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2017-2018**

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene | Livelihood & Women's Empowerment
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OUR SUPPORTERS



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Governing Body and the staff of Sabuj Sangha, I am happy to present our Annual Report for FY 2017-18. The services rendered by us over the past four decades have offered the 'Sabuj Sangha' family an opportunity to review and recast our vision with changing times and needs. The enduring needs of mankind though have remained as primeval as it was in the early years of our endeavors, struggle for food, livelihood, dignity, establishment of self-identity, struggle against odds of social discrimination, natural adversity and changing climatic conditions etc. are still at the forefront of all human troubles. All these continued to inspire us towards new beginnings and led us to introspect on all our efforts.

Also a very key and significant focus of the year was an exercise to consolidate our identity. As an organisation we went through assessments and tried to analyse our gaps and possibilities. We not only reflected about our purpose and present activities but also the areas where we could extend our services. We continue to optimize our efforts to go deeper to meet human needs and aspirations in the remote and marginalized areas of Sunderbans, Alipurduars and also to vulnerable and needy sections of Kolkata Metropolitan, Bidhan Nagar Corporation Area, surrounding Municipal Areas and its adjoining peri-urban areas. Our extended services and new ideas have enabled us to interact more closely with all our friends, well-wishers and partners. We continued to re-shape our efforts and activities while streamlining and optimizing our internal processes for better efficiencies.

2017-18 has been a year of growth and further commitments for Sabuj Sangha. Aligned with our Mission for attaining Sustainable Development, it is now evident that we never volunteered charity to the deprived or marginalized, but continued to support their basic needs which in turn helped them turn around with all their strength and fight back against the odds of life, hence earning dignity.

Our work remained successful in mobilizing agencies/individuals to join hands in our efforts. People and organizations of repute across the Globe continued supporting us not only by funds but also by volunteering in many activities substantially. My visit to Germany, Netherlands, Norway and Uganda remained successful and catalysed building new relations and presenting our activities to a wider spectrum. The 'India Event' proved successful in liaising with different international organizations that showed interest in our activities. Like in the past, many International Organisations as well as Individuals expressed their interest to see our work specifically in the deep and remote corners of Sunderbans and at the Himalayan Foothill region, the 'Dooars' in Alipurduar.

A well conceived Planning Process continued to function with a strong and vigorous team behind it, enabling access to schools, quality education, basic nutritional support, health facilities, a healthy and hygienic life and therefore, a better future. Disadvantaged communities including the people from remote interiors of Bengal, underprivileged children, youth needing support to establish themselves etc. are our beneficiaries, and we are privileged to be a part of the life they dream and aspire for. Since major parts of our operational areas are open to the vagaries of nature, our renewed focus will be on climate change and its effects, leading us set up Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Task Forces.

This Annual Report shares with you the past year's goals and achievements, our future plans and challenges. A sincere thanks to all our beneficiaries, associates, volunteers and partners who have made our journey possible. We continue to seek your support and encouragement to achieve what we have set as our 'Way Forward' in the coming years.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many accolades to Sabuj Sangha's robust team and its leadership who have brought about the transition from the darker days of yore we spent earlier at Sunderbans. Periods of being isolated from mainstream West Bengal that deprived this region from growth and development are over now. Many thanks to Sabuj Sangha for sustaining the struggle to bring about social changes for more than 43 years now. People from remote corners could only dream of the basic amenities which Sabuj Sangha has successfully implemented with their commitments, hard work and integrity. My deep gratitude to the Director and his dynamic team who have expanded their operational areas geographically, but have remained rooted to their place of origin—the Sunderbans.

It is still a wonder to me how the organisation has managed to reach to the remote corners of Himalayan Dooars in serving the most needy, the most helpless. Sabuj Sangha's doggedness deserves much praise from all of us and the communities who have benefited and have continued to rely upon them for Health Services, Education, fight against Child Exploitation and Women's Empowerment. Sabuj Sangha still stands like a big shoulder to lean upon... to trust. A deep understanding of local needs and meticulously planned out implementation has enabled Sabuj Sangha to execute a series of activities under its five thematic areas. Sabuj Sangha has not only ensured the basic needs for a safer and healthier life but has created history in the truest sense.

Deeply involved in establishing the basic demands of life aligned with International Sustainability Goals targeted for a safer world, Sabuj Sangha has remained a diligent and irresistible soldier for humanity. To protect the rich biodiversity of its areas of operations and bring about adaptability with threatening changes in the climate is Sabuj Sangha's renewed commitment to its served communities. May the Almighty give all His strength and blessings to Sabuj Sangha in their great mission.

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WHO WE ARE

Sabuj Sangha evolved out of a social club initiated in 1954 at Nandakumarpur village of Mathurapur II Block of Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.

Registered under West Bengal Society Registration Act 1961, in 1975, Sabuj Sangha became a non-profit, non-government development organization, committed to improving lives of disadvantaged communities in West Bengal, India, utilising an integrated and sustainable approach. It prioritises participation and empowerment of local communities. The Sundarbans delta is wrought with the vagaries of nature and has inherited significant developmental shortfalls which continue to exist in many pockets of the region. Sabuj Sangha became involved in local efforts to enhance the well-being of communities that have been living in this region amongst these deficits.

From its humble beginnings, Sabuj Sangha today is a rapidly growing organisation supported by numerous donors and partnering with a range of partners. It implements specific community-need based programmes to reduce and ultimately eradicate poverty. It also links up environmental issues with human needs. Sabuj Sangha, with long sustained experience understands that poverty reduction strategy must essentially address all the interlinked developmental issues an impoverished community faces every day.

Sabuj Sangha, thus continues improving the quality of life of the disadvantaged sections of communities living deep within the Sunderbans and also many other remote rural, urban and semi-urban operational areas by its relentless sustainable work on varied range of issues from ill health to illiteracy, lack of livelihood opportunities to lack of sanitation facilities, harmful effects of Climate Change and Disasters and many other interlinked grey areas of development.

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.

Activities of Sabuj Sangha are operational in Mathurapur I and II, Patharpratima, Sagar, Baruipur, Sonarpur, Canning I, Jaynagar I and Kulpi Blocks of South 24 Parganas district and Kumargram Block of Alipurduar district. It also has a presence in Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation and Kolkata Municipal Corporation areas of Kolkata district in West Bengal.

Sabuj Sangha's approach of integrated sustainable

Map of West Bengal

Districts where we work



development includes the following thematic areas:

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

OUR VISION:

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

OUR MISSION:

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

OUR VALUES:

- **Equality** – We believe all people should be treated equal without discriminating against them on ground 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.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



MR. SIBASANKAR GIRI (71)

President, B.Sc. (Botany), PGBT

A founding member of Sabuj Sangha, he remains associated with the organisation in multiple ways. He is the Ex-principal of 'Nandakumarpur High School'. He currently teaches in the Model Primary School and the Campus Residential School of Sabuj Sangha for Working Children. Guiding the organization as mentor, he ensures adherence to the core set of ethics and values while achieving growth.



MR. SARADINDU BANERJEE (66):

Vice President M.Sc. (Chemistry)

Founder Director of SAHAY (a non-profit organization affiliated to Children International, USA), Mr. Banerjee has over 37 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 crucial role in designing effective strategies for action and supporting Sabuj Sangha in various development programmes.



SHRI. ANSUMAN DAS (52):

Secretary, B.Com (H), PGDRD

With 25 years of experience in the development sector, he joined the Board in 1992. He has been instrumental in transforming Sabuj Sangha from a small NGO to its present status of a competent, implementing organization, capable of designing and delivering complex development interventions in both the rural and urban areas. Passionate about development, he is also an active member of 'West Bengal State Animal Welfare Board' (WBSPCA) and former member of 'Sundarban Development Board'. He consistently attends International Seminars and Events overseas to exchange knowledge, experience, ideas and views in the wider global spectrum.



MRS. ALOK RANI BHUNIA (55):

Assistant Secretary, Secondary

A homemaker and enthusiastic social worker, Mrs. Bhunia volunteers advocacy consistently against domestic violence and anchors the women's movement headed by Sabuj Sangha. She provides strategic support to the Sundarbans' Women's Development Society (namely 'Sundarban Mohila Swarnirvar Gosthi Cooperative Society Ltd.') and supervises the formation and strengthening of women's self help groups to undertake various empowerment initiatives.



