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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR:

Twenty six years have passed. In the early 2000's, during awareness programmes in remote villages, I barely saw women. The village mains said, "You have mic. They can listen from the house." It was their belief that suave women do not come out in public, in front of so many unknown males. Women never participated in any discussion even if it was related to them. Now, self help groups have become popular. Women from remotest of places have begun to participate. Government is also helping women to come forward. I know still there are women who cannot voice their thoughts, who still abide by what men decide but we should be happy that the caged bird has at least learned to sing. We are and we will be going forward with the oppressed so that they can dream. Dream of a better life and a better future, stand up against patriarchy. Even after working for such a long time, we've been able to make only a small difference. Because changing mentality of someone is very difficult. But society will never change without change in mindset of the people. Is it only our duty to bring about the change? Change now. For better. So that in the coming ages, there is no word such as "women empowerment" but only "equality".

SOMA BHOWMICK.
DIRECTOR, SPMUS.
Surokhit Shaishav (Protecting safe childhood in West Bengal)

**Goal / Impact:** Effective Child Protection and Development systems to prevent and respond to violence, exploitation and abuse against underprivileged children and adolescents by promotion of their rights through interaction of state and non-state actors at all levels, in the state of West Bengal.

**Objective:** Abolition of child labour in all forms with effective child protection mechanisms to enable the realization of children’s right to education and participatory development.

**Outcome:**

- **Outcome 1:** 80% out of school children are enrolled /re-enrolled and retained in age appropriate classes recording improved learning outcomes under the Right to Education Act (with special focus on children withdrawn from child labour).

- **Outcome 2:** 70% of the child protection and violation cases resolved by Community based organisations (CBOs) in collaboration with the statutory bodies (Child Protection Committees, ChildLine, Police, Child Welfare Committees, Samaj (platform of elders), Mothers’ collective, school teachers).

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Outcome 3: State level Children’s Campaign on Child Rights (to demand a ban on child labour, free and compulsory formal education up to 18 years of age or class 12 (whichever comes first) and development and protection measures).

Outcome 4: State Level People’s Campaign Against Child Labour raised and strengthened to advocate and influence policy frameworks and Action Plan for Elimination of Child Labour of the State Government.

SAVE VILLAGE PROGRAM (SVP)

Intervention area: Backward villages in Murshidabad.

Need for SVP
- Over 70% child marriage
- Geographical disadvantages: border district
- Soil erosion by rivers changing their course
- High outmigration

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Poverty
High rate of School Drop out: both boys and girls
Early marriage: Above 70% girls get married before 18
Domestic violence, polygamy and desertion
Incidence of bonded labour
Human trafficking

**ACTIVITIES:**
- Identification of backward villages from the list by Govt. of India.
- Advocacy with different stakeholders in those villages.
- Select school with consultation of the stakeholders.
- Conduct awareness program at school and community level.

**OUTCOME:**
- 12121 students reached through 42 school programs and 480 parents reached through community Programmes.
- SPMUS sourced many cases by the students, teachers as well as community peoples.
- Two Child marriage stopped by our Rakshak.
- 5 drop out students re-enrolled at the school.

**Challenges:**
- Lack of Proper room and electricity connection
- Expecting Refreshment.
Teacher participation is low.
- Apathetic attitude to given feedback.
- NRC/CAA issues.
- Father participation also low.
- Long distance.

**LEARNINGS:**
- We can easily explain to the children about child marriage, child trafficking, child abuse etc through playing the drama.
- Before awareness there were lack of information about Child protection infrastructure (DCPU,CWC,JJB,DLSA) among teacher and students.
- Many serious harm cases settled by community level stakeholders at the community level.

**Prevention of Human Trafficking in Source Areas with the Involvement of Adolescent Groups and Community Adults.**

**Objective:** -
- Creation of safe communities for children with a focus on children in dangerous or difficult situations and environments.

