ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

ENVIRONMENT & DISASTER RESPONSE
LIVELIHOOD & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE
EDUCATION & PROTECTION
HEALTH & NUTRITION
OUR SUPPORTERS
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has really been a meaningful journey of 41 years for Sabuj Sangha. A collective dynamics is forming a development outline to overcome all the challenges with an integrated sustainable approach. Sabuj Sangha has always tried to combine the endeavours of multi – stakeholders since no endeavour could stand alone to achieve the greater development indicators. The active participation of all partners, namely the government from local to national level, national and international donor agencies, corporates, other civil society organizations and individuals has been imperative in this context. Ultimately, through such vibrant involvement, it is the downtrodden communities which should be benefitted and thinking along the lines of our organisation’s vision, the underprivileged should be enjoying equal rights and opportunities.

The focus of development continues to be on women and children while also extending a supportive hand to the elderly, especially to furnish social security benefits to them. Other societal odds like unsafe migration, trafficking or the displacement issues have been consistently prominent in Bengal especially in the coastal zones. Therefore, it has incessantly grabbed our attention and the requirement of working on these issues is increasing.

Some challenges are global... like the challenge that climate change is posing on our environment. The changing nature of weather patterns coupled with erratic rainfall, increase in temperature, etc is mounting the apprehension of people as these are causing various climatic disasters like earthquakes, floods etc. Thinking on the lines of Sustainable Development Goals 2030, Sabuj Sangha is trying to achieve the Goal 13 by creating a disaster resilient community with the promotion of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). A momentous infusion of environmental issues with other thematic areas of Sabuj Sangha is a conscious effort that has led us to create our fifth thematic area of Environment & Disaster Response.

Aligning with one of our thematic areas of Education & Protection and Goal 4 of Sustainable Development Goals 2030, Sabuj Sangha is focusing on providing quality education to the girl child on the campaign mode “Educate a Girl, educate a Nation.” It is extending its arena of work to cover adolescents’ education and life skills training as an extension to the elementary and primary education that the Organisation is already dealing with.

For greater action and accountability, importance of forming a coalition is inevitable and that is what we have come to realise over time. No effort is an apt effort until and unless it is merged with other key agents of development. Sabuj Sangha is sincerely moving towards the formation of such coalitions with other Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to strengthen the its various development programmes, a few of which are: (a) empowerment with building up of economic self – reliance (b) promotion of school and community sanitation through infrastructure development and creation of community funds to make the effort sustainable (c) furnishing quality education and healthcare facilities and at the same time trying to compliment and supplement development objectives of government as well.

I thank all the development actors who are continuously supporting us and contributing in the voyage and we are quite buoyant that our efforts will definitely scale up the lives of the browbeaten.

Ansuman Das
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me great pride for being a part of such an elongated, unswerving and commanding journey of Sabuj Sangha for so many years. Since its inception, the Organisation’s aim has been to develop the lives of subjugated communities and individuals who are fighting against all social odds every day with their lives being controlled by external detrimental factors that continue to create obstructions in the path of their developmental growth.

Our operations began in the Sundarban delta and after that there was no looking back as intervention areas keep on extending from rural to peri – urban and subsequently to urban areas as well. It has also moved from South Bengal to North Bengal.

With our everyday working experience, we have broadened our vision and have dedicatedly been following the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 to mingle them with our integrated sustainable approach of working in the five thematic areas namely Health & Nutrition, Education & Protection, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene, Livelihood & Women Empowerment and Environment & Disaster Response.

Sabuj Sangha has always believed in the holistic development of the community and individual and as a part of sustainable development and institution building stands as a core component of development. In line with the thematic areas, the Organisation has focused on institution building and has built its own hospital Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan; the upper – primary school Kishalaya Shishu Shiksha Niketan (KSSN); Sabuj B.Ed College affiliated to the National Council for Teacher Education and the University of Calcutta, to name a few To reduce drop – out rates, Sabuj Kunri Centres are operational in the peri – urban areas. Children are getting back-up coaching support from these centres. As an extension of the promotion of sustainable livelihood approaches, a bakery unit has been set up in rural Sundarban to make the local women self – reliant.

The entire team of Sabuj Sangha is working relentlessly in line with the vision and mission statement of the Organisation. The basic needs and rights need to be ensured first and only then the core objective of development could be achieved. As a teacher, I believe quality education for children should always remain as a core focus of developmental interventions and gradually an Organisation should think in terms of building up partnerships with potential academic institutions and research agencies to strengthen their operations in this field.

Every day is a new day with hordes of new challenges and new opportunities; Sabuj Sangha has always comes forward to seize those with a multi – sectoral approach and by working hand in hand with multi – stakeholders to open up new avenues of development of the downtrodden communities and individuals. Ultimately, we are working for them and they deserve the best... that is what we have believed always. Hence, that will remain our continuous endeavor.

I am really hopeful that we will continue to work with the same passion always and we all believe that the road never ends and possibilities are endless. Therefore, our developmental quest will continue like this till our last breath.

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OVERVIEW

Overview Sabuj Sangha is a non-profit, non-government development organization committed to improving the lives of disadvantaged communities in West Bengal, India, utilising an integrated and sustainable approach. It prioritises participation and empowerment of local communities. It traces its roots to a social club initiated in 1954 in the village of Nandakumarpur in the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Soon, Sabuj Sangha became involved in local efforts to enhance the wellbeing of communities caught between the vagaries of nature and shifting tides in the Sundarban delta and the significant developmental deficits in the region. The organisation is registered under West Bengal Society Registration Act 1961 in 1975. From its humble beginnings, Sabuj Sangha has grown into a vibrant organization working with varied stakeholders. It implements programmes in various sectors, catering to the needs of vulnerable communities. The organization believes that there is no simple solution to reduce, and ultimately eradicate poverty. Any poverty reduction strategy must necessarily address a wide range of interlinked vulnerabilities which the poor face each day.
Tackling these issues of ill health, illiteracy, lack of livelihood opportunities, lack of sanitation and losses incurred due to climate change and disasters in an integrated, sustainable manner, Sabuj Sangha continues to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable in the community. The organization is also registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976, Section 12A Income Tax Act 1961; empanelled with the Planning Commission, Government of India, National CSR Hub, West Bengal State AIDS Prevention and Control Society and accredited by Credibility Alliance. Its areas of operation are Mathurapur I and II, Patharpratima, Sagar, Baruipur, Sonarpur, Canning I, Jaynagar I and Kulpi Blocks of South 24 Parganas district and Kumagram Block of Alipurduar district. It also has a presence in Bidhannagar Municipality, Salt Lake City and Kolkata Municipal Corporation areas of Kolkata district in West Bengal. Sabuj Sangha’s integrated approach includes the following thematic areas:

- Health and Nutrition
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Education and Protection
- Livelihood and Women’s Empowerment
- Environment and Disaster Response

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SHRI SIBASANKAR GIRI (69)**  
President, B.Sc, Botany (PGBT)

One of the founding members of Sabuj Sangha in 1954 and past principal of Nandakumarpur High School, he currently teaches in the model primary school and the campus residential school for working children. Guiding the organization as mentor, he ensures adherence to the core set of ethics and values while achieving growth.

