



Loreto South Asia Development Newsletter

JANUARY - MARCH'2026

From The Desk of the Province Leader

As we reflect on the first quarter of 2026, I am filled with deep gratitude for the grace that accompanies our shared mission. This newsletter is more than a chronicle of activities—it is a living testament to resilience, compassion, and the transformative power of collective action.

Across our Social Centres, our mission continues to take root in meaningful and life-affirming ways. In diverse and often challenging contexts, our efforts reach those most vulnerable through focused work in child protection, women's empowerment, education, health, and sustainable livelihoods. Each initiative, no matter how small, contributes to a larger vision of dignity and justice.

This quarter, I am particularly heartened by the growing participation of communities. Campaigns such as One Billion Rising, along with various awareness initiatives addressing pressing concerns like human trafficking, child marriage, and gender-based violence, have strengthened a shared sense of responsibility and solidarity. These moments of collective engagement remind us that lasting change is born when communities themselves become active agents of transformation.

Our commitment to children and young people remains at the heart of all we do. Through care, education, and opportunities for growth, we strive to nurture not only skills but also confidence, self-worth, and hope. Their resilience and aspirations continue to inspire and renew our own



commitment.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our sisters, staff, and partners whose quiet dedication and steadfast service sustain this mission each day. Your compassion and commitment give life to our shared vision.

I also express my sincere gratitude to our donors and well-wishers. Your trust and generosity make this work possible, enabling us to reach further and respond more effectively to emerging needs. You are truly partners in this journey of hope and transformation.

As we move forward, may we remain united in purpose, guided by compassion, and steadfast in our commitment to building a more just, inclusive, and humane society.

With gratitude and blessings,

Sr Monica Suchiang
Province Leader
Loreto South Asia

Our Social Centre

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

Total Number of Projets - 27

Thematic Areas:

1. Women and Child Protection and Development
2. Education and Health
3. Community and Skill Development
4. Environment and sustainability
5. Disaster and Pandemic Management- West Bengal (As per need)

Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre

Total Number of Projets - 6

Thematic Areas:

1. Women and Child Protection and Development
2. Education and Health
3. Community and Skill Development
4. Environment and sustainability

Loreto Rainbow Homes Foundation

Thematic Areas: Holistic Development of Children and Youth through-

1. Residential Care Program
2. Community Based Care Program
3. After Care Future Program

Loreto Nepal Shiksha Sadan

Total Number of Projets - 3

Thematic Areas:

1. Women and Child Protection and Development
2. Education and Health
3. Community and Skill Development



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

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Project Locations:

- Kolkata
- North and South 24 Parganas
- Sunderban
- Gangasagar
- Nawada (Bihar)

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ONE BILLION RISING 2026: A UNITED STAND FOR RIGHTS, DIGNITY, AND CHANGE



- One Billion Rising (OBR) 2026 was celebrated across multiple locations including Pujali, Basirhat, Dulki, Hingaljanj, Gangasagar, Baruipur, Sonagachi, Matia, and Dhapa.
- The events brought together children, youth, community members, migrant workers, students, teachers, police officials, and local stakeholders.
- Activities included dance, songs, pledges, discussions on gender-based violence, rights awareness sessions, and cultural performances.
- Special focus areas included anti-human trafficking, women's empowerment, dignity and resilience in red light areas, and cyber safety awareness.
- The celebrations strengthened community participation, youth engagement, and collective commitment toward ending gender-based violence.



SCAR- SENSITIZATION OF COMMUNITIES AND ADOLESCENTS AT RISK TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD ABUSE



Activity highlights

- Continuous support was provided to beneficiaries, along with government scheme linkages for 21 women (Lakshmi Bhandar), 13 elderly persons (Old Age Pension), and 45 youths (Yuba Sathi).
- The team addressed protection-related cases, including 4 child marriages, 6 missing cases, 7 trafficking cases, and 1 POCSO case, ensuring timely support and coordination.
- A total of 5 awareness programmes (3 community and 2 mass) were conducted across Bhaduria, Jaynagar, Safirabad, and Purba Jaynagar.
- A school session at Chaita High School reached 100 students, raising awareness on child marriage, cybercrime, and trafficking.
- Republic Day (with BSF), St. Josephine Bakhita Day (45 participants), and Holi (50 participants) were celebrated in project villages.
- Survivors participated in KMWSC and Loreto College exhibitions, showcasing handmade candles and paper bags.
- The team conducted 59 home visits, 15 monitoring visits, and networking visits with key stakeholders, along with a cross-learning visit by the Province Development Coordinator.