MRS. DEBI RANI JANA (57):

Member, Class VIII

From very humble beginnings, she chose the career of a Social Animator in Sabuj Sangha's women empowerment programme many years ago. Consequently, she grew to be the Secretary of 'Sundarban Mohila Swarnirvar Gosthi Cooperative Society Ltd.' Today, she is a role model for the women of the densely forested Sunderbans, motivating them to contribute to their community and achieve financial security.



MR. BHABESH CH. MONDOL (73):

Treasurer, B.A., P.T.T.

A founding member of Sabuj Sangha and a retired teacher of 'Nandakumarpur Narayanitala Free Primary School', he remains exceptionally passionate on the role of education in human growth and development. Presently he is busy in mentoring and building the robust group of staff in the organisation in order to ensure continued education for all children and also heads the committee responsible for managing Sabuj Sangha's rural hospital.



DR. S.P. SINHA ROY (76):

Member, M. Sc in Applied Geology, PhD (Science)

President of 'Ground Water Studies' a former employee of the 'Central Ground Water Board' (CGWB) and Convener of 'West Bengal Task Force on Arsenic' he has been with Sabuj Sangha for the last six years providing technical support in the area of water resource management with overall strategic support.



MRS. ARATI MISTRY (36):

Member, B. A. GNM

Graduated as a GNM and a Nurse by profession, her focus is on large scale health activities particularly amongst underserved sections of the community. Working with Sabuj Sangha for the past two years, she guides the organization in developing strategic directions for future engagements specifically in Health sector.



MR. PALAN CHANDRA PAIK (53):

Member, Senior Secondary

Associated with Sabuj Sangha for the past 22 years, his experience, vision and strategy in enhancing collaboration and converging resources within the government and administration has been a catalyst for the organisation to move forward

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

Senior Management Team as on March 31, 2018

Ansuman Das	Director	Manas Chakraborty	Head of Programmes
Arunabha Das	Head of Resource Mobilization & External relations	Asok Bhattacharya	Regional Manager
Soma Maity	Regional Manager	Soumitra Jana	Accounts officer

STAFF DETAILS

Travelling & Honorarium of Executive Members:

Secretary (As Director): ₹3,00,000.00 per annum

President (as Principal of 'Kishalaya Sishu Siksha Niketan'): ₹96,000 per annum

Member (as Project-in-Charge): ₹40,000.00

Member (as Project-in-Charge): ₹40,000.00

Remuneration of highest paid full time regular staff: ₹7,80,000.00 p.a.

Remuneration of lowest paid full time regular staff: ₹24,000.00 p.a.

Travel Total Cost of International Travel in FY

2017-2018: ₹1,52,038.00

Total Cost of National Travel in FY 2017-2018:

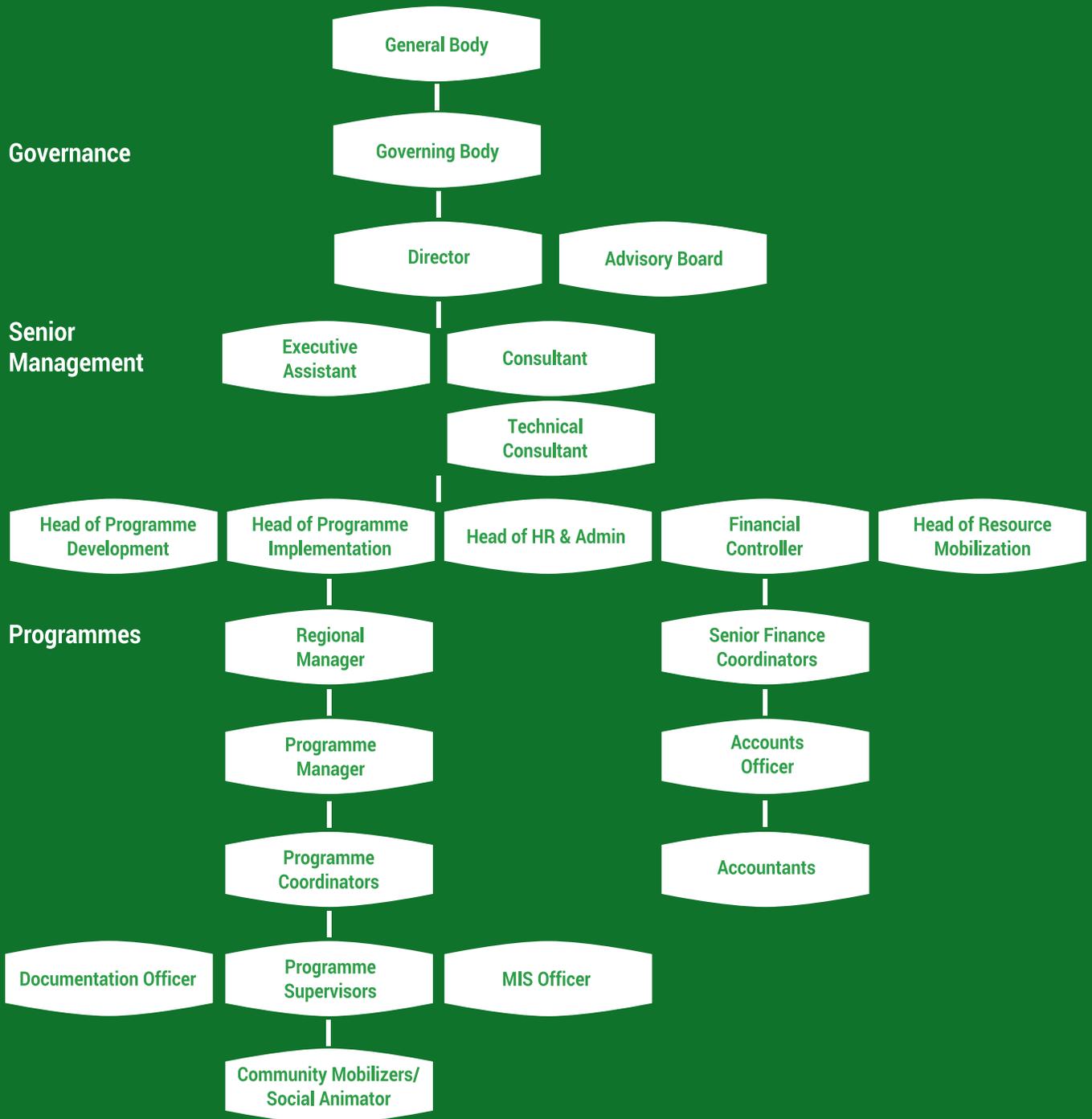
₹1,38,569.00

Total Cost of National Travel in FY 2017-2018:

₹1,38,569.00

Gross Salary per Months (in INR)	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5000	21	82	103
5001 - 10000	31	12	43
10001 - 25000	17	04	21
25001 - 50000	07	00	7
50001 - 100000	02	00	2
Greater than 100000	00	00	-
Total -	78	98	176

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



GENERAL BODY MEETINGS

The Governing Body met four times in 2017-18. Minutes of the meetings were documented and circulated.

Date	No. of Members Present	Agenda
19/04/2017	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Last meeting proceedings • Formation of newly formed governing body • Approval of Budget 2017-18 • Follow-up Status of on-going project/programme • Approval of Child line(1098) grant application • Status update of Knowledge Exchange Programme by FK Norway • Approval of Community health Programme by THF • Miscellaneous
02/06/2017	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Last meeting proceedings • Approval of Drinking water project supported by D4D • Opening of Eye care Unit • Review of On-going Project/Programme • Presentation on Health (Community Health Programme) & Education (Nayantara) by respective Programme officer • Europe trip by the Director & Board member Dr. S.P Sinha Roy • Miscellaneous
18/08/2017	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Last meeting proceedings • Progress of Drinking water project in North Bengal supported by D4D • Opening of Eye care Unit • Review of On-going Project/Programme • Upcoming visit of THF on 25.08.2018 • Status of School garden project supported by AID & New grant application for child line (1098) 2017-18 • Europe trip by Director & Board member Dr. S.P Sinha Roy • Miscellaneous
15/11/2017	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Last meeting • Progress of the Community health Programme by THF • Kolkata Launching programme of HP NDLM Centre • 43rd Foundation day of Sabuj Sangha • Visit of Hon. MP(Rajyasabha) Mr. Pradip Bhattacharya • Regarding work with Alipurduar Municipality • Miscellaneous
22/02/2018	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Last meeting • Status of of On-going Project/Programme • Approval of School Enriching Programme • Formal Introduction of Martin & Jos from AID • Submission of application for WASH for North Bengal • Submission of application to TIL, SBI foundation for Gram Seva Programme & Medical Equipment, Australia High Commission (DAP Smarty grant) for computer education • Submission of application of CHP 2018-19 by THF & New Grant Application for child line 2018-19. • PF related & Miscellaneous