**SHRI ANSUMAN DAS (50)**  
Secretary, B.Com (H), PGDRD

With 23 years of work experience in the development sector. After coming on board in 1992, he played an instrumental role in transforming Sabuj Sangha from a small NGO to its current status of a competent implementing organization, capable of designing and delivering complex development interventions for both the rural and urban poor. Passionate about development, he is also an active member of West Bengal State Animal Welfare Board and former member of Sundarban Development Board.

**MR. GOURANGA BIHARI ROY (66)**  
Vice President, WBCS

A retired West Bengal Civil Services (WBCS) Officer with a zeal for developmental work, he has been associated with Sabuj Sangha for the last one year. His strategic vision and experience guide the NGO particularly in terms of enhancing collaboration and converging resources with the government.

**OUR VISION**

Our Vision is to secure a society where all people enjoy equal rights and access to equal opportunities.

**OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is the sustainable development of marginalised and vulnerable people to improve quality of life through empowerment, education, information, infrastructure development, healthcare provision and economic self-reliance through convergence of services provided by local self-governments.

**OUR VALUES**

- **Equality:** We believe all people should be treated equal and do not discriminate against any person regardless of race, religion, gender or social background.
- **Respect:** We are committed to treating all staff, beneficiaries and stakeholders with the utmost respect at all times.
- **Service Beyond Self:** We work for the well being of others and will endeavour in our efforts to serve communities as best we can.
- **Transparency:** We are committed to operating in a transparent and honest manner at all times.
- **Accountability:** We take full responsibility and accountability for our actions.
MRS. ALOK RANI BHUNIA (53)
Assistant Secretary, Secondary
A homemaker and enthusiastic social worker, she has consistently advocated against domestic violence and anchors the growth of Sabuj Sangha headed women’s movement. She provides strategic support to the Sundarbans Women’s Development Society and supervises the formation and strengthening of women’s groups to undertake various empowerment initiatives.

MR. BHABESH CH. MONDOL (71)
Treasurer, B.A., P.T.T.
A founding member of Sabuj Sangha and retired teacher of Nandakumarpur Narayanitai Free Primary School, he is extremely passionate about the role of education in development. He is currently engaged in mentoring staff to ensure continued education for all children and also heads the committee responsible for managing Sabuj Sangha’s rural hospital.

MRS. DEBI RANI JANA (55)
Member, Class VIII
From beginning her career as a social animator with Sabuj Sangha’s women empowerment programme, she has grown to be the President at Sundarban Mahila Swanirvar Gosti Cooperative Society Ltd. Significantly, she has also emerged as an important role model for other women, motivating them to contribute to their community even as they gain financial security for themselves and their families.

DR. S.P. SINHA ROY (74)
Member, M. Sc in Applied Geology, Ph.D (Science)
President - Ground water studies, former employee of the Central Ground Water Board and Convener of the West Bengal Task Force on Arsenic, he has been involved with Sabuj Sangha since the last five years. He provides technical support in the area of water resource management and overall strategic support.

DR. MEENAKSHI CHATTERJEE (60)
Member, Msc. (Maths), Ph.D
Currently, Head of Department (HOD) at the Department of Mathematics, Basanti Devi College (Calcutta University), she is particularly interested in large scale research. She has been involved with the organization for the last one year. She guides the organization in developing strategic directions for future engagements, specifically in Education.

MR. SARADINDU BANERJEE (64)
Member, M.Sc. (Chemistry)
Founder Director of SAHAY (a nonprofit organization affiliated to Children International, USA), he has 36 years of experience in the corporate and social development sectors. His key strengths are fund management and administration of large-scale social development programmes, human resource development, networking, monitoring and research. He plays a vital role in supporting Sabuj Sangha in designing effective strategies for action.

**STAFF DETAILS**

The Senior Management Team is responsible for overseeing daily activities of the organization and guiding middle and field level personnel and volunteers.

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**Senior Management Team as of March 31, 2016**

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Travelling & Honorarium of Executive Member:
Secretary (As Director): ₹1,11,000.00 p.a.
President: ₹96,000.00 per annum (as Principal of Kishalaya Sishu Siksha Niketan)
Remuneration of highest paid full time regular staff: ₹4,80,000.00 p.a.
Remuneration of lowest paid full time regular staff: ₹24,000.00 p.a.
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                            • Approval of Budget 2015-16  
                            • Follow-up Status of on-going project/programme  
                            • Approval of Child line(1098) grant application  
                            • Approval of Community health Programme funded by The Hans Foundation  
                            • Recruitment of new Staff  
                            • Expansion of new project area  
                            • Miscellaneous |
| 28/07/2015 | 8                      | • Approval of Last meeting proceedings  
                            • Programme review of 1st quarter programme  
                            • Launching event of Community health Programme  
                            • New Project proposal under Ministry of textiles, TATA Trust, Millennium Alliance  
                            • Approval of Model School Programme & Residential Child labour school  
                            • Application for affiliation of IICA & HCL Grant application  
                            • Application for renewal accreditation of CA, and validation with CAF & Renewal of GI partnership  
                            • Application of WASH proposal for Sagar  
                            • Miscellaneous |
| 07/10/2015 | 7                      | • Approval of Last meeting proceedings  
                            • Approval of Annual report and Audit Report  
                            • Approval of New project by Asha for Education  
                            • Short listing project by Millennium Alliance  
                            • Visit of Uganda to participate in FK Norway’s Introduction Seminar  
                            • Construction of New Eye care unit funded by MP LAD  
                            • Updates Sunderban German Bakery  
                            • Submission of 10 bedded hospital & Residential School  
                            • Review of strategy planning of Sabuj Sangha  
                            • Miscellaneous |
| 25/02/2016 | 7                      | • Approval of Last meeting  
                            • Renewal process of the Community health Programme funded by The Hans Foundation  
                            • Updates of Canon funded “Adopt a Village” project  
                            • New project Approval by ONGC & SAIL  
                            • Site visit by HCL, Credibility alliance  
                            • New proposal for GRSE, Epic Foundation, Wipro  
                            • Progress & Status on of Model School  
                            • Upcoming USA Visit  
                            • Purchase of land  
                            • FCRA Subsidiary Account for Hospital  
                            • Fixed Deposit TO SBI  
                            • Approval of Budget 2015-16  
                            • Approval of renewal Child line(1098) grant application  
                            • Upcoming CAF Visit  
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# Annual General Meetings