EMPOWERMENT OF MOTHERS IN THE SEX TRADE PROJECT AT SONAGACHI



Activity highlights

- The team intervened in 4 mental abuse cases, 2 financial abuse cases, 1 POCSO case, and 2 addiction cases.
- Handholding support was provided for accessing legal documents, including 8 bank accounts, 3 Aadhaar cards, 2 PAN cards, and 7 Lakshmi Bhandar applications.
- A free sanitary pad distribution programme was conducted in Sonagachi and Matia, reaching 80 participants.
- Republic Day and One Billion Rising were celebrated in Sonagachi and Matia.
- Sanitary napkins were distributed to 65 mothers.





Activity highlights

- Two school awareness sessions reached 178 students at Bankra Azizia Madrasa and Belgaria Haricharan High School on child marriage, cybercrime, POCSO, and trafficking.
- One community awareness session was conducted at Dabila village with 80 participants.
- The team intervened in 6 missing cases and 5 child marriage cases during the quarter.
- Key events such as Republic Day, One Billion Rising, and International Women's Day were celebrated with community participation.
- A total of 49 home visits and 8 monitoring visits were conducted across project villages.
- Survivors received training in paper bag making to support income generation and livelihoods.





Activity highlights

- The team intervened in 4 mental abuse cases—3 in Sonagachi and 1 in Matia.
- One staff member attended a state-level convergence meeting and training workshop at Bashirhat Ravindra Bhavan (organized by WBCPCR with Kolkata Sanglap), and a district-level meeting at Hingalganj (by Kolkata Sanglap).
- A 3-day residential fellowship training was organized by Nistha (Ajim Premji Foundation partner) for adolescent children from Sohochori (Red Light area and Matia).
- Special days such as Republic Day, One Billion Rising, and Holi were celebrated in the project.
- Staff supported 7 beneficiaries in opening bank accounts.
- A Government Stakeholders' Sensitization Meeting was held in March with participation from BDO, Police, BSF, Panchayat, DLSA, and local representatives to strengthen coordination on protection and development issues.

PROVIDING EDUCATION AND PROTECTION TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN AT SONAGACHI



Activity highlights

- The team intervened in 2 mental abuse cases, 1 physical abuse case, and 1 game addiction case.
- Key events including Republic Day, Saraswati Puja, Holi, and One Billion Rising were celebrated in the field.
- A total of 271 home visits and 6 monitoring visits were conducted in Sonagachi.
- Ration kits were distributed to 75 students to support their academic needs.



AAROGYA PROJECT AT SONAGACHI AND MATIA



Activity highlights

- Two mental health and hygiene workshops were conducted for adolescent children of sex workers, reaching 80 participants.
- Two health camps were organized at Sonagachi with 80 mothers.
- One mental health and hygiene awareness session was conducted with 80 participants at Sonagachi.
- A mental health workshop was held with 50 participants.
- A health and hygiene workshop was conducted with 50 participants.
- Sanitary pads were distributed free of cost to 50 mothers.



Activity highlights

- Extensive handholding support was provided through government linkages —126 people received vaccinations, 34 pregnant women received prenatal care, and 21 institutional deliveries were facilitated.
- Support for legal documents included disability cards (6), Aadhaar cards (3), bank accounts (5), Lakshmi Bhandar (50), Swasthya Sathi cards (29), Old Age Pensions (8), Widow Pensions (5), Sabuj Sathi (63), and Job Cards (56).
- A total of 500 sanitary napkins were distributed among women and girls.
- Educational and livelihood support included 12 nursing admissions, 9 Krishi Vibhag linkages, 12 Yuva Sathi, 5 Manabi Brata, and 3 Bardhyaka Brata benefits.
- The team intervened in 12 POCSO cases, ensuring timely support and coordination with authorities.
- “Swangshidhya,” a joint mass awareness initiative with the police on child and women protection, was launched in the project area.
- Republic Day, One Billion Rising, and Holi were celebrated with active community participation.



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BAREFOOT TEACHERS TRAINING PROGRAM



Activity highlights

- A 4-day Barefoot Teachers' Training was conducted at Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre with 40 participants (12 males, 28 females), focusing on teaching methods, classroom management, equity, storytelling, and UNCRC through interactive sessions.
- Networking and advocacy were carried out with local government schools to organize Barefoot Teachers' Training and career counselling sessions for Class XI and XII students.



TRIBAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT AT GANGASAGAR



Activity highlights

- Eight dropout children were re-enrolled in school and provided with school bags and uniforms; they are now attending regularly.
- Holi, One Billion Rising, and International Women's Day were celebrated with beneficiaries, stakeholders, and child club members.
- Six meetings were conducted with child leaders from the child clubs.
- Two advocacy and awareness programmes were held in tribal and fisherman communities on government schemes and immunization.
- A free health check-up camp was organized in Gangasagar for community members.
- One health and hygiene awareness session was conducted with child club members.
- A periodic leadership workshop was conducted for children at the learning centre.

NARI SHAKTI (EMPOWERING WOMEN IN SUNDARBAN)



Activity highlights

- Ten mothers' group meetings were conducted to raise awareness on government schemes and social issues such as domestic violence, child marriage, and child abuse.
- One Billion Rising was celebrated in Manmathanagar with 120 participants through sports activities and a street play.
- Three community awareness programmes were conducted during the quarter.
- A stakeholders' meeting was held with Bipradaspur Gram Panchayat members and frontline workers.
- International Women's Day was observed in Manmathanagar with community members and frontline stakeholders.
- Chicks and ducklings, along with one month's feed, were distributed to 80 individuals.

CLIMATE ACTION & BIODIVERSITY AT SUNDARBAN



Activity highlights

- Two mangrove plantation drives were conducted, planting 8,000 saplings along riverbanks in intervention villages.
- Community awareness programmes were held in four villages on reducing plastic pollution and avoiding single-use plastics.
- Three handholding trainings on sustainable farming practices were conducted in January and February.
- Two trainings on climate change were conducted in March across two villages.
- A 13-day alternate livelihood training on making water hyacinth products was organized.
- A stakeholders' meeting was held to discuss effective waste and pollutant management in the villages.
- Twenty-five beneficiaries received seeds to support kitchen gardening during the winter-spring season.
- Chicks and ducklings were distributed to 25 beneficiaries to support poultry-based livelihoods.



ADOLESCENT GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



Activity highlights

- Republic Day (26 Jan 2026) was celebrated at Gosaba and Kolkata centres with 83 participants, promoting awareness and community engagement.
- A street play and awareness programme on gender equality, followed by One Billion Rising, was held in Gosaba with 340 participants.
- A mass school awareness programme on cyber safety was conducted in Dhapa, Kolkata, reaching 350 students, parents, and community members.
- Monitoring visits, including school, community, vocational centre, and home visits, were carried out in Gosaba and Dhapa by the Nomi Network team.
- A total of 36 life skill sessions were conducted under the Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program, covering topics such as self-awareness, communication, gender, child rights, and decision-making.



SUROKHIT SHAISHAV (PROMOTING SAFE CHILDHOOD)



Activity highlights

- A child club meeting and celebration of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary were held at Ghojadanga with 13 participants.
- In collaboration with district-level stakeholders (STARPARD, BSF, S-DLSA, Panchayat), 422 community members were sensitized on child rights protection.
- Awareness sessions were conducted with parents of 16 specially abled children, focusing on their abilities and needs.
- The project team participated in the Annual Partners' Review Meeting organized by Caritas Germany in Gorakhpur.
- Child Rights Protection Desks were set up at Gacha Akkharpur Village and Ghojadanga Junior High School, reaching 81 participants.
- A women empowerment session was conducted with 80 mothers in collaboration with BSF.
- A capacity-building workshop on children's manifesto engaged 40 children at the learning centre.
- Child-friendly corners were reinstalled at Basirhat Police Station and established in three government primary schools.



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SUROKHIT SHAISHAV (PROMOTING SAFE CHILDHOOD)



Activity highlights

- A South Bengal Convergence Meeting was organized with WBCPCR and SPMUS to strengthen child protection systems.
- A children's fair was organized at Basirhat to encourage young minds, with participation from WBCPCR.
- The team participated in a multi-stakeholder programme on ending child marriage at the grassroots level.



Day Celebrations

- National Girl Child Day and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary were observed with community participation.
- Republic Day was celebrated with BSF at Ghojadanga.
- Mary Ward Day was celebrated in Gaccha and Mukundokati villages with community groups.



NAYA DISHA (EMPOWERING SURVIVORS FOR SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE AND DIGNIFIED LIFE)



Activity highlights

- Sanitary napkins were distributed among community members at Majherpara, Hingalganj.
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birth anniversary was celebrated with Swapnadana survivors' group at Hingalganj Resource Centre.
- Republic Day was celebrated with government stakeholders, teachers, students, and community members at Hingalganj.
- A total of 437 people from marginalized communities were reached through awareness programmes on rights and protection issues.
- One Billion Rising was observed at Hingalganj Community Hall with participation from stakeholders, teachers, ICDS workers, and community members.
- A networking meeting was held to plan strategies to combat human trafficking.
- The team attended training on POCSO and safety mechanisms conducted by DCRT.
- Women's Day was celebrated with women through community-level awareness on empowerment.



