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Significant Impact: 2012 - 2020



1721 Children through Education



10,000 Children through Protection



830 People through Livelihood



**3700 Adolescent Girls through
Menstrual Health Programme**

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The collective effort of the entire team of Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society has led to growth of the organization in the areas of humanitarian development and combat against human trafficking of the population living primarily in North 24 Parganas



The core areas of intervention of our NGO is child Education, child protection, anti-human trafficking, supporting menstrual hygiene management program, literacy programs for adults and women empowerment activities and skill development. Holistic development of Women and children are the two important pillars of our organization. Over the years the organization has worked closely under the National and State legislations, policies and different programmes focusing on human rights violation of women, children, adolescents and youth.

Starting from adhering to the Millennium Development Goals and subsequently to the Sustainable Development Goals, the organization has improved upon the strategic and programmatic changes. There has been significant initiative taken from the organization to improve the skills of the organization team members for them to cope up meaningfully with the changing scenario of the development sector.

Meaningful relationship has been established with the State and District level Administration, Police and Civil Society Organisations. During last year, these relationships have been further strengthened through collective programmatic support and community level interventions.

From Chief Functionary

The participation of the communities and other stakeholders in the development programmes have also been effective in taking forward the agenda of creating Women, Child and Adolescents friendly across the program implementation locations. Significant support has been obtained from the Govt. Schools, Village Level Child Protection Committees, Block Level Child Protection Committees and Self Help Groups of Women.

The meaningful contribution of the Govt. Departments, Panchayats, Block Offices, funding partners and other developmental organizations have contributed significantly both in the form of resources and capacity building towards accelerating the activities of the organization and creating sustainable changes among those lives who deserved the most.

Last but not the least; I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Governing Board members, staff members and well-wishers for their continued support, dedication and encouragement in the journey of Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society.

I wish all the success to the entire team of Katakali Swapnopuron Welfare Society for taking forward the activities in future.

Satarupa Majumder
Chief Functionary

Significant Achievements

- Opening of new school premises with a strength of 110 children.
- Introduction of phonetic integrated English language development program.
- POCSO workshops in 2 schools under Hingalganj reaching out to 2400 children.
- Preventing 3 child marriages 2 under Hingalganj and 1 under Barunhat with the help of WBSCPCR.
- Opening of 2 sewing schools to provide training to 100 mothers at Hingalganj and Barunhat.
- Spoken English classes for mothers.
- Parenting workshops with mothers.
- Felicitation by Governor of West Benhal on 5th January 2020.
- Initiation of Online classes for the Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan school students amid the countrywide lock down

The Organisation

Katakhali Swapnopuron Welfare Society (KSWs) Started its journey during 2012 in the islands of Sunderbans to serve the underprivileged children through Education and Child Protection. The organization has established the only English medium school in the islands of Sunderbans following CBSE Curriculum along with multi sectoral value addition inputs. More than 1000 children have received educational inputs and continuing their studies till date. The school was operational for up to Class IV till 2018-2019 academic sessions. In the 2019-20 academic sessions the organization has acquired a land for setting up a permanent structure for the school with addition of classes from V to VIII. The organization intends to scale up the school up to Class – XII level in next 5 years time.

With the experience of working in the remotest islands of Sunderbans, the organisation understands the reality of life situations of the children living in these islands. It has observed that the substantial numbers of children are vulnerable to all forms of abuse and exploitation. The children are being deprived of their basic Rights by every means. Most of the children are victim of child labour and also trafficked to other locations. Families of these children are left with no options when the suspected traffickers in form of lifesaver lure them with several offers. The organisation looks at ensuring Rights and Entitlements for all the children with the tune of the UNCRC and Sustainable Development Goals.



Mission

Creating a value based society for women, children, and adolescents towards ensuring their entitlements through Rights Based Approach by means of enhancing community participation and system strengthening.

Vision

Empowering communities and promoting gender equality aligned with Sustainable Development Goals.

Governing Board Members



Prasenjit Sarkar, an educationist, writer and an art lover, started his career in the media industry. After two years he joined the social sector & imparted Pre-primary and Primary Teachers' Training & Vocational Training to women. He is one of the important founder members of the organisation. Passionate about public relations, administration and community development he has capacities both for field interventions as well as coordination. He has conducted several workshops and seminars both with in-house & external resource / institution. He puts his ideas and guidance in the planning & developing strategies identify gaps and liaison with stakeholders along with guidance for appropriate financial management.