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Date	No. of Members Present	Agenda
5/11/2017	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution from last meeting • Approval of Annual report 2016-17 • Approval of Audit Report 2016-17 • Appointment of statutory Auditor for the year 2017-18 • Planning for 2018-19 • Miscellaneous



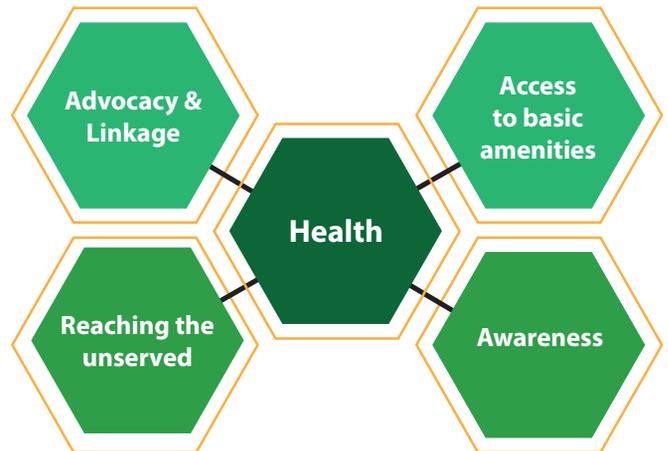
HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Following the core principles of 'Equal Opportunity for All' and to attain the targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 2, we continue to strive at creating Health Care Access opportunities and making health care services accessible to the remotest areas of Sunderbans and Alipurduar through their Community Health and Outreach Programmes, for the past two decades. In addition, for a healthier tomorrow we begun stressing on Nutrition & Nutrition Promotional programmes in our operational areas and sometimes also beyond that.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMME (CHP) AND OUTREACH SERVICES IN SUNDERBANS:

Location: Remote corners of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: The Hans Foundation (THF), AmeriCare India, GoWB, GOI
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Sabuj Sangha's Community Health Programme in Sunderbans has now gained momentum and succeeded in providing Health Services to the unreached communities of remote Sunderbans while creating awareness through campaigns, Health Camps, Mobile Medical Units, visiting individual houses, etc. The robust team of community health workers remained successful in mobilizing communities in remote villages gradually to give up unscientific and unsafe remedies offered by quacks and exorcists, and opt for scientific health care. This has resulted in a decrease in the Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate while ensuring safe motherhood, institutional intervention and improved community health at large. In order to consolidate the Community Health Programme and bring the community



under the purview of Institutional Health Service, Sabuj Sangha provided these services through their Rural Health & Training Centre (RHTC), namely 'Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan' at Nandakumarapur village. It facilitated the wider population of remote areas in Sunderbans through OPD, ambulance services, dedicated medical teams, paramedics and 24x7 service.

Accomplished:

- **1292** Pregnant women covered by ANC
- **1171** lactating mothers provided PNC
- **100%** new born babies immunized among reached out and addressed masses
- **8012** patients treated through outreach camp service
- Around **23000** families reached out through Health Services and Awareness Communication

11637

patients treated through OPD service

99%

Institutional Delivery among reached out and addressed masses

1484

pregnant women provided USG support

1160

Institutional Delivery cases

284

malnourished mothers provided supplementary medicine

Exceptional Accomplishment: Sabuj Sangha initiated Community Health Insurance to ensure the adaptability of Institutional Health Services among the local population. Thus, apart from the present reached out families, more than another 1000 can be brought under the purview of Institutional Health Services.

Challenges Faced:

- A notable part of the community in Sunderbans belongs to backward unenlightened section and the custom of 'Pardah' (remaining behind a screen) still persists

in their daily lives. They still have reservations and inhibition about male doctors treating female patients. Consistent counseling by community health workers is gradually changing such practices and beliefs.

- Increasing rush at OPD and demand for increase in IPD is making it difficult to meet the present needs

Need Area: To extend Health services and make them more accessible to the Community, more equipment, staff and logistic arrangements are required. Funds are highly necessary to fulfill this purpose.

WHERE A BIG CITY HOSPITAL FAILED, HIS OWN VILLAGE HOSPITAL DELIVERED ...

Mr. Bishnupado Mallik, a 70 years old resident of Narendrapur village in Nandakumarpur Gram Panchayat (GP) stays with his wife. He got his only daughter married, who at present stays along with her husband and family a little away. After meeting his daughter's marriage expenses, he was left with a little tract of land for subsistence agriculture. Like many other poor farmers, they have no extra money to spend for anything else.

Since a few months, Mr. Mallik was suffering from respiratory problems. Gradually, his condition worsened and he had high fever measuring 104°F. Soon, his cough worsened and blood appeared in his cough. Bishnupado became anxious and on the suggestion of his neighbor in order to get correct treatment in a big city Hospital in Kolkata, he sold another portion of his agricultural land. He underwent several pathology examinations and ultra-sonography tests. He was told that he has Nephritis, a serious problem related to the Kidneys. He was also told that one of his Kidneys had become dysfunctional. He returned home and continued taking medicines as advised by the Doctors.

But, even after two weeks, no improvement was seen... infact, he became weaker, lost weight and appetite. Coupled with these problems his skin became rustled. The entire degeneration left Mr. Mallik in a deathly state of mind. He lost interest and strength in talking, walking and carrying on with his regular activities.



"I have lost part of my land. It would have been better if I came here earlier."

A staff member of Community Health Programme (CHP) found Mr. Mallik in this state and took him to 'Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan' by a van-rickshaw. On examining all the reports and test results, the attending Doctor changed all the earlier prescribed medicines. The Doctor thus started a

new line of treatment and informed Mr. Mallik that both his Kidneys were in good condition. Within a week, he was able to get back in normal condition of health and showed a remarkable improvement. Bishnupado acknowledges the timely intervention of Sabuj Sangha and the Doctor whose treatment restored his life to normalcy.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNITS AT SUNDERBANS & ALIPURDUAR

- Villages under Madarihat Block of Alipurduar
- Villages under Patharpratima Block of South 24 Parganas district in West Bengal

Being located in remote Tea Garden area, the Madarihat Block of Alipurduar district is deprived of basic facilities including health amenities. No access to clean potable water, poverty coupled with illiteracy and low awareness made the health situation graver here.

Similarly, Patharpratima Block is also located in deep remote area of the Sunderbans in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. Located close to the confluence of Holy River Ganga and Bay of Bengal with poor connectivity the area is very

poorly accessible from the rest of the State. The area is still deprived of basic amenities including Health Services.

With the commitment of serving the un-reached Sabuj Sangha brought Mobile Medical Care facilities to these two remote and backward Administrative Blocks where public transport is rarely available and health facilities are located beyond 20 Km.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN FY 2017-18

- Mobile Medical Camps organized: **609**
- Patients checked: **36,321**
- Special care of ANC: **449**
- Health Check up and Treatment of Hypertension patients continued
- Checked and Treatment initiated of Diabetes patients
- Diagnostics taken: **3470**

Patients with chronic diseases (e.g. stomach problems, itching problems, hypertension problems etc.) and Health disorders like low Haemoglobin level, low Sugar level, low immunity etc. were seen and their ailments addressed through curative and precautionary treatment.

SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE COMMUNICATION (SBCC):

Location: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Partnered: SBCC Cell, Govt. of West Bengal
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The key activities of the programme are to sensitize communities through awareness campaigns and frequent meetings. The meetings are conducted more than 12 days every month. Communications are made with Children, Adolescent girls (married and unmarried), Pregnant and Lactating mothers, family members of the participants and community at large.

The awareness campaigns focused on areas like Safe Motherhood & Adolescent Care, Breast Feeding & Exclusive Breast Feeding, immunization, Nutrition & Growth, Hygiene & Sanitation, Diarrhea & Anaemia etc.

