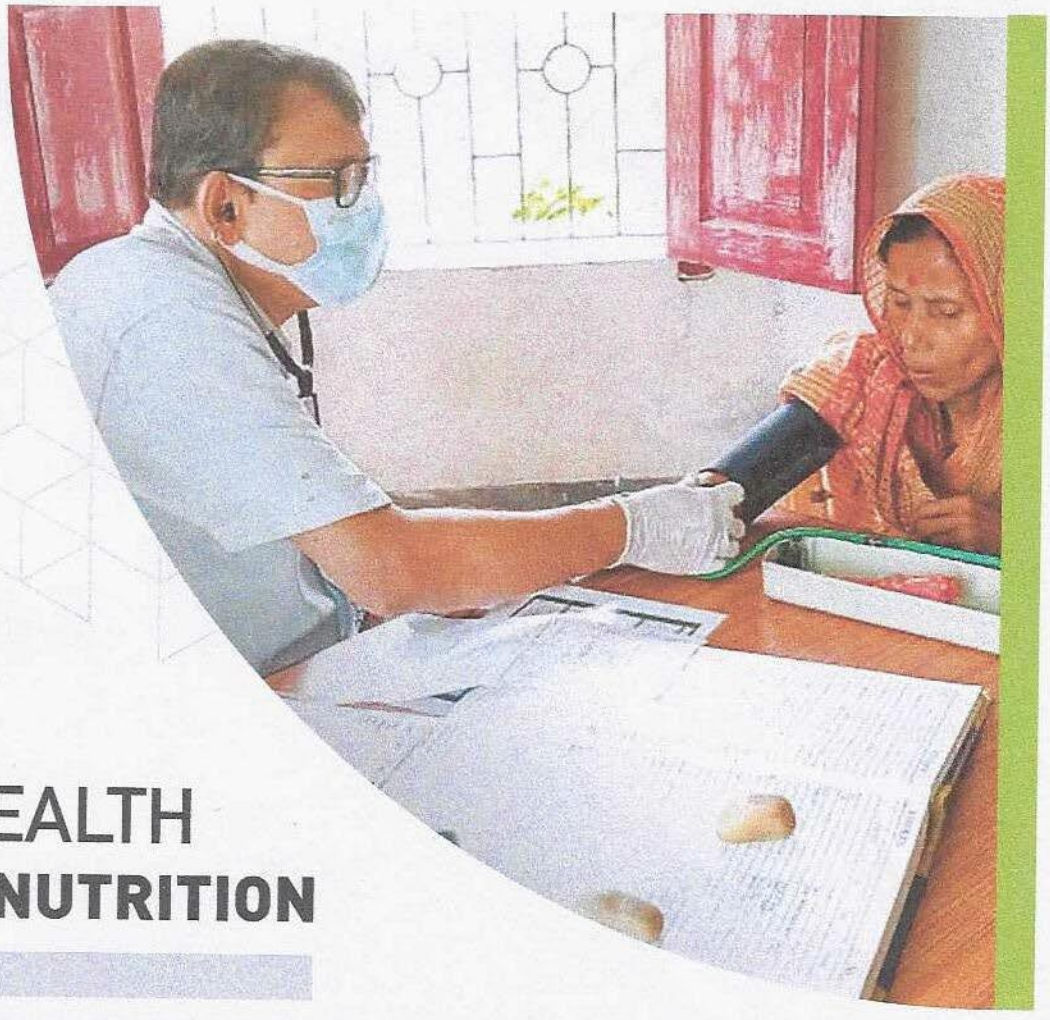
ACTIVITY REPORT
OUT OF FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION
FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

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HEALTH & NUTRITION

Health is one of the foremost indicators of the standard of living of human beings. Yet, access to health services is often found to be difficult and sometimes impossible for a large portion of the population of our state West Bengal and so do different areas of our country. The situation seems grimmer in geographically hard-to-reach areas - be it the forested foothills of Himalayan Dooars or the remote villages of Sundarbans.