Activity highlights

- A two-day teacher training was conducted in January 2026 with 59 participants.
- A total of 117 parents' meetings were held across 39 brickfields on health & hygiene, child marriage, and child labour.
- Thirty-eight health check-up camps were conducted across six brickfield locations, screening 1,903 patients (833 males, 1,070 females).
- Thirty-eight health awareness camps were organized, reaching 1,279 participants (501 males, 778 females).
- Special events including Netaji's birth anniversary, Saraswati Puja, Mary Ward Day, Republic Day, and Holi were celebrated across brickfields.
- Child leader meetings were held across multiple locations, engaging 172 children on issues like child rights, abuse, and helpline awareness.





Activity highlights

- A funder visit from St. Ignatius' College, Australia, took place at Basirhat BFS and sack farming project.
- Nineteen children were mainstreamed into government schools in Kalyani and Basirhat.
- One Billion Rising was celebrated at Budge-Budge with 1,690 participants in collaboration with Jagori.
- An Annual Sports & Sit-and-Draw programme engaged 1,726 children from brickfields and adult education groups.
- In the source area (Nawada), administrative support included opening 3 bank accounts, facilitating 3 Aadhaar cards, and 1 PAN card.
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SACK FARMING PROJECT



Activity highlights

- **Expansion:** A total of 483 new sacks were prepared and placed across 3 locations bringing the total no. of sacks to approximately 1500. Seeds and Saplings have already been planted in these new sacks.
- **Harvest& Distribution:** Fresh vegetables were harvested under OSF project in Basirhat, Budge- budge. The harvest was distributed among 170 families, benefiting more than 550 individuals.
- **Community Engagement:** Monthly Community Meetings conducted in 22 Brickfields at 3 locations. 269 Beneficiaries from different brickfields attended the meetings





Activity highlights

- Counselling and life skill sessions were conducted on self-awareness, education, and gender issues for adolescents.
- Phase II skill training on candle making was organized.
- An exposure visit to Eco Park was held for 30 children from Dhapa Centre.
- A funder visit (St. Stephen's Green) took place at three MAC centres.
- One Billion Rising and Annual Sports Day were celebrated with active participation.
- A health camp reached 100 community members with hygiene kit distribution.

Achievements

- Three mothers were enrolled under Lakshmi Bhandar.
- Twenty-five children were mainstreamed into government schools.
- Three boys were enrolled under Yuva Sathi.



Activity highlights

- Republic Day and Holi were celebrated with beneficiaries.
- A paper bag making workshop and Annual Sports Day were successfully conducted.
- An auto campaigning initiative was organized for mainstreaming and documentation at Alipore.
- Counselling and group sessions on emotional management and decision-making were conducted for adolescents.
- A funder visit by St. Stephen's Green took place at the Alipore centre.
- Children participated in the One Billion Rising programme.



Achievements

- Twenty children were mainstreamed into government schools.
- One Aadhaar card and two birth certificates were facilitated for community members.



Activity highlights

- New batches started: 12 trainees in Beautician and 9 in Nail Art.
- A skill development exhibition was held at Loreto College for nail art and handicrafts.
- Republic Day, Women's Day, and One Billion Rising were celebrated with trainees.
- Face painting was introduced as a new skill, along with a workshop.
- Certification programmes were completed for bakery (3 trainees) and tailoring (17 trainees).
- Funder visits were conducted by St. Stephen's Green and O My Bag across all units.
- Therapeutic game sessions were organized for trainees.
- Registration for Professional Beauty India is ongoing.
- Monthly staff meetings, auto campaigning, and orientation programmes were conducted for planning and new admissions.





Activity highlights

- A total of 100 sanitary pad packets were supplied to the office gate pad ATM.
- Women's Day was celebrated with an awareness session for adolescent girls.
- Raw materials, including release paper and revised glue, were procured for production.

