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Rights

Empowerment

Opportunity

"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."

– Mother Teresa

BAIKUNTHAPUR TRAUN SANGHA

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From the Desk of the Secretary

Dear Friends in Service,

It gives me immense pleasure that BTS has completed 37 years of journey working with disadvantaged and backward poor, marginalized, scheduled caste, forest-dependant and fishermen communities, small farm holders in Sundarban deltaic region towards securing lives and livelihoods. This year was significant with new era of sustainable development with empowering communities towards rights and entitlements, Climate-Smart(Resilient) and eco-friendly scopping and landscaping.

It's for special attention of our kind-hearted development partners and charity sponsors to think of the plights of the suffering community people living deplorably in the remotest border villages of Sunderban while they do not have any proper health care facilities due to absence of any PHC(Primary Health Centre) in Moipith-Baikunthapur GP as one of our area of operations and suffering mothers & children are to cover about 30 Kms to reach the BPHC at Jamtala, Kultali Block HQ. We are making humanitarian appeal to come forward to extend supports so as we can start our existing Health set up for community health & vision care opportunities.

To bring changes in the socio-economic standards among the ultra-poor with a massive trend/tendency towards out-migration to Indian metro-cities in search of daily-wage earning and manage their families under uncertain realities and abject poverty, BTS is keen to undertake small-scale livelihoods promotions to stop the evils of out-migration and human-trafficking including women & girl children. Food Security through agricultural promotions alongwith allied fields of interest to develop Agro-Entrepreneurs and setting up of FPOs(Farmers' Producer Organisations) to enhance agro-production planning as per suitable Crop-Calender vis-a vis building market-chains with ample clarity towards farmers' rights and entitlements, particularly Women-Land Rights(WLR).

I am grateful to express my sincere thankfulness and hearty wishes to all of our friends & supporters; govt-officials and volunteers for exclusively extending their kind supports and recommendations, suggestions and feedbacks to ensure providing development support-services to those who are in great need of development-support services.

Again, I am really delighted and convey my sincere thanks to all of our development partners and community people for their active participation and co-operation so as to make the process meaningful and on-going for the future days to go onward with success and achievements for those we are engaged in this sector for a span of last 37 years.

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SOUTH ASIA VOLUNTARY ENTERPRISE (SAVE-UK)



Mr. Kamal Ranjan Maiti, (77), President

He is B.Sc., B. Ed. a kind-hearted person, a music lover native of village Baikunthapur and a retired teacher of local higher secondary school; associated with BTS since 1989 as president. He guides the organization as a mentor, maintains values and ensures adherence to ethics as well as statutory matters of the organization. his social association inspires BTS to go onward and serve the needy suffering community living deplorably in Sunderban.



Mr. Susanta Giri, (52), Secretary-Director

A brilliant student during his academic days and one of the few from the delta to successfully complete his graduation with Honours in English from the University of Calcutta Mr. Giri came back to his birthplace just after his mother's sudden sad demise. This opened his eyes and made him back and stay in his native village to serve his poor, suffering brothers & sisters in the island areas of Southern Sunderban. He visualizes a world where to see none to die without food or a drop of life-saving medicine, humiliation or violation of human rights...! He has forshaken the sumptuous luxury of life and been leading a very ordinary life with the suffering and pains of his native people. A group of good supporting hands & caring friends in India or Abroad are with him to continue serving the needy and the distressed, vulnerable & the weaker whose cry give sleepless nights to the efforts to extend equality, fraternity and liberty at large just for the humanitarian services to his loving nation-India. He is passionate in staying and loving suffering humanity, feels the pains of the hapless to serve in need of care and concern. This relentless call within the core of his heart makes him true to be a real visionary being ever a strong follower of Swami Vivekananda Tagore and Mother Teresa.



Mr. Haradhan Sahu, (61), Assistant Secretary

He is a higher secondary, associated with BTS as an Assistant Secretary since 1989 and functioning as the Head Teacher in Pathabhaban of organization. He is an enthusiastic person, always cheerful and provides strategic support to his colleagues of the organization. An early associate of BTS to initiate development efforts in the banner of BTS when Mr. Giri came to this field after his mother's sad demise. Mr. Sau's father also donated a plot of land for this cause. He is energetic & co-operative to support the poorest of the poor people living in the villages of Sunderban.



