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## ***Mission***

To work for community, especially, for women and children and to focus on designing and implementing projects related to health and social wellbeing directly or indirectly.

## ***Vision***

The community life brought back in all its completeness with their cultural, educational, economic, social and intellectual conditions fully developed.

## ***Background***

EICS was aptly named after an Englishman, an agricultural graduate of Cornell University, Leonard K Elmhirst who came to Santiniketan in 1921 at the invitation of Rabindranath Tagore to work for the materialization of his ideas on Rural Reconstruction. Keeping the ideas and views of Tagore and Elmhirst, Prof Nabakumar Mukherjee a senior faculty of Agriculture College, Visva Bharati University took an initiative to create a community centre to work for the village folk in a simplest possible way- the way Tagore and Elmhirst had done. Prof. Mukherjee's dream was turned up and EICS came into being in 1983, the principal objective of which is to engage itself in social welfare and developmental work through various projects with special emphasis on the problems of women and children in rural areas and also to address the problems of under-served or disadvantaged group of community. EICS started its journey with moral support of eminent *Rabindrasangit* Artist *Padmashree* Kanika Banerjee, the founder chairperson of EICS and with the blessing of *Sitar* Maestro *Bharatratna* Pandit Ravi Shankar, who was the Chief Patron & laid the foundation stone of EICS. The journey continued with the passionate association & immense help of Mr. Peter Cox, Dr. Moni Nag, Prof. Nimai Sadhan Bose, Prof. Amlan Dutta & many other eminent personalities.

Today EICS completed its journey of 40 years and has become an integral part of village life in the Birbhum district of West Bengal by rendering different services like maternal & child health care, integrated nutrition & health care, integrated child development, campaigning on safe motherhood, providing shelter to the women & children in distress and to rehabilitate, family counselling for reconciliation, pre-marital counselling for adolescents, care of poor aged persons, rehabilitation of drug addicts, community health care management, health care of the sex workers and other vulnerable groups, care and support to the people living with HIV, training to the grass root level health workers, education to the child-labourers, child care & protection etc. through various national and international projects.

## Secretary's Words

This is an honored privilege to me to write in this column. Of course it is the bounden duty for me to pen down so.

We believe that Man is the creature of circumstances and who makes the circumstances but man himself. The philosophers hitherto interpreted the world in various ways, the things however is to change it. Hence, Our Mission and Vision is keep us engaged in the road of bringing the community brought back in all the completeness with their Cultural, Educational, Economic, Social and Intellectual conditions fully developed. Thus, today our venture has stepped into 42 years and has become an integral part of village life in the Birbhum District and its agglomeration working for community and specially for woman and children implementing projects related to health and social well being directly and indirectly.

On the way, thanks to both of our Government Central and State, who released most of our funds almost in regular manner which enabled us to remain workable.

We are also thankful to our Chief Patron **Sir David Green** who always stands our side and back up in every aspect whatsoever.

We are proud of our employees who are always spontaneous to dedicate their service as we are committed.

Sandip Mukhopadhyay  
Secretary

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## NALHATI-I ICDS PROJECT (NGO), NALHATI, BIRBHUM

Nalhati-I ICDS Project has been running by our Institution at Nalhati-I Development Block in cooperation with Government of West Bengal since March 1998 and 377 nos. of Anganwadi Centres are functioning in the Project area. The Anganwadi Workers (307 nos.) and Helpers (331 nos.) are working for benefit and all round development of children (SNP beneficiaries) of age group of 06 months to 03 years (11995), 03 years to 06 years (10579); and for pregnant and lactating mothers (4962). Pre-school education at all centres is being run.



### Yearly Events/ Special activities

#### Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHND):

VHND programme has been organized in every month at Anganwadi centres/ Sub centres in collaboration with the Health Department. The pregnant and lactating mothers from the Anganwadi centres attended the session for Health check up, immunisation etc.. The awareness programme, immunisation programme, distribution of Folifer

tablets, counselling of mothers were also held during the session. The due list of immunisation for children is also prepared in the next VHND.

#### Pulse-Polio Programme:

All the Anganwadi workers and Helpers were actively participated in Pulse-Polio programme from door to door. Last Pulse Polio programme was completed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

#### Supushti Dibas & Annaprashan Dibas:

Supushti Dibas & Annaprashan Dibas are used to observe in every month (every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday). Last Supushtipakha 2024 (Poshan Pakhwada 2024) was completed on 26.03.2024.

Women's Day and National Girl Child Day were also observed.

#### SAG-KP

On 16.12.2019 a Project Co-ordinator, 3 Field Facilitator joined at Nalhati-I ICDS Project . Adolescent girl known as "Kishori Samuho" of age (10-19 years) .They paly an important role for the school going or school dropout adolescent girls & distribute them IFA tablets.

SAG-KP Convergence Programme was completed on 31.03.2024.



#### AKBY (Anganwadi Karya Karti Bima Yojona:-

AKBY is now converted to PMJJY/PMSBY & AKBY. They were enrolled in the different scheme as per norms.

All services was done under Nalhati-I ICDS Project



## ASHA (ACCREDITED SOCIAL HEALTH ACTIVIST) TRAINING PROGRAMME IN BIRBHUM AND BANKURA DISTRICT UNDER NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (NHM)

Being MNGO of the district, Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS) was entrusted to set up the District Training Centre (DTC) and to carry out ASHA training programme in Birbhum district under NRHM (presently NHM) since November, 2006. The main objective of the programme is to build capacity and to provide handholding support to the ASHAs, so that they can act as link workers of health between community and Health department.

EICS was also entrusted to conduct the Training Programmes for ASHAs of the Bankura and Bishnupur Health district and accordingly set up the District Training Centre (DTC) at Bankura in September 2021.

The main objectives of NHM to implement ASHA programme are:

- Reduction in Infant Mortality rate (IMR) & Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR);
- Universal access to women & child health care services, nutrition & sanitation;
- Prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases;
- Improving access to comprehensive primary health care;
- Achieving population stabilization, gender and demographic balance;
- Revitalize traditional health care practices and mainstream AYUSH;
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles.



The various residential training programmes for ASHAs of Birbhum & Rampurhat Health District and Bankura & Bishnupur Health district, on Induction, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Module including different rounds, Population Based Screening of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs), Home Based Care of Young Child (HBYC) and Elderly and Palliative Care (E&PC) along with handholding support through field visit, have been conducted during the reporting period, the details of which are mentioned hereunder.

### ASHA Training details of Birbhum and Rampurhat Health District: 2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of Training	Round of Training	District/Health District	Block	Number of ASHAs trained	Number of ANMs trained
1	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Md. Bazar	25	
2	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Labpur	4	
3	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Khayrasole	5	
4	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Bolpur-Sriniketan	9	
5	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Nanoor	4	
6	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Sainthia	28	
7	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Dubrajpur	5	
8	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Illambazar	8	
9	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Rajnagar	4	
10	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Suri I	2	
11	Inudction	NA	Birbhum	Suri II	1	
12	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-I	15	
13	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-II	18	
14	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-I	8	
15	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-II	1	
16	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-I	17	
17	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-II	10	
18	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-I	5	
19	Inudction	NA	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-II	1	
20	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Md. Bazar	25	
21	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Labpur	4	
22	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Khayrasole	5	
23	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Bolpur-Sriniketan	9	
24	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Nanoor	4	
25	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Sainthia	28	
26	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Dubrajpur	5	
27	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Illambazar	8	
28	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Rajnagar	4	
29	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Suri I	2	
30	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Birbhum	Suri II	1	
31	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-I	15	
32	6th & 7th Round	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-II	18	



	Training					
33	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-I	8	
34	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-II	1	
35	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-I	17	
36	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-II	10	
37	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-I	5	
38	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-II	1	
39	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Birbhum	Md. Bazar	2	
40	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Birbhum	Labpur	2	
41	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Birbhum	Khayrasole	1	
42	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Birbhum	Bolpur-Sriniketan	3	
43	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Birbhum	Nanoor	2	
44	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-I	18	
45	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-II	19	
46	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-I	7	
47	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-II	1	
48	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-I	16	
49	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-II	15	
50	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-I	4	
51	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-II	1	
52	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Murarai I	12	
53	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar I	1	
54	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati II	5	
55	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat II	33	
56	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Murarai II	57	
57	6th & 7th Round	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat I	16	

	Training					
58	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati I	13	
59	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Dubrajpur	80	
60	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Khayrasole	99	
61	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Md. Bazar	117	
62	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Nanoor	171	
63	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Rajnagar	56	
64	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Suri I	146	
65	E & PC	Na	Birbhum	Suri II	110	
66	E & PC	Na	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar I	160	
67	E & PC	Na	Rampurhat HD	Murarai I	136	
68	E & PC	Na	Rampurhat HD	Murarai II	63	
69	E & PC	Na	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati I	148	
70	E & PC	Na	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati II	77	
71	E & PC	Na	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat II	21	
<b>Total</b>					<b>1952</b>	<b>00</b>

**Training details of Honorary Health Workers (HHWs) or Urban ASHAs of Birbhum and Rampurhat Health district: 2023-24**

Sl. No	District	Municipality	Induction	1st Round Training of 6th & 7th Module	2nd Round Training of 6th & 7th Module	3rd Round Training of 6th & 7th Module	NCD (Non-Communicable Disease)	HBYC (Home Based Care of Young Child)	Total
1	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
2	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
3	Birbhum	Sainthia	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
4	Birbhum	Bolpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
5	Birbhum	Suri	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
6	Birbhum	Dubrajpur	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
		Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	115