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                            • Approval of Annual report 2014-15  
                            • Approval of Audit Report 2014-15  
                            • Miscellaneous |
| 7/10/2015  | 28                     | • Resolution from last meeting  
                            • Appointment of statutory Auditor for the year 2015-16  
                            • Planning for 2015-16  
                            • Miscellaneous |
HEALTH AND NUTRITION

“He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything”

— ARAB PROVERB

The Constitution of India via The National Health Policy makes health the responsibility of state governments and makes every state responsible for raising the level of nutrition and the standard of living of its people and the improvement of public health as among its primary duties. Poverty, food insecurity, and poor nutrition and health are among the most pernicious problems eroding quality of life and limiting economic productivity. In this context, nutrition is an excellent investment as it leads to better health and thus greater productivity, thus fueling the development process and leading to poverty reduction.

Sabuj Sangha focuses on HEALTH FOR ALL, ensuring equal access to quality health care and nutrition for disadvantaged persons in the communities through community health program. They have realized the importance of interlinking health and nutrition with other thematic areas such as water, sanitation, hygiene, education etc. A team of community health workers endearingly called Swastha Sevikas have been trained in para-medic services. They are sensitizing communities about available health services like Institutional Delivery, Immunisation, post-pregnancy services, available nutritional supplements, etc. thus ensuring the success of various activities of community health program run by Sabuj Sangha.
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMME IN SUNDARBANS (CHPS)

South 24 Parganas.  
**Blocks:** Mathurapur – II & Patharpratima  

The Hans Foundation (THF)

Working towards improvement in the general health of communities, this project covers 24 villages in four Gram Panchayats in the Sundarbans area. It provides ante-natal and post-natal care of women and infants (0-5 years); it also provides services to adolescent girls, elderly persons, men, women and children. Mobile medical camps reach inaccessible areas of The Sundarbans, whatever challenging the conditions may be. Child immunization, USG support to pregnant women, medicines given out at OPDs, supplementary food and medicines for malnourished pregnant women, etc. are just a few of the many services provided.

Few of areas under Achintanagar Gram Panchayat (GP) are isolated from the main land and no health services reach these areas whatsoever. In emergencies, especially at night, there are no other alternatives available but to depend on quacks; the situation of pregnant women is even worse. Sabuj Sangha understands that people face extreme difficulty in shifting patients or pregnant women to distant health centres. Faced with these situations, many families resort to delivery at home by untrained birth attendants and quacks. A major achievement for Sabuj Sangha is that more and more people are now turning to the health facilities and Mobile Health Camps being organized by them and are shunning quacks that they consulted earlier.

The Health Camps are equipped with specialized doctors, paramedic staff and health workers, medical equipment and medicines. The team members are trained, specialised and experienced, so the quality of the health services provided through Health Camps are of the same quality as any hospital. Diseases ranging from Diabetes to Asthma, eye-problems to dental-problem, frozen-limbs to Urinary tract infection are treated here.

ANC – PNC...A RAY OF HOPE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

The inhabitants of Patharpratima and Mathurapur II, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India do not have access to proper medical facilities as the areas are very remote. Here, women do not have proper guidance during pregnancy and have little knowledge of the safety measures that should be taken. Therefore both the new-born child and the mother develop many pre and postnatal problems. Sabuj Sangha always aims to address such issues. In order to address this issue, the Organization has provided antenatal care (ANC) and postnatal care (PNC) to 1641 pregnant and lactating mothers during April 2015–March 2016 through 24 health workers.

After receiving the support of ANC, a beneficiary, Kabita, from a remote and isolated village Bishalakshi Pally of Herambogopalpur GP of Patharpratima Block, says “I knew very little about ANC. Sabuj Sangha Health Worker visited my home and discussed several issues relating to my pregnancy and the easy availability of local nutritional food. She checked my blood pressure and haemoglobin status and advised me to visit the ANC camp and have discussions and interactions with other pregnant mothers. She told me to definitely do routine check-ups. I am happy to be able to avail this service and will motivate other pregnant women to attend the ANC camp.”

1641 pregnant women received ANC & PNC

7500 people received OPD services

85% pregnant mothers receive USG support

100 malnourished pregnant women provided with supplementary medicine
AYUSHMATI & COMMUNITY DELIVERY CENTRE

Nandakumarpur GP, Mathurapur II Block

Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal

“Ayushmati” means a woman who is blessed with a long life.

In West Bengal, a disturbing number of women lose their lives during or immediately after child birth due to age-old, non-scientific child-birth practices. To counter this and encourage families to avail of Institutional Delivery facilities, a unique project, funded by the Government of West Bengal, has been undertaken by Sabuj Sangha’s own Rural Hospital. Their health workers visit homes providing doorstep health services and counselling mainly on ante and post natal care.

RASTRIYA SWASTHYA BIMA YOJANA (RSBY)

Mathurapur II and Patharpratima Block

Central Government (Economic support 75%) & State Government (Economic support 25%)

RSBY has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India to provide health insurance coverage for below poverty line (BPL) families. Its objective is to protect BPL households from financial liabilities arising out of health conditions that involve hospitalization. Beneficiaries under RSBY are entitled to hospitalization coverage of up to Rs. 30000/-. Sabuj Sangha’s Rural Hospital is the facilitator taking the facility into the community.

BRINGING ABOUT SOCIAL BEHAVIOR CHANGE
Communication Program at Mathurapur II Block

SBCC Cell
South 24 Parganas

Research proves that prevalence of child or forced marriage is highest among girls with little or no education. Change in social behavior is the only way such practices can be prevented. But any change in social behavior takes time as most practices are rooted deep in culture and habit. Spreading awareness and persuasion to change are key elements of this program.

Sabuj Sangha understands this and began working on this issue with a target-specific approach. Issue-specific awareness camps are regularly held by the organization in schools and other common community centres, involving various stakeholders. Volunteers from within local communities are selected to communicate at such camps to make the appeal more acceptable and realistic.