On the other hand, the growth of intergenerational poverty due to a range of issues e.g. illiteracy, limited employment opportunities, social disparity, etc. limits a large part of the population in rural and urban India from having the desired health standards and level of nutrition. Additionally, nutrition and health are interrelated factors that impact each other deeply.

To address these issues and to enhance access to health services for marginalized communities, Sabuj Sangha is active with a range of programmes across the districts of South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata, Nadia, and Alipurduar.

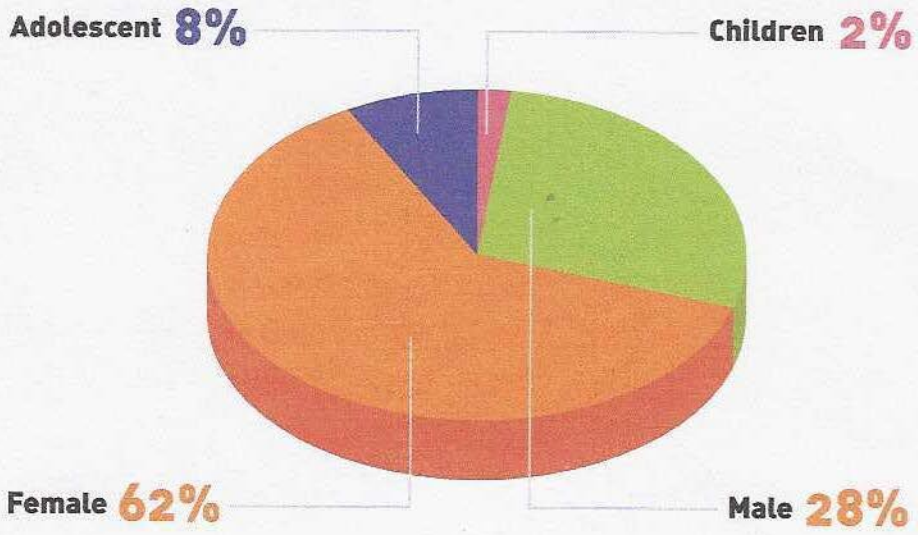
Community Health Programme

Location: Mathurapur-II & Patharpratima blocks, South 24 Parganas
Supported by: Rural India Supporting Trust (RIST)

In 2022-23, through the community health programme a total of 11436 people from marginalized communities were provided with healthcare facilities.

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Population reached through Community Health Programme (n=11436)



SAFE MOTHERHOOD

The Safe Motherhood programme aims to provide and enable access to end-to-end services by women during pregnancy and post-delivery, along with risk assessment.

739 pregnant women received Ante-natal Care (ANC)

647 lactating mothers received Post-natal Care (PNC)

25 mothers were identified to be in the High-Risk category and received institutional special care via Sabuj Sangha

Medical Outreach through RHTC

3074 people were treated in the General OPD

1606 people have undergone pathological tests

1433 reached through 77 community awareness programme

256 people availed of the USG facility

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238 people availed of the X-ray facility

166 people availed ECG facility

70 people availed of Eye Operation

49 people were treated in the General Indoor

126 people availed of healthcare services



Adolescent Care

692 adolescents were reached through 55 awareness programmes

200 adolescent girls were supported with sanitary napkins

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SOCIAL
UPLIFTMENT FOR MARGINALISED CHILDREN

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KSSN - Social Upliftment of First Generation Learners

Location: Nandakumarpur, South 24 Parganas

Supported by: Global Fund for Children (USA), Asha for Education

The people of Nandakumarpur village are hardly aware of the value of education. As a result, education has remained a distant dream for the children of these places. The Kishalaya Sishu Siksha Niketan (KSSN) has demonstrated that education is affordable. The school also emphasises art and craft, games and sports, work education, and other activities to engage children and address the larger issue of dropout and child labour. It is affiliated to the Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal. KSSN has 14 certified instructors who are empowered and involved in delivering the finest forms of education to the children from nursery to standard VIII. Most of the children are first-generation learners. Additionally, we have organized various capacity-building workshops for the teachers and management staff of KSSN, such as Strategic Planning, Learning Teaching Materials (LTM) Development Play method Technique of teaching, Capacity Development on Communication, Joyful Learning method etc.