**Hand Holding Visit (HHV) to Support ASHAs at Fields of Birbhum and Rampurhat Health District (2023-2024)**

Sl No	Health District	Block	No. of HHV done
1	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-I	36

2	Rampurhat HD	Rampurhat-II	35
3	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-I	36
4	Rampurhat HD	Nalhati-II	36
5	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-I	36
6	Rampurhat HD	Murarai-II	36
7	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-I	36
8	Rampurhat HD	Mayureswar-II	36
9	Birbhum	Dubrajpur	36
10	Birbhum	Khayrasole	36
11	Birbhum	Rajnagar	36
12	Birbhum	Suri-I	36
13	Birbhum	Suri-II	35
14	Birbhum	Md. Bazar	36
15	Birbhum	Sainthia	36
16	Birbhum	Illambazar	36
17	Birbhum	Bolpur-Sriniketan	36
18	Birbhum	Nanoor	36
19	Birbhum	Labpur	36
	<b>Total</b>		<b>682</b>
	<b>Municipality</b>		
1	Suri		<b>14</b>
2	Bolpur		<b>14</b>
3	Sainthia		<b>15</b>
4	Dubrajpur		<b>14</b>
5	Rampurhat		<b>15</b>
6	Nalhati		<b>16</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>88</b>

#### ASHA Training details of Bankura and Bishnupur Health District: 2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of Training	Round of Training	District/Health District	Block	Number of ASHAs trained	Number of ANMs trained
1	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Bankura - I	8	
2	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Bankura - II	8	
3	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Barjora	20	
4	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Chhatna	14	

5	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Hirbandh	7
6	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Taldangra	17
7	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Raipur	18
8	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Indpur	10
9	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Sarenga	7
10	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Khatra	12
11	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Ranibandh	21
12	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Mejhia	9
13	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Saltora	7
14	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Gangajalghati	11
15	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Simlapal	15
16	Inudction	NA	Bankura	Onda	14
17	Inudction	NA	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	11
18	Inudction	NA	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	9
19	Inudction	NA	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	17
20	Inudction	NA	Bishnupur HD	Patrasayer	12
21	Inudction	NA	Bishnupur HD	Indas	8
22	Inudction	NA	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	12
23	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Bankura - I	8
24	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Bankura - II	7
25	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Barjora	20
26	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Chhatna	14
27	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Hirbandh	7
28	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Taldangra	17
29	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Raipur	18
30	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Indpur	10
31	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Sarenga	7
32	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Khatra	12
33	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Ranibandh	21
34	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Mejhia	9
35	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Saltora	7
36	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Gangajalghati	11
37	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Simlapal	15
38	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bankura	Onda	14
39	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	11
40	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	9
41	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	17
42	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bishnupur HD	Patrasayer	12
43	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bishnupur HD	Indas	8
44	6th & 7th Round Training	1st Round	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	12
45	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Bankura - I	9
46	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Bankura - II	10
47	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Chhatna	14
48	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Raipur	7
49	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Khatra	3
50	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Barjora	16

51	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Sarenga	2
52	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Ranibandh	9
53	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Indpur	4
54	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Mejhia	11
55	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Onda	8
56	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Saltora	9
57	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Gangajalghati	10
58	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Hirbandh	2
59	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Simlapal	1
60	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bankura	Taldangra	4
61	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	13
62	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	8
63	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	4
64	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bishnupur HD	Patrasayer	6
65	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	7
66	6th & 7th Round Training	2nd Round	Bishnupur HD	Indas	17
67	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Bankura - I	8
68	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Bankura - II	10
69	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Barjora	16
70	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Gangajalghati	9
71	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Hirbandh	1
72	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Indpur	4
73	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Khatra	3
74	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Mejhia	11
75	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Raipur	6
76	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Ranibandh	9
77	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Saltora	9
78	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Simlapal	1
79	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Sarenga	2
80	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bankura	Taldangra	4
81	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	8
82	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	6
83	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	13
84	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bishnupur HD	Indas	11
85	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bishnupur HD	Patrasayer	6
86	6th & 7th Round Training	3rd Round	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	4
87	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Khatra	3
88	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Mejhia	1
89	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Indpur	5
90	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Bankura - I	2
91	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Bankura - II	7
92	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Chhatna	6
93	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Gangajalghati	8
94	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Hirbandh	5
95	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bankura	Onda	6
96	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bishnupur HD	Indas	18

97	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	8	
98	6th & 7th Round Training	4th Round	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	1	
99	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Bankura - I	7	
100	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Bankura - II	8	
101	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Barjora	16	
102	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Hirbandh	1	
103	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Khatra	9	
104	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Raipur	7	
105	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Sarenga	2	
106	Refresher Training	NA	Bankura	Mejhia	11	
107	Refresher Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	8	
108	Refresher Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Indas	11	
109	Refresher Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	6	
110	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Bankura - I	6	
111	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Bankura - II	8	
112	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Barjora	14	2
113	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Chhatna	1	
114	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Hirbandh	1	
115	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Khatra	9	
116	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Mejhia	11	3
117	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Raipur	8	5
118	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Saltora	3	1
119	NCD Training	NA	Bankura	Sarenga	2	
120	NCD Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	9	
121	NCD Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Indas	11	
122	NCD Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	5	5
123	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Bankura - I	12	1
124	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Bankura - II	36	11
125	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Barjora	142	37
126	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Chhatna	148	35
127	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Gangajalghati	142	29
128	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Hirbandh	65	20
129	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Khatra	82	27
130	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Onda	196	44
131	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Raipur	128	37
132	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Ranibandh	74	27
133	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Saltora	102	24
134	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Sarenga	10	3
135	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Simlapal	116	24
136	HBYC Training	NA	Bankura	Taldangra	112	31
137	HBYC Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	4	
138	HBYC Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Patrasayer	138	24
139	HBYC Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	3	
140	HBYC Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	153	34
141	HBYC Training	NA	Bishnupur HD	Indas	146	26
<b>Total</b>					<b>2901</b>	<b>450</b>



**Training details of Honorary Health Workers (HHWs) or Urban ASHAs of Bankura and Bishnupur Health district: 2023-24**

Sl. No	District	Municipality	Induction	1st Round Training of 6th & 7th Module	2nd Round Training of 6th & 7th Module	3rd Round Training of 6th & 7th Module	NCD (Non-Communicable Disease)	HBVC (Home Based Care of Young Child)	Total
1	Bankura	Bankura	2	2	2	2	2	5	15
2	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	2	2	2	2	2	3	13
3	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		<b>Total</b>	4	4	4	4	4	8	28

**Hand Holding Visit (HHV) to Support ASHAs at Fields of Bankura and Bishnupur Health District (2023-2024)**

Sl No	Health District	Block	No. of HHV done
1	Bankura	Bankura - I	35
2	Bankura	Bankura - II	36
3	Bankura	Barjora	35
4	Bankura	Chhatna	35
5	Bankura	Gangajalghati	35
6	Bankura	Hirbandh	35
7	Bankura	Indpur	35
8	Bankura	Khatra	34
9	Bankura	Mejhia	35
10	Bankura	Onda	35
11	Bankura	Raipur	35
12	Bankura	Ranibandh	31
13	Bankura	Saltora	33
14	Bankura	Sarenga	33
15	Bankura	Simlapal	34
16	Bankura	Taldangra	35
17	Bishnupur HD	Bishnupur	34
18	Bishnupur HD	Indas	35
19	Bishnupur HD	Joypur	35

20	Bishnupur HD	Kotulpur	35
21	Bishnupur HD	Patrasayer	34
22	Bishnupur HD	Sonamukhi	35
<b>Total</b>			<b>759</b>
<b>Municipality</b>			
1	Bankura		5
2	Bishnupur		5
3	Sonamukhi		6
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>

## FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

The Central Social Welfare Board in co-operation with the State Social Welfare Advisory Board organized Family Counseling Centre in every state through different voluntary organizations. The main objective of the centre is to decrease family breakdown, to prevent women exploitation and to decrease the matrimonial cases in the court.



The Family Counseling Centre started at our organization from September, 1986 with an aspiration that is to rely more on counseling, goodwill, understanding and negotiation. Since inception, three thousand ten (3010) cases have been registered in the centre. During the reporting year seventy two (72) new cases and eight (8) follow-up cases have been dealt; among those fifty two (52) cases have been closed.

The following tables indicate some information about the cases registered in this centre during this reporting period.

