 2020

- Director attended Caritas virtual meeting with FCRA norms and its implications.
- Advocacy with the Steering Committee and Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) meeting was held in Devisabaad village.
- Advocacy on Community awareness meeting was conducted at Canning block- 2 in Tambuldaho 1 G.P Daskhinpatikhali village under Anti human trafficking project.
- Advocacy meeting with Adolescent Girls Group in Diamond Harbour.
- Director attended an interface virtual meeting with the funders from Spain.





## November 2020

- Advocacy on Community Awareness meeting was held at Canning Block 2 in the 2 Gram Panchayats of Tamubuldaho Uttar Homra Villages under the Anti-Human Trafficking project.
- Community based organisation meeting was conducted at Panitore village in Basirhat.
- Child Club meeting was conducted at Paikardanga club in Basirhat Block 1, under Child Rights project
- Community awareness meeting was held at Canning Block 2 in the Tambuldaho 2 Gram Panchayats Uttar Homrajelepar villages under the Anti-Human Trafficking project.
- Community awareness meeting was held at Canning Block 2, in the Tambuldaho 2 Gram Panchayats Uttar Homra and Purbajelepara villages

## December 2020

- Meeting with the officials from Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) Health Department of Borough Ward No. 15 regarding health programmes.
- Meeting with the Councillor of Ward No. 140 and the health workers from health department for BFS children regarding their immunization, vaccination.
- Child Club meeting held at Kolapota under the Child Rights project in Basirhat.
- Parents', Peer group and children's meeting was held in the four Multi-activity centres (MACs) at Chingrighata, Park circus, Motijhil and Muraripukur under the Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project.
- Attended Caritas India Pvt. Ltd, a capacity building webinar on "We the Children"- the constitution.

## January 2021

- Monthly CBO meeting (mother's Group) at Madhya Akharpur in Basirhat Block 1.
- Advocacy meeting with Adolescents Girls Group (AGG) and CVC members in Devisabad village under Anti Human Trafficking project.
- Child Club meeting was conducted at Mokundokati Dasara, in Gacha Akharpur Gram Panchayat from Basirhat block-1 to ensure safe childhood under Child Rights project.
- Meeting with the officials and Child Protection Officer from DCPO office in Basirhat.
- Adolescent Girls' Group meeting at Diamond harbour on child tracking and covid 19 prevention under Anti Human trafficking project.



- Community Vigilance committee meeting was held in Panchagram and Chanda village at Diamond Harbour on trafficking laws and acts along with Covid 19 safety guidelines.
- Adolescent Girls group meeting was held with protection volunteers at Canning in Kaskunrakhali village and in Nolkora village.
- Meeting with S.P. of Basirhat Mr. Joby Thomas I.P.S. and DEB of Basirhat( Mrs.Sananda Goswami, WBPS).
- Advocacy meeting with Self Help Group at Sheardaha village VB in Diamond harbour
- Meeting with peer group, parents and child club members from Chingrighata multi activity centre of Hidden Domestic Child Labour project.
- Attended Consultation meeting with CSOs for promoting child, friendly, gender inclusive and resilient ward model at Jameson Inn.
- Child Vigilance Committee and Child Parliament meeting at Panchagram and Dearock village in Diamond Harbour under Anti Human Trafficking Project for prevention of child trafficking.
- GP meeting was held today at Netra gram panchayat under Diamond harbour block I on Anti human trafficking and Covid -19 precautions and prevention.
- Advocacy meeting with Adolescent Girls Group and Child Vigilance Committee members with Protection Volunteers in Canning Block- 2, Tambuldaho 1 Gram Panchayat from Daskhin Patikhali village under Anti-Human Trafficking project.

## February 2021

- Self help group meeting was held at Diamond Harbour block I under Anti human trafficking project on Covid 19 prevention and precautions.
- Child Protection Volunteers meeting held at Canning Block- I and II under Anti- human trafficking project on project sustainability approach.
- Meeting with Adolescent Girls Group at Panchagram village in Diamond Harbour Block I under Anti Human Trafficking Project.
- Parents', peer group and children's meeting was held in the four Multi- activity centres (MACs) at Chingrighata, Park circus, Motijhil and Muraripukur under the Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project.
- Attended Caritas India Pvt. Ltd, a capacity building webinar on "We the Children"- the constitution.
- Attended Children's Parliament training webinar in collaboration with PRATYek Child Parliament 9 is Mine.



- Village Level Child Protection committees (VLCPC) meeting at Netra gram panchayat at Diamond Harbour Block I under Anti Human Trafficking Project.
- Advocacy and Awareness meeting with TOTO workers Union on Child Labour and Child marriage at Akharpur.