Mr. Haripado Jana, (57), Treasurer

He is a Madhyamik passed, highly experienced in financial management, serving the organization since 2000 as treasurer. In addition to his usual organizational responsibility, he is a teacher of BTS-Pathabhaban School since his involvement in this organization. He share a lot to have a beneficial outcome for the community people in need. Mr. Jana is a music lover and he himself as a musician to attract his music-world fans.



Mrs. Pratima Naiya, (46), Member

Mrs. Naiya is Madhyamik qualified and an ASHA Worker, Deptt. Of H & FW, Govt of West Bengal by profession; in now a BTS Governing Body member though she was a good active and valuable staff of our organisation. She is very much passionate working with children. She is dynamic and experienced in the field of RCH, mother and child health.



Mr. Ranjit Naiya, (62), Member

He is a Madhyamik passed nature lover. Cultivation is his prime occupation and Mr. Naiya is associated with BTS as a GB member since 2004. He is a person of high enthusiasm and dynamic. He is energetic to involve in various social duties and services to respond to his neighbours. He plays a pivotal role to guide our team in many ways. He is really invaluable.



Mrs. Manju Rani Maiti, (47), Member

Mrs. Manju Rani Maiti, an Anganwadi Worker(AWW) , ICDS, Govt of West Bengal has joined again as one of the important Governing Body members since a year back. She is very caring and mutual in understanding during any decision-taking process in the board meeting . She has a demonstrating capacity to introduce new ideas and concepts. She loves to remain busy with children in games and sports or joyful learning as well. She was our former GB member to join us once more to do more things for the society.



Mr. Ajit Kumar Khatua, (46), Member

Mr. Ajit Kumar Khatua, a rural Cultivator with his social service zeal serves our society in many ways starting from taking patients to hospitals in Kolkata to helping neighbours in doing many social services for the benefit of rural poor and suffering humanity. He with his good taste of social association has created a world of loving and caring people around him. He always responsive to execute organizational things required to do for the cause people's good and future betterment. His positive attitude helps us in doing things.



Mrs. Ashalata Das, (56), Member

Being a rural housewife, Mrs. Das has been associated with BTS since 1990 and she functions as a social animator with BTS's women empowerment programme through promoting Self-help groups. She provides strategic support to women SHG cooperative society and monitors its functions jointly working with their Board of Directors. She loves to stay connected with social needs of the time and guides our Board to go ahead.