### A. Distribution of clients according to the source of referral:

Sl. No.	Source of Referral	No. of cases
1	Approached by the client and her/his relatives	55
2	Youth club, Mahila Samity, NGO, ASHA, SWADHAR	4
3	Legal Advisor	0
4	Ex-client	2
5	Police Station	8
6	EICS Staff	0
7	Well-wisher	3
8	Identified	0
9	Google	0
10	Women Protection Officer	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

B. Distribution of cases according to the nature of problems:

SI. No.	Causes of problems	No. of cases
1	Maladjustment between husband and wife	47
2	Maladjustment between husband and wife and the member of in-laws	6
3	Extra marital relation of client/spouse	6
4	Second marriage of client/spouse	2
5	Family problems	2
6	Alcohol/Drug addiction/Playing gamble	4
7	Psychological problem/Health problem	2
8	Motivated by members of in-laws	1
9	Social harassment	1
10	Suspicion/mistrust mania	0
11	Economic problem	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

C. Distribution of cases according to client's age:

SI. No.	Age group	No. of cases
1	Bellow 15 years	0
2	>15 to <=18 years	2
3	>18 to <=21 years	10
4	>21 to <=24 years	12
5	>24 to <=27 years	18
6	>27 to <=30 years	7
7	>30 to <=33 years	7
8	>33 to <=36 years	2
9	Above 36 years	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

D. Distribution of cases according to client's gender:

SI. No.	Sex	No. of cases
1	Male	10
2	Female	62
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

E. Distribution of cases according to their ethnic groups:

SI. No.	Caste/Religion	No. of cases
1	General Hindu	23
2	Scheduled Caste	17
3	Scheduled Tribe	01
4	Muslim	31
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

F. Distribution of cases according to their education:

SI. No.	Education Level	No. of cases
1	Illiterate	2
2	Literate	3

3	Primary	17
4	Class V to VIII	2
5	Class IX to Secondary	25
6	Higher Secondary	12
7	Graduation & similar higher level	7
8	Post Graduation	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

G. Distribution of cases according to their marital status:

Sl. No.	Status	No. of cases
1	Married	70
2	Unmarried	2
3	Widow	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

H. Distribution of cases according to client's age of marriage:

Sl. No.	Age group	No. of cases	
		Male	Female
1	Bellow 15 years	0	0
2	>15 to <=18 years	0	2
3	>18 to <=21 years	0	8
4	>21 to <=24 years	1	17
5	>24 to <=27 years	1	16
6	>27 to <=30 years	1	3
7	Above 30 years	7	14
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>

No. of unmarried clients: 2

I. Number of cases according to referral services provided:

Sl. No.	Name of the agency	No. of cases
1	Police department & CHILDLINE	2
2	Panchayat, local political party, well-wisher	1
3	Other welfare organization/other FCC	1
4	Court for legal assistance	4
5	Women Protection Officer/WPS	0
6	Swadhar Greh (Home)	1
7	Psychiatrist	0
8	Cases not referred for assistance	63
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

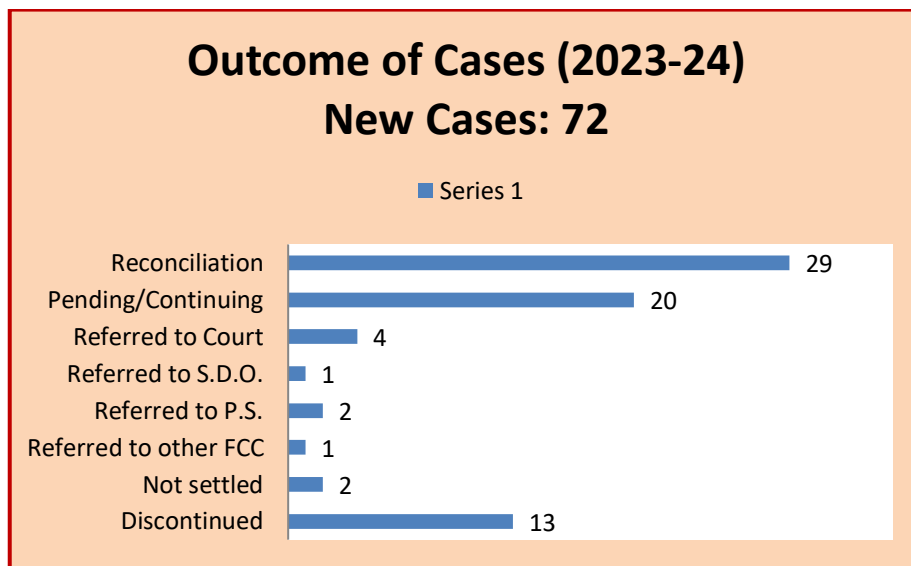
J. Distribution of clients according to the economic status of their family:

Sl. No.	Income Group	No. of cases
1	Below Rs.5000	18
2	Rs.5000-Rs.10000	20
3	Rs.10001-Rs.15000	15
4	Rs.15001-Rs.20000	7
5	Rs.20001-Rs.25000	3
6	Rs.25001-Rs.30000	4

7	Rs.30001-Rs.35000	1
8	Rs.35001-Rs.40000	1
9	>Rs.40000	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>

K. Distribution of clients according to the area of residence:

Sl. No.	Area	No. of cases
1	Rural	38
2	Urban	34
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>



#### Other Activities:-



**Awareness Programme:** The centre organized three awareness programme on Domestic Violence, Child Marriage, Child Labour and Problems of Women and Adolescents' in the Society, held at Kharasinnpur,, Mayureswar and Baraturi, Mayureswar and Champannagari, Dubrajpur. SHG Members, School going children enthusiastically participated in these programmes.

## SWADHAR GREH (Converted to Shakti Sadan)

### KSHANIKA

## A Home for Women & Girls (Above 18 to 55 years)

Various types of violence against women and girls in the family like wife beating, rape physical and sexual abuse, desertion and economic exploitation as well as extreme family poverty and no means of subsistence sometimes make it very difficult for women and girls to stay at home and to find shelter in any safe place. In recognition of such unfortunate but not uncommon social maladies, the Central Government, on the recommendation of the Government of West Bengal entrusted upon EICS in 1991 with the management of a Short Stay Home for Women and Girls (15-35 years) who are in distress and need shelter. Short Stay Home has been upgraded in to SWADHAR GREH (18-55 years) from January 2016. Swadhar Greh was converted into Shakti Sadan under Mission Shakti in January 2024.



Since inception of Home we have received total 657 inmates. During the period under report i.e. April 2023 to March 2024, 17 inmates (along with their 1 child) have taken admission at the Home and 21 (along with their 2 children) inmates are released from the Home. On an average 24 inmates were at the Home during 2023-2024 in each month.



### Service Provided:

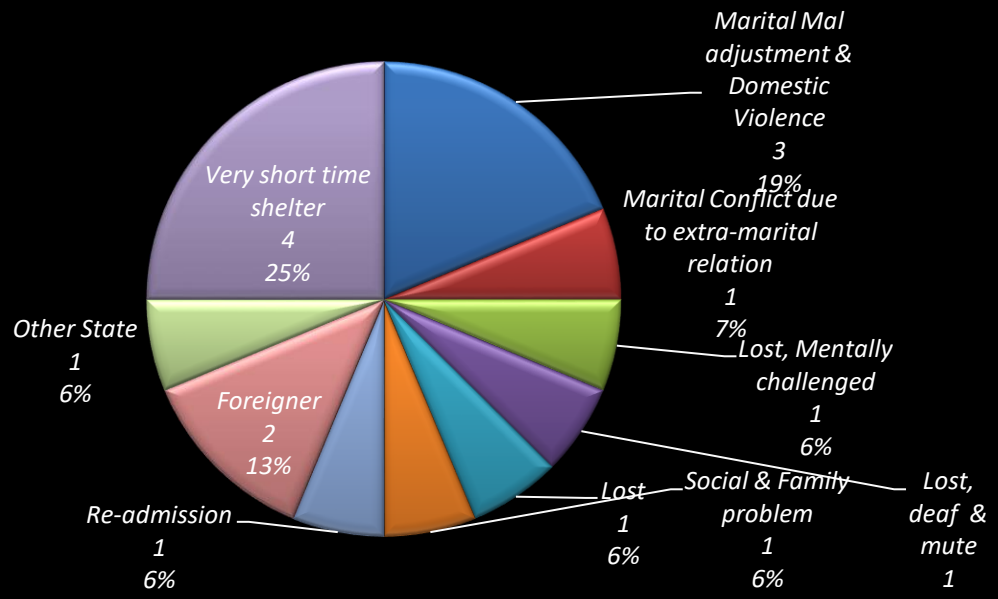
1. Temporary safe shelter
2. Medical care
3. Rehabilitation (economic, social, psychological)-
  - Training on embroidery, cutting and tailoring, hobby loom, machine knitting, boutique, fabric & appliqué, macramé, food processing.
  - Adult education for inmates
  - Counselling for re-adjustment in family or, society
  - Counselling for mental strength for being self dependent
4. Education for children
5. Follow up services
6. Formal Education.





## Classification of problems of inmates admitted (2023-2024)

Total inmates admitted: 16



### Rehabilitation of Released Inmates:

In this year i.e. from April 2023 to March 2024, 20 (along with their 2 children) inmates were released and rehabilitated. At present (at the end of March 2024) 23 women are staying in the Home. We give below the data of released inmates who were rehabilitated in this year (April 2023 – March 2024).

Sl.	Types of Rehabilitation	No. of inmates
1	Service	Nil
2	Self-employed	Nil
3	Restored to the guardian/ parents	8 + 1 children
4	Reconciled with husband/family/socially	2
5	Marriage	Nil
6	Referred to CNCP home for girls	1 children
7	Socially reconciled	Nil
8	Referred to another home due to GDA training	1
9	Other specify	1 (Handed over Police)

### Home Committee:

For the management of the Home a committee is actively working. During this reporting period, four meetings were held and various issues were discussed for the benefit of the inmates. The proceedings of the meeting are implemented in earnest.

**Referral Service:**

Referral services are provided to the inmates whenever it is necessary.

**Publicity:**

The publicity for Home has been done by broadcasting and telecasting and by distributing leaflets through ASHAs in 19 Blocks of Birbhum District, awareness camp, through various types of programmes organized by organization. Besides these publicities, since the institute is working as Service Provider hence the SDJM & SDO have been requested to send the victims of Domestic Violence and in this regard the Block Women Development Officer has also been informed about the service of Swadhar Greh as well as Shakti Sadan.

**Other Activities:**

This year inmates of Swadhar Greh observed Birth Day of Rabindranath Tagore on 9 May 2023, Foundation Day of Organisation on 6 June 2023, they observed Independence Day on 15 August. They participated in Swachchhata Divas on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and cleaned their room and the campus too. This year the Inmates enjoyed Durgapuja, Dipabali. They observed the birth day of Swami Vebekananda, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on 12 January, 23 January and Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January respectively.. They observed International Women's Day

On 11<sup>th</sup> March and they also celebrated Holy on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The inmates along with their educational activities and vocational training are also taking part in workshop on drama and training in yoga, music and dance classes.