Sanitary Pad Distribution

- Free sanitary pads were distributed along with awareness sessions, reaching beneficiaries across multiple locations:
- Red Light Project (Sonagachi & Matia): 1,000
- Lotus Child Project, Dulki: 500
- Silver Lining, Baruipur: 1,000
- Brickfield School Project, Pujali: 300
- Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT): 200
- Baruipur (general): 300
- Brickfield locations: 300
- Dhapa: 50
- Sonagachi: 100
- Hastings: 50
- New Alipore: 50



Activity highlights

- Surveys were conducted for new beneficiary admissions.
- Monthly meetings were held with mothers' groups, including sessions on menstruation and sanitary pad awareness.
- Networking meetings were conducted with stakeholders.
- One Billion Rising was celebrated with adolescents and children at Dulki.
- Lesson plans and new teaching-learning materials were prepared.
- A new adolescent group was formed and meetings were conducted.
- Recruitment processes, including interviews for a tailoring teacher and vendor visits, were completed.
- A new tailoring unit was inaugurated on 17th March to support mothers' skill development.





Activity highlights

- Monitoring of 14 vermicomposting pits was conducted at Dakshineswar Metro Colony and Piturighat.
- Community sensitization sessions on domestic waste management were held in slum areas.
- Infrastructure for mushroom cultivation was set up at Piturighat, along with handholding training.
- A project review visit was conducted by the Program Lead and CESC representative.
- Stakeholder and sharing meetings were held with Kamarhati Municipality, CESC, and NGOs to review progress and challenges.
- SHG training was conducted in collaboration with the DAY-NULM department.
- A visit by the Development Coordinator was carried out for project review.



FOOD ATM- NUTRITION



Activity highlights

- 1. Fourteen times Nutrition Food were distributed among the 120 Beneficiaries.
- 2. Visit was conducted in four areas. (Radhanath, Kapalibagan, Motijheel and Bibi Bagan).
- 3. For 120 Beneficiaries, 2nd quarterly measurement was conducted

PROJECT PRERONA

- The Prerona Project was launched on 05.03.2026 (Basirhat) and 10.03.2026 (Hingalganj), reaching 169 participants. This was followed by awareness sessions on mental health, disability care, social stigma, and government schemes.
- Two empowerment workshops on self-advocacy were conducted during the quarter for 50 parents of specially abled children in Basirhat and Hingalganj, focusing on self-awareness, strengths, and needs.



EXPOSURE VISITS, TRAININGS & NETWORKING ACTIVITIES



- Staff from DMWSC visited KMWSC with Sr. Biviya for exposure to organisational activities and administrative systems.
- Samata Bali visited Siliguri DMWSC for cross-learning and observation.
- Nabanita Shome, Rina Singh, and Samrat Bagh visited Dharan, Nepal for project assessment and school establishment planning.
- The Surokhit Shaishav team attended the Annual Child Rights Review Meeting in Gorakhpur.
- A cyber security workshop was conducted at Loreto Entally for primary and secondary students.
- Nabanita Shome represented KMWSC at the global CJ Development Network Strategy Workshop in Rome (2–6 Feb 2026).
- An anti-bullying session was conducted at Loreto Day School, Dharmatala.
- The AHT team, along with Zeenath Bano, conducted a field visit to Basirhat.
- Representatives from Loreto Tamil Nadu visited KMWSC in February 2026 for an organisational overview.
- Three pre-candidates from Abhilasha underwent a 12-day village exposure at Basirhat, Gangasagar, and Gosaba in March 2026.





SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



- St. Bakhita Day was celebrated at Basirhat with active participation from survivors, CVC members, adolescents, and youth groups.
- Holi was celebrated with the KMWSC community, fostering unity and joy.
- Women's Day was observed across project areas, promoting women's rights and empowerment.
- Mary Ward Week was celebrated at KMWSC and across project locations in remembrance of her legacy.

SPECIAL VISITS TO KMWSC

- Alexandra and her team from O My Bag, Netherlands visited KMWSC and held meetings with the Brickfield School and Skill Development teams.
- A group of 20 students and 4 teachers from St. Stephen's Green, Ireland visited KMWSC from 8th to 18th February 2026.
- Catherine O'Loughlin and her friend from Ireland visited KMWSC and were welcomed with a presentation.
- A finance review visit was conducted by CESC representatives at the KMWSC office.