Senior Management Team as on March31, 2019

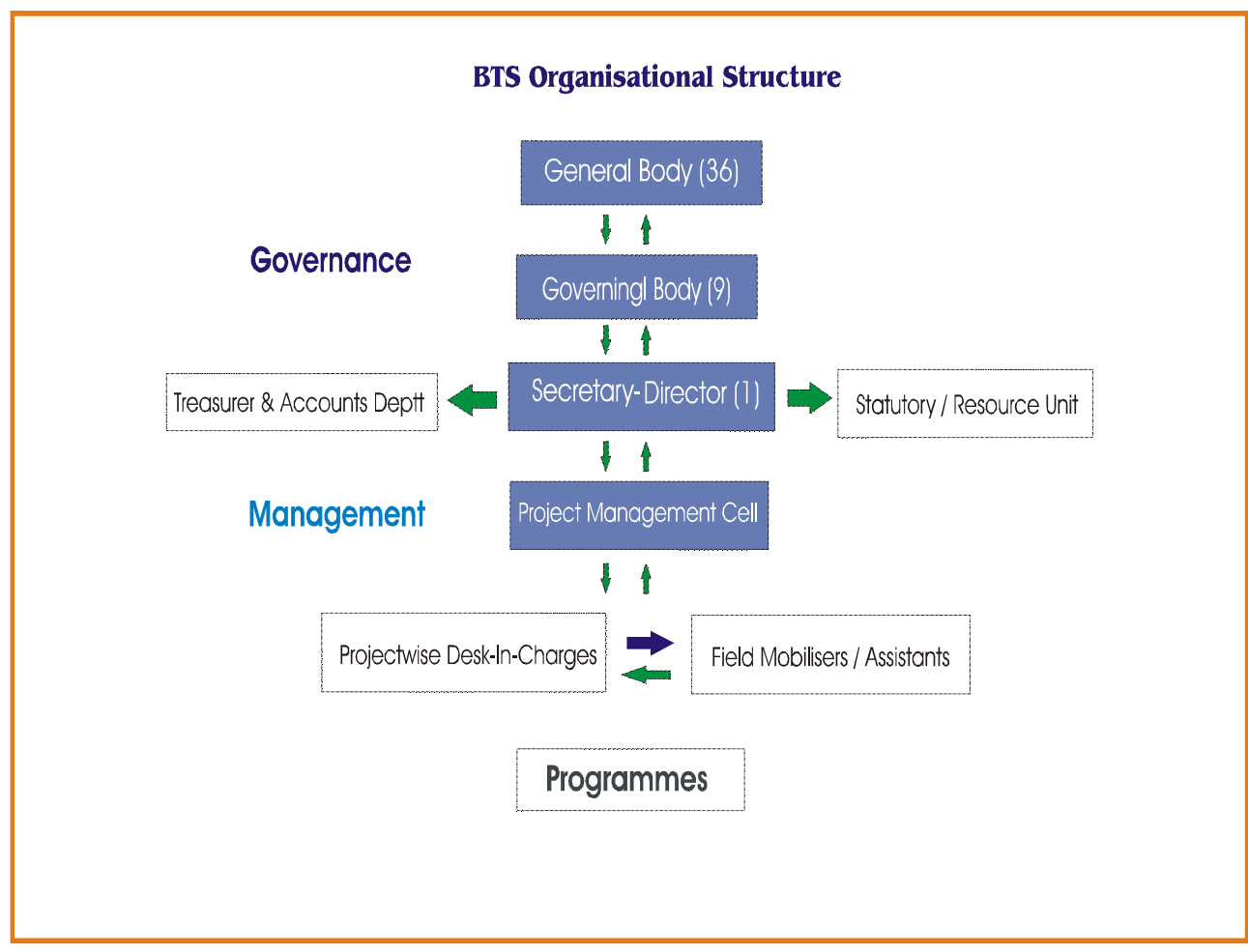
The Senior Management Team is responsible for overseeing daily activities of the organization and guiding middle and field level personnel and volunteers.

| Name | Designation | Name | Designation |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Susanta Giri | Director | Haripada Jana | Financial Operations |
| Sujit Chakraborty | Head of Resource Mobilisation | Indra Sen Das Goutam K Das | Accounts Officer Accountant |
| Haradhan Sau | Head, Staff Operations | Prasad Giri | Head, IT Operations |
| Debasis Giri | Head, Project Cell(DIC) | Prasanta Giri | Head, Cash Department |

| Gross Salary/Month (in Rs.) | Male | Female | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Less than 5000 | 12 | 19 | 31 |
| 5001 – 10000 | 06 | 03 | 09 |
| 10001 – 15000 | 04 | 00 | 04 |
| 15001 – 20000 | 01 | 00 | 01 |
| 20001 – 30000 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| 30001 - 50000 | 01 | 00 | 01 |
| Total | 24 | 22 | 46 |

Travel & Honorarium of Executive Member

Secretary (As Director) : 402,000.00 p.a.
 Asstt. Secretary: 129,600.00 p.a.
 (as Principal of BTS-PathBhavan School)
 Remuneration of highest paid full time regular staff:
 402,000.00 p.a.
 Remuneration of lowest paid full time regular staff: 36,000.00 p.a.
 National Travel in the FY INR 71, 345.00