Note : Superintendent of Kshanika has taken training on a State Level Capacity Building Programme of Health Care Providers of Shakti Sadan.

**Visits:**

During this reporting period, the following dignitaries were visited the Home:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	<i>Md. Ruknuddin</i>	<i>Secretary , District Legal Services Authority</i>
2.	<i>Sri Dharani Adhikary</i>	<i>Additional District Judge, 1<sup>st</sup> Court, Suri, Birbhum</i>
3.	<i>Sri Partha Dasgupta</i>	<i>District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO)</i>
4.	<i>Sri Nirupam Sinha</i>	<i>District Child Protection Officer (DCPO)</i>
5.	<i>Suparna Roy</i>	<i>Secretary , District Legal Services Authority</i>
6.	<i>Dr. Ayan Nandi</i>	<i>SDO, Bolpur, Birbhum</i>
7.	<i>Smt. Leena Gongopadhyay</i>	<i>Chairperson, State commission for women</i>
8.	<i>Mitali Bandyopadhyaya</i>	<i>Director, Directoor of Social Welfare</i>

## CHILDREN HOME FOR GIRLS

### NAVEENA

#### A Home for Girls (6-18 years) in Need of Care & Protection (CNCP)



EICS was entrusted by the Government of India to run a Home for girls under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (presently under 'Mission Vatsalya') of the Ministry of Women & Child Development. This Home, often called CNCP provides shelter, care and protection to girls between the age group 6-18

years against any perceived or real danger or risk of their life or childhood viz violence or exploitation at any place, child abuse, trafficking, sexual abuse, child marriage etc. In our CNPC Home called NAVEENA, started on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

The girls are restored in this Home as per order of the Child Welfare Committee of Birbhum district or by the order of court for their (these children's) proper care & protection and other necessary services for their rehabilitation and social reintegration.



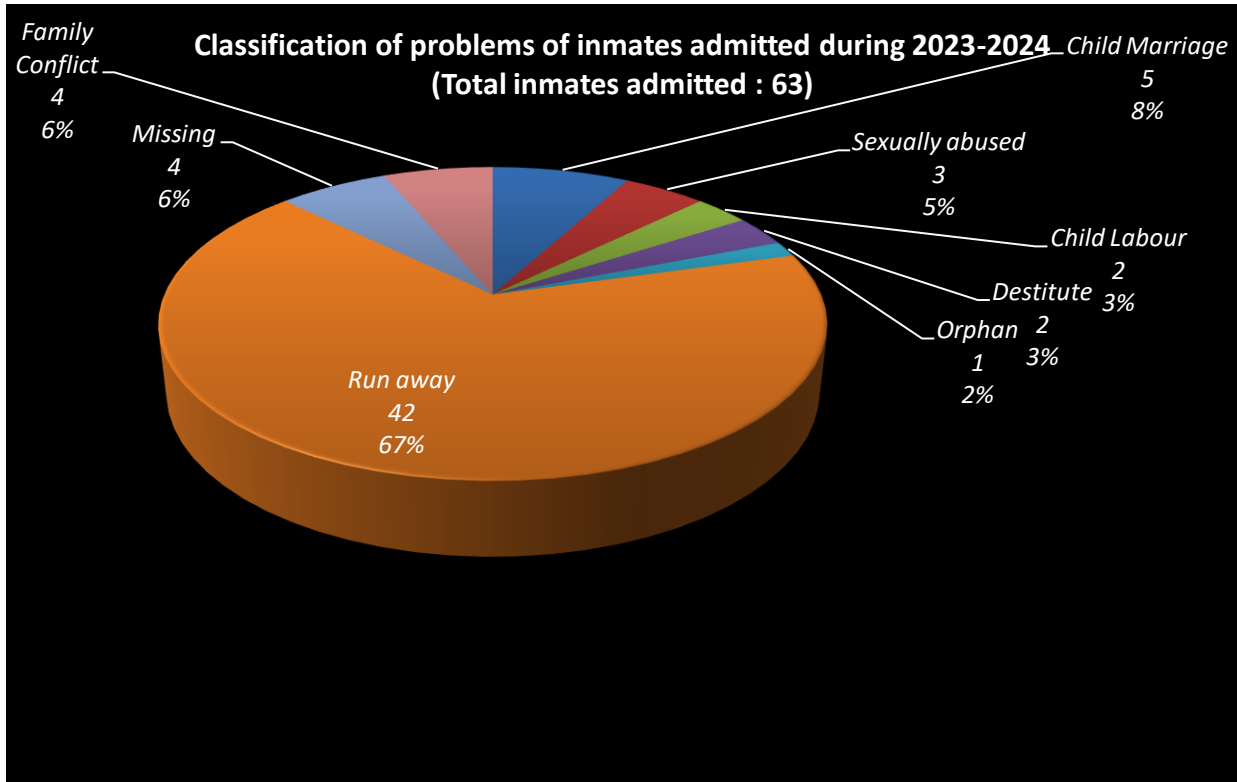
During the reporting period 63 residents have been taken admission at the Home and 56 girls have been released. The end of March 2024, 24 Girls reside at Home. Since inception (26<sup>th</sup> of February 2018), 338 Children were admitted in this Home. Among of them, 49 residents have gone to formal school from CNPC Home, 114 residents have provided with informal education and 104 residents took vocational training at Home.

### Service Provided:

1. Provide safe shelter and treat them with dignity and care.
2. Temporary night shelter.
3. Provide day to day necessary facilities including nourishing food & well hygiene.
4. Medical Care.
5. Rehabilitation (Psychological, Social, Economic)-
  - i) Counselling for re-adjustment in family on society.
  - ii) Counselling for mental strength for being self dependent.
  - iii) Formal and informal education, along with the support of tuition classes at Home. Coaching classes: All subjects for Class I to X, English, Arts & Science group coaching for Class IX to XII are provided.
  - iv) Vocational training on embroidery, hobby loom, tailoring, costume jewellery, making jute materials, Cotton Bag, food - Spice processing course, gardening, they were making different type of cotton masks and also sold these.
  - v) Training on developing leadership attitude.
  - vi) Rehabilitation and social re- integration through the process under the juvenile act. Based on the individual care plan of the child, preferably through family based care i.e. by restoration to family or guardian with or without supervision or sponsorship or foster care.
  - vii) Milieu based interventions and individual therapy for every child.
  - viii) After 18 years completed we arrange for them their qualification and requirement wise vocational training (Gov.).
6. Music and dance classes, Art & Craft class, Theatre workshop.
7. Physical exercise, Yoga class.

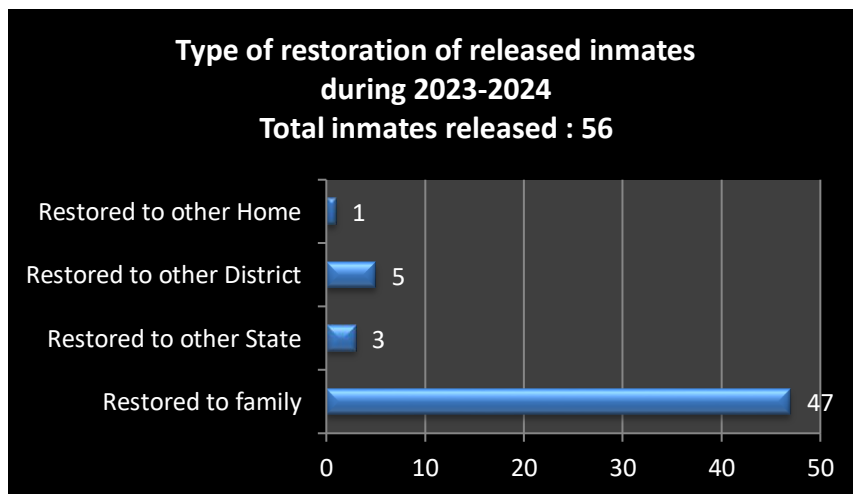


8. Recreation – library facility, Indoor –Outdoor games, watching television with cable network, listening in music through Home Theatre, outing, picnic, participating/attending in local festivals and functions.
9. Organize inmate’s Aadhaar card, Pan Card& Bank accounts.
10. ‘Uttaran’ a new supporting project attached with the Home for improved support to the residents through providing additional nutrition.



**Rehabilitation:**

During this period under report, 56 Inmates were released.





In the period under reporting-

Number of girls went to Formal School	17
Provided with Informal Education	10
Provided with Vocational Training	36
Supported by Tuition	74

### Others Activities:

During the period (1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024) the residents of 'Naveena'CNCP Home, participated in the celebration of Bengali New year on 15<sup>th</sup> April , 22nd April Eid-UI-Fetar, 9th May Rabindra Jayanti, 16th May educational visit to Bolpur College, 20th June Rathyatra, 29th June Eid-Ud-Joha, 15<sup>th</sup> August Independence day, 30<sup>th</sup> August Rakhi Bandhan celebration , 18th September Viswakarma Puja , 26th September Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar Birthday, International Girls Child Day on 11th October, 12th October Smt.Kanika



Bandopadhyay (Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi) Birth centenary , Durga Puja Celebration , 20th October outing for Pandal hopping, Dipabali on 12.11.2023, Vaifota, Children day celebration on 14<sup>th</sup> November, Cultural programme perform in World Aids day on 01.12.23 and Child friendly corner in Santiniketan Poush Mela 2023, 25<sup>th</sup> December X-Mas , 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> January New Year, 12<sup>th</sup> January Swami Vivekananda birth celebration, 23<sup>rd</sup> January Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Birth day, 24th January national Girl Child Day, 26<sup>th</sup> January republic day & Picnic, 31st January participated in the School annual sports (Srinanda High School), 14th February Saraswati Puja, 21st February Vasa Dibas Udjapon, 21st February awareness programme about Menstruation & hygiene by the ex-student of Viswa-Bharati, 8th March International Women's day , 12th March attained the organization programme with legendary Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Rezwana Choudhury Banya, 15th March awareness programme regarding Balance diet & Menstruation by CWC(Birbhum) Chairperson, 25th March Dol Yatra and also the residents were enjoyed local festivals, the birthday celebration of every resident. Children participated in many cultural activities and the exhibition of their handmade materials in Poush Mela, Magh Mela and Naba Nalanda (School) Mela.