Radha Arakkal: A marketing professional and lover of the arts. She started her career in advertising, working with global advertising agencies including JWT, Leo Burnett, and Universal McCann. After 15 years in media strategy and brand strategy, Radha moved to the area of market research and analytics. For 11 years, she advised brands around the world with winning insights for profitable growth. In 2018, she decided to transition to the social sector. Since then she has been consulting in the sector and mentoring small NGOs. For SWS, Radha has been a mentor and evangelist. She has supported fundraising, growth planning, marketing strategy, and communications.



Satarupa Majumder, a teacher by profession, specialists in primary & secondary education, pedagogy coordinator, worked with British Council as workshop coordinator. She is responsible for curriculum development of Swapnopuron. She is responsible for proposal writing, monitoring projects, supervising all programs, support implementation, planning in all programme team in liaison with different government & non-government sectors. She has attended several workshops by CII, US Centre, CINI, MSME, and Asian College Of Teachers. She is also a GAP Changemaker.

Shibani Chakraborty is one of the former CDPOs with Department of Women & Child Development, Govt. of West Bengal. She has in-depth knowledge of child development, health & nutrition, Child protection, child rights, child abuse and other child related issues. She conducts workshops with children, mothers, and youth and also TOT supports in preparing action plans for programme teams. She is in-charge of the child protection team of Swapnopuron Welfare Society. She has attended several workshops by Govt. of West Bengal, CINI, Ramakrishna Mission Narendrapur and CARE.



Biswajit Saha is responsible for maintaining statutory matters related to finance/ accounts, IT, annual audit & maintaining fixed assets. He is quite a passionate person about children & education.

Santwana Basu, M.A (Applied Psychology) University of Calcutta. Having 18 years experience in teaching profession in a Montessori house and successfully completed Diploma in Teachers Training Course from Calcutta Training society in the year of 2000. Later on she completed one year certificate course on basic skills in counselling for interpersonal conflict management 2013-14 from Jadavpur University. She is the Director at Casa-Dei-Bambini Montessori House



Aparajita Saha is a post graduate in Home Science from Viharilal College, Kolkata. She has been a Dietician of Sambhu Nath Pandit Hospital. She retired and found the diet institute Nutridiet.

Thematic Programme Interventions

Education

This school started its journey in 2012 with the aim to fulfill the needs of its immediate local community of Katakali village and adjacent areas. The school located along the serene banks of river Ichhamoti. The journey began as an Anglo-Bengali medium school imparting education to the children from Pre-Primary to Class IV. Since January 2016 it is operating as an English medium school which is rare of its kind in a remote island where the project is undertaken. Now this school has 150 students, most of them are first generation learners or their parents have basic literacy.



The growth in number of students (presently 185 students) and involvement of the guardians has encouraged the organization to think beyond the current form of operation considering the development of the children and protecting them from different forms of abuse & exploitation. This school not only takes care of academics but also ensures that all children can grow with their full potential and excel in their lives. Through various activities Swapnopuron enables a child to unleash their potentialities and recognize their abilities.

Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan believes on:

- Application of innovative and scientific teaching learning processes that focus more on child-centric ways.
- Enhance teaching and classroom transaction skills of the teachers through continuous support and capacity building.
- Ensure holistic development of the children through creative writing, story telling, craft work, recreational and cultural events.
- Bring in technological skills building among students and teachers through application of computer aided learning.
- Establish network with National and International academic institutes for learning exchange.



One Teacher School

This is an experimental programme by Swapnopuron in one of the remotest islands in Sunderbans. The one teacher school project by Swapnopuron, supported by Rotary Club at Mallekanagumti, under Gobindokati Panchayat. About 25 children are provided with Pre-school education support in this one teacher school to make them ready for admission into local formal schools.



Story Telling

Swapnopuron believes that each child has some inner potentialities and that should be explored with all possible ways.

Story telling is an effective way of teaching as well as facilitating children to articulate their feelings in the form of stories. Ms. Santwana Basu, an expert on story telling facilitated a day long session with different age group of children at Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan. The children were so happy with her facilitation through actions, voice modulations and expressions while telling the stories. The session enabled the children to share their own thought stories in consecutive classes afterwards.

The teachers were also happy to attend such session as they took up story telling classes with the students at least once in a month.



Child Protection

The organisation strongly believes in ensuring protection for all children in the respective communities of its intervention. Over the years, the organisation has been working closely with the local administration in preventing children from abuse and exploitation. The organisation is also a member of the sub-committee on child trafficking facilitated by the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights (WBCPCR). As part of the committee, the organisation has been able to stop more than 50 child marriages in different villages across their intervention areas. The involvement of the organisation has created scope for its presence at different platforms of the State and National level.