140 boys and girls are currently enrolled in this school.

Priti Sagar - Social Upliftment of Marginalised Children

Location: Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Maharashtra

Supported by: IndienHilfe (Germany)

Sabuj Sangha with their mission of development for marginalized and vulnerable people has extended their activities to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region in the state of Maharashtra, India. Children from marginalized communities are supported by individuals from different countries as foster parents supporting their education. Ailing people are supported with necessary medication by well-wishers. The initiative is named the 'Priti Sagar' project.

62 children were supported by Foster Parents.

18 children were supported for studies.

11 ailing people were supported with medications.

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Child Support Centre - Aalor Disha - Social Upliftment of First Generation Learners

Location: Champahati, South 24 Parganas

Supported by: Indienhilfe (Germany)

Sabuj Sangha is running a Child Support Centre cum School named 'Aalor Disha' at Champahati, a peri-urban area near Kolkata city. It caters to the children living in the squatter colonies along the railway tracks of Sealdavheir homes, often they are burdened with household responsibilities and sibling care, especially in the case of girl children. They are also trapped in risky earning activities at a young age, addiction and other perils.

The Friendship Tie

This year students and teachers from 'Gymnasium am Krebsberg' school, Neunkirchen, Germany came forward and extended hands of partnerships to support 'Aalor Disha'. Delegation and students from both schools exchanged greetings through handmade greeting banners and cards. The students of Krebsberg have supported greatly by raising funds for the children of Aalor Disha School.

50 children benefitted from the centre.

Case Story

Bhumi* aspires to become a Doctor

14-year-old Bhumi* lives in a bamboo shanty with four siblings, parents and grandmother. Her grandmother is the primary bread earner of the family and works as a domestic help in Kolkata city. Her father has low and inconsistent earnings as a porter in different market areas. Altogether, the family earning is no more than Rs. 8000 per month, which is too low to meet the expenses of a family of seven members. Bhumi being the eldest takes care of her siblings, one younger sister studying in 2nd standard and two younger brothers one studying in 3rd standard and the other 3 years old. With the nutrition support provided at the Child Support Centre, Bhumi* has gradually overcome her physical weaknesses and she is recovering from her bad appetite. She says that she is now able to concentrate on her studies. She aspires to become a doctor in the future.

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Sponsorship Of Marginalized Children

Location: Villages under Baruipur, Mathurapur II and Sagar Blocks in South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal

Supported by: Individuals through IndienHilfe

Sabuj Sangha partnered with IndienHilfe- a Germany based renowned International Charity in a campaign with individual supporters in Germany to extend sponsorship to children from marginalized communities in 3 blocks of South 24 Parganas. They supported the children financially to continue their education and maintain proper nutrition and good health.

26 girls and **13** boys received sponsorship through this programme

Case Story

15-year-old Pinki* lives in a remote village, Sumatinagar in Sagar Island, South 24 Parganas. She lived a life of misery since birth. Her mother died from extreme malnutrition and underage pregnancy, right after her birth. Her father married again and abandoned her. She was raised by her maternal grandparents, who were too poor and with growing age they felt helpless about her future.

Pinki suffered from low vision in her left eye from birth and suffers from malnutrition that has stunted her growth. During the pandemic, with schools closed, her food, clothing, education and all required things were hindered. At that time, her father also died. She never received any affection or care from her father, but he was the last resort for her. During Covid-19, for want of food, Pinki's grandparents were forcing her to work as domestic help in Kolkata city. But with defiant determination, she continued her studies. Now in 9th standard, Pinky still aspires to become capable of doing better in life.