### Children's Committee:

The Children Committee meetings were held in every month. There, one monitor and two captains (age group wise) were selected by the inmates of the Home through vote. From the beginning of the project to March 2023 of CNCP Home, total 73 number children committee meetings have been held.

### Home Management Committee:

The meetings of Home Management Committee were held in every month for monitoring (care & needs), development and follow up of the children's suggestion box in the CCI. From the very beginning of the project to March 2024 of CNCP Home total 33 number of meetings have been done.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
01.	Mrs.Nilanjana Sengupta	Director of DCRT, Westbengal
02.	Mrs.Ananya Chakraborty	Advisor of SCPCR, Westbengal
03.	Mrs.Bipasa Roy	Member of SARA, Westbengal
04.	Mr.Ayon Nath	Subdivisional Officer, Bolpur
05.	Mr.Saraj Mazumder	Additional District Judge, Birbhum
06.	Md.Ruknuddin	Secretary of District Legal Service Authority, Birbhum
07.	Mrs.Suparna Roy	Secretary of District Legal Service Authority, Birbhum
08.	Mr. Pratha Dasgupta	District Social Welfare Officer, Birbhum
09.	Mr. Nirupam Sinha	District Child Protection Officer, Suri, Birbhum
10.	Mrs. Sanjukta Bhattacharya	Protection of Officer Institutional Care (DCPU), Suri, Birbhum
11.	Mrs.Shipra Konar	Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee Birbhum
12.	Mrs.Susmita Basu	Member of Child Welfare Committee, Birbhum
13.	Mr.Fazlul Haque Molla	Member of Child Welfare Committee, Birbhum
14.	Mr. Sajal Kumar Bhattacharjee	Member of Child Welfare Committee, Birbhum
15.	Mrs.Suchismita Chakraborty	Member of Child Welfare Committee, Birbhum

**CHILDLINE 1098 SERVICES  
UNDER INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME  
(MISSION BATSALYA AT PRESENT)**

CHILDLINE Service started its journey on 26 March 2013 as District Collaborative Centre; with other two Sub-Centres at Rampurhat and Suri in Birbhum district.

Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS), the District Collaborative Centre is functioning at Andrewspalli, Santiniketan. The Sub-Centers, Rampurhat Spastic and Handicapped Society of Rampurhat and Jayaprokash Institute for Social Change of Suri have been dedicated for 24x7 hours service with objective of CHILDLINE India initiative.

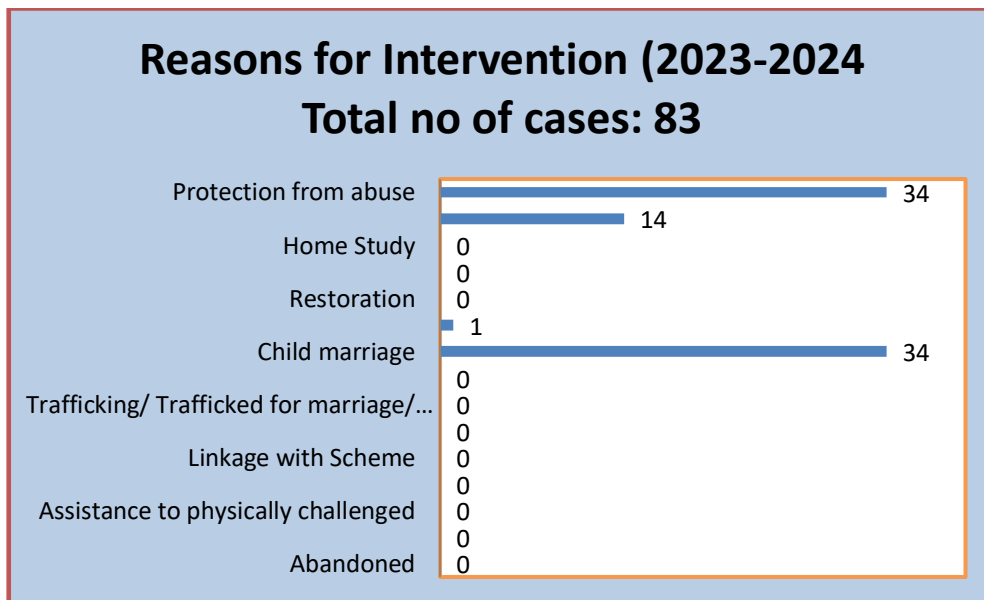
Till 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, EICS has been entrusted by the Childline India Foundation (CIF), the Nodal Agency for Child Protection activities under ICPS scheme; at present under Mission *Batsalya* (Child Protection Service and Child Welfare Services) of Ministry of Women & Child Development, to implement CHILDLINE 1098, (24 x 7) emergency interventions so that to reach out to every child in need of care and protection, as the Collaborative Organization at Birbhum district, West Bengal.

**The objectives of CHILDLINE services:**

- i) To reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergencies on 1098 and by physically reaching out to children.
- ii) To adapt and integrate telecommunication technology, linking all districts to the service of 1098, and making it available to all children in need of care and protection.
- iii) To provide a platform of networking amongst organizations and to provide linkages to support systems that facilitates the rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection.



- iv) To work together with the Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Communication, Media, Political and the Community) to create child friendly systems.
- v) To advocate for services for children that are inaccessible, non-existent or inadequate.
- vi) To create a body of NGOs and Government organizations working within the national framework and policy for children.
- vii) To be a nodal child protection agency in the country, providing child protection services to children in need of care and protection.
- viii) To set up innovative child protection services leveraging technological advancements in areas where such services are inaccessible, non-existent or inadequate
- ix) To undertake research with the objectives of strengthening the CHILDLINE 1098 service, and studying new and emerging trends in child protection issue
- x) To contribute and work towards strengthening and participating in a global movement that addresses issues related to child protection and ensures that children's voices are heard.



**Production at District Child Welfare Committee (CWC),  
Open House, Rescue through CHILDLINE, GDE & FIR  
(2023-2024)**

<b>No. of Cases Produced at CWC</b>	4
<b>Open House dealings</b>	3
<b>No. of GDE Filed</b>	27
<b>No. of FIR Filed</b>	8
<b>No. of Children Rescued by CHILDLINE</b>	0

### Cases Received/Referred From (2023-2024)

Cases from/by	No. of cases
Cases Received from 1098 Service	55
Adult Came to office	0
Child Came to office	0
Outreach Cases	10
Referred by Another CHILDLINE	1
Referred by CWC/DCPS/DSWO &Others	0
Referred by GRPS/RPF	0
Referred by Police	0
Through Email	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>

### Child Restoration (2023-2024)

Children Escorted/ Restored	No. of Children
Within District	111
Within State	1
Outside of State	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>

### Awareness Programmes (2023-2024)

Awareness Programmes Conducted At	No. of Programmes
Anganwadi Centre/ AW Training Centre	0
Bus Stand	0
School	0
Railway Station	1
Religious Place	0
Slum Area	0
Shelter Home	0
Others	125
<b>Total No. of Programmes</b>	<b>126</b>

## CHILDLINE Activities in Brief (2023-2024)

### Observation of World Day against Child Labour (2023)

Like every year the World Day against Child Labour has been organized by the CHILDLINE, 1098 Service (Collaborative Centre, Santiniketan), Birbhum in collaboration with the Office of the Labour Commissioner on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 in Birbhum. In this year 2023 the World Day against Child Labour was observed according to



the direction of the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR) in collaboration with the CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) and the Railway Authorities. This Campaign was held from June 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Rampurhat Railway Station Premises. The main objective of this campaign was Elimination of Child Labour campaign to execute and uphold the campaign for child labour and child begging free station. The CHILDLINE Birbhum was the main organizer of this seven-day

long campaign supported by the District Administration, Birbhum and the Railways Authorities (Station Manager, RPF and GRPP) of Rampurhat Railway.

On the first day, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 the programme was highlighted by a seminar where main objective was to create awareness against child labour and to rehabilitate them. Aiming for every child to go to school and ending child labour were the main objectives. The main speakers of the seminar delivered their valuable opinions were Smt. Yashabanti Sreemany, a Member of the WBCPCR, Sri. Raja Das, Consultant of the WBCPCR, Sri. Partha Dasgupta, the DSWO Birbhum District, Sri Nirupam Sinha, the DCPO Birbhum, Smt. Shipra Konar, the Chairperson- CWC Birbhum, Sri. Krishna Kumar, the Station Manager, Rampurhat Railway Station, Sri. Sailen Roy, the IC- Rampurhat RPIC, Mr. Hans Raj, the IC- Rampurhat RPF, Mr. Soumya Kanti Dutta, the ALC- Suri, Birbhum, Smt. Nibediata Sen, the Project Director- Kailash Satyarthi Children Foundation, MR. Nurul Islam, the Secretary, Rampurhat Spastics and Handicapped Society, Rampurhat, Birbhum. The Seminar started at 11.10 AM and ended at 12.45 PM.