Social Behavior is varied...thus bringing it about such behavior requires engagement at various levels. For example, on the one hand, Sabuj Sangha has ensured that 50 workers and community leaders have completed training and are now engaged to resist child abuse. On the other hand, 600 vulnerable individuals have been made aware of the dangers of HIV. At another level, interaction with 1000 mothers is now complete having encouraged them to adopt the right practices of disposal of child faeces.
EDUCATION AND PROTECTION

“There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace.”

—KOFI ANNAN
7th Secretary General of United Nations

It is a harsh reality, but in India, there are an abysmally large number of children who do not get a chance to even step into a school. They are left to fend for themselves on the streets, fighting off many forms of abuse. They do not have access to even primary healthcare. Mostly belonging to very poor families, these children are deprived of not only education but also their basic rights.

In the history of human rights, the rights of children are the most ratified. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) defines Child Rights as the minimum entitlements and freedoms that should be afforded to every citizen below the age of 18 regardless of race, origin, colour, gender, language, religion, opinions, wealth, birth status, disability, or other characteristics.

The most crucial right of a child is The Right to Development, which encompasses his right to education, learning, and the right to physical, mental and social development. This can single-handedly deliver a child from doom to hope and a brighter future. Healthcare and proper nutrition go hand in hand with a child’s overall wellbeing.

Sabuj Sangha provides access to quality education for all and nutrition support through its institutions while also delivering child protection measures to vulnerable children. They believe that to bring about a real change, parents and communities need to be sensitised to ensure retention in schools. Along with education, making parents aware of Child Protection issues further help protect children from social menaces like early marriage (of the girl child), child labour, trafficking, etc.
KSSN is a model co-education government affiliated upper primary school run by Sabuj Sangha working towards educating underprivileged local children and ensuring their holistic development. It is considered a ‘model school’ among its peers as it provides quality education and ensures 100% retention of its students. Besides running regular class-activities the school encourages students to use computers, access its library, partake of physical training. Regular cultural activities and annual sports are held at the school to create a ‘happy-learning’ environment.

To give the students an additional boost to face the real world, volunteers take special classes on Spoken English, thus instilling confidence in the students to step out and speak up.

Sabuj Sangha believes that educating children is not only the criteria but protection also plays a very critical role in their evolution. Health care and behavior change are very important factors here. Keeping this in mind, free monthly medical check-ups and hygiene education camps are organized in the school.

“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”

—ALBERT EINSTEIN
Nobel Laureate

HOW LIFE CHANGED FOR LITTLE AVIJIT

Up until five years ago, my son Avijit worked on a fishing boat with me and my brother, collecting fish and honey from the forest. He was deprived of his childhood, with no access to school or toys or books. I always felt a sense of despair that I could not provide him with a decent meal even after working such long and hard hours. Then one fateful day, a group of people from Sabuj Sangha came to our house and convinced me to send Avijit to a residential home at Nandakumarpur. He was almost 12 years old then but had not received even a basic education. Today, he studies in Class III. He seems so happy whenever I meet him in his hostel. He may not be very good in his class performance, but he surprises us with his drawing and creative work. He is the pride and hope of our family. I would never have imagined my son would get the opportunity ever to study in school and have healthy food three times a day. His life has changed forever and he will never have to struggle for a decent livelihood like me. I can’t help expressing my gratitude to the authorities of the school for the support they are giving Avijit.

—GOPAL SARDER
Father of Avijit Sarder
HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ON EYE CARE AND EDUCATION
Solghohalia Nimna Buniyadi Vidyalaya

Solghohalia under
Champahati G.P, Baripura
Block of South 24 Parganas.

Canon India Pvt. Ltd.
through Charity Aid
Foundation (India)

Flagged off in December 2015, this program, aims at creating a healthy, aesthetic child-friendly learning environment for students at the Solghohalia Nimna Buniyadi Vidyalaya (Primary School), complete with a Resource Centre and Vision Care Centre. These are seen as ancillary support systems to the activities of Sabuj Sangha in the field of Education & Protection for the community of Solghohalia village. Sabuj Sangha is particularly proud to be working with Canon India Pvt. Ltd. for the first time.

The Resource Centre aims to benefit the students of the Solghohalia Nimna Buniyadi Vidyalaya (Primary School), their families and the teachers of the school, effectively reaching out to 500 individuals.

The Vision Centre has been established in the school campus to provide free Eye Checkup for all villagers. This is a first-of-its-kind initiative in any primary level Govt. educational institution. The primary target groups for the Vision Centre are the students of the Solghohalia Nimna Buniyadi Vidyalaya (Primary School), the teachers, the parents and immediate community, totaling to about 825 individuals. Populations of the adjoining villages of Sardarpara & Bajeharal too are benefitting from this program. However Sabuj Sangha aims to reach out to a total population of 1,645 through this project.

"Education is the ability to meet life’s situations."

– JOHN HIBBEN
Philosopher & Educator

THE RETURN OF AFTAB...

Aftab Alam Sk is an honest, clever and bright child. When he was identified, Aftab was an uncared-for child. He also had a tendency to gamble. Despite the fact that he was seven years old, he had not been admitted to any school due to the lack of parental care.

Aftab was admitted into the Solghohalia Nimna Buniyadi Vidyalaya in 2015. However, despite a positive start, it was noticed that he began to miss class and was not all that interested in studies. After much counselling, the teachers at the school identified that Aftab was frustrated with his life. Though he wanted to attend school he found that he could not concentrate in class. With continued hand-holding, counselling and cajoling, today, Aftab is regularly attending school and performing well in his studies. His future is bright. He now chooses to come to school and remains focused on his studies. Aftab, like many others of his age, has the ambition to become a good and responsible teacher one day.
**CHILDLINE: A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR**

Canning and Baruipur Sub Division (11 Blocks and 124 Gram Panchayats) of South 24 Parganas District

Childline India Foundation

CHILDLINE, funded by the CHILDLINE India Foundation has been steadfastly promoting issues related to children in emergency situations by sensitization of Government organizations, Non-Government organizations, the corporate sector, media, street and community youth and concerned individuals. Today, it has become an integral part of lives of marginalised children who need emergency support and care. It is promoting the idea of child-rights in every corner of the country whilst providing emergency rescue support, subsequent assistance and rehabilitation of children through a toll free telephone number 1098.

At Sabuj Sangha, the aim has been to increase awareness and conduct sensitization programs in their focus areas through different communication strategies like putting vinyile boards at all strategic locations like police stations for sharing and spreading the CHILDLINE message.

