



KOLAKATA MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE

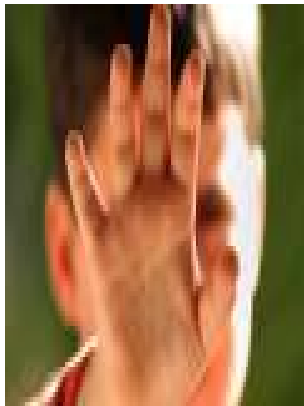
PROJECT UPDATES: SECOND ISSUE

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We are glad to share with you the good news that KMWSC is now a registered organization bearing the registration No. S/ 2L 21943 dated 12th June 2014. We thank Sr. Anita Braganza and Sr. Igora Pinto and all who helped us with the registration process.

We begin this newsletter with the very special news of rescuing a minor girl child and to ensure that she is safe.

Worth all effort!



A 14 year old child Geeta (original name changed) who was from our Multipurpose Activity Centre in Phoriapukur, went missing and was trafficked to Uttar Pradesh. Geeta was a domestic worker but her close friend Rina (name changed as minor) along with Sontu (the accused) influenced her to join work as a dancer in a dance bar. KMWSC was involved in the key actions of investigation, interaction with parents and employers. A Court order from the Child Welfare Committee (Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act) was issued for lodging an FIR in the local Police Station. Our team members of HDCL, Shagufta Ansari and Mehtab Ara, were able to convince the Officer In – Charge for action and networked with Justice and Care and Save the Children India. Geeta needed to be rescued immediately otherwise she would have been sold elsewhere. The rescue was through constructive networking between the UP police, Kolkata Police, Justice and Care and KMWSC- Childline team consisting of Tapas Paul and Md. Nadim. The entire process rescued not only Geeta but 6 more minors who are from West Bengal, with a 7 year old child from Bangladesh. The accused are now behind bars! Well done!



Orientation of the KMWSC Staff: On 19th and 20th September 2014, KMWSC staff had the wonderful opportunity to spend two days with Fr. Sarto in Chetona- Burdawan. It was both relaxing and fruitful for all as Fr. Sarto dealt with topics like: Team Work, Team Bonding, Time Management, Spirit of Service, Self Appreciation, Self confidence, Nature walks and the simple guidance to live spiritually. Thanks to Fr. Sarto for giving us such an enriching experience.

Updates on the KMWSC Projects:

Barefoot Teachers Training: The following barefoot teacher's trainings were held in the KMWSC office. 99 participants were reached out in four trainings during this session.



Group work in the training

Dates	Participants	Topics covered
13 th till 18 th July	10 lady teachers from Asha Seva Kendra, Jharkhand	N, KG and Class I level (Methodologies/ pedagogy)
25 th till 29 th August	22 teachers from 4 different NGOs including teachers from our BFS project	N, KG and Class I methodologies/ pedagogy
10 th till 14 th September	27 Seminarians from Morning Star College, Barrackpore.	Value Education/ Human Rights / Child Rights and effective School management. Exposure to various projects.
22 nd till 26 th September	40 participants from 3 grassroot level NGOs and KMWSC- Fisher Folk, Solar and BFS projects.	Two batches: Classes N, KG and I, Class II, III and IV methodologies

Brick field school project (BFS): The new session will start from 3rd November 2014 as by the end of October the families start to migrate and settle in these Brickfields for work. The BFS staff did a lot of ground work before the session by way of selection of new NGOs, teachers, Training of the new teachers, preparing the curriculum /syllabus, NGOs orientation and related administrative works.



Field survey before the new session

This year we are networking with the following 6 NGOs, and each of their area of operation was visited by the staff, to dialogue and establish strong relationship for the delivery of effective service. We thank all our new partners; Asansol Bardwan Seva Kendra (Shanti Neketan- Bolpur), Kamina Social Welfare Society (Howrah) and SabujSangha (South 24 Parganas)

Trainings for the BFS Teachers:

Dates	Topics covered
3 rd and 4 th September	Child Rights, Human Rights, RTE Act was emphasized on
15 th and 16 th September	Training of 50 new teachers on methodologies.

CHILDLINE: On 3rd July'2014 an Open House Programme was conducted at Muslim Presidency High School for 42 children from Class – I to V and 6 teachers were sensitized on Childline services and child rights. We also conducted a school sensitization programme at Adarsh Hindi School which was attended by 58 children from classes I to IV. Children performed small skits, songs and issue based drama on child marriage to express their understanding.



Orientation (Open House Programme)



Child after rescue

Child Labour Rescue Operation : On 10th July a 13 years old girl was identified and rescued from Salt Lake Sector – III, Sarbani Housing, with the help of The Bidhannagar P.S, Labour Department and KMWSC-CHILDLINE. The child was found working as a ‘live in’ domestic worker in a renowned medical officer’s house. With intervention it was clear that the employer tortured her physically and mentally. The child was even denied proper food and clothing.