After concluding of the seminar a rally was conducted consisting of all the above authorities along with other participants at the premises at platform no. 01 of Rampurhat Railway Station. Above 60 participants attended this rally. The main objective of this awareness was to sensitize common people that, child labour is a punishable offence and to save the children from engaging as child labour & begging.

## **CARE AND SUPPORT CENTRE (CSC) FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV) IN BIRBHUM AND PURBA BARDHAMAN DISTRICT**

### **(A Project under National AIDS Control Programme)**

The Care and Support Centre (CSC) is a national initiative to provide expanded and holistic care and support services for People Living with HIV (PLHIV) under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP). CSC expands access to essential services, supports treatment adherence, reduces

stigma and discrimination, and improves the quality of life of PLHIV across India. The overall goal of CSC is to improve the survival and quality of life of PLHIV with the specific objectives as follows:

- Early linkages of PLHIV to care, support and treatment services: The CSC will support PLHIV in early linkage to care, support and treatment services.
- Improvement of treatment adherence and education for PLHIV: Adherence education and support can help PLHIV sustain and manage their treatment regimes.
- Expanding positive prevention activities: Early testing and diagnosis will be encouraged through appropriate counselling and peer support. All who are tested will be supported to engage their sexual partners, family members and children toward testing.
- Improvement of social protection and wellbeing of PLHIV: CSC will facilitate linkage to the existing social welfare and protection schemes under different line departments, corporate sector, public sector undertakings, and faith based organizations, and civil society organizations.
- Strengthening of community systems and reduced stigma and discrimination: To ensure a robust system that supports the program goal and ensures reduced stigma and a discrimination free access to quality services. Providing counseling, treatment, education, and linking the clients to various health and non-health services.

West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (WBSAP&CS) entrusted EICS to run the Care and Support Centre (CSC) for the People Living with HIV (PLHIV) of Birbhum and Purba Bardhaman district in April 2022. The overall goal of the project is to achieve improved survival and quality of life of PLHIV in the targeted area; and the specific objectives are:

1. To link up estimated PLHIV to Antiretroviral therapy (ART) services, ensure ART initiation & retention of PLHIV, track back of Lost to Follow Up (LFU) and to reduce new infections in Birbhum and Purba Bardhaman districts
2. To reduce Tuberculosis co-infections among PLHIV in the targeted area
3. To eradicate HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination in the targeted area
4. To enhance social protection of PLHIV in Birbhum and Purba Bardhaman districts
5. Enabling environment for sustenance.

### **Services:**

1. Counselling at CSC
2. Support group meeting at CSC
3. Track back to ART of LFU (lost to follow-up) cases
4. Follow up of MIS (missed recently to take medicine) cases
5. Pre-ART Registration
6. Follow up of test for CD4 count (indicator of immune system)
7. Link to Targeted Intervention (TI) project
8. Testing of partner/ spouse, children and family members
9. Hospital /clinical referrals- Opportunistic Infection (OI) management, side effects, general ailment, TB, STI treatment
10. Support for Legal Aid
11. Social protection
12. Social entitlements.

**Counselling in CSC-** One-to-one counseling, Group/couple/family counseling, Specialized counselling for children and pregnant women, Counselling for HRGs, Outdoor counselling (through outreach), Facilities for individual and group counselling



**Outreach services-** Follow up of PLHIV for ART adherence, Follow up of PLHIV for retention in care (Pre-ART LFU — Tested positive but CD4 not done — Pre-ART clients who are eligible but not started ART — On ART MIS cases — On ART LFU cases), Follow up repeat tests of CD4 (Cluster of Differentiation) count,

Reinforcement of key counselling messages as per client's need, Disseminate information on signs and symptoms of OIs.

**Training on home based care service-** Educating care giver (family member) on taking care of minor ailments at home, health and hygiene maintenance to delay opportunistic infections, identifying signs and symptoms of OIs that need medical treatment, Counselling family members on preventive measures, and how to cope with emotions while dealing with family member/s who are living with HIV.

**Referral and linkage services-** Referral for treatment and health needs, Linkages and referrals for social welfare schemes and entitlements, Linkages and referrals for non-health needs, Coordination with referral centres.

**Advocacy and communication-** Conduct sensitization meeting with all stakeholders (Govt. and non-Govt) regularly. These meetings will provide the PLHIVs for healthy life, socially and physically.

**Support Group Meetings (SGM)-** Organize support group meetings (SGM) to help in developing support mechanisms for the PLHIV. These meetings will provide the members a platform to share their problems and concerns about confidentiality and learn from each other on how to cope. The support groups will also help strengthen their knowledge on HIV related issues and develop a community voice to advocate for better policies.

### Achievement during the period from April 2023 to March 2024

#### TOTAL CLIENT REGISTRATION OF PLHIV

Male	Female	Child	Transgender	TOTAL
905	686	79	8	1678

#### PLHIV TO BE INITIATED – PRE-ART LFU (Lost to follow up)

Line list received from ARTC	Contacted	Opted out	Expired	Transferred out	Initiated on ART	% of definite outcome	Agreed to visit	Others	Migrated	% of indefinite outcome
117	117	0	17	4	13	30%	2	64	17	70%

#### NEWLY INITIATED PLHIV

Line List received 7 months ago	Completed 6 months Follow-Up	Retention in 7 <sup>th</sup> month	% of retention	LFU	Treatment stopped	Expired	Transferred out	Opted out
272	261	261	95%	3	0	26	8	0

### MIS CASES (Missed to pick up medicine in current month)

Line List received	Contacted	Opted out	Expired	Transferred out	Other NACO Art	ART from private provider	Brought back	ART Medicine	% of definite outcome	Agreed to visit	Others	Untraceable	Migrated	% of indefinite outcome
743	743	0	32	12	0	0	666	0	95%	5	21	1	6	5%

### RECENT AND ON-ART LFU

Line List received	Contacted	Opted out	Expired	Transferred out	Other NACO Art	ART from private provider	Brought back	ART Medicine	% of definite outcome	Agreed to visit	Untraceable	Migrated	% of indefinite outcome
340	340	0	40	2	8	0	17	0	20%	2	63	38	80%

### SECOND LINE AND THIRD LINE RETENTION

2 <sup>nd</sup> Line			3 <sup>rd</sup> Line		
Line List received	Completed 6 Months' Follow up	% of Retention	Line List received	Completed 6 Months' Follow up	% of Retention
0	0	0%	00	00	00

### CD4 AND VIRAL LOAD

CD4			3 <sup>rd</sup> Line		
Line List received	Completed 6 Months' Follow up	% of Retention	Line List received	6 Months' Follow up – Client Improved	% of Retention
91	72	80%	29	22	76%

### TB-HIV CO-INFECTION

Line List received	Active Care	Followed up	Completed Anti-Tuberculosis Drugs
22	33	78	10

### FAMILY MEMBER /SEX PARTNER HIV TESTING

Eligible for Screening	Tested	Detected Positive	Linked to ART	Initiated on ART
186	109	3	3	3



## SOCIAL PROTECTION

Indicators	Male	Female	Male Child (<15)	Female Child (<15)	Total
Eligible for Social Protection Scheme	129	141	4	5	279
Linked at least one scheme	120	122	3	6	251
Availed at least one scheme	17	30	0	0	47

## SOCIAL ENTITLEMENTS

INDICATORS	MALE	FEMALE	TG	MALE CHILD(<15)	FEMALE CHILD(<15)	TOTAL
NO OF ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL ENTITLEMENTS SCHEME		0	0	1	1	2
LINKED AT LEAST ONE SCHEME	0	0	0	1	1	2
AVAILED AT LEAST ONE SCHEME	0	0	0	1	1	2

## STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

TOTAL CASES REPORTED	TOTAL CASES ADDRESSED	NO OF CASES SOLVED
8	8	8

## Special Events: Observation of the World AIDS Day 2023

Each year, on 1 December, the world commemorates the World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show solidarity for the people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. **“Let communities lead”** is the theme of World AIDS Day observation, 2023.

The **Care and Support Centre (CSE) for the People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) Project** for Birbhum and Purba Bardhaman under Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies, Santiniketan has observed the World AIDS Day, 2023 with the assistance of Birbhum District Health Department, Government of West Bengal to build a strong awareness on prevention and care of this deadly disease, HIV/AIDS. The CSE for the PLHIV Project Team, Health Officials & workers, District administration, allied system and other community actively participated in this event **“World AIDS Day”** Programme to build up a better coordination with them to make a HIV free society. We want



people to be aware about prevention of this deadly disease and its related disease, Tuberculosis, begin to care about vulnerable people and children also.

A **Rally** was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), the Dy. CMOH-II and the Dy. CMOH-IV, Birbhum District, the Head of the District Tuberculosis & AIDS Control Officer, Birbhum Health District, the District Tuberculosis Medical Officer, the Dy. Director, WBSAP& CS, the ICTC Counsellors of CMOH Office, Suri and Bolpur Sub-Divisional Hospitals and different BPHCs, the Block Programme Coordinator(BPC)s and other health officials from different BPHCs and the Director and staff members of other projects of Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS) and the team of CSC for PLHIV Project of EICS were participated in this rally along with an **IEC van** for awareness purpose promoted along with publicity through informative folk and baul songs.