## March 2021

- Child Parliament meeting at Gabodda village under Anti human trafficking project-Basirhat (SCAR- Sensitization of Communities and Adolescents at Risks to combat human trafficking adolescents at risks).
- Community awareness meeting in the Derock village at Diamond Harbour Block I under Anti-Human Trafficking project-Community based intervention initiatives of Anti-Human Trafficking.
- A networking meeting with the health providers at Itinda village in collaboration with the Child line.
- Child Parliament meeting at Bhaduria village, Koijhuri Gram Panchayat and in Gabodda Village in Basirha under Anti-Human Trafficking project-Basirhat (SCAR- Sensitization of Communities and Adolescents at Risks to combat Human Trafficking adolescents 'at risks').
- Community Vigilance meeting at Gabodda Village in Basirhat for Human trafficking prevention under Anti-Human Trafficking Project.
- Child Club leaders of Basirhat under Child Right's Project held an advocacy meeting with the District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Chairman Mr. Manik Kumar Chatterjee & Member Ms. Kuhu Das and exchanged their views on child labour situation in Basirhat. The CWC represents mentioned their deep concern on child marriage in the subdivision.
- A meeting with Kotak Mahindra Bank's representative along with Accountant for SBI designated FCRA bank account opening.
- Individual meetings with children and adolescent groups registered at our MACs in Chingrighata, Muraripukur and Dhapa along with CBO and Child Club meetings.
- Advocacy union meeting in Sayestanagar village at Basirhat. Total 15 participants.
- Attended a seminar on Anti human trafficking due to covid-19 at Academy of fine Arts. The seminar was organized by Sanlaap and Ganna Unnayan Parisad. Discussion were conducted on trafficking trends during lockdown, inter border trafficking trends post lockdown, roles and responsibilities of police in different cases.
- Child Rights team attended child conference call interface meeting with Caritas and other partners.
- A meeting on Child protection policy with external consultant Miss Gargi.



# Support and Networking



# Our Partners









# Bank Details and Audit

## Local Account

*Account Name:* **Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre**

*Account Number:* **6013453673**

*Bank Name:* **Kotak Mahindra Bank**

*IFSC code:* **KKBK0006572**

*Branch:* **Middleton Row**

## FCRA Account

*Account Name:* **Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre**

*Account Number:* **60120611329**

*Bank Name:* **Kotak Mahindra Bank**

*IFSC code:* **KKBK0006572**

*Branch:* **Middleton Row**

## SBI New Delhi FCRA Savings Bank Account

*Recipient Account Number:* **4007088087**

*Receiver Bank SWIFT Coce:* **SBININBB104**

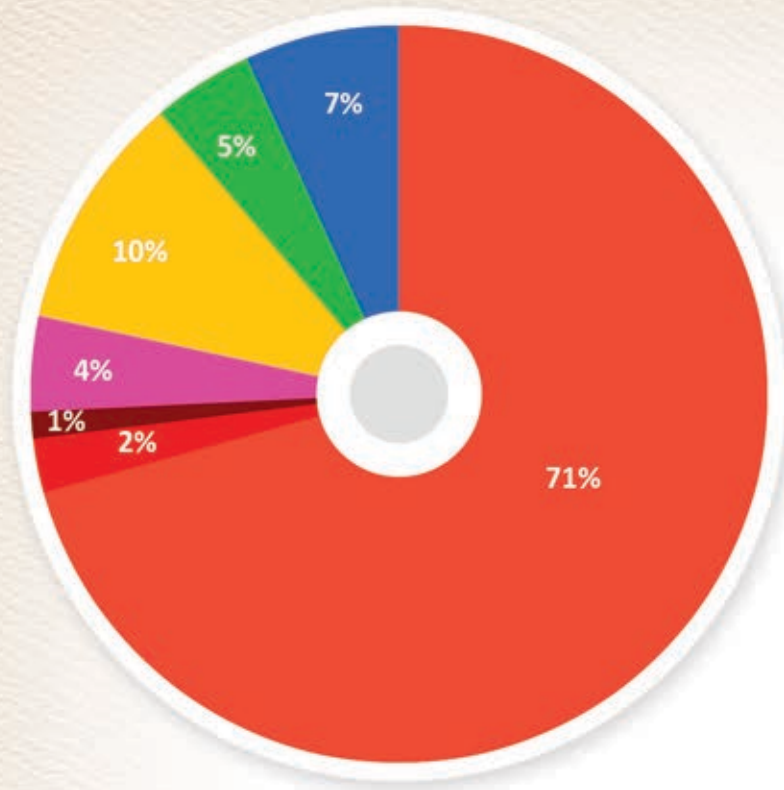
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## PROJECTS

- Anti-Human Trafficking Projects
- Children Education and Development
- Woman Empowerment and Community Development
- Solar Project
- Vocational Training - for Employment
- Amphan Relief Distribution
- Covid-19 Relief Work

### EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR THE OBJECT OF THE KMWSC

During the year 2020 - 2021

Expenditure incurred for Projects	Amount	% of Total Expenses
Anti-Human Trafficking Projects	27,65,844.38	0.07
Children Education and Development	2,93,02,466.13	0.71
Solar Project	7,99,262.00	0.02
Woman Empowerment and Community Development	5,31,723.12	0.01
Vocational Training - for Employment	16,89,720.00	0.04
Amphan Relief Distribution	42,77,534.81	0.10
Covid-19 Relief Work	18,32,735.48	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,11,99,285.92</b>	<b>1.00</b>





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