**Target audience:** - Children imperilled by their exposure or vulnerability to isolation, neglect, violence, hazardous or exploitative work, early marriage, juvenile offending, trafficking and abuse.
**Goal:**

- Enable safe communities where children, adults and governments work together to prevent and respond to the harm that these children face.

**PACT, SHAKTI AND CHAURAHA**

**PACT (Parent adult children against trafficking):**

- The aim of the program to mobilize and involve community adults to create a safe community for children.
- Adults get involved in strengthening child protection mechanisms therefore capacity building of parents and adults in the community is pivotal.
- Through PACT, we hope that they will come to recognise and identify signs of isolation, understand its consequences (risk of being trafficked, early marriage, abuse, etc.) and make linkages to services in the community to address this isolation and vulnerability.

**SHAKTI: (Program among adolescent girls)**

- Find the Shakti girls.
- Identify their strengths and abilities.
- Connect to care givers and peers.
- Dare to dream and make plans for the future.
• Acquire negotiation skills to stay in institutions, dealing with adjustment issues.
• Work towards financial independence and jobs.
• Know about their rights.

**Chauraha:** *(Program among adolescent boys)*

• Find the Chouraha boys.
• Connect to care givers and peers.
• Giving information about different social problems related to boys.
• Giving knowledge about Juvenile justice act.
• Life skills education with special emphasis on family adjustment, unrest, chemical dependency etc.
• Know about their rights.

**CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE FOR THE CHILDREN IN NEED CARE AND PROTECTION.**

**Intervention area:**
Dhuliyan Kalabagan Red Light Area(Urban) and High Road, Berhampore(Urban)

**Target audience:**
Children imperilled by their exposure or vulnerability to isolation, neglect, violence, hazardous or exploitative work, early marriage, juvenile offending, trafficking and abuse.
**Goal:** Establishment of safe communities where children, adults and governments work together to prevent mischief and injustice to these children.

**Activities:**
- Identification of Vulnerable children.
- Identify their strengths and abilities.
- 100% enrolment in school.
- Coaching support to children.
- Make them dare to dream and make plans for their future
- Acquire negotiation skills to stay in institutions, dealing with adjustment issues.
- Life skill education with special emphasis on family adjustment, unrest, chemical addiction etc.
- Let them know about their rights.

**Out Come:**
- New entry of the RLA will be restricted.
- 2nd generation prostitution will be prevented.
- Youth Participation will be ensured to stop violence against the children of Red Light Area.
- Multi stakeholder engagement for creation of enabling environment at RLA

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TRANSLIT CENTRE FOR THE CHILDREN CONTACT WITH LAW

Intervention area: Lalgola

Activities:
- Identification of children contact with law.
- Counselling support.
- Advocacy with Police, BSF and local stakeholders.
- Help them for production at JJB.

CHILD TRAFFICKING CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Objective:
- Ensure the rescue and reunification of trafficked victims and prosecution of accused in Murshidabad District of West Bengal.
- Strengthening the system related to child protection services by ensuring advocacy among stakeholders (Child Welfare Committee, Shelter Home, Police, Dist. Legal Aid Services Authority, District Child Protection Unit and District Administration) in the proposed area.

ACHIEVEMENT (CUMULATIVE)
- 106 girls rescued from sex trafficking.
- 76 Reintegrated with family
- 56 Reintegration support provided to 45 girls. (Govt.)
• 69 Traffickers arrested
• Charge sheet filed against 38 Traffickers.

**TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS JUSTICE HUB**

**Goal:** TIP Justice Hub (NYAY KENDRA) will focus on reducing the prevalence of human trafficking through Nyay Kendra intervention. This resource centre will work in partnership with the Public Justice System and other NGOs to implement victim-centric holistic case work services, establish protocols for combating trafficking and increase public access to justice and social welfare schemes.

**Project Area:** Murshidabad and Nadia.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Increase Investigations and Rescues on Trafficking of Persons for Sex Trafficking with Government, CBO & NGO partners in the Target District.

2. Rescued victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking are provided with Legal Representation while Perpetrators of Human Trafficking Crimes are held Accountable through Prosecution.