After conclusion of the rally the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), the Dy. CMOH-II and the Dy. CMOH-IV, Birbhum District and the other abovementioned dignitaries and the Director and the



Secretary of Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS) inaugurated this occasion officially by lighting of lamp. The Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH), the Dy. Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH)-II, the Dy. Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH)-IV, Birbhum District, the Head of the District Tuberculosis & AIDS Control Officer, Birbhum Health District, the District Tuberculosis

Medical Officer, Birbhum and the Director and the Secretary, Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS) were delivered their valuable lectures showing their solidarity for the people living with HIV. All the speakers were stressed the need in eradication of this deadly disease to build a HIV and TB free Society. Thereafter the newly appointed or, junior NTEP and NACP staffs under this Health District were felicitated through handing over of small trees as a memento. Then a Role Play and Quiz and writing of short note session were also held. The participants were also felicitated through handing over of memento and Certificates. Then lighting of a camp fire through a Rabindra sangeet song was arranged. Later this commemorative programme was concluded through baul songs. The inmate children of “Naveena” CNCP Home for Girls’ of Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies, Santiniketan, Birbhum were actively participated in this programme through presentation of Rabindra Sangeet songs.

The **Care and Support Centre (CSE) for the People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) Project** of Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies, Santiniketan participated in the observation of the World AIDS Day, 2023 from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023 with the help of the District Tuberculosis & AIDS Control Office under the Purba Bardhaman District Health Department, Govt. of West Bengal, to build a strong awareness on prevention on this deadly disease, HIV/AIDS. The

CSC PLHIV Project Team, the Health Officials (including the CMOH (Chief Medical Officer of Health) and the Dy. CMOHs and other Officials of the District AIDS Prevention & Control Society (DAPCU) and other community actively participated in this event “*World AIDS Day*” Programme to build up a better coordination with them to make a HIV-AIDS free society. We want people to be aware about prevention of this deadly disease, begin to care about vulnerable people and children also.

The observation of the World AIDS Day, 2023 was officially inaugurated in the presence of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) and other Officials of the Purba Bardhaman Health District on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. The present dignitaries delivered their valuable lectures to make this observation meaningful.

Apart from this inaugural programme a **rally** was organized World AIDS Day, 2023 on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 which covers Karzon Gate and other surrounding areas of Bardhaman town. The Officials of the District Health Department including Tuberculosis & AIDS Control Office, Purba Bardhaman, District officials, the ICTC Counsellors and other health officials and staff members of others NGOs and the team of Care and Support Centre (CSC) for the PLHIV, Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS), students of different schools and colleges were participated in this event.

An Informative campaign was arranged through an IEC Van that covered 150 Km. in each and every Blocks of this District. providing awareness and superstition related to HIV/AIDS, Blood donation, TB, and importance of condom use from there, in addition to different Acts regarding s afeguard for the people living with HIV/AIDS. A magic show was also organized to make it more attractive. A Health Camp had also organized at Bardhaman Railway Station campus during those days where some tests (Blood Sugar, HIV and Thalassaemia) conducted for mass.

## **Special Events: District Level Sensitization Programme for PLHIV**

A District Level Sensitization Programme on HIV/AIDS and related treatment, different Government schemes for people living with HIV/AIDS and different Acts as a safeguard for these people was held at Care and Support Centre (CSC) Project for Birbhum and Purba Bardhaman Districts under Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS) on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024 and 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 respectively.

The beneficiaries (people living with HIV) of this project from Birbhum District were participated in this programme on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024 and the beneficiaries of this project from Purba Bardhaman District were

attended in this programme on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Mr. Jagadish Jana, the Assistant Director (GIPA), WBSAP & CS and Mrs. Sumita Samanta, the Deputy Director, (IEC), WBSAP & CS were discussed on the importance of continuation of ART Treatment and different Government Schemes for the people living with HIV. They also discussed on different laws as a safeguard for these people. The participated clients were also enthusiastically shared their personal respective problematic issues and views. They became aware about different laws defend them.



## STD/HIV/AIDS CORE COMPOSITE TARGETED INTERVENTION IN BIRBHUM DISTRICT

Core Composite Targeted Intervention for Female Sex Workers (FSW), Men having Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender (TG) in Birbhum and Rampurhat Health District

Under National AIDS Control Programme-V

Supported by

State AIDS Prevention & Control Society

Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal

Implemented by

Elmhirst Institute of Community Studies (EICS) , Santiniketan



Birbhum, West Bengal Code: 009

### Targeted Intervention:

Targeted intervention is a very significant component of National AIDS Control Program (NACP). These interventions provide an opportunity to



provide comprehensive and integrated HIV prevention as well as care and support services to extremely marginalized High Risk Groups, such as Female Sex Workers (FSWs), Men who have Sex with Men (MSMs), Transgender (TGs), People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and also to bridge



populations like Migrant workers and long distance Truckers. NACO, in partnership with NGOs/CBOs, provides these HIV prevention and care and support (to those who are infected) services to these group in a very user friendly manner, that is, at a place and time most convenient to the community and they can easily access these services without any fear of stigma and discrimination.

SAPCS has been implementing Targeted Intervention projects with the core population. (Core groups are Female Sex Workers, Men who have Sex with Men, Transgender).

### Project Location:

<b>State: West Bengal</b>		
<b>District : Birbhum</b>		
<b>Place</b>	Hotspot area	
<b>Suri</b>	Taltola, Subhaspalli, Kakarkhad	Brothel Area
<b>Sainthia</b>	Nabagram, Bauri para, Bagdi para	Slum Area
<b>Rampurhat</b>	Cannel para, Gudam Para, Nischintapur	Hamlet, TG khol

### Goals & Objectives of our Project:

#### Goals :

- ▶ Reduce new HIV infections
- ▶ Reduce AIDS-related mortalities
- ▶ Eliminate vertical transmission of HIV and Syphilis



- ▶ Promote entire access to quality STI/RTI services to at-risk and vulnerable populations
- ▶ Eliminate HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination.

### Specific Objectives of the project :

- ▶ **Social and Behaviors Change Communication** - To provide effective BCC to HRGs (FSW, TG/Hijra, MSM) and stakeholders of the community and also increase knowledge level, stigma/discrimination.
- ▶ **Access to HIV prevention, testing and treatment services** - To provide syndromic treatment and counseling to the patients to reduce STI among HRGs, Testing for HIV at ICTC/community based testing and referral services to ART Centre.
- ▶ **Condom Promotion** - To promote consistent and correct use of condom.
- ▶ **Enabling Environment** - To create an environment supportive to service delivery and good system of referral.



TYPOLOGY WISE REACHED POPULATION		
FSW	TG	MSM
392	57	57

Typology wise HRG Counseling		
FSW	TG	MSM
437	66	31

Typology wise HRGs ICTC (Hospital)		
FSW	TG	MSM
57	2	11

Typology wise HRGs Clinic visit in DIC		
FSW	TG	MSM
314	35	28

Typology wise HRGs Syphilis Testing		
FSW	TG	MSM
303	35	26

Typology wise HRGs HIV Testing		
FSW	TG	MSM
271	34	26

Advocacy Activity with Stakeholder		
Primary Stakeholder	Secondary Stakeholder	Tertiary Stakeholder
8	25	12

Strengthen Outreach Activity Camp	
No of Activity camp	Reason for change (if any)
12	0

### Innovations and unique interventions under the Project:

1.) One of our HRG in the Suri Hotspot area Ayna Bibi (name changed) was quite unwell physically. Due to her physical illness, she couldn't travel to ART centre in Bardhaman. Our



ORW & PE didi communicated and went her house. They collected her ART green card and contacted the ICTC counselor at suri sadar hospital. The counselor has helped us a lot and arranged to provide the medicines she needs according to her card. Currently, after taking the medicines, HRG didi is well and our ORW ,PE didi keep in regular contact with her.

2.) One of our HRG Nitu Bayen (name changed) didi couldnot get ration from the ration shop due to some errors on her ration card. She told us about this inconvenience, and our PE didi collected necessary documents from her and submitted to the required office. At this moment the problem has been solved and she is receiving ration from the shop.

3.) One of Our HRG didi Anku/ Apna Bauri (name changed) felt unwell due to swelling on her feet. Our ORW didi looked the matter and take him/her to the clinic. Doctor treated her/him, prescribed medicine and now she is well.

4.) A Few days ago, Our HRG Dipali Saha (name changed) from suri hotspot area lost her ART green card for some reason. In the following situation, she wanted to know from our ORW and PE didi how she could get the card again.our ORW, PE contacted the ICTC counselor at suri sadar hospital and facilitated communication between the HRG didi and the counselor. She collected her ART green card from the ICTC counselor.

## Access to Justice for Children

The 'Access to Justice' Programme, supported by the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (US) provide support to NGOs to supplement, augment and complement the efforts being made by the government in the field of child protection

The project has started its journey from May 2023. The mission of this Project is to give proper and right justice to children up to 18 years. The project is mainly target oriented one and has three fields of activities:

1. Prevention of Child Marriage
2. Prevention of child sexual abuse
3. Prevention of trafficking and child labour

### Target to be achieved for

1. Prevent Child Marriage – 100
2. Prevent child sexual abuse -60
3. Prevent trafficking and child labour - 30

EICS is working in the above mentioned fields in 150 villages of 19 blocks in Birbhum District. There are 15 Community Social Workers (CSW) each of them looking after 10 villages of the 19 blocks.



More over there is a Victim Support Staff responsible for the Child Sexual Abuse cases and a Trafficking Officer looking after the Trafficking and Child Labour Cases. As an important part of the work, CSWs have to collect pledges of the common people to stop child marriage, child labour and prevent children from being trafficked or sexually abused.

**Target to be achieved for collecting pledges – 2, 25,000**

All the staff members of the project are in regular contact with the District Officials as without their intense help the cases cannot be given proper justice.