Beneficiaries – direct and indirect

10 children	8 - Shelter Home, 1- Child Labour rescued, 1 child restored from Purnea.
Approx- 1690	Sensitized and oriented

Phone testing – 175 to ensure that the service is active and available free of cost.

Fisher Folk: After the successful implementation of “Fisher Folk Project “in Odisha, a similar programme in the coastal area of Kanthi (also known as Contai) in the district of Purba (East) Medinipur was started from 22nd July 2014–, as a pilot phase in collaboration with Kajla Janakalyan Samity, (KJKS) which is one of the best community based NGO of the area.



Sorting and collecting fishes

The President, Secretary & others members of Tajpur Dry Fish Centre were met to discuss, where it was decided that BCC (Bridge Course Centre) & ALC (Adult Learning Centre) will start officially on 10th September,2014.

We started with 5 centres from 10th September, 2014 wherein these children are provided with functional education to improve their learning level; adult education and handicraft training to the women of the area will also be provided in these centres.

Education Programme in Jharkhali: The following trainings were conducted in Jharkhali:

21 st and 22 nd July	10 Shishu Siksha Kendra in Jharkhali	The content included class III and IV lessons and the Loreto methods of teaching
25 th & 26 th September	10 New Govt. High School	Human Rights

Human Rights: The following trainings were conducted in KMWSC office. Between 14th till 9th September (in 13 batches) 432 teachers from 257 Government upper primary schools of Kolkata participated in a two days Human Rights training programme. The training included human rights, child rights, application of the HR teacher’s manual in the classroom and NCPCR guidelines on eliminating corporal punishment in



Group presentation - Ideal World

schools. Two teaching methods were also introduced along with the lessons on human rights which included the basic plan and theme teaching.

Peer education was also emphasized for effective teaching in the classrooms. The participants enjoyed the sessions and have requested for similar trainings in the future on child protection, counseling and value education as well as workshops with their students. Some teacher's feedback quotes "I have thoroughly enjoyed the training as it was in a participatory approach"

Hidden Domestic Child Labour: The main aim of HDCL is advocacy against Child Domestic work and to provide alternative skills. The following activities are the highlights of the season:

Activities	Objectives
Eight AUTO CAMPAIGN in Ward no – 12, 13, 14, 15, 7, & 32, 56, 57, and 60.	To attract working children towards alternative livelihood. Approximately reached out to 2000 stakeholders.
PUPPET SHOW in Cossipore Ward 1	For CDWs and CLS 15 to take the opportunity of alternative livelihood for a respectable earning. We reached out to 350 stakeholders.
Six Child Protection Committee Meetings conducted	Intention was to involve the duty bearers, families and community people to take charge of protecting children from violence, exploitation and abuse. So far we have reached out to approximately 100 to 130 members.
Eight Movie Shows for eight MAC areas.	To motivate the children for alternative livelihood.
Six children's group meetings	90 children's groups are functional. They are been given orientation on Child Rights and related issues.
25 th and 26 th September	Capacity Building training was organized for the HDCL staff.
29 th and 30 th September	A beauty fair was organized during the Puja festivities at Tangra near Ekta Oleander Apartment. Our target was to reach out to the residents of the high rise building as customers for our children to earn their living. Before the fair we also did auto campaign to make people aware about our activities and to take beautician service provided at their doorstep. The entire profit went to the children as all the raw materials were provided free of cost.

Solar Enlighten and Community Empowerment Programme:



Solar Training session

Activities: Community teachers are regularly taking classes in four centres in Gosaba block and children are regularly attending their classes.

Following trainings for the Project staff were conducted:

5 days Training in Seva Kendra Calcutta	Assembling and repairing Solar Lanterns
5 days training in KMWSC	Barefoot Teachers Training, covering Class II, III and IV.

Visitors and volunteers : Thanks to all our visitors and volunteers for their interest, good wishes and support. We were glad to welcome:

- From 5th till 9th July 2014 we had students and staff from Loreto Manchester, who visited the Rainbow Homes and the BFS projects. It was a great exposure for the students and like previous years they enjoyed the special Olympic Games organized for the Rainbow students.
- We were so pleased to meet Sr. Anne Kelly Ibvm, after so many years. Sr. Anne Kelly had a great trip to the Minakhan BFS, and her visit was published in the local newspaper. Thanks Sr. Anne for your encouragement and for being such an inspiration.
- On 27th September John XXIII visited us for few days. On 29th September we were able to give an orientation on all the KMWSC projects and they enjoyed time with the Rainbows in Loreto Elliot Road. Thanks to Sr. A. Nirmala for accommodating and welcoming the group.
- We were glad to welcome 11 teachers from Edmund Rice College – Australia on 9th October for an exposure to all our projects.

Warmest regards from all in KMWSC.

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