4. Strengthen the Capacity of Local NGOs and Government Officials to implement Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of Trafficking in Person on Prevention, Legal Process and Remedial Action to Combat TIP.

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**ACTIVITIES:**
- Rescue Interventions.
- Victim Rescued.
- Capacity Building Training Sessions for Public Stakeholders.
- State Level Advocacy Meeting with Public Stakeholders.
- District Level Advocacy Meeting with Public Stakeholders.

**SEED INITIATIVES**
Seed initiative is laid by the group of survivors. The role of SPMUS is only providing technical support to ensure their participation for prevention of early marriage, human trafficking and sexual abuse and exploitation against women and girls.

**Areas of intervention:**
Faridpur and Raninagar -2 Gram panchayat in Murshidabad, WB, India.

**Objective:**
Strengthen the system related to Child Protection and violence against women through the greater involvement of Survivors collective.
Activities:
- Formation of group with the survivors.
- Capacity building of the survivors in connection with legal literacy.
- Strengthen of Village Level Child Protection Committee
- Advocacy with major stakeholders through survivors’ collectives.
- Aftercare of victims through survivor collectives.

Outcome:
Increased social integration, access to services and reduced social stigma & discrimination of survivors and their families through education, awareness raising, participation and advocacy.

B. HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

Home based Care & Supports for the Person living with HIV/AIDS.

The project aims to reduce the stigma faced by people infected and affected by HIV in 15 blocks of the district of Murshidabad, West Bengal by improving their access to entitlements and services through mobilizing communities and strengthening institutions. It will facilitate access for 200 PLHIVs and their family members to a synonymous group providing case sourcing, institutional counselling with primary treatment and networking with referral services followed by home based care and management to mainstream them through improved access to sustainable livelihood opportunities, reduction in stigma, and access to legal and social protection.
**Project Goal/Long Term Impact:** Long Term Impact: Ensuring prevention and control of HIV/AIDS among women and children in terms of their socio-economic condition.

**Outcome:**
1. 50 PLHIVs and 50 stakeholders interviewed through FGD.
2. 600 people reached through 12 community awareness programs.
3. 150 people reached through World AIDS day program.
4. 330 PLHIVs and their family members and 50 major stakeholders sensitized.
5. 100 home visits and follow up visits of PLHIVs completed with linked support services.
6. 80 families conflicts resolved.
7. One report compiled and shared with target audience and stakeholders.
RESTORING SMILES THROUGH DANCE

**Target group:** Adolescent girls who are survivors of sexual violence, including sex trafficking.

**Activities to be conducted:**

- DMT sessions for healing and trauma recovery of adolescent girls who are survivors of sexual violence.
- Follow up sessions.
- Sessions for Care Providers.
- Dance Movement Therapy Leadership Academy (DMTLA)

❖ **C. Women Empowerment**

**Missing link (Shelter for women Escaping Trafficking and Abuse)**

**Missing Link wants to provide:**

- Safe transitional housing to 3-5 young women with children escaping domestic violence at any given point in time for 15 days - 3 months
- Counselling support
- Ensuring nutritious meal, organizing required medical treatment in collaboration with Medical College Hospital
- Educational support for children.
- Minimize the possibility of getting trapped by Human Traffickers through socio legal counselling.
Help the residents to learn a skill to earn livelihood or find a job locally.

Financial Education.

Information and education related to other available government assistance program to the residents.

Missing Link also wants to develop a crèche/ day care services for young children, who cannot go to school yet, with local women volunteers.

Missing Link is looking forward to add as many volunteers as possible to make the project sustainable.

D. SPECIAL EDUCATION

**CHETANA (Special School of Mentally-challenged Children)**

Suprava Panchashila Mahila Uddyog Samity (SPMUS) is a registered under the Society’s Registration Act 1961, FCRA. It has been doing different social welfare program for the women and child since 1993. The organization has been running a special school for mentally retarded children namely ‘CHETANA’ giving facilities to 50 MR children without any financial support. It was academically recognized in 2nd March, 2001-No. 242/1(3 MEE). The institutional special education has been imparting to the 45 Nos. mentally retarded children. Integrated approaches have been adopted for the prevention of it with protection of the children by the organization through different campaign program in different blocks of...
the District. The organization has been working with strong support of National Trust of Government of India, State level authority and Dept. of Mass Education Extension Dept.