During last year, the organisation has organised several sensitization workshops with Govt. schools in Hingaljanj. These workshops have been organised for the adolescent girls for them to understand the issues related to child marriage and subsequent consequences. These workshops have been organised together with WBCPCR and members of the Committee were present to interact with the students. Over 2000 adolescent girls have been oriented during these workshops.

As a result of these workshops, reporting of child marriage cases have increased and subsequent prevention of such cases have been increased to about 20% during the last year. Adolescent girls have been regular in attending schools and also accessing benefits of Kanyashree Prakalpa.

Strengthening Community Child Safety Net

As part of this, the organisation has been working closely with the local Panchayats in formation and strengthening the Village Level Child Protection Committees (VLCPC). Since the newly constituted Panchayats have almost 60% new members, thus it took quite long time to organise the orientation for the members and subsequent formation of the CPCs. However, the CPCs which have been formed are not functioning adequately owing to various reasons. The team of Swapnopuron has been following up with the respective Panchayats to accelerate the functioning of these committees.

Child Protection at Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan

Ensuring safety and protection of the children at the school is one of the core agenda in the school management process. The organisation strictly follows child protection norms so that no child is abused in any form and no corporal punishment takes place in the school. Each teacher, care taker and pool car drivers have been oriented on safety and security of the children along with protection issues. External resource persons have visited the school to oriented them on child protection issues. During the last year there has been no cases of child rights violation in the school.

The parents have also been oriented on child protection issues for them to take care of their children at home. These issues are being discussed in details during the monthly meetings with the parents.

Adolescent Girls Programme

Swapnopuron feels that along with children, adolescents are equally important part of the society and their development should also be taken care of adequately. During the previous years, the organisation has worked closely with Govt. schools in the localities of Hingalganj to orient them on their Rights, Entitlements, Menstrual Hygiene and Nutrition. Over 5000 girls have been oriented so far during last 3 years.

The Members of West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights have visited these schools and interacted with the adolescent girls. The sessions were effective in disseminating the knowledge inputs.

Continuing with the previous year's intervention, Swapnopuron has extended its intervention with adolescent girls together with Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of West Bengal.

The SAG - Kanyashree Programme Intervention

The organisation has been implementing SAG – Kanyashree Convergence Programme in Garulia & Kanchrapara I.C.D.S. Project area with the support of Department of I.C.D.S. Govt of W.B covering the SABLA groups (Group of Adolescent Girls) in 155 Anganwadi Centres. The coverage as per the allotment is (Garulia – 66 ICDS Centres & Kanchrapara – 89 ICDS Centres). The coverage areas are focused around urban locations. This convergence programme has been initiated to cover the adolescent girls in the respective locations and empower them to access their rights and entitlements under the purview of the government programmes. This is one of such initiatives where the adolescent girls are encouraged to raise their issues of concerns and also being guided on appropriate way of living life with dignity.

As part of the initiative, the adolescent girls are being supported through:

1. Leadership development among them to lead the entire group as Sakhi & Saheli.
2. Life Skills Education training for improving coping up mechanism among them.
3. Exposure visit to various services of the government for them to know the offices / service points and procedures for accessing the services.
4. Session on health, nutrition, education and child protection issues through Learning Games sessions.
5. Child Marriage is one of the core agenda under Learning Games



The team members of Katakhalī Swapnopuron Welfare Society have worked closely with the DPO, CDPO, Anganwadi Supervisors and Anganwadi Workers. The field level workers of Swapnopuron have been able to establish meaningful relationship with the communities also.

This initiative of Govt. of West Bengal has not only created opportunities for the adolescent girls to gather knowledge but also guided them to continue their studies and delaying their marriage.

Swapnopuron as an organisation has put adequate effort in bringing about knowledge level changes and guiding them through life skills support. Sharing of information about Govt. schemes and programmes has also been undertaken for the adolescent girls. The entire work has been done in close coordination with ICDS.



Women Empowerment

Swapnopuron in the process of overall community development has also focused on women empowerment. The organisation encourages women from the communities to come forward with their inherent talents and excel with self dignity. in taking forward the idea, Swapnopuron had started an initiative to 3 years back to create livelihood opportunities for the rural women in Dankuni, West Bengal.

Swapnopuron strongly believes that empowerment of women would not only help them to be self dependent but also would ensure their children from being away from different forms of abuse and exploitations. It is believed that empowered women would always encourage and ensure that their children do not remain out of the sphere of education. One of the major focuses of this intervention is to give these women with such opportunities where they are able to earn and support their families as well as start saving for their future.

