

# LORETO SOUTH ASIA



# DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

October – December'2025

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PROVINCE LEADER

Dear Sisters, Principals, Friends, and Esteemed Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that I present our first-ever combined Newsletter—a significant milestone that brings together the work of our development work of the province: Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre, Rainbow Homes, and our Nepal Projects—into one shared narrative. This intentional coming together marks a decisive step toward deeper collaboration and greater impact, as we bring all our Social Centres under one cohesive Development umbrella, strengthening our collective voice and amplifying our mission of service.

This initiative also invites a shift in mindset—from working as individual centres to living and acting as one body with one mission. Rooted in a shared vision and purpose, we are called to move beyond boundaries, embracing a spirit of unity, mutual responsibility, and collective accountability in all that we do.

The pages that follow reflect the scope and depth of the committed work undertaken across these centres, offering a powerful testament to the professional excellence, compassionate service, and shared resolve that define our mission among children, women, and vulnerable communities.

**extend my sincere appreciation to our sisters, staff members, collaborators, and partners whose steadfast commitment**



I continues to illuminate the lives of children, women, and communities entrusted to our care. Your tireless efforts uphold the values at the heart of our Mary Ward tradition—dignity, justice, and hope.

As you engage with these stories of courage, transformation, and renewed possibility, I trust you will find both inspiration and affirmation. Together, let us continue to advance our mission with vision, integrity, and an unwavering resolve to create spaces where every person may thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and accompaniment.

With warm regards,

Sister Monica Suchiang CJ  
Province Leader

## our Social Centre

- Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre
- Loreto Rainbow Homes
- Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre
- Social Projects of Dharan (Nepal)



# Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

**Total No. of Projects - 25**



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# A PROUD SALUTE TO OUR CHILD LEADERS HONOURED BY THE WEST BENGAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS

Heartiest congratulations to our Child Leaders from the Anti-Human Trafficking, Survivors, and Red-Light Area projects. We are immensely proud of your courageous and tireless efforts. Your selfless commitment and fearless action have rightly earned you the Bravery Award 2024 from the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR). May you continue this inspiring journey—raising your voices, protecting your peers, and standing as beacons of hope and leadership within your communities. Our sincere gratitude to WBCPCR for recognising these brave young changemakers, affirming their efforts, and motivating them to continue taking bold initiatives as leaders of their communities.



**Bravery Award - Anti human Trafficking**

**Bravery Award - Red Light Children**

**Bravery Award - Survivor**



## INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATION

International Girl Child Day was celebrated across multiple project locations of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre during the quarter with strong community participation and meaningful engagement. The day was observed through awareness programmes, interactive sessions, and community events focusing on girls' rights, protection, education, health, and gender equality. Celebrations were held in Sundarban, Hingaljanj, Gangasagar, Basirhat border villages, Kolkata slums, brickfield areas, and project centres, reaching adolescent girls, children, parents, community leaders, and government stakeholders. .





## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Children's Day was celebrated across various KMWSC project areas with activities such as games, cultural programmes, role plays, and awareness sessions on child rights and protection. Events were held at brickfield schools, community centres, Sonagachi, Basirhat, and Hingaljanj, with participation from children, staff, and local stakeholders. The celebrations created joyful spaces for children to express themselves while reinforcing the importance of their rights, safety, and well-being.



# NEW & EMERGING INITIATIVES OF THE QUARTER

**NEW**

- **Adult Education Programme** under Brickfield School Project – first-time initiative for parents and workers.
- **Pad ATM Installations** at GP offices and slum locations to promote menstrual dignity.
- **Food ATM Model expanded** as a regular hunger-response mechanism.
- **Organic Sack Farming** Expansion to new districts.
- **Dialogue with Community** Fathers under child protection programmes – a strategic shift toward engaging men.
- **Mental Health Focus** through group counselling, therapy sessions, and adolescent well-being workshops.