**Awareness Programmes :**

From 12-18 June 2023, the Child Labour Day was celebrated in Rampurhat railway station. KSCF participated on 12<sup>th</sup> June where Consultant and a member of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights, District Social Welfare Officer, District Child Protection officer, District Labour Commissioner, IC RPF and GRPS (Rampurhat) and many others were present. Discussion on prevention of child labour and child trafficking was done to aware people about it.



Special drive has been taken on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 on the occasion of 'International Girl Child Day' in the District Administrative office. The gracious presence of the Highest officials made the programme successful.



16<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, was a memorable and eventful day for the project 'Access to Justice for Children'. The whole day was observed throughout the country as to commemorate and celebrate it as the day on which Sri. Kailash Styarthi received the Noble Prize for Peace (2014). On the day



number of rallies were organised by our Community Social Workers in different villages of the district followed by candle light March in the evening. It was a unique initiative that could play a pivotal role to make the country free from child marriage.

As part of awareness programme among common people to stop child marriage, child labour and prevent children from being trafficked or sexually abused, KSCF team participated in some of the fairs like Poush Mela in Santiniketan (Visva Bharati), Joydev Mela in Joydev and Magh Mela in Sriniketan (Visva Bharati). They successfully collected pledges from the people there.



### Target & Achievements :

Activity	Target	Achieved
Pledges	2,25,000	2,38,807
Child Marriage Prevention	100	134
Child Trafficking/Labour	30	94
Child Sexual Abuse	60	25

## UTTARAN: IMPROVED SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN NEED

This organization has specialized in running Homes for girls-children and women, child rescue network, and a family counseling center. They provide services to girls and women who are victims of trafficking, abuse, or are destitute, unsafe, unprotected, socially excluded, and homeless. Many of these sufferers are given shelter and care in these Homes. The government funds these Homes, but the budget is insufficient for quality care and rehabilitation. There are no grants for the much-needed infrastructural development to accommodate the 100 residents. Therefore, the organization seeks additional financial support to improve services and help these women and girls reintegrate into society and live with dignity.



UTTARAN the supportive project for two Homes started in 1 December 2019 with the financial support of the Dorothy Whitney Elmhirst Trust, UK and the Dartington Solar Quest, USA and completed in 30 November 2022.

On November 2023 the trust again started helping both the Homes by providing nutritional support as the second phase of their support. In addition to nutritional support to both the homes Elmhirst Institute is providing necessary support specifically to Shakti Sadan as the funding of the project is irregular.

## WHITE RIBBON ALLIANCE – ADVOCACY PROGRAMME ON QUALITY OF CARE IN MATERNAL & NEWBORN HEALTH

Elmhirst Institute of Community studies is the Birbhum district partner of White Ribbon Alliance since 2009 with the objective of reducing maternal death and increased awareness and understanding of maternal health issues at all levels. Since April 2015 to March 2019, the organization worked in an advocacy program on “Quality of Care” for improved maternal health. The advocacy platform unites WRAWB partners, Key Influential’s, elected representatives and government officials for overall improvement of quality of maternal healthcare services. The organization is still now working as a partner of this reputed platform of safe motherhood.

## ROGI SAHAYATA KENDRA AT SD HOSPITAL & AT SUPER SPACIALTY HOSPITAL, BOLPUR

EICS was entrusted by the District Health authority to run Rogi Sahayata Kendra (RSK) at Bolpur Sub Divisional Hospital. EICS has been running the RSK since April 2015. Additionally EICS has given responsibility for running one more RSK at Bolpur Super Specialty Hospital and is running this RSK from March 2017.



A system for disseminating information to patients and relatives will not only help the patients, but also increase the credibility of that health facility. Decreasing the communication gap eases the strain in doctor-patient relationship and move towards better



work environment. In view of that RSK project started.

The main objectives of setting up Rogi Sahayata Kendras (RSK) at all district and Sub-divisional Hospitals of the State are to:

- Provide accurate information about the services available in the health facility to all clients and stakeholders,
- Disseminate all patient related information to patients and relatives on a real time basis so that they may access the available services fully and without delay; and,
- Assist the service providers of the health facility by appropriately guiding the patients/visitors.



### CRECHE AT BONERPUKURDANGA



EICS has established one Crèche at *Bonerpukur* a tribal village near *Goalpara*, in February, 1987 financed by the Central Social Welfare Board through West Bengal Social Welfare Advisory Board. Crèche keeps under its care, 25 children in the age group of 6 months to 5 years both male and female children. The Crèche provides to the children pre-school education through action songs, storytelling, games, nature study, making play-materials from mud etc.

Crèche workers make home visits and group meetings with the mothers to make them aware about health and hygiene, communicable diseases, child rearing practices, family planning. The workers check the weight of the children every month and maintain growth charts and doctors are consulted whenever required.

In this reporting period, the children have been provided with Tiffin in regular basis.

### FAMILY ADOPTION SCHEME

The scheme was started in the year 1987 and has been continuing since then successfully. The main objectives of the scheme are:

- i. to support the needy and talented children
- ii. to reduce drop-out rate of children of poor economic section from the school
- iii. to make the parents aware of education for better living.

The financial help comes from well-wishers and friends from India and abroad. Each person adopts one or more students. Criteria of selection are that the student must be from low-income group and is eager to continue their education. EICS prefers to help from nursery to graduation or post graduate level if they desire.

There is a regular contact between the parents, children and the institute staff for monitoring their progress. The children are provided with counselling services when necessary.

From the inception, the numbers of students passed in the different level of education are

mentioned in the following table:

Sl.No.	Examination passed	No. of Students
1.	M.A./M.Sc.	8
2.	Master in Engineering	1
3.	B.E	1
4.	B.Ed	2
5.	B.A./B.Sc.	16
6.	H.S.	38
7.	Madhyamik	42
8.	Pathological Studies	1
9.	DELT	1
	Total	110

Many of the students have got the Govt. Services. One student of this programme has got a chance in Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) as Researcher in Astro Physics. One student got 86% in Higher Secondary Examination.

In this year, the Vice Chairperson of this organization, Dr. Rajiv Nag generously provided financial support to 13 needy children of the staff members who are giving services to the organization sincerely since long with minimum honorarium. The children are meritorious but not financially capable. This financial support for six months (July to December 2022) helped these students enormously. This is also to be mentioned that one of them scored 95% marks in Madhyamik Examination in this year.

## CENTRE FOR CULTURE



An important area of activities of this organization is to promote Rabindra culture and the practice of cultural events of rural Bengal. The inmates 'Kshanika' Shakti Sadan- (previously Swadhar Greh) and 'Naveena' CNCP Girl's Home are learning music; dance etc., moreover the theatre workshop is conducted in regular basis in collaboration with 'Sahityika Santiniketan', a theatre group, in view of mainstreaming the inmate girls in distress.

The Centre for folk-lore is an important section of the Institute, devoted to the study and promotion of folk-lore in India which was initiated in the year

1985.

The young Bauls are always encouraged by the centre and are assisted to get proper training under the noted "Guru". The youths of Tribal villages around Santiniketan and Sriniketan are also encouraged to organize cultural programmes.

## INCOME GENERATING PROGRAMME

### SUDHA KARU SHILPA KENDRA

Under this Centre, a production cum selling unit is being run to rehabilitate the present inmates of 'Kshanika' Shakti Sadan- (previously Swadhar Greh) Home for women and of 'Naveena' Girls' Home, as well as to organize a production cum marketing place for the residence of the Home and other poor rural artisans, who want to be economically self-supported by producing and selling their handicraft products, such as bag, purse, Kantha & Gujrati (embroidery) saree, kurta, swal, blouse piece, jute wall-hanging & mat etc. and hobbyloom



products. This creative work makes a great impact on these distressed girls and women.

During this reporting period large-scale production of handicrafts has been started. The residence participated in many exhibitions, fairs among them the Sriniketan fair organized by Visva Bharati University is most important. Moreover they are supplying training kits to trainees of Asha training programme in the district of Bankura and birbhum. The works of the residence has been enlisted in West Bengal Handicraft Development Corporation Ltd. 'Manjusha'. This production centre of the residence is always being praised and encouraged by State and district officials whoever visit the Home.



## HOSTEL FOR WORKING WOMEN

With financial assistance from the Central Government as well as the State Government we constructed a working women Hostel at its premises in the year 1991 considering the felt need of this area. Since then the Hostel has been running successfully.

## FIELD WORK PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK

EICS is working in a variety of Social Welfare and Rural Development programmes. A group of professional social workers is serving in the different sectors/projects of the Institute. Hence, different Schools of Social Work in India and Abroad approached us to provide fieldwork and internship facilities for their students. During the period under report, the Institute provided fieldwork/internship facilities to 2 students of MRS, Department of Social Work, Visva Bharati University, 2 students of MSW in Netaji Subhas Open University and 1 student of B.A L.L.B in Jindal Global University.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

There is a list of experienced and distinguished office bearers, consultants and advisors, specialists in communication, social development, Human Rights, Governance and Health-related areas. These resources are accessible at short notice. Many qualified and experienced management staffs, project personnel including grass-root level workers (Anganwadi Workers/Helpers/Field Workers/Outreach Workers) are associated with EICS.







“I have been taking responsibility of this institution since long, but, still now, couldn't understand how much success we have acquired. I always think - may be, it is not done, what we wanted. So my young colleagues would go forward towards its goal, rectifying all mistakes done so far and bestow this institution for entire rural development. The future-day would judge institute's contribution to the society. When rural community would accept this institution, would think that they have ownership or possession of this institution, and then it would truly reach to its success and accomplishment.”

Naba Kumar Mukherjee

Founder

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