OVERALL IMPACT SUMMARY (QUARTERLY)

Area of Impact	Key Indicators	Total Numbers
Beneficiaries Reached	People reached through awareness,	5000+ (approx.)
Government Scheme Linkages	Lakshmi Bhandar, Pensions, Yuva Sathi,	250+
Legal & Documentation	Aadhaar, Bank Accounts, PAN,	120+
Health Services	Health camps, vaccinations, prenatal	2000+
Sanitary Pad Distribution	Pads distributed across locations	~3,400+ beneficiaries
Education Support	School admissions, mainstreaming,	70+ children
Skill Development Training	Vocational, livelihood, workshops	200+ beneficiaries
Awareness Programmes	Community, school, mass campaigns	100+ programmes
Counselling & Life Skill Sessions	Individual/group sessions	100+ sessions
Child Protection Interventions	POCSO, trafficking, child marriage, abuse	50+ cases
Home & Monitoring Visits	Field visits across projects	400+ visits
Stakeholder Engagements	Meetings, networking, convergence	50+ meetings/visits
Livelihood Support	Seeds, poultry, exhibitions, income	150+ beneficiaries
Trainings & Workshops	Capacity building, teacher training, SHG,	80+ trainings
Environmental Initiatives	Plantation, waste management, farming	8000 saplings + multiple activities



Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre

Total Number of Projets – 6

Thematic Areas:

1. Women and Child Protection and Development
 2. Education and Health
 3. Community and Skill Development
- Environment and sustainability

Project Locations:

- Tea estates of the Darjeeling district of West Bengal.

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- On 6th March 2026, One Billion Rising (OBR) was observed at Khoribari High School Playground.
- The event brought together community members, government officials, and representatives from various organizations to raise awareness on women's rights and gender-based violence.
- Key dignitaries and stakeholders from Panchayat, police, NGOs, and educational institutions participated.
- Nearly 1,000 beneficiaries from 30 tea plantation areas attended the programme.
- The event featured dance, skits, and performances highlighting themes of women's empowerment and unity.
- The observance served as a strong platform for community awareness and collective action against violence towards women.





Activity highlights

- A legal awareness programme was conducted at Fulbari Tea Estate on 14 January 2026, focusing on child marriage, human trafficking, and the importance of documentation.
- A legal awareness session was held at Sonachandi Tea Estate on 16 January 2026 to strengthen understanding of legal rights and support systems.
- A gender sensitization session was conducted on 22 January 2026 for 51 women, promoting equality, equity, and empowerment.
- A school awareness programme was organized at Merryview Tea Estate Primary School on 18 February 2026 to encourage positive values and responsible behaviour among students.



Activity highlights

- One Adolescent Girls Group, one Women's group, and one Youth group were formed, each with 15 participants.
- Nine AGG awareness sessions were conducted, reaching 93 participants on menstrual hygiene and health.
- Five women's awareness sessions engaged 49 participants on safe hygiene practices.
- Four youth awareness sessions reached 41 participants, focusing on menstrual health, gender equality, and stigma reduction.



ETHICAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN

Activity highlights

- A capacity-building training was conducted for EEIY students at Dagapur Tea Estate, focusing on leadership, confidence, and skill development.
- Interns from Salesian College visited Sukna and Dagapur Tea Estates under the EEIY project for field engagement.
- Interns actively participated in jute training sessions, working alongside students to create products.
- Hands-on exposure helped strengthen practical skills and teamwork among participants.
- Awareness sessions were conducted on health, hygiene, anemia, and physical well-being.
- The sessions promoted positive behavioural changes and improved health awareness.
- The visit provided valuable field exposure to interns and enhanced community learning.



COLLECTIVE VOICE PROJECT

Activity highlights

- Eleven youth meetings were conducted with 125 participants, focusing on leadership and social awareness.
- Seven women's meetings reached 94 participants, promoting discussions on rights and collective action.
- Eight children's meetings engaged 116 participants on child rights, education, and well-being.
- Two community meetings were held with 80 participants to encourage dialogue and participation.
- Four AGG meetings were conducted with 43 participants, focusing on empowerment and awareness.
- One Self-Help Group was formed at Kamala Tea Estate with 9 women members.
- A legal awareness programme was conducted at Sayedabad Tea Estate in collaboration with the District Legal Service Authority, focusing on legal rights and access to justice.



Activity highlights



- A legal awareness session was conducted at Taipoo Tea Estate with 35 women, focusing on child labour, trafficking, and child marriage.



- A legal awareness session was held at Damdama Tea Estate for women beneficiaries on child marriage and government schemes, highlighting legal consequences and available support.



LEGAL CLINIC:

TOTAL NUMBERS OF VISITORS: 39

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES REGISTERED: 19 ,
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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASES REGISTERED: 2 ,
UNDER THAT 1 WAS SOLVED,**

**POCSO CASES REGISTERED: 4, ALL ARE UNDER
COURT PROCEEDINGS.**



Activity highlights

- A total of 531 regular students actively attended the Tuition Learning Centre over the past three months, reflecting consistent participation and engagement in the learning support activities provided under the project.
- Additionally, 7 children from Taipoo Tea Estate were successfully re-admitted to formal schooling through the efforts of the project, highlighting the centre's role in promoting school retention and reducing dropout rates.