**Food Distribution**



**New Pad ATM installation**



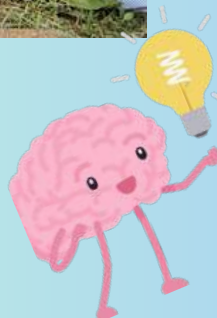
**Brickfield Education for Adult**



**Cauliflower in Sacks**



**Mental Health Awareness**



# ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROJECT



## Snapshot of activities

- School awareness sessions reached 435 students on child marriage, trafficking, and cybercrime.
- Legal entitlements facilitated: Aadhaar, ration cards, Lakshmi Bhandar, old-age pensions.
- 20 serious cases intervened (child marriage, missing children, trafficking).
- Home and monitoring visits strengthened village-level vigilance.
- One Child Leader received the Bravery Award from WBCPCR.

# BRICKFIELD SCHOOL PROJECTS (WB & BIHAR)



## Snapshot of activities

- Survey for 2025–26 session identified 564 families and 1,707 children across 39 brickfields in West Bengal.
- Classes began in 39 BFS and 3 Model Centres with TLMs and first-aid kits provided.
- Adult Education Programme launched for the first time in Basirhat (WB) and Eknar (Bihar).
- Tailoring training started for mothers and adolescents (23 in Basirhat, 18 in Eknar).
- Monthly parents' meetings on Right to Education held in all BFS.
- Remedial coaching continued at Eknar for mainstreamed students, especially Class X & XII aspirants.
- International visitors from Australia visited BFS centres in Pujali and Kalyani.
- Advocacy enabled immunisation for two pregnant women under the Universal Immunisation Programme

**LES – LEADERSHIP &  
EMPOWERMENT OF SURVIVORS  
(BASIRHAT)**



## Snapshot of activities

- School awareness programmes conducted with 280 students on child marriage, cyber crime, POCSO, and trafficking.
- Community awareness session held at Khasli village with 95 participants.
- 9 critical cases intervened (6 missing, 1 child marriage, 1 trafficking).
- 9 home visits conducted across multiple villages and 1 monitoring visit completed.
- One survivor honoured with the Bravery Award by WBCPCR.
- Livelihood-oriented capacity building provided to survivors.
- Staff capacity-building training conducted to strengthen program implementation

**SUROKHIT SHAISHAV – PROMOTING  
SAFE CHILDKHOOD (BORDER  
AREAS, BASIRHAT)**



## Snapshot of activities

- Block-level workshop conducted through Sishu Sabha on child rights, development, and child protection.
- First-ever sensitisation dialogue with community fathers on child protection and government schemes.
- Teachers' forum meeting organised on RTE Act 2009, NEP 2023, child dropout, child marriage prevention, and inclusive education.
- Sanitary Napkin ATM inaugurated at Itinda Panitor GP office to promote menstrual hygiene.
- POCSO support persons trained on legal procedures and case handling.
- Participation in workshop on human trafficking and bonded labour organised by International Justice Mission.
- Interactive orientation with 40 police officials and civic volunteers of Basirhat Police Station.
- 24 child protection cases intervened during the quarter (child marriage, sexual abuse, family at risk, missing cases).

# ADOLESCENT GIRLS & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT (NOMI NETWORK)



## Snapshot of activities

- Programme launched in Sundarban and Kolkata with government stakeholders.
- Life skill trainings conducted with adolescent girls on goals, decision-making, and smart life choices.
- Child Rights Week observed at Gosaba and Kolkata centres.
- 5-day intensive capacity-building workshop held at KMWSC.
- Programme activities expanded to Gosaba, Sundarban, and Boinchtala (Dhapa).

## NAYA DISHA AT HINGALGANJ, HASNABAD



## Snapshot of activities

- Awareness programmes reached 605 marginalized community members.
- Girl Child Day and Children's Day celebrated with community stakeholders.
- Sanitary pad distribution and mass awareness conducted.
- Survivors supported through capacity building, counselling, education, and ration assistance.
- Participation in advocacy, networking, and anti-trafficking workshops.
- 25 protection cases intervened during the quarter.