Objective:

- Integrated education and social inclusion of differently able children and their families.
- Imparting education to the mentally retarded children in formal education system
- Involvement of community to social and economic rehabilitation of the children at family level and community level.
- Sensitization of the people about prevention and protection of the children.

Activities:

- Teaching in special education
- Vocational training
- Sports and cultural activities
- Linkage with schemes of the government
- Parent counselling

Achievement:

- 600 students reached throughout the year.
- All students are under MANABIK schemes.
- 15 girls enrolled under Kanyashree scheme.

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E. LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVES -

Organized by: SWAJAN GROUP (Survivors of Missing link)

**PRODUCT:**
- Kantha blanket.
- Cloth towels
- Bori making.
- Sewing
- Puffed rice
- Gardening

**OUTCOME:** The group has started to sell their product in local market and they are able to self-independent.

**CORE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTED IN THE YEAR 2019-2020.**

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<th>Name of the Programme</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
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<td>Strengthen of Village level child protection committees.</td>
<td>Prevention of human trafficking and abuse against children with the involvement of multistakeholders.</td>
<td>Grampanchayet Pradhan, Member, ICDS supervisor, Anganwadi workers, ANM, ASHA, School teacher, Children and civil society.</td>
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<td>Capacity building of Para legal Volunteers (PLVs)</td>
<td>Capacity building of PLVs on Human Trafficking, Child</td>
<td>Para legal volunteers under District Legal Aid services authority.</td>
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<td>Activity</td>
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<td>District level convergence about the issues of Child Labour.</td>
<td>Discussion about prevention of child labour and need for convergence.</td>
<td>Labour department, Social welfare department, District child protection unit, Education department, CWC, JJBand Civil Society.</td>
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<td>District level convergence about Human Trafficking.</td>
<td>Discussion about prevention of human trafficking with rescue, restoration and aftercare.</td>
<td>Social welfare department, District child protection unit, Education department, CWC, JJBand Civil Society.</td>
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<td>Consultation with Police Departments.</td>
<td>Discussion about Role of police for protection of survivors.</td>
<td>Special juvenile police unit, IC, OC and ASI of different Police station.</td>
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<td>District level convergence with Multi stakeholders.</td>
<td>Discussion about POSCO and Trafficking with victim compensation.</td>
<td>Social welfare department, District child protection unit, Education department, CWC, JJBand Civil Society.</td>
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<td>Border awareness campaign.</td>
<td>Mass awareness campaign about cross border human trafficking.</td>
<td>Civil society and multi stakeholders.</td>
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<td>Leadership training with Youth.</td>
<td>Organizing youth led programmes.</td>
<td>Participants from different youth clubs in rural areas.</td>
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<td>Legal literacy training with multi stakeholders.</td>
<td>Law relating to support the survivors.</td>
<td>Self help group federation, Civil society and Panchayat members.</td>
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<td>Observation of world AIDS DAY.</td>
<td>Fight against Myth, Misconception, stigma and discrimination.</td>
<td>Student, Youth and civil society.</td>
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<td>Right to participation.</td>
<td>Child club members and students.</td>
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<td>Observation of violence against women week.</td>
<td>Problem faced by the survivors at community and the role of judiciary.</td>
<td>Survivors collectives, Civil society and law enforcement agencies.</td>
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OUR SINCERE THANKS TO:

1. District Child Protection Unit and Department of Social Welfare, Murshidabad.
2. All village level and Block level child protection committees in the District of Murshidabad.
3. District Legal Aid services Authority, Murshidabad.
4. Caritas Germany, BMZ.
5. Global Fund for Children.
7. Justice Ventures International, USA.
8. MCC, USA.