“Success will be when every child in the world has access to a service like CHILDLINE and knows that someone who cares is just a phone call away”.

– JEROO BILLIMORIA
Social Entrepreneur and Founder of CHILDLINE

**NEWBORN RESCUED…**

When the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) of South 24 Parganas informed CHILDLINE over the phone that a new-born baby boy was about to be sold from a local nursing home, we intervened immediately. After meeting the child’s distressed mother who was in no condition to bring up the child, we convinced her to give us a chance to provide him a better tomorrow. Completing all formalities, we were able to send the baby to a 60 day temporary shelter through Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Now the baby is under process for adoption.

– Avijit Bose
Sabuj Sangha Staff

**RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION: A SHIELD AGAINST CHILD LABOUR**

Nandakumarpur GP,
Mathurapur II Block,
Raidighi, South 24 Parganas
district of West Bengal.

Labour Dept.,
Govt. of W.B.
Asha for Education,
Tech Mahindra

The vast meandering land of the Sundarbans, divided into numerous islands, suffers from lack of transportation and means of communication. The poor people of the area cannot afford to educate their children or provide proper...
nutrition to them. Poverty-driven parents often send their small ones to nearby shops to work, finding no other way of sustenance. This finally adds to the already discomforting tally of child labour in India.

To help prevent the practice of child labour in their immediate action area, Sabuj Sangha has set up a residential school at Nandakumarpur. Students here are provided age-appropriate education and in time are mainstreamed into the formal system. Food, learning material including IEC, school uniform, shoes, school bags and other materials are provided. Students partake in activities like meditation, regular computer education, special language classes, science classes, library work, annual sports etc. Enthusiastic response of children towards cultural programs, picnics, physical training and observation of various national events allows Sabuj Sangha understand and therefore feed their needs and interests.

Health checkups of children are done by the medical team of the organization once a month.

We’ve got to work to save our children and do it with full respect for the fact that if we do not, no one else is going to do it.

— DOROTHY HEIGHT
Educator, Social Activist

Ayub Khan has not been the most obedient of students. Ayub had fled the Sabuj Sangha residential school on several occasions but the organization never gave up on him. They brought him back after several attempts. Ayub is now a ninth-standard student in a government school after passing out from the residential school run by Sabuj Sangha.

Now Sabuj Sangha is my real home. I want to study to the utmost level of my ability. Computer is my favourite subject and I want to make it my professional career.

—AYUB KHAN
student at Residential School

REHABILITATION OF DEPRIVED CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION (RDCE)

Canning, Taldi, Bethbaria, Ghutiari Sharif, Kalipapur, Baruipur and Dakshin Barasat of South 24 Parganas District in West Bengal (situated along the railway tracks of Eastern Railway’s Sealdah South Section)

SUAS, Ireland
GivelIndia

The project aims to improve and enhance the life status of marginalized and vulnerable people in the operational areas, and mainly to uplift deprived children by ensuring quality of life through education, empowerment, information and convergence of services provided by the government. Sabuj Sangha plans to develop a community engagement process whereby the ownership of education
will become the responsibility of the communities to ensure the sustainability of the project.

Sabuj Sangha is continuing its RDCE program for more than a decade with the noble support of SUAS, Ireland and GivelIndia. Bridge Course Education under the program is imparted by Sabuj Kunri Centres (Educational Centres of Sabuj Sangha). It helps to reduce drop-outs, ensures enrolment into formal schools and offers backup coaching to marginalised kids.

The specific objectives are to provide Bridge Course education to 99 underprivileged children of 6-14 years age-group within one year and coaching support to 854 children of similar category and age-group. Thereafter, mainstreaming of the children of Bridge Course Centre (BCC) into formal schools. Finally, ensure retention of all children in the formal school through school visits and discussions with the parents since these children are the first generation learners.

“If I have brightened up one single sad childhood, then I have at least accomplished something in my life.”

—ASTRID LINDGREN
Children’s Book Writer

STRIVING TO PROVIDE THE MOST BASIC NEED OF A CHILD: NUTRITION

Betberia, Baruipur, Kalikapur
South 24 Parganas
West Bengal

Smile India Foundation

Having commenced in April 2014, the Nutrition Support Program today offers nutritional support to 220 socially and economically marginalized children in the target communities of Taldi, Kalikapur, Baruipur, five days a week. Besides providing quality food, health camps and activities related to basic hygiene and sanitation are regular activities and part of this program.

The onset of the nutrition program has been a welcome change in the life of community’s children, their parents and other local people. They are very happy and satisfied with this program. The children come to the centers regularly, have their food and are no longer suffering from hunger problems as they used to before the onset of this program.

A LOST CHILDHOOD RESTORED...

Young Md. Jugnu had no exposure to education due to poverty. He was one of the thousands of misled young men growing up in a neighbourhood where addiction is another name for sustenance. He was rescued by Sabuj Kunri, which pursued him persistently. Finally, its efforts paid off when Jugnu started to respond positively. He is now admitted to the B.M Bidyapith, a Govt. school and currently is a student in the seventh standard.

99 underprivileged children completed bridge course education

33 teachers have received training on teaching methodology

525 children got support through RDCE

220 socially and economically marginalised children were provided nutritional support

110 students got health care support through health camp
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

“Water and sanitation has not had the same kind of champion that global health, and even education, have had.”

JIM YONG KIM
President of The World Bank

Sabaj Sangha considers Water, Sanitation and Hygiene as a substantive area of engagement by itself and also as one that is intricately connected to other themes that collectively builds its integrated approach. It focuses on increasing awareness and adaptation of WASH practices among children, families and communities. Sabuj Sangha specially addresses problems like dearth of adequate sanitation facilities in educational institutions, which is a major cause of irregularity in attendance mainly in girls’ schools. Hence, it supports infrastructural development in schools. Moreover, Sabuj Sangha promotes eco-friendly and sensitive technologies, including ground water recharging and rainwater harvesting. While providing infrastructure, it also empowers community members who can grow as local resources for sustainable WASH activities.