## Snapshot of activities

### **MIST – Empowerment of Mothers in the Sex Trade (Sonagachi & Matia)**

- Mental abuse cases addressed and legal entitlements supported.
- Health camps, livelihood training (paper bag making), and exposure visits conducted.
- Free contraceptive distribution strengthened reproductive health access.

### **PEVPC – Education & Protection of Vulnerable Children (Sonagachi)**

- Home visits (155) and monitoring ensured consistent child protection.
- Peer group training and exposure visits conducted.
- Two adolescents from red-light areas received Bravery Awards from WBCPCR.

### **Aarogya Project (Sonagachi and Matia)**

- Mental health and hygiene workshops reached 240 adolescents.
- Free health camp conducted at Sonagachi.

# LOTUS PROJECT, DULKI (SUNDERBAN)



## Snapshot of activities

- Handicraft training enabled mothers to produce dupattas, with follow-up skill development support.
- Capacity building for adolescents on child protection and regular remedial classes for children conducted.
- Monthly group meetings and monitoring visits ensured continuous engagement with beneficiaries.
- Key days and events celebrated, including International Girl Child Day, Children's Day, CRC Week, Christmas, and Annual Sports Day.
- CRC Week featured cultural and sports activities and awareness on child marriage.
- Networking with stakeholders strengthened community collaboration.
- 4,000 mangrove saplings planted along the riverbank, promoting climate action and biodiversity.



## Snapshot of activities

- **Facilitated access to essential documents (Aadhaar cards, birth certificates, and discharge paper corrections)**
- **Conducted regular community and stakeholder meetings**
- **Organized life skills, financial literacy, and child protection trainings for children and adolescents**
- **Held health camps, hygiene kit distribution, and therapeutic sessions for community well-being**
- **Implemented vocational training, exposure visits, school mainstreaming, and Children's Day celebrations**

# KIRAN PROJECT AT KAMARHAT & DAKHINESHWAR



## Snapshot of activities

- Collected organic raw materials (domestic waste, cow dung, dry vegetables, water hyacinth) for composting
- Monitored project sites regularly, including construction and vermicompost pit progress at Dakshineswar and Piturighat
- Initiated vermicompost production at Dakshineswar and raw material collection at Piturighat
- Prepared and set up the mushroom production unit
- Conducted project review meetings, virtual and field evaluations with CESC
- Provided continuous SHG handholding support and community sensitization in slum areas
- Visited vendors and nurseries to explore vermicompost marketing and sales

## FOOD ATM AND NUTRITION PROJECTS AT KOLKATA



## Snapshot of activities

- Provided nutritious food twice a week to 120 beneficiaries, along with regular health monitoring (height and weight checks)
- Conducted surveys, home visits, and maintained master roll updates and registrations
- Implemented the FOOD ATM Project in Kolkata, distributing meals to 100 beneficiaries per session

Successfully operated 10 FOOD ATM distributions between 30 October and 17 December 2025, ensuring consistent food support to vulnerable communities

**LANDING PAD PROJECT AT  
KOLKATA**



## Snapshot of activities

- Produced a total of 2,720 sanitary pads and conducted follow-up visits across intervention areas
- Organized mass awareness campaigns with pad distribution across multiple project locations, reaching diverse communities
- Supplied sanitary pads to refill PAD ATMs at the office main gate and Basirhat GP
- Held follow-up coordination meetings for conducting awareness sessions in girls' schools
- Installed two PAD ATMs (at Itinda Panitor Gram Panchayat and Motijheel) with feedback mechanisms for beneficiary monitoring

# SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT KOLKATA



## Snapshot of activities

- Conducted regular monthly and follow-up meetings with beneficiaries, along with staff meetings for planning and coordination
- Celebrated key events including International Girl Child Day and Christmas with trainees
- Organized examinations, certification programmes, and placement support, resulting in trainee certification and one job placement
- Conducted awareness campaigns, parent-teacher meetings, and counselling sessions to support trainee well-being
- Held a 6-day nail art workshop in collaboration with Loreto College, Thakurpukur
- Initiated and continued handicraft production for the Christmas Exhibition