She received sponsorship for continuing education and her well-being by an individual supporter for over a year. Her uncertainties of food, education and health are now taken care of. She sent a letter of gratitude to her godmother in Germany who supported her in this crisis and helped her sail through into a healthy future.

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Rehabilitation Of Deprived Children

Location: Slums and squatter colonies near Taldi Station in South Section of Sealdah Division

Supported by: Isan & Kusum Paul Foundation (IKP Foundation), State of Maryland, Washington, D.C., USA

Sabuj Sangha is running an education coaching centre, 'Sabuj Kunri, for Rehabilitation of Deprived Children through Education (RDCE) at Taldi Station Area en route Canning in South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal India. This initiative is aimed at mainstreaming deprived children, who are first-generation learners or dropouts, from the squatter colonies along railway tracks in Taldi. The approach is to emphasize activity-based learning and co-curricular engagements to make them involved in education through innovative ways like yoga, gardening, handicrafts, education and games.

40 children (**22** girls and **18** boys) benefited from Sabuj Kunri.

Nabadiganta - Upliftment of Socially Marginalised Tribal Children

Location: Kumargram block, Alipurduar District

Supported by: Asha for Education

The Nabadiganta programme seeks to provide educational assistance, as well as basic healthcare and nutritional support, to tribal children in the Uttar Nararthali and Turturikhand tea gardens in Kumargram block, Alipurduar District. On the northern and eastern sides, the Kumargram block shares an international boundary with Bhutan and Bangladesh. As the majority of the children in this region are first-generation learners, there is a strong emphasis on activity-based learning and co-curricular activities to engage them in education in novel ways.

180 children benefitted from these 2 educational centres.

476 cases of intervention.

7340 people were reached through 515 nos. of outreach programmes.

10 open house programme were conducted reaching 230 people.

11 community awareness programme were conducted reaching 1825 people.

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2000 children were reached through 15 school awareness programmes.

400 children were reached through training and orientation programmes.

Natun Alo - Social Upliftment of Marginalised Children

Location: Nandakumarpur village, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal

Supported by: Asha for Education, UK Online Giving Foundation, Give Foundation

Children in rural regions frequently become victims of child labour due to poor financial condition in their families. The 'Natun Alo' programme, which runs a residential school for boys from extremely impoverished backgrounds, has given hope to these young boys in the Sundarbans. This residential school, which houses 27 boys, provides educational, recreational, healthcare, and nutritional assistance to the children so that they can have a pleasant childhood and future. These children demonstrated significant progress in taking part in school activities and adhering to discipline and routine. Along with education, the children participate in different sports and creative activities, including the celebration of important days like Independence Day, Anti-Child Labor Day, Rabindra Jayanti, and so on.

Nayantara - Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women

Location: 10 villages in 3 Blocks of Mathurapur II, Patharpratima and Sagar of South 24 Parganas

Supported by: Indienhilfe e. V, Germany, Asha for Education, Ramakrishna Foundation, USA, and Individuals through Global Giving

To break the age-old practice of extreme gender discrimination, girl child negligence, abuse, early marriage, early motherhood, high rate of maternal mortality and infant mortality, trafficking, etc. Sabuj Sangha remains steadfast with its flagship programme, Nayantara, in the vast region of 10 (ten) remote Sundarban villages spread in the Mathurapur II, Patharpratima, and Sagar. The programme intends to empower the identified marginalized vulnerable adolescent girls and women to enable them to further carry forward the legacy of empowerment and be the role model for many other marginalized adolescent girls in the community.

We have 192 girls enrolled altogether in the Nayantara programme. In FY 2022-23 five (5) Nayantara girls appeared in the 10th standard board examination Madhyamik Pariksha and remained successful to clear. Additionally, 20 Nayantara Girls had appeared in the 12th standard board examination Uchcha Madhyamik Pariksha.