Awareness Campaigns in FY 2017-18

Category	Numbers	Participants
School Awareness Programmes	24	600
Adolescent girls' Awareness Campaign	24	348
Mothers' meeting	144	2,016
Inter- personal Communication with Individuals	120	2,100

PROMOTION OF 'COMMUNITY HEALTH INSURANCE' UNDER KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Location: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: FK, Norway
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Dedace Mugisha from Strive Foundation, Rwanda worked intensively on 'Public Health' promoting the concept of 'Community Health Insurance' by campaign and awareness programmes to participate actively through minimal individual contribution. He went through a baseline survey to create the database of the targeted populace emphasizing inclusion of women. As sample investigation he surveyed around 260 families.

Findings:

- 50% of the women don't earn but support their families with services at field and within the house
- Health & Hygiene is at a very poor state in the region.
- Sabuj Sangha's 'Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan' is the nearest for many villages located in remote corners of deep Sunderbans
- Around 50% of the respondents never visited school and are illiterate
- Majority of the respondents (around 80%) are not aware of any health insurance

Activities:

- Training of community health workers on Health Insurance aspects
- Campaigns on health insurance
- Fundraising facilitation & initiating process for health insurance.





EDUCATION AND PROTECTION

Sabuj Sangha's fight against illiteracy has remained alive and active over the years. For us, education is much more than the technical ability to read and write. Our organization's holistic approach leads to impart Value Based Education, Self Defense & Self Reliance for the proper growth of a Child.

Following the principles of 'Equality'; 'Best Interests of Child'; 'Participation & Inclusion' as enumerated in UN's 1st Convention on Child Rights (1991), Millennium Development Goals (2000) & Sustainable Development Goals (2013) Sabuj Sangha continues its efforts for establishing Right to Education for all.

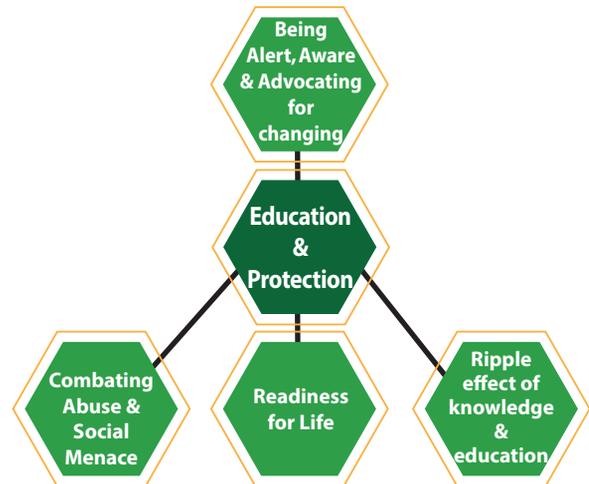
MODEL SCHOOL IN SUNDERBANS:

Kishalaya Sishu Siksha Niketan (KSSN)

Location: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: Asha for Education, Give India, Global Giving
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This Co-educational Model School (from Nursery – Class VIII) for children of underprivileged families of the remote Nandakumarpur region and surrounding areas has sustained for 18 years now. Impoverished parents who can't afford the cost or do not have access to quality education due to their remote location, send their children to KSSN, aspiring for a brighter tomorrow for their child.

Affiliated to the Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal, the school follows the syllabus of Boards of West Bengal Primary & Upper Primary Education. Besides regular



academics, extra-curricular activities such as art & craft, games & sports, work education etc. are imparted for holistic development of the children. The ambience created in the school was to break rigid norms and to learn lessons of life in a joyful manner. Trained and caring teachers make education enjoyable and therefore sustainable.

Learning materials and uniforms are provided to the children from impoverished families. Regular and periodic health check-ups supplement education for a holistic growth. Today, more than 200 Students are enrolled and it is worth mentioning that the Boy: Girl ratio is currently almost equal.

214

Children Enrolled

5.94%

increase from FY 2016-17

STEPS FORWARD WITH DREAMS IN LITTLE EYES...

Anubhab Sahoo is a Standard III student of Kishalaya Sishu Siksha Niketan (KSSN) and belongs to an extremely impoverished family. Residents of Nandakumarpur, both his parents work as daily wage labourers sporadically in Nandakumarpur, its surrounding areas and in the vicinity of Kolkata. The family doesn't own land and reside in a hutment within fallow land. Therefore, affording an education for their son was almost impossible.

However, by the intervention of the staff of Sabuj Sangha Anubhab got admitted to KSSN in the middle of an academic session.

Initially, Anubhab was a timid, shy boy, always afraid of facing strangers and fell behind on his lessons. On being trained in discipline and having received regular

individual attention and care of the teachers of KSSN, he has grown confident in English and has shown marked improvement in Mathematics, vernacular etc. He has a creative bent and is fond of painting and playing with colours and is also a very good Clay Artist. Anubhab has a knack for Story Telling. His exposure to Computer Education helped him in shaping his world of dreams more easily. Now Anubhab can draw his dreams. These developments in Anubhab's personality are like a balm on his parents' struggles as they can now dream of a better tomorrow and a brighter future for their son.



REHABILITATION OF DEPRIVED CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION (RDCE)

Location: Squatter Colonies at Rail Siding of Sealdah South section of Eastern Railway, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: Give India, SUAS Ireland, Individual Donors
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Sabuj Sangha's consistent efforts at improving the quality of life of the underprivileged children residing in slums on the railway tracks of southern section of Sealdah division of Eastern Railways in West Bengal, resulted in providing quality education and skill development to empower them for a brighter tomorrow.

Educational and Development support are catered through Centres-'Sabuj Kunri' meant for supporting underprivileged Children.

- **Coaching Centres (CC):** support to students from impoverished families attending Schools. Age Group: 6-16 Years
- **Bridge Coaching Centres (BCC):** Support to drop-outs to mainstreaming them in Education by abridging care through moral and educational support.

All the children received Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) and nutritional support.

380

children are receiving inclusive education

"I ASPIRE TO BE A DOCTOR..."

Sabina Khatun is 16. Her father is a rickshaw puller and her mother repairs umbrellas. She is associated with Sabuj Kunri for a decade now. A resident of Kharupatalia village in the southern section of Eastern Railways, Sabina is a First-Generation Learner. Belonging to a community where education is considered a luxury, more so for girls, Sabina struggled to sustain her studies. Having completed Standard X, in spite of having failed once, she determinately pushed on to complete the Madhyamik Board Education.

Sabina aspires to be a Doctor. Her association with Sabuj Kunri has groomed her and lifted her out from oblivion and put her on the path to success. Sabina's achievement is commendable and an example for others.



NABADIGANTA(REMEDIAL) PROJECT

Location: Remote villages and Tea Gardens at Khoardanga No.1 & Turturikhand Gram Panchayats of Alipurduar District, West Bengal	Supported by: Asha for Education
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Under this project children from marginalised tribal groups living in the forested regions of Dooars at the foothills of Himalayan range in Alipurduar district are receiving remedial support through education, health and hygiene awareness and support programmes. Most importantly, these programmes catalyse in bridging the gap between the tribals and main stream people of this region.

Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) like pens, pencils, sharpeners, exercise books etc. are provided per month. Children are also provided with school uniforms, water bottles and school bags once a year.



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children received inclusive educational and health support this year.

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON EYE CARE AND EDUCATION

Location: Champahati Block: Baruipur District: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Partnered CSR Implementation by: Canon India Pvt. Ltd
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In FY 2017-18 Sabuj Sangha worked on a CSR project on “Holistic Development Plan on Eye Care and Education” of Canon India Pvt. Ltd. that included educational activities, eye care campaigns, educational excursion for students and celebration of important dates like Children’s day, Project Anniversary Celebration and many others. The project, with support from ‘Solgohalia Nimna Buniyadi Vidyalaya’,—local government run free primary school remained successful in mobilizing Students and community at large of Solgohalia village.

CHILD LINE... A 24 X7 SERVICE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED (EMERGENCY NO. 1098)

Operational areas: Canning & Baruipur Sub-Divisions of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Partnere: Child Line India
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Sabuj Sangha has continued partnering the centrally perceived programme of CHILD LINE (a National 24x7 Emergency Helpline for the Child in Need-1098) to ensure Child Rights and protect the children exposed to the vulnerability of Social Detrimental Abuse for more than 3 years now.

As an active member and component of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) Sabuj Sangha remained active round the clock (24x7) this financial year too. Intervening directly or with help of administration and other local level community based organizations they continued to deliver on committed promises. Cases ranged from Missing, Sheltering, Supporting Emotionally, Restoring to mainstream and many others etc.