## Snapshot of activities

- Organized two one-day orientation visits at KMWSC for 55 MSW students from Bishop Heber College and Rabindra Bharati University
- Facilitated social outreach/community service for 10 students from St. Xavier's University, Kolkata (30 hours each)
- Hosted international volunteers from Sydney, Australia, who supported multiple projects at KMWSC during their visit



Actively engaged in national and international forums, with KMWSC representation as a speaker on locally led climate action, green jobs, and SDG 13

Strengthened institutional capacity through multiple trainings and workshops on social defence, procurement procedures, adolescent empowerment, health, human trafficking, bonded labour, and child protection laws (JJ Act)

Collaborated with government bodies, police, judiciary, CSR partners, and academic institutions through monitoring visits, legal awareness campaigns, and joint workshops

## ADVOCACY & NETWORKING

Conducted outreach and awareness sessions on gender equality, sexuality, and child rights, reaching 260 students and diverse community stakeholders

Facilitated exposure visits and recognition, including children's educational visits and Bravery Awards conferred by WBCPCR

Enhanced organizational visibility and partnerships through high-level meetings, staff participation in institutional programmes, and ongoing engagement with the Church leadership



## GOING AHEAD

As KMWSC moves into 2026, the focus remains on scaling child protection systems, deepening survivor leadership, expanding green livelihoods, strengthening food and menstrual security, and building resilient communities through locally led action.

*Together, we continue to walk with the most vulnerable towards dignity, justice, and hope.*



# Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre

**Collective  
Voice**

**Safe Migration**

**Menstrual  
Hygiene  
Management**

**Ethical Enterprise  
Initiative for  
Youth and  
Women**

**PROJECTS**

**Tuition  
Learning  
Centre**

**Utthan  
(Human  
Rights)**

## INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELEBRATION



International Girl Child Day was observed on 30 October at Kiranchandra Tea Estate, bringing together 60 adolescent girls from eight tea plantations. The programme focused on leadership and empowerment, with an engaging session facilitated by Ms. Pinky Bhuiyan from Arise Foundation, encouraging girls to build confidence and envision a stronger future.

*Girl  
power*





# CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Children's Day was celebrated on 14 November across all Tuition Learning Centres in a joyful and vibrant manner. Over 300 children, along with parents and community stakeholders, participated in the celebrations. Teachers organised engaging activities that brought happiness, encouragement, and renewed enthusiasm among the children, reinforcing the importance of learning and child well-being.





# SAFE MIGRATION PROJECT

## Snapshot of activities

- 8 tea estates covered
- 61 activities conducted
- 1,816 people reached

### Focus Areas:

- Youth & women leadership, child protection, community vigilance, and safe migration awareness
- Key Observances: International Girl Child Day, Child Rights Week



# TUITION LEARNING CENTRES PROJECT



## Snapshot of activities

- 8 tea estates covered
- 10 key events conducted
- 395 children & parents reached

### Focus Areas:

- Educational support, parental engagement, child motivation

## UTTHAN – HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT



### Snapshot of activities

- 6 tea estates covered
- 73 activities conducted
- 1,956 people reached

#### Focus Areas:

- Child rights, women's rights, community vigilance, exposure visits

#### Key Observances:

International Girl Child Day, Child Rights Week





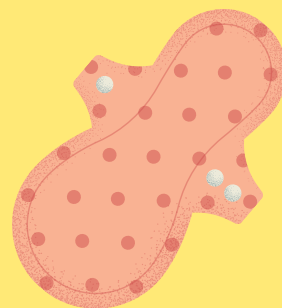
# MENSTRUAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT

## Snapshot of activities

- .8 tea estates covered
- .40 activities conducted
- .377 women & girls reached
- .1,335 reusable sanitary pads distributed

### Focus Areas:

- Health, dignity, awareness, and access to sustainable menstrual products





# COLLECTIVE VOICES PROJECT

## Snapshot of activities

- 4 tea estates + 1 school covered
- 53 activities conducted
- 1,397 people reached

### Focus Areas:

- Child marriage prevention, legal awareness, community mobilisation



# ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTHENING

- Monitoring and mentoring visits by KMWSC program and accounts teams.
- Gender Sensitisation Workshop conducted for Loreto Panighatta School staff.
- Pad manufacturing unit reviewed for quality and systems.
- Sr. Biviyana Lepcha welcomed as the new Director of DMWSC (1 December 2025).
- Formation of POSH, Child Protection, and Purchase Committees.
- Staff training on documentation and reporting procedures.