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Significantly all appeared candidates are first generation learners and had remained successful to cross their first and second milestones respectively. The topper of the Higher Secondary candidates scored more than 93% marks. This has created an impact on other girls to do better in examinations

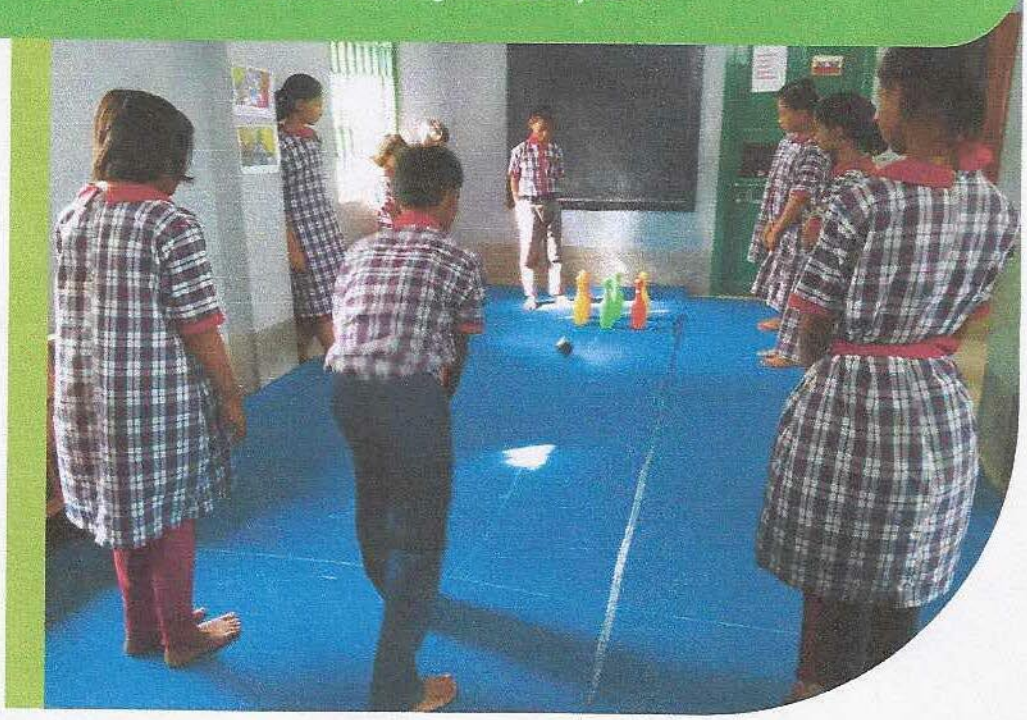
From **10** villages, a total of **192** girls are enrolled