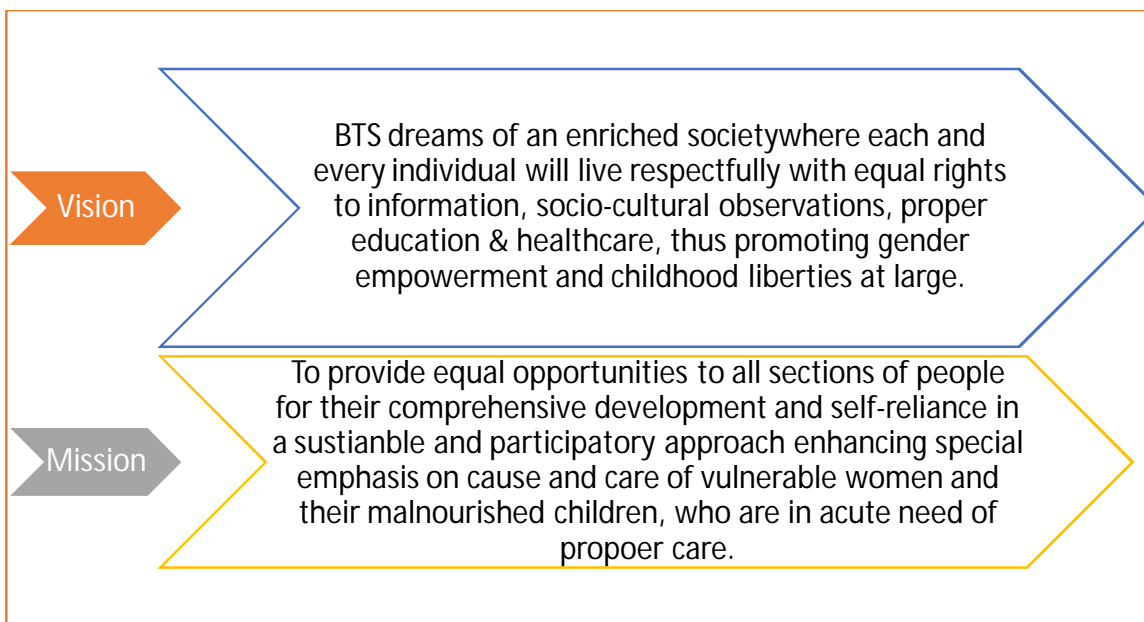
Project Management

| Name | Designation | Area of Operation |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Mr. Susanta Giri | Director | Head of Management |
| Mr. Sujit Chakraborty | Head of Resource M | Resource Mobilisation & Program Advisory |
| Mr. Indra Sen Das | Accounts Officer | Accounts Deptt. |
| Mr. Haradhan Sau | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | BTS-PathBhavan School, Head,Staff Operations |
| Mr. Haripada Jana | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | General Programs, Financial Operations |
| Mrs. Poli Rani Sau | Deak-In-Charge(DIC) | Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP) |
| Mrs. Chandana Maiti | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Pre-School Centre/Proj. Samannay with ICDS |
| Mr. Swapan Sheet | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Sustainable Life & Livelihoods , DRR |
| Mr. Prasad Giri | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Computer Literacy Program, CSP, IT Operations |
| Mr. Ravi Sankar Das | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Attendance & Staff Movement |
| Mr. Bhagirath Das | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Stock & Usage (Genreal) |
| Mrs. Sujata Duari | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Head, Sanitary Napkins Production Unit(SNPU) |
| Mrs. Tusi Maiti | Desk-In-Charge(DIC) | Head, Grameen Usha Silai School |
| Mr. Prasanta Giri | Head | Cash Department |

“ Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service”
-Mother Teresa

History of BTS

In 1978, a group of young people formed Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha as a village youth club for recreational activities for the youths of Baikunthapur village and its adjacent areas of Kultali Block under South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal. In 1982 a massive flood hit the Mpipith island and the youngsters, observing the situation immediately rushed to the flooded areas to help victims through shifting them into safer places, providing them relief with food, water, medicine, blankets & clothing etc. as well as pleading Government for relief and support. These unemployed youth didn't have resource for such services; yet begged donations & subscriptions from the people with their passion. The youth were struck by the extent of poverty amongst the people on one hand and total lack of apathy and support from others. They realized the vulnerability of the people and need to contribute towards organized community development efforts. Thus the resolve to work towards building better facilities for the people in need and thus **Baikunthapur Tarun Sabgha** in brief **BTS** was born.