OPERATION RED ALERT- SAVE VILLAGE PROGRAMME:

Location: South 24 Parganas and Alipurduar Districts of West Bengal	Supported by: My Choice Foundation
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‘Save Village Programme’ initiative under ‘Operation Red Alert’ continued building awareness on the dangerous social problem of Girl and Child Trafficking and its severity. The main objective is to eradicate Girl & Child Trafficking by 2025. Sabuj Sangha continued work in different blocks and municipal areas of Alipurduar and South 24 Parganas Districts to mobilize people through awareness activities by following the guidelines and directives imparted via a series of training programmes.

Challenges to overcome:-

- Social outlook of discrimination by Gender
- Low or No awareness on future prospect of a Girl as a responsible person
- Hidden / Family supported trafficking

NAYANTARA:

Location: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: Asha for Education, PGWI–USA, Individual Donors
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Focus Group: Adolescent Girls.

‘Nayantara’ is an initiative by Sabuj Sangha aimed towards holistic development of the Girl Child between the ages of 13-18 years and arresting the grave problems caused by ignorance and a conventional thought that Girls are not assets but a burden. It focusses on boosting the morale of the Girls approaching/attained adolescence by supporting them with Value Education, Support in Studies, Health & Hygiene Education including Menstrual Hygiene, Performing and Creative Art etc. It is also perceived that the confident and robust personalities coming out of this programme will work as catalysts in generating awareness on this deep rooted issue of Girl Child ignorance. This programme was also framed to arrest the relevant issues of Girl Child Trafficking, Early Marriage or Early Motherhood etc. The programme targets on accelerating improvement of society by empowering adolescent girls and their parents. It is intended to create a social order where equality beyond gender bias is established.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 2 girls completed +2 level educations, while one of them continuing education. On the other hand 3 girls completed 10th Board Education and continuing higher levels

- The creations of the Nayantara Girls e.g. clay ornaments/ materials and greeting cards etc. were appreciated for its design and quality, even from abroad
- 4 of the Nayantara girls mastered skill in leadership and leading Bratachari events
- The most remarkable achievement of the Nayantara Girls is that they could break the barriers of inhibition and low esteem and became smarter and spontaneous in communication and participation in activities
- Mission – Menstrual Hygiene has been successful as the habit of using Sanitary Napkins has now become a regular practice among all the Girls and their family members
- Parents have begun thinking positively towards education of their girl child, on par with their sons
- Many parents who are not yet within Nayantara Programme have expressed interest to admit their girl child.

Sumana Patra lives at Nandakumarpur village with her parents. Although they are extremely poor and have been struggling to sustain the family, her parents want a brighter future for Sumana. They never gave up and supported Sumana to enable her to continue her studies. Sumana was identified by the Sabuj Sangha staff in 2017 while she was in Class XII. In February, 2017 she became an active member of *Nandakumarpur Nayantara Group*. She was an active participant in the Bratachari and Handicrafts training organized by the organisation. When she completed her Higher Secondary studies in 2018, she joined Patharpratima College to pursue a Graduation degree. Armed with her firm determination and encouraged by 'Nayantara' she is now continuing her higher education.



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girls continued education with their spirits up to lead an independent and confident life

NATUN ALO:

Location: South 24 Parganas and Alipurduar Districts of West Bengal	Supported by: Education Department–GoWB, Asha for Education
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Natun Alo is a Flagship Programme of Sabuj Sangha, perceived to arrest impacts of poverty and ignorance resulting in the bleak future of a Child without any care, nutrition and education who ends up as Child Labour. Sabuj Sangha runs this Residential School at Nandakumarpur village of South 24 Parganas district. This special school provides non-formal Bridge Course Education to children who are sequentially mainstreamed into formal education. Residential Care, Nutritional Support and Health Care facilities are an integral part of this programme. All the enrolled wards have Individual Health Cards. They are provided necessary health services at the 'Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan' (a Health Centre run by Sabuj Sangha) as and when required. Special coaching classes, extra-curricular activities, education materials such as exercise books, pen, pencil, eraser, project book, colors, etc. are provided.

Besides other extra-curricular activities like sports or crafts & art that promote good physical and mental well-being, the boys are engaged in preparing fields for seasonal vegetable cultivation, helping them bridge theoretical knowledge with practical knowledge. They are provided necessary nutrition for their normal growth and physical development through foods served during breakfast, lunch, evening tiffin and dinner daily.



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boys on the verge of becoming Child Labourers were saved and are on way to a safer and promising life



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

'Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all'- Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 6

'WASH', the acronym for 'Water, Sanitation and Hygiene' is a universally accepted target for affordable and sustainable access to Clean Drinking Water and Sanitation Facilities for ensuring a safe and healthy life for all on earth.

Sabuj Sangha's efforts continue to take 'WASH' to many more in its operational area in the districts of South 24 Parganas and Alipurduar to ensure provisions for Safe Drinking Water and Sanitary Toilet facilities. Educational Institutions were brought under the purview of Sabuj Sangha's activities besides there being a focus on creating Individual and Community based facilities during FY 2017-18.



Programmes to ensure WASH in Communities:

Location: South 24 Parganas and Alipurduar Districts of West Bengal	Supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Sanitation Cell, South 24 Parganas District, West Bengal ● Municipality of Alipurduar ● CAF, India ● Drop 4 Drop
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Like in earlier years, Sabuj Sangha has continued consolidating, advocating and further facilitating to ensure the cause of WASH through building infrastructure and consistent mobilisation in the community.



Activity	District	Municipality/Block	Gram Panchayat/Wards	Nos.	Beneficiaries
IHHL ¹ Construction	Alipurduar	Alipurduar	Wards No. 1, 9, 10 & 18	290	Around 550
Maintenance of School Toilet Blocks	South 24 Parganas	Champahati	Champahati Gram Panchayat	1	112 (Including Students, Teachers & other Staff)
Maintenance of School Toilet Blocks	South 24 Parganas	Sonarpur	Sonarpur Gram Panchayat	2	374 (Including Students Teachers & other Staff)
Construction of Drinking Water Facility in Schools	South 24 Parganas	Sagar	Muri Ganga II & Gangasagar Gram Panchayats	2	2180 (Including Students & Teachers& other Staff)
Community Toilet	South 24 Parganas	Mathurapur-II	Nandakumarpur Gram Panchayat	1	Around 450
Provide Sanitary Napkins to School Students	South 24 Parganas	Sagar	Radhakrishnapur High School, Rudra Nagar Gram Panchayat	1	146 Students & 9 Female Staff
Tube Well for Community	Alipurduar	Kumargram	Gram Panchayats: - Kumargram - Khoardanga-I	55	Around 300+ people (of 60 Families)

¹ IHHL- Individual Household Latrine

A continued process of mobilization and sensitization went through several:

- Advocacy & Linkages with Community Leaders and School Authorities
- Awareness Campaigns through Meetings, Consultation and demonstration of hygienic practices among Community and Students
- Exclusive awareness programmes on Menstrual Hygiene organized for adolescent girls
- Capacity building through formation, trainings and workshop
- Advocacy and consultation with Community Leaders to ensure safe drinking water tube wells for potable water
- Awareness campaign to utilize the water collection points as venue of gathering and sharing community welfare matters

APPRECIATION:

“The residents of Ward No. 18 reside on the banks of Rydak river. Most of them don’t have any sanitary household toilet. Therefore open defecation takes place near the river. Though our government has initiated ‘Nirmal Bangla’ programme for eradication of open defecation, it couldn’t be initiated without any implementing organisation. Sabuj Sangha implemented the Programme by constructing Individual Household Toilets here. They also propagated and mobilized the community on the importance of Open Defecation Free (ODF). Now all the ward residents own individual household toilets. They are happy using the toilets and are gradually giving up the habit of unhygienic open defecation. I convey my regards and thanks to Sabuj Sangha for this noble effort.”

–**Shree Amulya Kumar Mandal**, Councilor, Ward No. 18, Alipurduar Municipality, District-Alipurduar, West Bengal

“NOW I FEEL SAFE USING MY OWN HOUSEHOLD TOILET...”

Jamila Bewa, originally from Gopalganj, Bihar now resides at Ward No. 18 of Alipurduar Municipality with her son Irfan Ali (10 Years) and daughter Ruksana (13 years). She lost her husband around 8 years back, compelling Jamila to earn a living for sustenance. She earns around INR 2000.00 per month and struggles to continue her children’s education and other livelihood needs. Ruksana studies in Standard-VII and Irfan in Standard-III in the nearby govt. school. They stay in a small dwelling and since they didn’t have a toilet, Jamila worried about her children and herself being unsafe while defecating in the open. Today they own an individual household toilet thanks to Alipurduar Municipality and Sabuj Sangha. Jamila is deeply grateful to Sabuj Sangha for their initiative.