Sabaj Sangha has been supplementing the ‘Swachh Bharat Mission’ and the ‘Nirmal Bangla Abhiyan’ within the regions it operates in. It has been chosen to be a part of the ‘District Sanitation Cell’ due to its experience in this area since 1996. Sabuj Sangha also sees in this, a means of employment for the local youth who have been organized as ‘JalaBandhu’ of the people, who provide maintenance services of taps, tubewells, toilet pipes, toilet flushes, drains, etc. and also sell spare parts.
SCHOOL WATER & SANITATION PROGRAMME

Sagar Block of South 24 Parganas District

Deb & Raha Family, ASTI and PGWI of United States of America, Mission Nirmal Bangla

Six schools of the Sagar Block of the South 24 Parganas district in West Bengal have been brought under this Sabuj Sangha project. Its principle area of operation consists of sustainable management and maintenance system through strengthening a Water Sanitation Committee (WATSAN) in schools to promote good hygiene practices among students, especially among adolescent girls during their menstruation period. Another key objective of this project is to prevent the spread of water and fly borne diseases not only among students at school but also in their homes.

Usage of soap before taking food and after defecation has been popularized among students both in school and home. WATSAN committees and school authorities are jointly ensuring adequate cleanliness in school toilets. Continuous supply of running water is guaranteed now in each toilet units. Hygiene box with hygiene kit (especially sanitary napkins) are available for girl students and female teachers. This has largely contributed in reducing the tendency of skipping schools during period among girl students. Now the benefitted students have started to motivate other women those who are not practicing proper hygiene during their period. Realizing the benefits of proper sanitation and hygiene students are also motivating their families to construct toilets within each household. Thus, they are preventing unhygienic open defecation system.

Sabuj Sangha plans to rope in other schools too in future but more sustainable back up support is required for making it a reality.

Quantitative achievement of WASH in Patharpratima and Mathurapur II block
Period: 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016

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A ‘NIRMAL’ TRANSFORMATION ...

Thanks to the continuous support of Sabuj Sangha, our institution has been improving tremendously in the sanitation sector since 2011. Installation of safe drinking water stations on different floors of our school building, supply of safe running water in toilets and installation of tube well on the school premises has modernized the overall sanitation and hygiene facilities of our school. We have won the ‘Nirmal Vidyalaya Award’ from the South 24 Pargana unit of Sarva Siksha Mission in 2014 and the ‘Shiksha Ratna (2016) Award’ given by the Govt. of West Bengal due to Sabuj Sangha’s enlightening and encouraging efforts. We are deeply indebted to Sabuj Sangha.

—HEADMASTER
Khansaheb Abad High School, South 24 Parganas.
LIVELIHOOD AND WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

“Women’s empowerment is intertwined with respect for human rights”.
— MAHNAZ AFKHAMI
Founder and President of Women’s Learning Partnership

Promotion of micro-enterprises and various income generation activities is an important aspect of women empowerment. There are enormous untapped opportunities in the rural sector. These include both on-farm and off-farm opportunities. Sustainable livelihood is a crucial component of Sabuj Sangha’s commitment to poverty alleviation and integrated development. Sabuj Sangha understands that elements like creating alternative earning opportunities, women’s empowerment and the natural environment are closely interconnected. Hence, they nurture opportunities depending on practicality. Thus, alternate livelihoods are created from Organic Farming and Fishing, which are intrinsic to the region. Recognizing that women often bear the brunt of environmental and development setbacks and shortcomings, Sabuj Sangha makes working with them a priority. In fact, supporting women who have organized themselves into Women self-help group cooperatives by providing inputs on livelihood generation and other thematic issues has been Sabuj Sangha’s consistent effort. Supporting savings, access to micro finance as well as institution building, provide impetus to their financial empowerment. Together these initiatives help women to grow in influence and position, finally leading them to make a real change in their lives and the community.
**SUNDARBAN GERMAN BAKERY**

Nandakumarpur village (Nandakumarpur Gram Panchayat of Mathurapur II block), District of South 24 Parganas

Joint initiative of Hanseatic India Forum, e.V.Germany, Sabuj Sangha (Nandakumarpur) and Sundarban Mohila Swanirvar Gosthi Cooperative Society Ltd, Nandakumarpur

The Sundarban German Bakery is a stellar example of a women owned and women managed income generating activity run by the remote rural communities of the Sundarbans. Besides ensuring financial independence of rural women it also helps in supplying nutritious food in the inaccessible interiors of the Sundarbans.

This Bakery produces different food items, including breads, biscuits and cakes and has a fruitful market link that is helping enhance sale of its products. Strict quality monitoring and providing proper training to production and packaging products is a constant endeavour. At the Bakery, the women staff earns an average of Rs. 1800.00 per month. Sometimes they earn more by the supply of products to nearby shops. The demand for the Bakery’s products is increasing gradually. Sabuj Sangha is constantly negotiating and communicating different resource organisations to mobilize funds for further extension of the bakery by improving training facilities for workers, procuring a generator so that more variety can be added to the production list. That would ensure further financial independence for more women.

I have been involved with this unit since its inception as an assistant cook. After receiving on-job training during the past few months, I am now confident of handling all kinds of machine and am able to produce all sorts of items. I earn Rs. 2000/- from this unit and also supply produced food items to local shops and earn an additional Rs. 500/-. Now I can spend money from my own income for better health care and domestic purposes. The German Bakery has helped me become financially independent and my neighbours, who once disregarded me, now come to me for suggestions.

—KALPANA BHUIAN
Asst. Cook, Sundarban German Bakery, Nandakumarpur

**ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN THROUGH MICRO FINANCE**

Nandakumarpur Gram Panchayat of Mathurapur II block, District of South 24 Parganas

MicroGraam, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

MicroGraam is a peer-to-peer lending platform that empowers rural entrepreneurs by providing access to loans from socially minded investors. Sabuj Sangha operates its project for the economic empowerment of rural women. It aims at livelihood promotion for off-farm small business enterprises through ‘Only Women’ Self Help Groups (SHGs). Capital investment is supplied at low interest rates under this project which promotes women owned and managed income
generating activities. Sabuj Sangha distributes loans as per need and eligibility of the member of the SHGs under the project. Constant monitoring and supervision are conducted to assess the status of Income Generating Activities and also ensuring repayment of loan.

Besides the training/capacity building on group management and financial management, the organization have been provided training on women and child rights, Child Trafficking, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Community Health, Panchayati Raj System etc. This has truly empowered women to raise their voice against any type of social evil.

**LIVELIHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Herambogopalpur, Lakshmijanardanpur and Achintanagar GP of Patharpratima Block and Nandakumarpur in Mathurapur II Block in the South 24 Parganas.

It is a Sabuj Sangha funded project. It encourages and enables farmers to adopt modern but naturally supplemented cultivation system so that they can get the best out of the available opportunities offered by the natural environment. Providing training, supply of equipment and required funds are some other key features. Sabuj Sangha’s commitment to maintain bio-diversity of the area leads to promote activities like development of bio-tech gardens, rice cultivation in System of Rice Intensification (SRI) method and mixed fish farming to create sustainable livelihood opportunities.