Field staff participated in a two-day Indo–Nepal Conference on child and women repatriation.



# GOING AHEAD

Going ahead, DMWSC remains steadfast in its commitment to nurture safe, empowered, and informed communities for children, women, and youth. By strengthening community participation and partnerships, the Centre continues its journey towards dignity, protection, and sustainable development.

“When communities come together with compassion and purpose, lasting change becomes possible.”





# Loreto Rainbow Homes Foundation

**NURTURING  
LIVES**

**BUILDING  
FUTURES**

**LORETO  
BOWBAZAR,**

**RESIDENTIAL  
CARE**

**LORETO SEALDAH**

**SEGMENTS**

**LORETO ENTALLY**

**COMMUNITY  
BASED  
CARE**

**FUTURE  
PROGRAM**

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# Celebrating Excellence



## Academic & Co-curricular Achievements

- SIP ARITHMETIC GENIUS - ALL INDIA INTER-SCHOOL CONTEST 2025 (1ST ROUND QUALIFIED)
- SPORTS WINNER
- GOLD & SILVER MEDALS IN KICKBOXING
- ART SHOWCASED AT ART CORNER & SSS ART GALLERY
- TROPHY WON AT RAINBOW SIP ARITHMETIC GENIUS CONTEST 2025
- NATIONAL THROWBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
- 30TH TELEGRAPH SCHOOL AWARD





# RESIDENTIAL CARE



## Snapshot of activities

Residential Care Program supports children in safe, nurturing homes with access to education, health care, life skills, and emotional well-being.

 **At a Glance**

 **3 Homes: LBB | LCE | LDS**

 **271 children in care**

 **81 home visits**

<u>Home Name</u>	<u>No No of Children</u>
<u>LBB</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>LCE</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>LDS</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>271</u>



# Learning Beyond the Classroom



Children participated in structured life skills and exposure-based learning to enhance confidence, creativity, and future readiness.

## Key Activities:

- Life Skills Training by Bhumi Volunteers
- Mental Health Sessions
- AI Class – Cognizant
- Movie Magic – Goethe-Institut





# CBC – COMMUNITY BASED CARE - Keeping Children Safe at Home



<u>Home Name</u>	<u>No of Children</u>
<u>LBB</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>LCE</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>LDS</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>78</u>

## Snapshot of activities

The CBC Program focuses on strengthening families and communities to ensure children grow in safe, supportive home environments.

### At a Glance

- 🧑 78 children supported
- 🚶 65 home visits
- 👨👩 Regular engagement with parents and caregivers

## Key interventions included:

- Regular Home Visits
- Parents' Meetings and counselling
- Health Check-ups
- Ration Distribution
- CPP (Child Protection Programme) Meetings



# Future program for young adults - Pathways to Independence



- Key focus areas:
- Career Counselling & Exposure Visits
- Healthy Relationship & Boundary Setting
- Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights
- Emotional Well-being Sessions
- Youth Forum Creation & Meetings

## Snapshot of activities

The Future Program prepares Older Children and Young Adults (15–23 years) for independent, dignified living.

