

Annual Report

2019-2020



Dhagagia Social Welfare Society (D.S.W.S)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY.....

It is happiest movement, We all have to published annual report of Dhagagia Social Welfare Society (D.S.W.S) in an another year 2019-2020. DSWS has reached to its 25th year of dedicated well being activities from its inception started in community support and response.



We are immensely proud of what been achieved in 2019-2020 and look forward to a future as a devoted organisation creating positive change in the lives of the people of Sundarbana over the years,

Being a voluntary organisation. We never forget about its contribution on development and hardness effort of its committed management bodies, core staff and field workers. Above all to the community for them we work and get satisfaction from them in return of their praise and admiration.

In the eve of annual report publication, DSWS likes to express heartiest gratitude to all its supporters, well wishes, organizational members, dedicated project staffs, volunteers, partner organisations, Government department, individuals, National and International donor agencies those have extended their helping hands towards its growth, development and its intensive service facilitation and pro people activities,

*Hriday Chand Ghosh
Secretary*

Vision

To work towards promoting social justice, equity and harmony in the society

Mission

To work with the poor & marginalized section of the society especially women and children on the issues of their rights and livelihood security

Objectives

- To develop functional and sustainable community-based prevention, rehabilitation and integration mechanism for the protection of at risk and trafficked children.
- To facilitate the existing government structures to address child trafficking and gender-based violence for the purpose of labour, marriage, commercial sexual exploitation effectively.
- To increase awareness on the harm caused by child trafficking and gender-based violence for the purposes of labour, marriage, commercial sexual exploitation.
- To ensure all children trafficked from the target districts rescued, returned and integrated with their family
- To work for sustainable development practices in the rural areas.
- Ensuring Women empowerment in the rural areas and vulnerable areas.
- To work for the promotion of education, health and skill development for the people in general and women & children in particular.
- To do all social welfare activities including public health and education and other development works of the locality in the interest of public service.

About our journey

Dhagagia Social Welfare Society (DSWS) fights for Women and Children's rights. In 1994, in response to the violation of the rights of women and children in WB, seven professional social workers created DSWS with aim of promoting social justice, equity and harmony. Working in North 24 Parganas District, DSWS promotes women's economic empowerment and children's rights through interventions to prevent the trafficking of children for domestic work. Activities include the promotion of education, strengthening community-based protection and anti-trafficking systems in source areas, the apprehension of traffickers, and repatriation and rehabilitation of CDWs through education and skills development.

This organization was registered under West Bengal Society Registration Act XXVI of 1961 and registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 and also registered u/s. 12AA and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The Organization aspires with the evangelical endeavor to proceed for a society where the moral values and good principles of life living would be followed. The evils will be perished away and the people will live with justice, equity, dignity and peace where mutual trust loves, affection, mutual respect, sisterhood and brotherhood will be maintained and honored.

CORE THEMATIC AREAS



Child Protection



Mother & Child Health



Livelihood



Environment & Disaster

“Protecting Children through trained child protection Community Cadres” with support of **Save the Children**

Project Area

- 2 Blocks- Sandeshkhali I & II.
15 Gram Panchayats
- Total 206 Sansads
- Total Population- 301835,
- 153614 male & 148221 female (as per census data, 2011)

OUR INTERVENTION

Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) as mandated in ICPS, have been formed in West Bengal in name only. Often, nominated members are not aware of their roles, nor of the protection services they are meant to use for the benefit of children (girls and boys) and families. VLCPCs have NOT been adequately trained to addresses protection issues. The DCPU is expected to provide technical support to VLCPCs. The DCPUs are often located far from the villages (the ‘need’ area), in some cases it is almost 200 kilometres away from the villages. The distance increases the real time response by the DCPU to child protection violations. This makes the DCPU frequently inaccessible to both the VLCPC and their communities. Child protection indicators in the states of Bengal are quite alarming. Incidences of child marriage, child sexual abuse, violence against children are high in the states. Both these states are source

area for human trafficking. There are programmes/models for addressing the issue of trafficking, but they

generally don't work via system strengthening route. Lot is required to be done on the ground for successful repatriation, reintegration with families and rehabilitation in a holistic manner. In the proposed intervention, ‘Cadre’ will work with community, ICPS structure; statutory bodies towards prevention as well as reintegration and rehabilitation of child trafficking survivors along with other child protection issues.