12 Kishori Bahinis were formed with **8-9** adolescent girls.

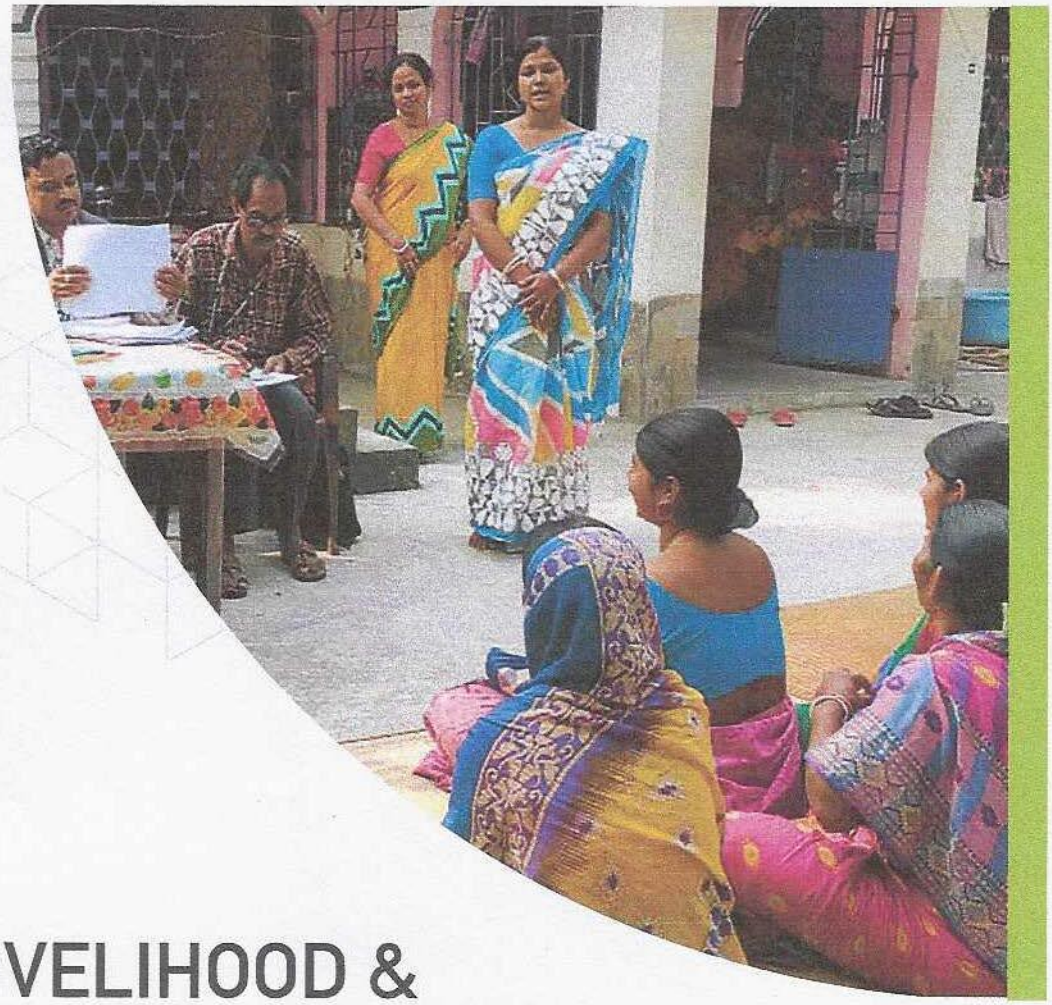
24 girls passed the Secondary Examination (10th standard) and are admitted for Higher Secondary courses.

2 girls passed Higher Secondary Examination (12th standard) and one of the girls was admitted for getting skill training (Tailoring).

Our Nayantara girls took the initiative to mobilize funds and distributed dress materials, books, and education materials to the poor girls and they also distributed relief materials during the Yaas cyclone.



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LIVELIHOOD & **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

With the vision of a society with equal rights for all, Sabuj Sangha, since its very inception has remained consistent and steadfast with a range of livelihood programmes across its operational areas. The empowerment of women always remained at the centre of Sabuj Sangha's livelihood initiatives, with the belief that the advancement of skills and livelihood among women will bring fundamental change in society. Skill development also remained a crucial component in the enhancement of livelihood opportunities for marginalized communities.

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Sundarban German Bakery

Location: Nandakumarpur, South 24 Parganas

Supported by: Hanseatic India Forum, e.V. Germany

This past year, Sundarban German Bakery completed its 7th year of operations. The Bakery unit is managed by the women's SHG federation- 'Sundarban Mohila Swanirvar Gosthi Cooperative Ltd.'. It produces nutritious fresh baked products for the local people of remote Sundarbans. Every day the bakery producesc various types of cakes, biscuits, and bread using high-quality food ingredients. All the production and packaging staff maintain proper hygiene during every step of production and packaging. The suppliers are serving qualitative and fresh food items to the shopkeepers/buyers every day.

250 kgs of flour are daily used in the bakery unit

26 types of cakes, biscuits, and breads are produced every day.