### At a Glance

- 👤 283 youth (99 below 18 | 184 aged 18–23)
- 🎓 Education pathways: Graduation, Diploma, Vocational, ITI
- 🏠 Living arrangements: Family, Hostel/PG, Self-independent





# secured employment - Youth Leading the Way

14 Young Adults were placed in jobs across the hotel, development, and service sectors



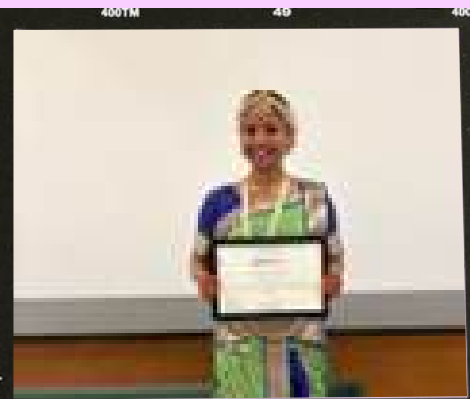
**Anita Kumari\_**  
**Jollywood**



**Nisha Das Aikyam**  
**Fellowship**



**Poonam Paswan**  
**Fortune Landmark**  
**by ITC\_Ahmedabad**



**Received the Best Employee Award**



## City Desk – Programme Management Highlights



### Snapshot of activities

- Overall coordination and management of all Rainbow Homes
- Audits, monitoring visits, and compliance across homes
- Vendor coordination, finance and policy oversight (HR, POSH, Finance)
- Staff and caregiver capacity building and reviews
- Youth forum creation, career exposure, and counselling support
- Sustainability LTS workshops and system strengthening
- Reproductive health, climate awareness, and child protection sessions
- Organisation-wide celebrations and milestone events



# GOING AHEAD

“Every child deserves a future filled with hope and dignity.”

Going ahead, Rainbow Homes will continue to strengthen quality care, family support, and youth transition pathways, while building sustainable systems that ensure lasting impact.



# LORETO DHARAN, NEPAL



**Education & Child Development:** Three Tuition Centres provided academic support, creative activities, and child-safety awareness. Early Childhood Education focused on play-way learning, nutrition, home visits, and regular parent engagement to ensure holistic growth.



**Community & SHG Initiatives:** Thirteen Self-Help Groups participated in awareness sessions on child and women's rights, anti-trafficking, substance abuse, income generation, and legal documentation. Skill-building efforts included vocational training, computer and tailoring courses, and staff capacity-building programmes.



**Progress & Impact:** A new Tuition Centre was started in a Government School. Several SHG members began income-generating activities, and one student successfully completed computer training.



**Celebrations & Engagement:** Teej was celebrated with 70 women and girls, strengthening cultural bonds, while Children's Day brought joy and learning to 95 children through games and performances.



**Going Ahead:** Together, we continue building confident children, empowered women, and resilient communities.





## Reconnaissance Visit | 1–9 November 2025



A delegation from Loreto Normanhurst and the Cardoner Network (Sydney) undertook a reconnaissance visit to Kolkata, Siliguri and Darjeeling to understand Loreto's social and educational initiatives. Through visits to Rainbow Homes, KMWSC, DMWSC and Loreto schools, the team witnessed first-hand the transformative impact of the programmes and the deep commitment of staff and communities. The visit strengthened partnerships and laid a strong foundation for future collaboration, including a proposed Year 11 student immersion in 2026. The experience was summed up by the visitors in four words: *Inspiration, Awareness, Accompaniment and Collaboration.*



## CONCLUSION

As we reflect on the journey captured in this newsletter, we are reminded that every small effort, every shared learning, and every moment of care contributes to lasting change. The activities highlighted—whether building awareness, strengthening capacities, celebrating children, or supporting families—are steps toward creating safer, more inclusive, and dignified communities.

None of this would be possible without the collective commitment of our children, families, community members, staff, sisters, volunteers, partners, and donors. Their trust, participation, and support continue to inspire our work and deepen our responsibility.

As we move ahead, we remain committed to walking alongside the most vulnerable, listening to their voices, and responding with compassion, accountability, and hope. Together, we look forward to the coming months with renewed energy and faith in the power of community-led transformation.

“When we walk together with purpose and care, every step becomes a path toward hope.”

**Zeenat Bano**  
Province Development Coordinator -  
Loreto South Asia