KEY ACTIVITIES & INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

- A staff meeting was conducted to orient employees on the MOA, POSH policy, workplace ethics, and organizational values.
- A capacity-building training was organized for staff on Child Protection Policy, HR Policy, and institutional guidelines.
- The Director conducted field visits to Bijlimuni, Sayedabad, Taipoo, and Damdama Tea Estates to review projects and interact with beneficiaries.
- An orientation session on documentation and accounts management was conducted for staff.
- Introductory and review meetings were held with visiting representatives and partners for collaboration and organizational strengthening.
- A program review visit by KMWSC focused on HR and office functioning, followed by feedback sessions.
- orientation sessions were conducted for students and interns from Salesian College.
- Exposure visits were conducted with external visitors from Spain to tea estates, followed by feedback sessions.



SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATIONS



- Republic Day was celebrated at both office and field levels with staff, children, youth, and community members.
- Mary Ward Feast Day was observed with staff and sisters, reflecting on mission and values.
- One Billion Rising and International Women's Day were celebrated with nearly 1,000 participants, promoting women's rights and empowerment.
- Holi was celebrated at field and office levels, strengthening community bonding and engagement.



OVERALL IMPACT SUMMARY (QUARTERLY) DARJEELING MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE

Area of Impact	Key Indicators	Total Numbers
Total Beneficiaries Reached	Awareness sessions, meetings, OBR event	1,300+
Women Reached	Women meetings, gender sessions, legal awareness	230+
Children & Adolescents	Children meetings, school sessions, AGG activities	250+
Youth Engagement	Youth meetings and sessions	125
Community Meetings	Community-level engagement sessions	80
AGG Participants	Adolescent Girls Group sessions	136
Legal Awareness Sessions	Tea estates (Fulbari, Sonachandi, Taipoo, Damdama, Savedabad)	5 sessions
Health & Hygiene Awareness	Included within group sessions	100+ (overlapping groups)
Parents of CWSN	Empowerment workshops	50
Community Groups Formed	AGG, Women, Youth, SHG	4 groups
SHG Formation	Kamala Tea Estate	9 members
Mass Campaign (OBR)	Large-scale participation	1,000 participants



Loreto Rainbow Homes Foundation

program segments –

1. Residential Care (6–18 years)
2. Community Based Care
3. Future Program for young adults

Thematic Area:

Holistic development of children and young adults.

Project Location: Kolkata

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RESIDENTIAL CARE (RC)

A SAFE HOME, A STRONG START



HIGHLIGHTS

This quarter, 274 children across our homes in Entally, Bowbazar, and Sealdah continued their journey in a safe, nurturing environment designed to help them thrive.

What's Making a Difference:

Strong Academic Focus

- Regular progress reviews and dedicated mentoring are helping our children stay confident and prepared—especially those appearing for board examinations.

Holistic Skill Development

- From dance, yoga, and karate to jewelry-making and team sports, children are discovering their talents and building confidence every day.

Future-Ready Learning

- AI awareness sessions introduced children to the world of technology—sparking curiosity and new aspirations.

Sports Achievements

- Our children proudly secured top positions in district-level athletics, participated in national-level basketball, and competed in state kickboxing championships.

Health & Well-being First

- Regular health camps and check-ups
- Mental health support through counselling and art therapy

Residential Care continues to be more than a shelter—it's a space where children feel secure, valued, and empowered to dream.



COMMUNITY BASED CARE (CBC)

SUPPORT THAT REACHES BEYOND WALLS



HIGHLIGHTS

- Through our CBC program, 80 children received consistent support while staying within their communities.

Key Focus Areas:

Education & Life Skills

- Remedial classes and interactive sessions on exam stress, relationships, and self-awareness are helping children grow with confidence.

Community Support

- Monthly provisions, stationery distribution, and targeted support ensure that families are not left behind.

Mental Health Matters

- Regular counselling sessions—including home visits—are creating safe spaces for children to express and heal.

Awareness & Empowerment

- Workshops on AI tools, women's empowerment, and safety awareness are equipping children with practical, future-ready knowledge.

CBC ensures that every child—regardless of where they live—receives care, guidance, and opportunity.

FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

From Care to Independence



HIGHLIGHTS

- Our Young Adults Program is currently supporting 180 young individuals as they step into independent and self-reliant lives.

Progress at a Glance:

- Many are now living independently or with families
- Others are pursuing education, vocational training, or employment

What's Driving Impact:

Education & Skill Building

- Training in hotel management, spoken English, and computer skills is opening doors to meaningful careers.