According to Census 2011, national average for percentage of married population in age group 10-19 stands at 6.6 %. In West Bengal this is higher than the national average, with West Bengal at 8.8%. Percentage of female population in 10-19 years who got married are 14.95% in West Bengal. West Bengal is both source and destination area for human trafficking. Latest National Crime Record Bureau data of 2015 reveals that West Bengal recorded 1255 incidences which is highest in the country. In West Bengal the number of missing children (girls and boys) is an ever increasing number, and number of children being traced is relatively very low. There is an obvious link between children who went missing and remained untraced.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Our project aim is Protecting Children Through Trained Child Protection Community 'Cadre' as well as, strengthening of Child Protection formal system in Village Level and main focus of the programme like...

- Case Management
- Training & Capacity building of VLCPCs & BLCPCs.
- Linkage with Social Protection/Social Security Schemes.

SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

- ❖ Rapport building with the PRI members in Village levels. Interaction with the VLCPC members of all the sansads.
- ❖ Interaction with the key community stakeholders of all the sansads (Teachers, ASHA, ANM, AWW, CG Representatives, SHGs, Local Clubs) PRA exercises in all Sansads for Vulnerability Assessment.
- ❖ Informal profiling of Sansads for further communication. Mothers meeting for child protection issues.
- ❖ Meeting with Children Groups on enhance to reporting mechanism. Meetings with Block Officials for Scheme and services for vulnerable children.
- ❖ Restructured and meeting with of Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC).
- ❖ Facilitated of "SANKALPA" School Sensitization Programme and meeting with of Kanyashree Club on prevent of Child Marriage and Trafficking issues.
- ❖ Facilitated of "SWAYANSIDHHA", A community sensitized Programme
- ❖ on Child Marriage and Anti trafficking issues.
- ❖ Facilitated of "Child Cabinet" members for Child Governance Processes in
- ❖ Gram Panchyet..
- ❖ Restructure and facilitated the meeting with of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC).

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ 501 Vulnerable children linked with referral services
- ❖ 87 families linked with social security schemes
- ❖ Total no of Cases Identified 1351.
- ❖ Assessment completed 860 children
- ❖ High-Risk- 73
- ❖ Middle Risk- 445
- ❖ Low risk-- 342
- ❖ We have not directly referred to Vulnerable children in CWC but 6 Children received counseling supports from CWC(Rescued children
- ❖ No of VLCPC formed 218
- ❖ No of VLCPC functional 47
- ❖ 218 Children group formed (Including 47 Sansad). 47 VLCPCs have effectively arranged Awareness Camps regarding Child protection issues such as Child rights, Child marriage, Child trafficking issues and regular schooling.
- ❖ They also celebrated Child rights day and collect the signature campaigning on Child safety and vulnerable issues.
- ❖ Community Cadres were oriented to VLCPC members in regular basis for encouraged the Case Management processes and they have referred 54 cases to DCPU for addressed the high risk cases, they also prepared annual action plan, DCPU team has been visited those children and DCPU always coordinate with Community Cadres in regular basis on hand holding supports. Community Cadres and VLCPC members have commenced the community sensitization program like Sankalpa & Swayansidha with engagement of local Police and BLCPC.
- ❖ 293 Sc/ST certificate received out of 314
- ❖ 143 Disabilities certificate received out of 205
- ❖ 49 Birth certificate & 67 Aadhar card received.
- ❖ Applied widow pension 28 & old age pension 81

KEY CHALLENGES ON THE PROGRAMME

Earlier we have very closed with Panchyet members and they were helped us any circumstances for better implementation in our programme but presently maximum Panchyet members are newly elected and they are avoiding and less interest about this program ,Then we have faced problems for implementation of the programme. ICDS and ANM workers don't aware about their roles and responsibilities for child Protection issues, as a member of Child Protection Committee. We have also faced some challenges for better implementation of the programme like political pressure for meeting arrangement, lack of communication and religious problems for community participation.

KEY LEARNINGS

Activeness of Govt. Officials is fruitful for child Protection or Social issues programme and without Govt. Administration supports in social issues not to be resolved in society and Improved the child participation and Children groups are working very effectively for reducing to child vulnerability issues.



New Horizonsproject

supported by **Save the Children**

A total of 87 prospective youth were screened to select member for Puffed Rice and Nursery trades. And, 38 youths in the age group of 18 – 24 years were selected based on the criteria of the trades. For Puffed rice centres and Nursery Centres, the selected number of youth is 20 & 18 respectively. President, Secretary & Treasurer have been selected for all the four groups. Both the trades are fully operational. They have also been oriented on Income Tracking, Profit Calculation and Expenditure Tracking.

After finalizing the beneficiaries, a 2 days technical training on Nursery that helped the participants to gain technical knowledge on nursery raising.