The project was initiated towards enabling marginalized rural women to live financially independently through vocational skill building. With the effort of skill building and employment support, trainees will be enabled towards self- employment with sustained quality performance.

This project with a group of women from Dankuni conducted a 7 days training program on Badhni, Shibori, Batik and Malaysian Batik. The has program trained 15 women with 2 months support from KSWs. Later on these women have been followed up with several refresher trainings to make them self confident. The trainings have been extremely useful for the women as it has enhanced their skills and refined their free hand Batik designing.



Success Story

Mausam Molla, aged around 11 years from Hinglaganj, North 24 Pargnas, West Bengal had not been able to continue his studies without the support from Swapnopuron.

A jovial child Masum has been studying in Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan over last 7 years. Initially he was little shy and was not comfortable in mingling with other students, but with adequate care and support, he started opening up. Most importantly, his parents were also equally eager for him to study in English medium school. This motivation has helped him to grow over the years along with continuous support and guidance from the teachers of the school.

The family stands on a poor economic status with both parents are engaged in Bidi rolling. His paternal uncle works on piece rated sewing of clothes, which is also quite irregular. The family is comprised of four members, the parents and two children. Affording adequate food and clothes are also not possible at times. Thus, accessing education for Masum was a distant dream for his parents.

Started from Pre-Nursery, Masum continued to excel not only in academics but also in cultural and sports activities. He has meaningfully adopted English and speaks quite efficiently. Swapnopuron has ensured his studies to continue and the family economic condition should not restrict him from accessing quality education. Presently he is studying in Class – V and has improved upon academics remarkably.

Swapnopuron, has been supporting Masum in his studies over last 6 years in terms of his tuition fees for the school, cost for text books and study materials. The parents of Masum, are happy to see him speaking in English and also helping his mother to learn simple English words. The parents literally cried when asked about their feelings on this support from Swapnopuron. They mentioned that their son could not have been able to study unless this support was made available. Father of Masum is also delighted to see him studying and improving in academics each year.

This is another success story of one bright student, **Umme Hani**. She is originated from Murshidabad district of West Bengal. She was enrolled in Class – V. Initially, she was found to be quite timid and shy. She did not find it easy to adjust with the school environment, though one of her cousins also studies in Swapnopuron Shiksha Niketan. She stays with her aunt as her parents were not able to take care of her owing to financial difficulties. She was irregular in attending the school due to adjustment problem.

Looking at this situation, the teachers met her at aunt's house. They counselled her and motivated her to attend the school regularly. It took few days to motivate her and regularize her in the school. Slowly she started showing interest in studies and become regular at the school.

The academic performance also showed about her abilities to perform well. She also started participating in co-curricular activities of the school and took part in school events through dance and recitation. She had never participated in any such events before joining Swapnopuron school and this is the achievement for the teachers to make her participate not only in studies but also in other activities of the school. She is confident and enjoys regular studies in the school along with her peers.

The constant efforts of the teachers has proved that with proper guidance, care and follow up, it is possible to make any child, school friendly and excel with inherent talents.

Success Story

Partners in Solidarity

- Junish Composites
- Varun Beverage
- Sneh Foundation
- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
- Inner Wheel Club
- Mahuya Paul
- Chitrlekha Moitra and Avijit Moitra
- Rajot Sanyal
- Bidisha Bhaduri
- Ashok Memorial
- Sandip Kanta Mukherjee
- Virendra Partiwal
- Sanjoy Surekha
- Virendra Pattwal
- Tamojo Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
- Kamallesh Mandal
- Madhvi Joy Abraham
- R G Saraf Foundation
- Dharohar
- Konkata Night Ladies Circle
- Shyamapada
- Mr. P Kanthimathinathan
- Ditpi Roy
- Sanjay Surekha
- Debasish Benerjee
- Green
- Kankan Majumder
- Sarmishtha
- Biswajit
- Dilip Kantha Majumder
- Ritwik Ray
- Kalighat Soceity for Devlopment
- Aloysius Francis
- Cares Foundation India Pvt. Ltd.
- Sheetal

