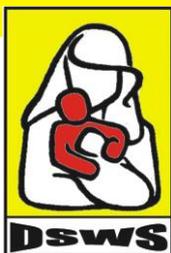


Annual Report

2018-2019



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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY



It is the happiest movement, We all have to published annual report of Dhagagia Social Welfare Society (D.S.W.S) in an another year 2018-2019. DSWS has reached to its 24th year of dedicated well being activities from its inception started with community support and response.

We are immensely proud of what been achieved in 2018-2019 and look forward to a future as a devoted organization creating positive change in the lives of the people of Sundarbans over the years

Being a voluntary organization, 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 then in return of their praise and admiration.

In the eve of this annual report publication, DSWS likes to express heartiest gratitude to all its supporters, well wishers, organizational members, dedicated project staffs, volunteers, partner organizations, Government departments, 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 serv

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.

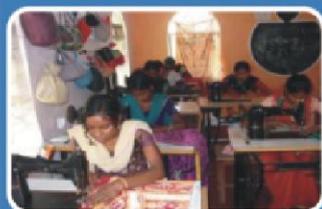
CORE THEMATIC AREAS



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 address 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 Antitrafficking issues.
- Facilitated of "Child Cabinet" members for Child Governance Processes in Gram Panchayet..
- Restructure and facilitated the meeting with of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC).

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Authorization letter from two blocks received for VLCPC reformation.
- Total 2 BLCPCs formed in Sandeshkhali-I & II Block.
- Facilitated 7 BLCPCs training.
- Total 201 VLCPCs have been restructured (including 47 VLCPCs of project area).
- Total 206 Children group formed out of 206 (including 47 VLCPCs of project area).
- Total 49 child marriage prevented.
- Total 87 dropout children got admission in school (through direct intervention)
- 61 Child Labours re-admitted to formal school.
- Linked PDS system to 17 children (Malnutrition Children).
- 159 Children received SC/ST Certificate out of 287.
- 8 families with vulnerable children linked with 100 days job guarantee scheme under MGNREGA.
- 67 Disabilities children Identified for MANABIK Scheme.
- Total 47 School sensitization program completed with Govt. Line department of SANKALPA-I & II.
- 47 Kanyashree Club Formed in School (Girls Children) on prevent of Child Marriage and Anti Trafficking issues.
- 15 SWAYANSIDHA group formed with help of Local Police Station in intervention area.
- 2 Child Cabinet formed for sharing their demands through Gram Sava Meetings. And we have facilitated to Gram Panchyet development Plan (GPDP) for betterment of Children.

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.

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.



New Horizons

project supported by
Save the Children

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✦ 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 two gram panchayats such as Khulna & Sandeshkhali of Sandeshkhali II block of North 24 Parganas district.

**INTERVENTION AREA
DETAILS**

- ✓ Sandeshkhali II CD Block.
- ✓ 2 Gram Panchayats
- ✓ Total 26 Sansads
- ✓ Total Population- 38230
- ✓ Households- 9665
- ✓ Total reach 5615
- ✓ Direct Reach - 3533

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 37 primary and 7 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

- ❖ 1565 mothers were capacitated by conducting 864 mothers meeting
- ❖ 777 adolescents were strengthened through 624 sessions
- ❖ 120 Government frontline workers were oriented in several training phases
- ❖ 300 under nutrition children were identified and 10 mothers were awarded as best baby caregiver
- ❖ 1960 school going children were trained on WASH practices
- ❖ 300 families were benefited by 2 water treatment plant
- ❖ 6480 people along with service provider were reached through community score card
- ❖ 2390 children were identified, 127 were brought to NRC and 13 children were admitted





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

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.

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



Collectivisation

From 1st January 2018 to 30th March 2019, we have completed total 378 collectivisation sessions in 14 sansads at Hingalganj Gram Panchayat by following HBF module. Total 26th week sessions have been completed in this financial year per sansad. Total members of our Collective group are 280 in 14 sansads (20 members of each collective).

VLCPCs.

We have Formed 14 VLCPCs in Hingalganj Gram Panchayat under Hingalganj Block as per guideline of West Bengal govt. They have taken different training for their strengthening and they have planned their activity for upcoming years.

Entitlement

We have tried to capacitated vulnerable families and girls in Hingalganj Gram Panchayat, have greater access to government schemes and entitlements. We identified 6 schemes for Vulnerable families and girls who have aware of their rights, the range of available government entitlements and how to access them.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ Collectives have taken in 60 cases. They admitted 21 drop out students and stopped thirty-nine 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.
- ★ 14 VLCPC prepared a standard Plan (as per the guideline) for upcoming two years VLCPC implements.
- ★ 15% vulnerable families receive Govt. entitlements. 56% vulnerable families are aware 6 identified Govt. schemes.

LEARNINGS

- ☛ Increasing self-confident, self-motivation, self-consciousness of the collective by their ownership.
- ☛ Motivation is the main factor of all leaders forms 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.

Project - *Hummingbird foundation*



“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'18 to March'19

<i>Types of calls</i>	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
I. Interventions												
Medical help	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Shelter	22	10	11	23	17	10	6	15	11	6	12	10
Restoration	0	0	1	6	9	5	3	3	2	4	4	6
Protection From Abuse	18	14	19	20	14	25	19	21	16	16	21	30
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	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	4	15	6	8	9
Sponsorship	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
II. Missing children												
Child lost	7	5	4	3	6	5	2	3	1	3	1	8
Parents asking help	3	2	2	4	6	3	3	8	4	10	0	8
III. Emotional support and Guidance												
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Intervention												
Not Intervention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	55	35	45	62	60	53	39	59	49	48	48	74
Total no of Cases intervene by Collab (DSWS) team.				627								



Financial Statement for the Year 2018-2019
Summarized Receipt & Payment Accounts for the Year 2018-2019

Receipts	Amount	Amount	Payment	Amount
Opening Balance		1,75,844.00		
FCRA FUND			Program Cost/ project Expenditure	81,29,448.00
Grant			Other Expenditure	2,02,034.00
Save the Children	67,36,995.00			
Hummingbird Foundation	13,92,453.00			
		81,29,448.00		
Interest		26,167.00		
National fund				
Childline		14,35,916.00	Program Cost/ project Expenditure	14,35,916.00
Interest		5,139.00	Other Expenditure	5,116.00
		97,72,514.00		97,72,514.00

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- Community People
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- Block Officials
- District Authority
- State & Central Authority
- Save the Children
- ActionAid India
- UNICEF
- Hummingbird Foundation
- Fondazione L'Albero della Vita Onlus – FADV
- Childline India Foundation