LIVELIHOOD AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Sabuj Sangha's holistic approach towards sustainable livelihood options has continued through a wide range of activities leading to women's empowerment. It continues to strive to establish a Society with Equal Opportunity by following the basic principles of 17 SDGs. To overcome deep rooted gender bias, they have linked Livelihood Opportunities with Social & Financial Empowerment, thus overcoming disparity and creating equal opportunity.

'SUNDARBAN GERMAN BAKERY'

<p>Location: South 24 Parganas West Bengal</p>	<p>Supported by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Hanseatic India Forum e.v., Germany and ● 'Sundarban Mohila Swanirvar Gosthi Cooperative Society Ltd., Nandakumarpur
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With a holistic approach of encouraging entrepreneurship and creating livelihood opportunities among the women in this region, Sabuj Sangha and Sundarban Mohila Swanirvar Gosthi Cooperative Society Ltd. in a joint initiative with Hanseatic India Forum e.V., Germany established a Modern Bakery Unit - 'Sundarban German Bakery' on 13th November, 2015. Now as an exemplary example of a pioneering effort of a wholly Women managed entrepreneurship, the bakery has become a trailblazer for others to follow. It produces



and supplies fresh and quality-monitored bakery products prepared in a hygienic way (e.g. quarter-bread, buns, cakes, cookies etc.) to the local populace, while enhancing the skills of the local women involved. The bakery has numerous customers, thus promoting nutrition and health. Establishment of marketing linkage to enhance the sale of produced bakery products is also a main focus area.



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suppliers support the bakery (most of them are women)

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full-time staff

LIFE WAITED SMILING...

Sima Sarder lives with her husband, 75 years old Mother-in-Law and 5 years old son. They own a 10 Cuttah cultivable land. Suffering from acute Spondylitis, Sima's husband struggles miserably as a cultivator and daily wage agricultural labourer. Acute poverty and continuing ailments led to a life of misery. Sima came to 'Sundarban Mohila Swanirvar Gosthi Cooperative Society' on October, 2017 and opened a savings account there in her name. On hearing about the requirement of a female worker at Sundarban German Bakery, Sima applied for the job. Luck smiled on her and Sima joined the Bakery as a trainee worker. Being a keen and attentive learner she joined as a full-time worker within 15 days. Now she earns around INR 2000.00 per month. Now she can afford the expense for her child's education, health services for her husband and other household needs. She is now a confident worker and continued to remain an ardent learner to develop her skill in the bakery industry.



PARAMA WARD NURSING TRAINING PROGRAMME AT RURAL HEALTH & TRAINING CENTRE (RHTC):

Location: South 24 Parganas West Bengal	Supported by: Stitching AID Eindhoven, Netherlands
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'Parama Ward Nursing Training Programme' in the Rural Health & Training Centre (Swarnalata Sabuj Seva Sadan) at Nandakumarpur village is designed to facilitate and provide

livelihood for unemployed educated young women by providing ward-nursing training. The young trainees receive computer education and exposure to various community and outreach health programmes like Mobile Medical Camps through Mobile Medical Units (MMU), Outdoor Patients Division (OPD), Pharmacy etc. and are given responsibilities in different health service activities. This programme not only imparts employable skills but also empowers them with freedom of living on their own with dignity through serving the disadvantaged.

HAPPINESS NEVER DREAMT OF EVER BEFORE...

20 Years old **Madhumita Paria**, stays with her family at Purba Dwarakapur village of Patharpratima Block in South 24Parganas district. Her father Mr. Parameswar Paria runs a Tea Shop and mother Kanchana Paria a homemaker. Madhumita has four siblings. Being a very good student, she passed Madhyamik in 2012 securing 64% marks and obtained 73% marks in her Higher Secondary examinations in 2014. Thereafter, economic reasons led her to look for a job. A Sabuj Sangha health worker convinced her to get admitted to 'Parama Ward Nursing Programme' for the 2017-18 sessions. Madhumita completed the course successfully and stood 1st in her batch. Now, she is happy to get involved in the noble profession of serving the ailing people of her own area.



NEW HORIZON:

Location: Urban Slum Areas of Kolkata Municipal Corporation & Kamarhati Municipality (North 24 Parganas)	Supported by: Save the Children
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Sabuj Sangha is committed to create job opportunities among unemployed youth in Urban Areas too. With a vision to aid the needy and willing youth, they joined their partners and supporters. New Horizon programme is the fruitful effort of the initiative started during FY 2017-18.

The prime objective of the programme is to break the vicious cycle of intergenerational poverty by bringing marginalized youth in the age group of 18-24 years under a platform for skill development, link them with dignified livelihood options and facilitate linkage of their families with Government Social Security Schemes in the slums of Kolkata and Bidhan Nagar Municipal Corporation Areas and surrounding municipal areas. Skill development and improvement are also made through advocacy efforts with relevant authorities and government departments for necessary revision in the educational criteria under National Skill Development Corporation, Govt. of India (NSDC).

The programme accommodated Training and Skill Development in 3 different trades:

- Beauty & wellness
- Facility Management (Hospitality, Travel & Tourism)
- AC (Air Conditioner) repairing

ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FY 2017-18):

- Orientation & Training – 270 trainees
- Comprehensive Life Skill Training – 219 trainees
- Market Oriented Skill Training – 161 trainees
- Interface with relevant stakeholders – 57
- Meeting Parents – 65
- Number of Trainees linked with placements – 94
- Exposure visit attended by – 150 trainees



"I LOVE TO WORK AND WANT TO WORK HARDER..."

Says **Farzana Khatoon**, when she came to know about and joined the New Horizon programme.

20 years old Farzana is a slum dweller in Metiabruz area of Kolkata. She had to give up school while completing Class X due to financial difficulties. She belongs to a very impoverished family working as a labour to earn a mere Rs. 1500 per month. Farzana has seen her family struggling since her childhood. Her life saw a transformation after she joined the Facility Management (FM) training. On completion of the training she started working at a 'Subway' outlet earning a monthly salary of INR. 7000.00. Farzana now aspires to be a Manager someday and to achieve that, she is willing to resume her studies again.



AMBEDKAR HASTASILPA VIKASH YOJANA:

Location: Mathurapur II, Patharpratima and Sagar Blocks of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India.
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504

families surveyed for
identification of artisans

PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY DAIRY AND HUSBANDRY NUTRITION UNDER KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Location: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Supported by: FK, Norway
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Sabuj Sangha entered a partnership agreement with 'Karin Community Initiative, Uganda (KCIU)' under this programme in 2017. As per the agreement it was decided that Human Resource and Knowledge will be exchanged by the two organizations.



Denish Odong from KCIU worked on promotion of Community Dairy and Husbandry Nutrition (Fodder Cultivation) under the mentorship of Sabuj Sangha in identified villages of Mathurapur II block in South 24 Parganas. He endeavored to promote modern techniques for higher fodder production having a higher nutrient value. He succeeded in strengthening liaison between Fodder Farmers, Livestock Farmers, Govt. Agencies with the support of Sabuj Sangha and thereby built a sustainable mechanism for popularizing the modern techniques useful for better Livestock and Fodder cultivation. 43 fodder Farmers were identified trained and given in hand orientation through exposure visit.

- **43 Fodder Farmers identified and trained**
- **More nutritious fodder cultivation (e.g. Hay, Silage, Legumes pasture, Grass pasture etc.) promoted**
- **4 Milk Farmers' Groups formed**
- **2 Model Cow Sheds constructed at Jagannathchak village and Narendrapur village, both in Nandakumarpur GP**

Under the guidance and support of the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, through 'Ambedkar Hastasilpa Vikash Yojana' Sabuj Sangha has continued to integrate the women artisans involved in Batik & Zari Embroidery craft in this operation area by developing their skills and thereby ensuring livelihood sustainability.

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exclusive SHGs formed by Zari
& Batik Artisans

ALTERNATE MEANS OF CULTIVATION TO SUSTAIN LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT AND NUTRITION

Location: South 24 Parganas, West Bengal
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A key focus area for Sabuj Sangha is to arrive at alternative concept of cultivation and support mechanism in their Operational Areas in remote Sunderbans where cultivation is a challenging task due to recurrent natural calamity, high salinity of soil and over nourishing moisture content. Families who have been receiving technical inputs and other requirements in the past continue to receive support by means of close monitoring and follow ups by diligent and robust Sabuj Sangha staff.