Audited Balance Sheet

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2020

Expenditure	Amount	Amount	Income	Amount	Amount
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			Admission & Tution Fees		406,701
Office Rent	72,000		Donation Received		5,468,250
Printing & Stationery	105,465		Bank Interest		5,748
Depreciation	36,860				
Travelling & Conveyance	356,882				
Audit Fees	10,000				
Other Administrative Expenses	291,255	872,462			
Educational Program					
Capacity Building Expenses	307,140				
School Running Expenses	862,726				
Salary A/c.	1,066,923				
Other Program & Project Exp.	114,578	2,351,367			
Relief to Poor Program					
Livelihood Project-Handicraft	161,306				
Relief Fund Expenss	22,000				
SAG KP (Govt. of West Bengal)	44,000				
Social Welfare Expenses	137,700	365,006			
Lease Registration Fees		192,017			
Publicity & Promotion		82,206			
Surplus over Expenditure		2,017,642			
		5,880,699			5,880,699

For Katakhalı Swapnapuron Welfare Society

Bijoyit Saha Saha Saha Majumdar
Treasurer Secretary

Place : Kolkata

Date : the 14th day of January, 2021

For Choudhary Sharma & Associates

Chartered Accountants
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(M.M. Agrawal)
Partner

Membership No.054377



Way Forward

The purpose of education is an essential question in considering the role of education in creating just societies. The purpose must reflect the highest ideals of education. Ideals such as "The wisdom to perceive the interconnectedness of all life and living. The courage to fear or deny difference; but to respect and strive to understand people of different cultures and to grow from encounters with them. The compassion to maintain an imaginative empathy that reaches beyond one's immediate surroundings and extends to those suffering in distant places". This is education towards Global Citizenship. Daisaku Ikeda.

Swapnopuron envisages the dream to groom and nurture children to grow as Global Citizens. With the surging globalization and rapidly changing mindset of society and its students, no more the traditional teaching monologues hold much relevance. Rather the newer teaching-learning processes that focus more on rendering learning outcomes play the key role in building constructive classroom atmosphere. To set the direction of the entire learning process right, the first essential step of course planning is to develop effective learning outcomes, which can be done by exercising the best teaching practices.

It is KSWs earnest endeavor to provide quality education for all in the islands of Sunderbans under Hingaljanj and Hasnabad for the socio-economic upliftment of the local community residing in these regions. The primary aim of KSWs is to make academic resources attainable by all. This also involves a cost factor - both in terms of human resources as well as materials are affordable for the local community. Since education lies at the root of all progress it is imperative that the children and youth to receive its benefits.

KSWs has been working with the local community in Katakhal and neighbouring areas for the past 6 years. We have successfully implemented effective teaching learning strategies focusing on achievement oriented learning outcomes. This has markedly improved the achievement levels of students especially in English and Mathematics – the two subjects where there is a gap in learning needs and existing facilities.

We propose to take this further and forward so that more students can avail the services offered by us. The teaching learning strategies implemented by KSWs are not only effective and engaging, they are fun and practical in their application. Resources used are easily available, mostly within the learning environment and cost effective. Our effort is to complement the existing curriculum by introducing well planned outcome/activity based learning which is relatable to daily life situations. Essentially the structure and program lends itself in enhancing the four language skills – listening, speaking, reading and writing – and maths skills of computing and performing basic functions such as addition, multiplication, subtraction and division. Language being at the core of communication and thus learning, our objective is to improve the quality of language education especially English for the youth. They tend to lose out due to lack of effective communication skills.

This year has been a remarkable year for us as we have started our new campus at Jora Bottola and our student strength increased to 183. Phonetic integrated English language development program has been an addition and 6 Primary schools under Hingaljanj block have been also imparted this training to enable more children to have an access to quality English learning.

KSWs emphasizes on Teachers Training and so quarterly such trainings are conducted. Thus teachers have the opportunity to enhance their existing skills. The training focuses on the speaking skills of the teachers, empowering them with delivering, listening, reading and writing skills.

Some the achievements by the students of Swapnopuron is heartwarming and indication of following the right path. Students participated in SOF. Most of them did extremely well, their confidence and enthusiasm have been the best part of the achievement.

Swapnopuron became a part of the Block level child protection Committee and POCSO workshops were held at 2 schools under Hingaljanj and it was attended by 1400 students. Swapnopuron continues to reach out to several parts of the islands through community meetings to strengthen the VLCP.

Empowering mothers is an important thematic area of Swapnopuron. Spoken English classes for mothers initiated by us had an overwhelming response. Mothers would take out time from their hectic schedule every Saturday and attended the classes. Vocational training centers have been set up at 2 locations Jora Bottola and Shristala. 94 women are undergoing training to start their own production units or work on individual basis.

It has been a satisfactory year. We look forward with lot of hope to bring about absolute change and touch many more lives. Hope begins from this challenge, this effort to strive toward an ideal however distant it may seem.

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