Kitchen Garden was introduced to the families of all the 38 youth beneficiaries. A 4 days long training program was organized on the same.

Completed setting up of 2 Puffed Rice units and 2 Nursery units. Those units were also equipped with the required material to start the trades. All these units are operational.

Anjali group is one of the best performing units. They are earning well and have participated in various trade fairs giving them exposure and expanding their networks.

Block level interface meeting was organized, which included personals from different Govt. Departments of Sandeshkhali Block. This has resulted in better linkages of the group members with block level departments.

The Business Meet organized under the initiative was helpful to link the trades with the local market and make them sustainable.

Ensuring legal documents of the trainees and their family members and linking them with social protection schemes were one of the key achievement. The trainees and family members are now well aware about the importance of those documents and schemes. Under the intervention:

84% of the youth have pan card

10% of family members have pan card

Addhar Rectification done among youth is 23% Rectification percentage among the family members is 13 % 31% bank account linkage is done among the youth

42% of youth have applied for cast certificate during the project period

89% of youth have been linked with PMSBY

ABOUT THE PROJECT

New Horizons is a skill development and employment generation program initiated by Save the Children, Kolkata, India, In 2008 under its child poverty thematic priority. The program aims to break the vicious cycle of poverty by building skills among adolescents and young people, who are vulnerable to, or victims of exploitation, hazardous or worst form of labour. In order to support their transition to alternative form of livelihood through more secure, stable and dignified employment.

Dhagagia social welfare society in collaboration with Save the Children is working to establish a group business model on tailoring with rural marginalized youths in Sandeshkhali Block 1 through New Horizons intervention.

BENEFICIARIES

Through this intervention, we reach out to those vulnerable adolescents and youths (age group 18 to 24 years) who are engaged in hazardous labour including child domestic workers, victims of trafficking, drug abuse and sexual exploitation, orphans and children of single parents, destitute, dependents of addicts, victim of child marriage, dropped out of school, irregular in schools, and belongs to economically poor families.

Qualification: Currently dropped out from School & qualified in between 5th to 11th grade

CHALLENGES

- ❖ Uncertainty of Panchayat election hindered the intervention program at the community level.
- ❖ Circumstantial challenged such as: Group members withdrawal from the group, strategy failure, etc.
- ❖ Redoing the process of sourcing after a long gap of time.
- ❖ Working as a group with the children from different areas. Motivating the youth to work unitedly is still a big challenge.



LESSON LEARNED

- During the committee level meetings, various new trades came up which included: Bread making, Biscuit making etc.
- Received a positive response at the community regarding the trades that have been selected.
- Multiple back up plans should be always there while working with the community people. BRISK & REACH calculation was a great learning.
- Gained knowledge on different thematic area of Save the Children in annual meeting

SUSTAINABILITY

- ✓ Various business & entrepreneurship trainings were given to make the groups sustainable.
- ✓ These capacitated groups are fully functional and run their business on their own.
- ✓ Meetings with family members & youth are done on a regular basis. This has added different array of the trades and its importance making helping the group to continue their trade.
- ✓ Self-sustained production units are created to make the groups sustainable.



“Health & Nutrition Project” supported by

Save the Children



“Reducing Malnutrition Among Children in Sundarbans in West Bengal”

The project aims to reduce cases of malnutrition among children below 5 years of age in the project area in Sundarbans by ensuring accessibility of essential health and social welfare services from the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and National Health Mission (NHM) programs. The project is being implemented in four gram panchayats i.e. Khulna, Sandeshkhali, Bermajur – I & II of Sandeshkhali II block of North 24 Parganas district.

INTERVENTION AREA DETAILS

- ✓ Sandeshkhali II CD Block.
- ✓ 4 Gram Panchayats
- ✓ Total 46 Sansads
- ✓ Total Population- 79725
- ✓ Households- 17859
- ✓ Total reach – 19137
- ✓ Direct Reach - 4161

KEY ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

- ✚ Capacity building of mothers group on ANC,PNC and maternal nutrition
- ✚ Strengthening adolescent groups on sexual reproductive health
- ✚ Orientation training of Government frontline workers i.e. AWW, ASHA, ANM etc. on case management
- ✚ Health fair program to orient mothers and deliver messages along with demonstration of low cost recipes
- ✚ Training on WASH issues in 58 primary and 10 high schools
- ✚ Installation of water treatment plant for better access of safe drinking water
- ✚ Celebration of important days (Breastfeeding week, Nutrition week, World Water Day, Global Hand Washing Day, world toilet day etc) for mass awareness
- ✚ Conducting community score card for community governance and strengthening accountability
- ✚ Identification of referral of under nutrition children to NRC and FRUs