Nutrition level of the families increased by consumption of the cultivated produce free of artificial fertilizers or chemicals. Started a year or two back this initiative has proven to be successful as the families brought under the purview of this programme continue to retain the techniques of organic farming, that too at a low cost.

- **9 families involved in Pond Based Integrated Farming (PBIF)**
- **6 families following System of Rice Intensification (SRI) method**
- **Active 'Farmers Clubs' at different villages in the operational area**
- **4 families continuing their Kitchen (Nutrition) Garden while influencing many more**
- **More than 10 families remain successful in retaining vermi-composting.**





ENVIRONMENT & DISASTER RESPONSE

Committed to be resilient in protection of Ecology – the very existence of Man as part of Nature and preservation of the rich biological diversity of the Sunderbans, Sabuj Sangha continues to be responsible in its activities and principles. Aligned with Sustainable Development Goals No. 13, 14 & 15, its robust team continued playing a pivotal role in spreading awareness and building stakeholder among community at large.

Today it is argued that India needs to replace its approach to Disaster Relief with faster planning and action, using real space data to increase preparedness and do away with delays that lead to detrimental consequences.

Deeply committed to the protection of the Sunderbans, Sabuj Sangha continues building sensible, knowledgeable and skilled core groups, mobilising members of the younger generation from schools, clubs, remote rural areas, slums and urban areas, who in turn become catalysts to develop an ambient social order to adapt right practices for preservation of the environment.

The operational areas of Sabuj Sangha spread over in two districts of South 24 Parganas (abode of Sunderbans) and Alipurduar (Himalayan Doorgas region) are close to forest areas rich in natural resources. These areas contribute substantially to the eco-system of the project regions while being precariously exposed to natural calamities.

In order to propagate awareness on preparedness for different natural calamities and to promote arresting waste and solution, Sabuj Sangha has community inclusive programmes. Complementing Government Initiatives, they



have well-trained staff to train the project area communities consistently.

In the coming days we are planning to initiate awareness and practicable applications to stand against indiscriminate abuse of Natural Resources in order to preserve the rich reservoir of ecological diversity. We plan to initiate systematic outreach activities for Climate Literacy Campaign and propagate behavior change to arrest indiscriminate marine litter in coastal areas of Sunderbans.



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Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Task Force formed

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Schools at which students outreached in the coastal areas of Mathurapur II, Patharpratima & Sagar Development Blocks



VISITOR'S SPEAK

“Our 5th visit, and as always, we are amazed by all the development since our initial visit in 2000. Ansuman “I have a plan” continues to be inspirational.”

Nick & Jeannie Chamber, UK

“Sabuj Sangha is doing such a fabulous job in helping local people with education, health, livelihood and environment issues that this organization should be commended highly.”

Dr. Sambit Kumar Saha, New York, USA

“The Organization is doing good work. This area needs health facilities and Sabuj Sangha is trying to provide the same. Keep working ahead.”

Mohd. Naseem, The Hans Foundation

“It was a most wonderful stay. Very inspiring. Such good service and care. People were so nice, room and meal perfect!”

Martin & Jos, Stichting Aid Eindhoven



VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Volunteerism remains the genesis of ‘Sabuj Sangha since its very inception. Service oriented people from the deep remote corners of West Bengal formed their communion under the umbrella of Sabuj Sangha to serve the underserved communities deprived of basic amenities and affected badly by ill fate and/ or natural calamities all through its operational areas. Joining hands with us in our noble sustained efforts, volunteers round the globe come to see and visit our activities in our operational areas every year for a long time now. They contribute substantially by providing Technical Support, Financial Support, Research & Development and various other contributions to our efforts. Thus, Volunteering forms a major part of Sabuj Sangha’s success and activities, with volunteers providing us a range of skills and resources that enrich our experience and help widen our scope of activities.

These are only some of the volunteers who support us individually or through organizations:

VOLUNTEERS FROM OVERSEAS:

● **Ireland (SUAS):** Aine Plamer, David Moloney, Aisling Lawler, Brien Kiernan, Edel Costigan, Luke Gilligan Orla Heffernan, Sorcha Feehen, Snead Molony, Joe Mulraney, Zoe Haran, Aoife Fitzgerald, Jessica Howard, Becca Teevan, Conor McGoldrick, Mairead O’Gorman, Sarah Murphy, Serah Mallen, Hannah Case and Keeva Dagg ● **Netherlands (Stitching Aid Eindhoven):** Jos Bergkamp & Martin Kessels ● **United States of America:** Dr. Sambit Saha, Sayak Roy Chaudhury, Iswarya S., Jayanti Bandyopadhyay. ● **Switzerland:** Pratyush Das Kanungo ● **Italy:** Ms. Elisa ● **Norway:** Susanne B. Hvidstew, Sigme Minezurdlier. ● **Germany:** Johanna Drechter, Fr. Attley Gomes, Leonardo Roser Margalet

VOLUNTEERS ACROSS INDIA:

Padmanava Sen, Pabitra Kar, Shaswata Chatterjee, Dr. A. Mondal, Tiasa Banerjee and many more.





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, 2018.

LIABILITIES:	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)	ASSETS:	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Unrestricted (General) Fund	9,779,040		Fixed Assets	17,066,521	
Other Funds	12,531		Investments	1,779,558	18,846,079
Restricted (Project) Fund	(3,338,392)	6,453,179			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			CURRENT ASSETS		
Advances	11,346,034		Advances		
Liabilities & Provisions	7,510,519	18,856,553	Others	1,910,674	
				329,824	2,240,498
			Cash & Bank :		
			Cash in hand	55,963	
			Bank Balances :	4,167,192	4,223,155
TOTAL:		25,309,732	TOTAL:		25,309,732

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, 2017 to 31st March, 2018

INCOME:	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
Grant Utilized for Project Revenue Expenses		
Foreign Contribution	17,217,839	
Non Foreign Contribution	8,472,308	25,690,147
General Income		
Bank Interest	128,056	
Donation	1,018,685	
Other Income	5,561,570	6,708,311
Income of General Health		7,929,287
Deficit of Income over Expenditure transferred to Unrestricted (General) Fund		2,974,113
TOTAL INCOME		43,301,858
EXPENDITURE (Thematic Wise)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
FC Projects:		
Health & Nutrition	8,599,870	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	1,678,727	
Education & Protection	3,885,382	
Livelihood & Women's Empowerment	2,364,905	
Environment & Disaster Response	457,462	
General	140,930	17,127,276
NFC Projects:		
Health & Nutrition	14,813,755	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	1,094,132	
Education & Protection	4,977,306	
Livelihood & Women's Empowerment	—	
General	3,293,744	24,178,937
Depreciation on Assets		1,995,645
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		43,301,858

SABUJ SANGHA

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

Consolidated Receipts & Payments Account- (Foreign Contribution & Non Foreign Contribution) Section of Sabuj Sangha for the year from 1st April, 2017 to 31st March, 2018

RECEIPTS:	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
Opening Balance :		
Cash in hand	37,823	
Cash at Bank :	17,68,077	18,05,900
Advances		28,66,577
Grant For Projects:		
Foreign Contribution	1,88,62,635	
Non Foreign Contribution	87,04,385	2,75,67,020
General Receipts		
Bank Interest	1,28,056	
Donation	10,18,685	
Other	54,52,455	65,99,196
Receipts of General Health Project		77,70,501
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,66,09,194

PAYMENTS (Thematic Wise)	Amount (₹)	Amount (₹)
FC Projects:		
Health & Nutrition	83,83,520	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	19,41,775	
Education & Protection	38,04,274	
Livelihood & Women's Empowerment	27,30,519	
Environment & Disaster Response	4,57,462	
General	1,40,930	1,74,58,480
NFC Projects:		
Health & Nutrition	1,36,82,955	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	14,87,960	
Education & Protection	42,04,449	
Livelihood & Women's Empowerment	6,500	
General	33,30,088	2,27,11,952
Advances		22,15,607
Fixed Deposit in bank		
Closing Balances :		
Cash in hand	55,963	
Bank Balances :	41,67,192	42,23,155
TOTAL PAYMENTS		4,66,09,194

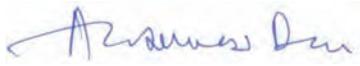
Signed in terms of our report of even date