“LIVING A BETTER LIFE”

“... My husband was a daily labourer. His earning was not adequate for the whole family. We came in touch with the livelihood project of Sabuj Sangha via a SHG in 2013. It not only made us financially independent but also provides us the opportunity to live a safer and better life. Now my husband does not need to go to far-off places in search of work.”

—GITARANI SAHU

Beneficiary, Nandakumarpur

**Total Loan:**

₹30,16,000 among 141 people

**agriculture support:**

92

**animal husbandry support:**

21

**small business support:**

19

**transportation support:**

9
PARAMA WARD NURSING TRAINING:

Nandakumarpur RHTC under Mathurapur II Block

Stitching AID Eindhoven, Netherlands

This program is undertaken with batches of young girls from local communities, especially from marginalised sections, to help them achieve self-reliance and learn ways to earn a living. It also helps prevent child marriage, girl trafficking and school drop outs. Regular theory and practical classes are held besides soft skill development training. Computer and Spoken English classes are emphasised and encouraged, helping make these adolescent girls confident and capable of handling varied critical situations. Playing Badminton and Volleyball help them maintain fitness which is helpful for a career in nursing.

A PROUD STUDENT

Anuradha Barui is the daughter of a farmer and is one of five children. She was a meritorious student but could not continue her studies because of her family’s poor economic condition. So her father decided to get her married although she was not ready for it. She fought against the decision and was determined to become self-reliant first and to support her family. Although her parents did not agree to her decision, she was quite confident and pursued her life the way she had planned... to become a nurse. Thanks to Sabuj Sangha, she completed her nurses training and joined Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan (a Health Care Unit of Sabuj Sangha). She and her family are very happy now and express their gratitude to Sabuj Sangha for providing such training to the underprivileged, helping them fight against all social odds.

20 adolescent girls trained in ward nursing training programme
ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER RESPONSE

“You cannot tackle hunger, disease, and poverty unless you can also provide people with a healthy ecosystem in which their economies can grow”.

— GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND
Ex-Prime Minister of Norway/Director-General of WHO (1998-2003)

The Sundarbans, the largest mangrove ecosystem in the world, is under threat from historical and future human exploitation and sea level rise. This world heritage ecosystem is so delicately balanced, that its preservation is a constant challenge. The northern and western fringes of the Indian Sundarban are heavily populated and lack of agricultural production and job opportunities haunt the remote villages. It results in intense biotic pressure on the forest from the fishermen, wood collectors, honey collectors and poachers. Sabuj Sangha is deeply committed to preserving this area by providing vocational training and input in cottage industries, apiculture, pisciculture, floriculture etc. striving to make the forest-dependent people more self-sufficient. Efforts have been made to encourage the poorer section of the people to form SHGs to avail of bank loans to start their own ventures. Sabuj Sangha’s emphasis is on promoting biodiversity in order to protect the eco system and to regenerate extinct and traditional species of fish.

Also, life itself is uncertain in these remote fringes of West Bengal under the threat of cyclones, floods and the rising sea level due to rapid climatic change. Sabuj Sangha has begun efforts in Disaster Response as they understand that this is what the people of this region will need increasingly in the future.
STRENGTHENING OF ECO SYSTEM AND PROMOTION OF BIO DIVERSITY

Herambogopalpur,
Lakshmijananadanpur and Achintyanagar under Patharpratima Block/ Nandakumarpur under Mathurapur II Block / Kumargram
Block of Alipurduar district

NABARD, West Bengal Biodiversity Board, Community Fund

Along with promotion of SRI & Pond Based Integrated Farming (PBIF), Sabuj Sangha is also involved in creation of a gene pool to regenerate extinct/ rare species of fish such as Koi, Magur and Mourala. A Panchayat level Biodiversity Register (PBR) has been set up as a catalyst to biodiversity promotion. In the area of farming, a demonstration plot for organic gardening has been created to generate mass awareness on organic farming for the enhancement of eco – system and communities are being motivated to promote it at a household level. Endorsement of social forestry to protect environment from unfavorable climatic factors to reduce CO₂ emissions with a protection of soil erosion and enhancement of soil conservation; Sensitization of communities to identify the vulnerable pockets of the intervention areas and providing protection to those areas through SHGs, are all activities undertaken by Sabuj Sangha as a commitment to protect their homeland.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

Constantly under the threat of the vagaries of nature, it is of utmost importance to sensitize the people of Sundarbans of what to expect and how to react in the face of such natural calamities. In order to compliment Government efforts in these situations, Sabuj Sangha is not only in training communities on disaster preparedness but is also training their workers on how they should respond with appropriate measures and also help in the rehabilitation of people.
Sabuj Sangha traces its genesis to the spirit of Volunteerism which continues to shape its activities. Each year, supporters from India and overseas help the organisation grow by providing technical inputs, financial contribution, research and documentation and other project based assistance.

SUAS Educational Development, Ireland
SUAS and Sabuj Sangha have a mutually enriching partnership with annual placement of volunteers. The volunteers help in organizing fun days, sports and music camps, hygiene workshops and other activities at the project locations. They are also involved in office-based projects such as developing databases or designing promotional materials. During 2015-2016, the following volunteers from SUAS and Germany worked at KSSN (Residential Child Labour School) in South 24 Parganas and the Residential Child Labour School in suburban Kolkata.

Martha Glynn
Aidan Murray
Jacob Farrell
Niamh Teeling
Philip King

Meghan Early
Roisin Barron
Leah Flanagan
Roisin Manning
Patrick Moss

Laura Kevany
Kieran McGettigan
Lorna Begley
Nikki Truss
Michael Buckley

Ellen O’Duffy
Vivienne O’Brien
Sean Cassidy
Diarmuid Cassidy
John Allain
VISITOR’S SPEAK

Sabuj Sangha received many visitors from India and other countries who contributed towards its growth in the past year. Their shared feelings and experiences help to guide, encourage and support us in our work.

“Thank you very much for my visit today. The new “Sundarban German Bakery” will be a success for all the people of this beautiful region and the progress of the whole project, will be a showpiece for the world.”

—OLAF IVERSON
Consul General of Germany, 13 Dec, 2015

“Sabuj Sangha is doing an excellent job educating underprivileged children while keeping its social and environmental commitment to society in a part of India that faces considerable economic & environmental challenges.”