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS YEAR

- ✚ 3234 mothers were capacitated by conducting 864 mothers meeting
- ✚ 1062 adolescents were strengthened through 828 sessions
- ✚ 200 Government frontline workers were oriented in several training phases
- ✚ 257 under nutrition children were identified and 50 mothers were awarded as best baby caregiver
- ✚ 2479 school going children were trained on WASH practices
- ✚ 287 families were benefited by 2 water treatment plant
- ✚ 5883 people along with service provider were reached through community score card
- ✚ 271 children were identified as malnutrition out of 6742 and 67 were brought to Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre for treatment and counselling support



*“Protection of Children
from Trafficking
Through Responsive
Community Action”
supported by
Hummingbird foundation*

THREE PILARS OF THE PROJECT

- ❖ Collectivisation
- ❖ VLCPCs.
- ❖ Entitlement

PROJECT AREA

- ❖ Hingalganj Community Development Block.
- ❖ 1 Gram Panchayat (Hingalganj Gram Panchayat)
- ❖ Total 14 Sansads
- ❖ Total Population- 27573
- ❖ Households- 5102

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The prime reason for trafficking of large number of children from Districts of North 24 Parganas is social and cultural sanction to child labour and marriage, discrimination against the girl child, absence of protection mechanism for children, infirmities of response of the different departments of the govt. specially police. There is also problem of gap between police and the community, underreporting of trafficking & marriage cases, rescue and rehabilitation of victims, post rescue care and reintegration efforts.

In this critical context, **DSWS** has therefore decided to implement a project (Supported by **Hummingbird Foundation**) in Hingalganj Gram Panchayat under Hingalganj Block of North

24 Parganas and the Gram Panchayat is situated at the Indo Bangladesh border for the prevention of Child (Girls) trafficking.



The way DSWS works with this issue is:

- By spreading awareness about the issue among Children, Guardians, Schools, Community and the Panchayati Raj Institutions on one hand and on the other hand by strengthening the system for ensuring a safety net for vulnerable children
- Undertaking researches to identify the gap areas in order to advocate with the Government
- Engaging with the District Child Protection Unit and the Juvenile Justice System for effective treatment of the cases of trafficking
- By facilitating the process of establishing inter-linkages between DSWS and Government stake holders to address the issue of Trafficking.
- By providing need based support in the area of intervention, in alliance with the Police, Child Line, Directorate of Social Welfare and the Juvenile Justice System.

Quantitatively Achievement

- We have formed 14 Collective groups in our target area. 392 conduct session completed; 43 no. module completed
- Collectives has taken in 49 cases. They admitted 26 drop out students and stopped 76 child marriages.
- 6 action programmes has been undertaken by each collective.
- 12 cases showing VLCPC's support collectives without from collectives.
- 14 (100%) VLCPCs formed as per govt. guideline and 08 VLCPCs functional in out of 14.
- 14 (100% VLCPCs) held 14 meetings per month.
- 100% members of VLCPCs received module phase 1, module phase 2 training.
- 70 members of VLCPCs received social map training out of 210 members (5 members of each VLCPC).
- 14 VLCPC prepared a standard Plan (as per the guideline) for upcoming two years VLCPC implements. They will start their planning work in the month of April 2019.
- Developed a strong linkages and coordination between front line workers-ASHA, Anganwadi worker, ANM, AFHC counselor, school teachers through VLCPC platform and meetings.
- 75% vulnerable families receive Govt. entitlements.
- 90% vulnerable families are aware 6 identified Govt. schemes.
- 68% eligible members of vulnerable families apply for schemes.