A total of **10** people daily run the bakery unit



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ENVIRONMENT & **DISASTER RESPONSE**

Natural disasters, emergencies and the state of the environment continued to be a matter of global concern in the post pandemic world. The Sundarbans remain threatened by ecological imbalance and climatic risks. The fragile geography needs deeper community awareness and consciousness raising, along with climate change action to combat the threats and risks it faces. This past year, some of our programmes addressed these environmental issues and built awareness in the larger community.

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Sundari - A Resilience Programme

Location: Sagar block, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal

Supported by: IndienHilfe, e. V (Germany)

With a mission to rejuvenate and conserve mangrove vegetation in Sundarbans, Sabuj Sangha has been active in plantation efforts at different vulnerable locations especially at the coastal regions spread in different blocks of Sundarbans.

To ensure the sustainability of the conservation, awareness efforts are also made consistently with the community. Sabuj Sangha promoted creations of Mangrove Protection Groups and Mangrove Sensitive Communities. The efforts are also carried on to create a Natural Resource Based Alternative Livelihoods for the members of the Protection Groups.

Community Based DRR and Livelihood School established.

Model Nursery and Garden is established for the production of mangrove saplings.

100 members formed Mangrove Protection Groups (MPGs).

50 MPG members continued with their livelihoods with Goatery, Pond Based Integrated Farming and Poultry.

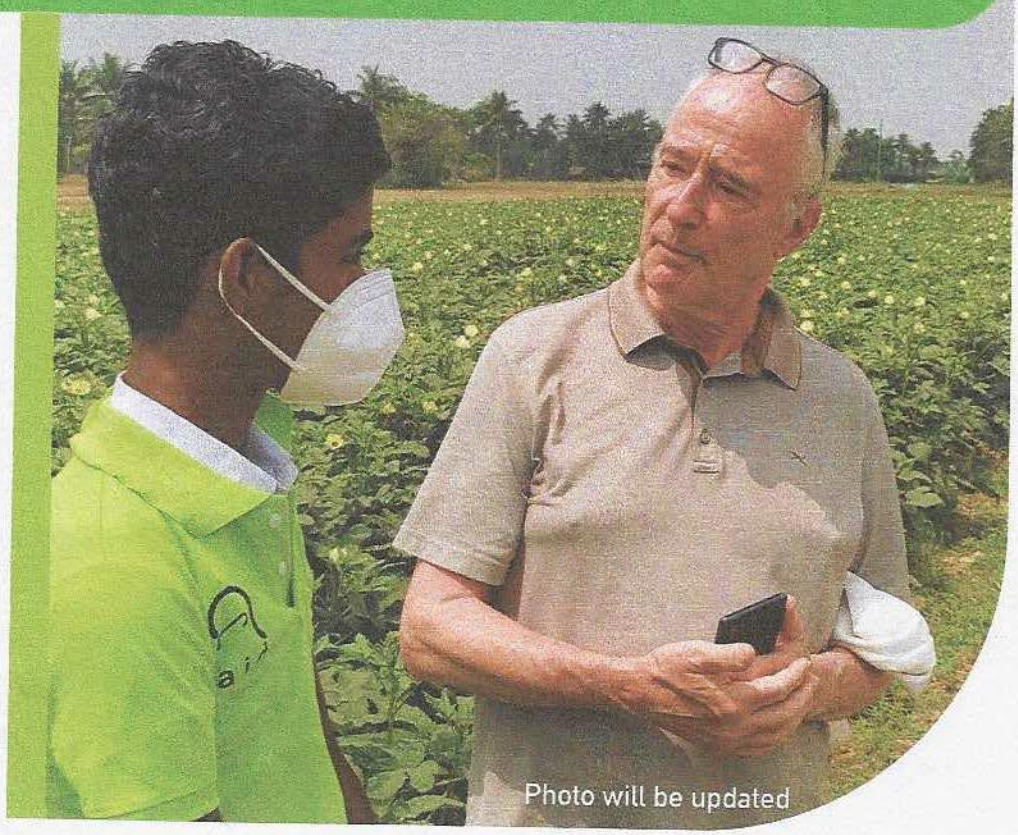


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