Career Readiness

- Workshops on interviews, job readiness, and career planning are helping young adults transition confidently into the workforce.

Strong Support Systems

- Youth groups, counselling sessions, and mentorship programs provide continuous emotional and professional guidance.

Placement Success

- Young adults have secured jobs across hospitality, healthcare, and administration—marking real progress toward independence.

Inspiration Spotlight

- An alumna has recently stepped into a leadership role in the hospitality sector—showing what's possible with the right support.

Future program is not just about jobs—it's about dignity, independence, and building a future with confidence.



INSPIRATION SPOTLIGHT



CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Moments That Build Joy, Culture & Confidence



This quarter was filled with vibrant celebrations and enriching experiences:

- Saraswati Puja, Mary Ward Week, and Women's Day celebrations**
- Observance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti**
- International Mother Language Day awareness activities**
- Participation in art melas, carnivals, and educational exposure visits**
- Annual picnics and recreation days for children and staff**
- Leadership-building through Bal Sabha and safety awareness sessions**

These moments help children connect, celebrate, and grow beyond the classroom.





SUCCESS STORIES

Pushpa Roy

Despite the heartbreaking loss of both her parents and facing academic setbacks, Pushpa Roy refused to give up. After being unable to clear her Class 10 exams, she chose a different path—enrolling in vocational training and focusing on building practical skills. Her determination and resilience have now paid off. Today, Pushpa has successfully begun her professional journey at Athiva Hotel and Resort in Pune.



Namita Das

Namita Das successfully transitioned to a career in healthcare after completing her Nursing Diploma at St. Joseph's in Bangalore. Her dedication has led to a professional role at St. John's Hospital, where she now works as a secured healthcare professional. Her story is a powerful reminder that with the right support and determination, every challenge can lead to a new beginning.



Nepal Loreto Shiksha Sadan

Total Number of Projets – 3

Thematic Areas:

1. Women and Child Protection and Development
2. Education and Health
3. Community and Skill Development

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Teachers' Training Programme

A two-day Teachers' Training Programme was conducted by Ms. Sukdira Rai from Loreto House, Kolkata, under the supervision of Ms. Nandini Bhattacharjee, Director of the Education Board of Loreto. The training brought together 20 teachers from ten schools. The sessions focused on innovative teaching methods and practical classroom strategies, and were well received, generating positive feedback and interest for future trainings.



Mission Evaluation

A recent evaluation by the Development Coordinator along with the KMWSC team appreciated the Centre's clear objectives, strong coordination, and transparent systems. Constructive suggestions were also shared to further strengthen the mission and enhance its overall impact.



Skill Development – Sewing Programme

The sewing unit continued to build skills among participants in making bags and accessories. One student advanced to a diploma-level course, reflecting growth and motivation among learners.



Computer Education

The computer course was upgraded with improved content and updated systems. Students are actively participating and sharing positive feedback, indicating growing interest.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Community Awareness Programmes

Awareness sessions were conducted in villages and at the Centre on key issues such as women's rights, child protection, anti-trafficking, digital safety, health and hygiene, and income generation. These sessions empowered participants with knowledge and confidence.

Tuition Centres

Student enrolment increased, and academic performance improved. Teachers strengthened engagement through home and school visits, while regular awareness sessions supported children's overall development.

School & Community Engagement

Visits to government and private schools, along with interaction with the education department, strengthened collaboration and opened avenues for future educational initiatives.

Early Childhood Education

Efforts were made to enhance the learning environment through the introduction of new educational materials and child-friendly resources.

Celebrations

Women's Day was celebrated with around 80 participants, featuring cultural performances, motivational talks, and community interaction, creating a joyful and empowering experience.



A Note of Gratitude

As we conclude this quarter, we reflect with gratitude on the meaningful progress made across all our programmes and Social Centres. Through the dedicated efforts of Kolkata Many Ward Social Centre, Darjeeling Many Ward Social Centre, Loreto Rainbow Homes Foundation, and Nepal Loreto Shiksha Sadan, we have been able to reach and support vulnerable communities with impactful initiatives in child protection, education, women's empowerment, health, and livelihoods.

This progress has been made possible through the commitment of our teams, the active participation of communities, and the strong support of our partners.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our sisters, staff, and stakeholders for their continued dedication. A special word of gratitude to our donors and well-wishers—your trust and generosity inspire and enable our work every day.

As we move forward, we remain committed to deepening our impact and building a more just and compassionate society.

*With sincere thanks and gratitude,
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