— DR. SAMBIT KUMAR SAHA
New York, USA, 2 Dec, 2015
### FINANCIALS

**SABUJ SANGHA**

Vill & P.O- Nandakumarpur, Dist - South 24 Parganas, Pin 743349

Balance Sheet-(Foreign Contribution & Non Foreign Contribution) of Sabuj Sangha as at 31st March, 2016

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**SABUJ SANGHA**

Vill & P.O- Nandakumarpur, Dist - South 24 Parganas, Pin 743349

Income & Expenditure Account- (Foreign Contribution & Non Foreign Contribution) Section of Sabuj Sangha for the year from 1st April, 2015 to 31st March, 2016

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**TOTAL INCOME** | 43,006,171 |

Signed in terms of our report of even date

For DAS DIPAK & CO
Chartered Accountants

( Dipak Das )
Propritior
Membership No. 054450
Date: 12th September 2016
Place: 82, Ultadanga Main Road, Kolkata- 67

**For SABUJ SANGHA**

Anumon Das
Secretary & Director
Sibasankar Giri
President
Bhabesh Chandra Mondal
Treasurer
OTHER FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Comparative Annual Turnover

Composition India vs. Foreign

Overview of Receipts

Non Foreign Contribution: 1,051,3517
Foreign Contribution: 99,71,432
Other Receipts & Collections: 87,87,901
General Health Project: 15,56,073
Donation: 12,01,265
Administrative: 1,78,500
Bank Interest: 1,76,869

Overview of Disbursements

8% Overhead
66% Personal
26% Programme
23% Education & Protection

Overview of Thematic Classification

13% General
2% Environment & Disaster Response
39% Health & Nutrition
12% Livelihood & Women’s Empowerment
11% Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
23% Education & Protection
THE ROAD AHEAD

Sabuj Sangha remains committed to enhancing the reach and effectiveness of its thematic interventions and contributing to integrated development for disadvantaged communities. A consistent emphasis on sustainability, particularly aligned to environmental issues affecting the Sunderbans coastal area, has always informed the interventions. In the coming years, Sabuj Sangha intends to step up this engagement with more climate change and biodiversity related awareness generation, networking and advocacy initiatives. Specific programmatic aspects that will receive greater attention are outlined below.

- To Expansion Project Area to Odisha & Jharkhand
- To strengthen health outreach activities, particularly in unserved/underserved areas in the Sunderbans and strengthening of eye – care unit
- To ensure 100% Open Defecation Free communities and strengthen WATSAN committees for sustainability
- To improve educational infrastructure for preventing child labour
- To continue the street and urban children education program for first generation learners in the disadvantaged pockets of squatter colony
- To promote alternate local livelihood opportunities by conducting skill development sessions in coastal areas of Sundarban and vulnerable pockets of West Bengal
- To establish the networking and sensitizing community regarding prevention of women and child trafficking and unsafe migration
- To sensitize community on gender equality and conducting other relevant activities on the same
- To enhance organisational understanding and practice of DRR and climate change

Sabuj Sangha’s Strategic Plan 2012-17 will guide these and other organisational endeavors.
**APPEAL TO DONORS**

Empower today, for a better tomorrow!

Join us today and support the sustainable development of marginalised rural communities across West Bengal. With the funding received from our donors, we are able to tackle proverty head on and provide communities with the tools necessary to create new livelihood opportunities for themselves.

Help us to continue to deliver this assistance and change the reality of life in these communities where:

- Almost one in every two people live below the poverty line
- Over half of all households do not have access to clean drinking water
- Only half of all births are attended by a qualified healthcare professional; and,
- Access to quality basic education and adequate physical infrastructure remains out of the reach of the majority.

Donate today and help us secure positive change through the provision of healthcare, education, child protection services, water and sanitation facilities, livelihood opportunities and disaster response initiatives.

**Let’s build a better tomorrow.**
Together, anything is possible!

**Donation**

I would like to donate:

- ₹500
- ₹1,000
- ₹5,000
- ₹10,000
- ₹25,000
- Other: ₹____

**Payment Details**

Cheque made payable to: “Sabuj Sangha”
Address: Sabuj Sangha,
30/9 Rajdanga Main Road (East),
Narkel Bagan, Kolkata 700107,
West Bengal

**Donor Details**

Title: __________ First Name: __________ Last Name: __________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

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Postal Code: ________ State: __________ Country: _______________________

Phone: __________ Email: __________ PAN: ________________

Date: __________ Signature: ____________________


**What your donation can do:**

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<td>Sponsor a Old age person for provide Food &amp; Medicine one year</td>
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<td>Support one health camp for u reached area</td>
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Thank You for Your Support!
REGISTRATION & EMPANELMENT

The West Bengal Societies Registration Act. 1961
Registration no.: S/16979 of 1975-76
Dated: 12th December, 1975

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. 1976
Registration no.: 147110293
Valid till: 31st October, 2021

Section 12A The Income Tax Act. 1961
Order no. DIT(E)/S-80 8E/225/97-98
Dated: 15th September, 1998

Section U/S 80G (5)(VI) of The Income Tax Act,1961 (Perpetual)
Order no. DIT(E)/676 8E/225/97-98
Dated: 4th September, 2012

Permanent Account Number (PAN)
AACTS8436Q

Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN)
CALS16506A

Registered under the Person with Disability Act. 1995
Registration no.: 409(Com) Date: 27th May, 2010

Empanelled with WBSACS, Govt. of West Bengal
ACS/IN-102-07/3500 Dated: 22nd December, 2008

Empanelled with Planning commission/ NITI, GoI : UID : WB/2009/0000717

Empanelled with NCSR-Hub, TISS :A/1/12/08/066

Accredited by The Credibility Alliance: CA/11/2016 valid 2016-2021

Empanelled with IICA :A000257

Validated by CAF : CAF/224/E-10/2015-16

Our Bankers
Standard Chartered Bank
Axis Bank Ltd.
State Bank of India
Bank of India
United Bank of India
The West Bengal State Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Account Details
NFC Bank Account
Standard Chartered Bank Kolkata
Account Number: 32111012949
SWIFT Code : SEBLINBBXXX
IFSC Code: SCBL0036087

FC Bank Account
Standard Chartered Bank Kolkata
Account Number: 32111012930
SWIFT Code : SEBLINBBXXX
IFSC Code: SCBL0036087

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http://youtube.com/v/OJQppnH00oI
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P.S.: Sagar
District: South 24 Parganas
Pin: 734473, West Bengal
Phone No.: +91 9563098878