For BISWAJIT KARMAKAR & ASSCIATES
Chartered Accountants

For SABUJ SANGHA


(BISWAJIT KARMAKAR)
Proprietor
Membership No. 305881

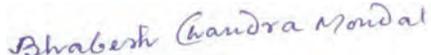



Ansuman Das
Secretary & Director



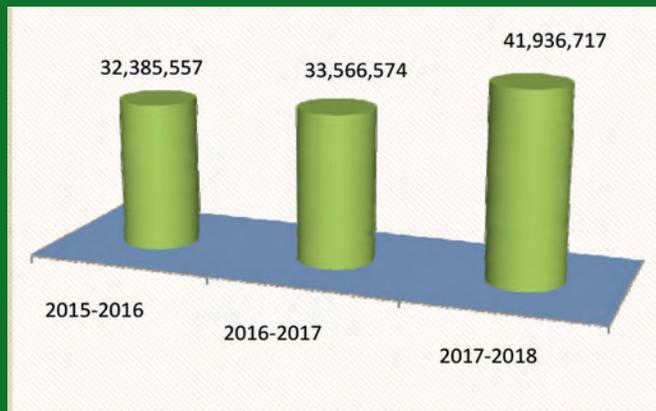

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OTHER FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

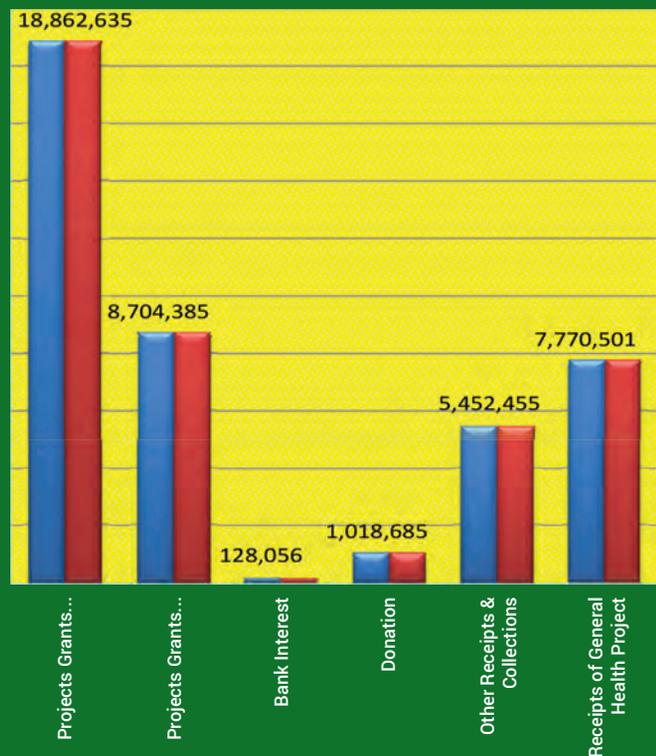
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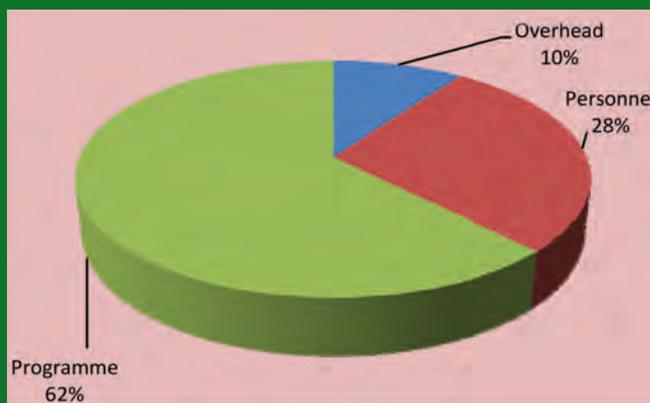
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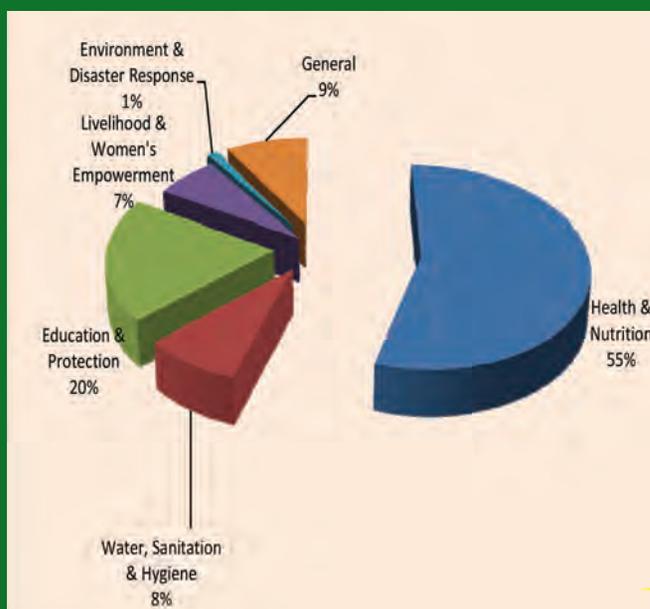
Overview of Receipts



Overviews of Disbursements



Overviews of Thematic Classification





THE ROAD AHEAD

Sabuj Sangha continues enhancing its activities within the existing Thematic Areas and beyond, to establish integrated development for underserved communities. Approach of Sustainable Integrated Development continues to be their focus with the support of a robust group of dedicated and dynamic personnel. Community Interest clubbed with Environmental Issues continued to be the primary focus area in the coastal areas of Sunderbans and Himalayan Dooars. In the coming days we intend to focus deeper on Climatic Changes and consequent impacts on Humanity and Ecology. We look ahead with a keener and broader interest to serve larger communities by fulfilling our commitments as follows:

WAYS FORWARD:

Expand Operational Area to reach out to more people living in vulnerable conditions who need support to lead a life with dignity, while making amenities accessible to all;

- Continue advocating for building improved infrastructure to ensure Right to Education for all in all operational areas and beyond; Mainstream the street children by supporting them through educational opportunities;
- Establish rationale for building a society without child labourers caused by abject poverty and inaccessibility due to remoteness; mainstream the dropouts and prevent causes contributing to child labour;
- Expand the scope and capacity of the Residential Home cum School to arrest the cursed causes leading to child labour and ensure a more child-friendly safe ambience for securing a brighter future of the enrolled children;
- Sensitize community at large on essentiality of gender equality by promoting awareness on girl child education, women empowerment and thereby prevent women and child trafficking;
- Ensure alternate livelihood opportunities for the probable earners from underprivileged and weaker sections of the community through skill development in coastal and remote areas of Sunderbans, Alipurduar and in vulnerable pockets across West Bengal;
- Widen scope and strengthen community health programme and outreach activities for the underserved communities in remote areas across West Bengal;
- Ensure 100% Open Defecation Free(ODF) communities by forming new and strengthening existing WATSAN committees – therefore sustain hygienic practices, promote use of sanitary latrines, enable access to safe & clean drinking water and create a healthier community and
- Enhance organizational understanding on Climate Change, Impacts on Bio-Diversity, various environmental aspects and practice on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through Preparedness and Adaptability with changed scenario.





APPEAL TO DONORS

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 poverty 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.
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Address : Sabuj Sangha, 30/9 Rajdanga Main Road (East),
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Educate a Girl child Educate a Nation for a year	₹ 9,000	\$ 142	€ 123	£ 110
Support a mother for her healthy child	₹ 2,500	\$ 57	€ 46	£ 36
Support one prep centre teachers' salary for a month	₹ 2,500	\$ 41	€ 33	£ 26
Support one child's residential education costs for a year	₹18,000	\$ 295	€ 237	£ 186
Provide livelihood support one family	₹10,000	\$ 133	€ 121	£ 105
Sponsor a Old age person for provide Food & Medicine one year	₹ 9,600	\$ 157	€ 126	£ 99
Support one health camp for un reached area	₹ 6,000	\$ 100	€ 75	£ 60
Support one month running cost for one coaching Centre	₹ 5,500	\$ 90	€ 72	£ 57



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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
Date: 16th March, 1992 Renewal dated:

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)

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Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN)

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Registered under the Person with Disability Act. 1995

Registration no.: 409(Com) Date: 27th May,2010

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: CA/224/E-10/2015-16

Provident fund code number: WBCAL1630619000

Our Bankers



Standard Chartered Bank



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The West Bengal State
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