Qualitative achievements

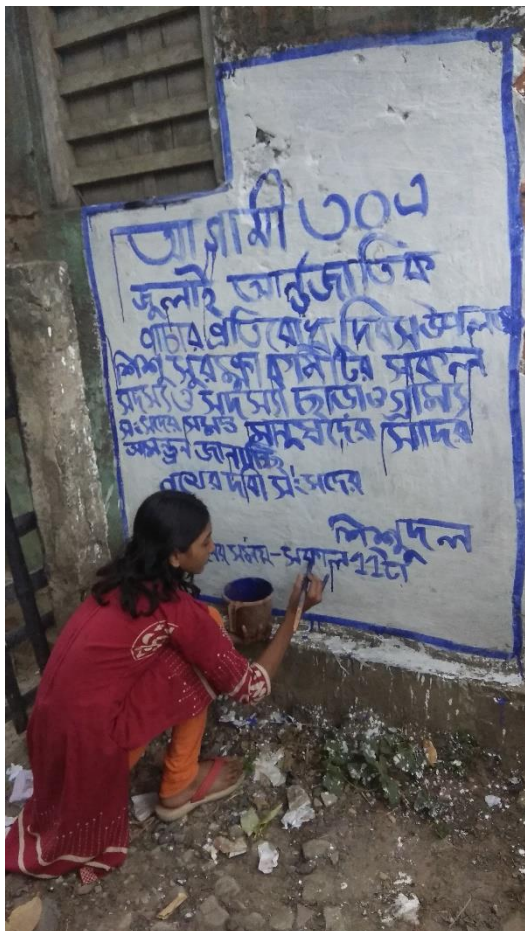
- Active Village level child protection Committees in our target area.
- Active Collective groups in our target area.
- Linkage and networking with different Govt. Dept & Non Govt organization.
- Developed good relationship with PRI system.
- Build good relationship with Police dept, teacher, religious and leader etc.

Learning:

- ❖ Increasing self-confident, self-motivation, self-consciousness of the collective by their ownership.
- ❖ Motivation is the main factor of all leaders form all collective groups to strengthen their own agencies.
- ❖ Mixed groups helped to break gender barriers/discrimination
- ❖ It is learning that needs more initiative and activeness of school authorities for reducing Child marriage and trafficking.
- ❖ It is learning that needs batter convergence between the schools, Panchayats and the local community for overall development.
- ❖ Children are the best source for providing information regarding their own issue (like School dropout, child marriage and trafficking).

Challenges:

- ❖ We faced challenges to conduct the PRA in 14 villages at the 1st phase of the project due to political influence, remoteness of the villages, inhibition of the communities.
- ❖ Lack of support from few local administration and education department for strengthening VLCPCs and Collective groups at the initial level.
- ❖ Due to Panchayat election some activities have been hampered in time in this year.



“Childline project” supported by Childline India Foundation

Dhagagia Social welfare society works as NGO partner with Childline Indian Foundation for North 24 Parganas District. It works as Collaborating organization in this district. It directly intervenes in 6 Blocks of this district namely Barasat-I & II, Barrackpore-I&II, Amdanga and Rajarhat.

Presently there are nine members working in Childline project. One Coordinator, one counselor, six team member and one volunteer.

Being a partner of a Childline India Foundation, that provides 24 hour toll free emergency service for vulnerable children. Dhagagia Social welfare society works not only providing emergency support to children in need of care and protection on a 24*7 basis but also they had some other function like outreach and community awareness generation programme regarding child rights, Childline and its activity.

Call statistics in the following format for the year: April'2019 to March'2020

<i>Types of calls</i>	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
I. Interventions												
Medical help	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Shelter	9	10	12	9	9	9	3	8	6	4	8	6
Restoration	4	8	4	8	9	2	2	2	0	3	1	1
Protection From Abuse	26	26	25	31	31	19	20	22	8	17	19	10
Child Conflict With Low.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Repatriation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Intervention	6	8	1	7	7	9	5	3	10	9	7	10
Sponsorship	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
II. Missing children												
Child lost	4	0	1	3	2	0	2	2	1	3	5	0
Parents asking help	6	5	11	9	2	2	3	2	0	5	5	3
III. Emotional support and Guidance												
Unclassified	4	0	2	2	4	1	2	1	1	5	4	1
<i>Not Intervention</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	58	58	69	66	46	42	50	39	62	57	40
Total no of Cases intervene by Collab (DSWS) team.	647											



Financial Statement for the Year 2019-2020 Summarized Receipt & Payment Accounts for the Year 2019-2020

Receipts	Amount	Amount	Payment	Amount
Opening Balance		3,03,608.16		
FCRA FUND			Program Cost/ project Expenditure	13324646.85
Grant			Other Expenditure	131931.11
Save the Children	9668004.36			
Hummingbird Foundation	1970400.27			
		11638404.6		
Interest		37540.00		
National fund				
Childline		14,49398.00	Program Cost/ project Expenditure	14,49398.00
Interest		6461.00	Other Expenditure	131931.00
		15348011.16		15348011.16

Specially Thanks to...

- ❖ *Community People*
- ❖ *Local Stakeholders*
- ❖ *Block Officials*
- ❖ *District Authority*
- ❖ *State & Central Authority*
- ❖ *Save the Children*
- ❖ *Hummingbird Foundation*
- ❖ *CHILDLINE India Foundation*