Organisation Objectives

- Serve the needy coastal vulnerable community people for their comprehensive development
- Develop the livelihood status of disadvantaged people living in nearby reserved forest areas
- Promote empowerment and child rights so that they can change their life style
- Mobilize community people and make them aware of education, health and livelihood opportunities
- Provide access to health services and promote the adoption of better health practices
- Facilitate sustainable livelihood development through training on agriculture, animal husbandry and handicrafts
- Capacitate vulnerable community frequently hit by natural disasters like cyclone & flood
- Undertake effective efforts to conserve and save Sundarbans along with bio-diversity conservation

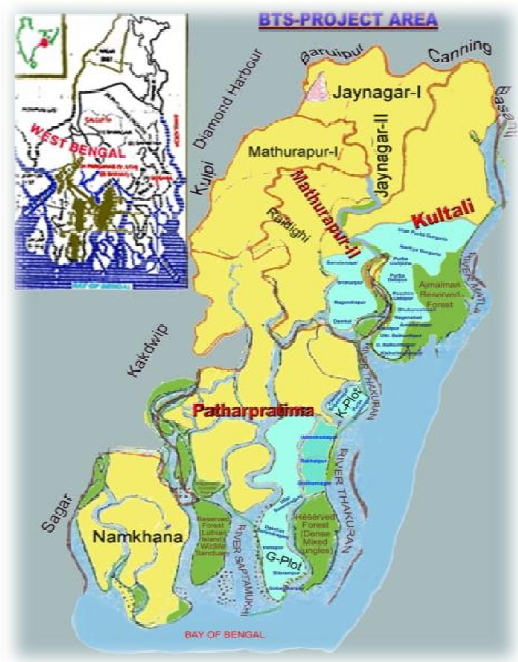
Thematic Area of Operations

- i. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security
- ii. Child Protection and Quality Education.
- iii. Sustainable livelihoods and Women Empowerment
- iv. Climate Change Adaptations and Bio-diversity
- v. CommunityBased Disaster Risk Reduction(CBDRR)
- vi. Mother-Child Health and Nutrition+(MCHN+)
- vii. Renewal Energy& Energy Efficiency
- viii. School WASH & Safe Adolescence
- ix. Care of Older People & Safe Sights Program

Operational area

The organization is operational in 24 villages of four (4) Gram Panchayats under three (4) community development blocks; namely Kultali, Patharpratima, Basanti & Namkhana of South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, India, covering the total population 193,976 directly giving benefits to about 23,753 population.

Sunderban mangrove biosphere has been considered a highly productive ecosystem. This forest globally recognized for its wide biodiversity of mangrove flora and fauna both on land and water and is of immense scientific, anthropological and archaeological interest. It provides a wide range of valuable forest products, maintain estuarine water quality and play crucial role in the life cycle of many commercially important fishes.



Besides these, the acute disgrace of natural disasters like flood & Cyclone, vulnerabilities and other hardships are making the delta people under uncountable impoverishment and exploitation. Absence of sufficient alternative livelihood opportunities is compelling the young population to out-migrate towards metropolitan cities like Kolkata, Bangalore and Mumbai etc. Lack of Regular Electricity with sufficient voltage supply; exclusive bad roads without metal and waterway distance are making the area far-flung and cut-off from other lights of the age. Typically absence of basic healthcare services through PHCs and CHCs with proper emphasis of Maternal Child Health with nutrition care, care to the old and feeble, Illiteracy among the Scheduled Caste and particularly Schedule Tribes are very poor.

Now a day, due to absence of climate resilient measures, massive depletion of ground water strata rapidly as people using ground water for irrigation during winter and summer, trafficking among women and adolescent girls, prevailing domestic violence against women and girl child are the emerging issues in the locality to address.

Disclosures

| Date of last Governing Board Meetings | Date | No. of Members Present | Agenda |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---|
| | 26.02.2019 | 07 | Approval of last GB meeting |
| | | | Status of on-going projects |
| | | | Due-Deligenche for Smile Foundation, ND |
| | | | Mou sign with WWF-India for IFS at Deulbari |
| Last three Annual General Meeting | 19.09.2016 | 37 | Resolution from last AGM |
| | | | Approval of Audit & Annual Report 2015-16 |
| | | | Appointment of Auditor for FY 2016-17 |
| | | | Strategic Budget Plan for next 5 years |
| | | | |
| | 26.09.2017 | 33 | Resolution from last AGM |
| | | | Approval of Audit & Annual Report 2016-17 |
| | | | Appointment of Auditor for FY 2017-18 |
| | | | Formation of Board for FY 2018-19 & 2020-21 |
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| | 26.09.2018 | 37 | Resolution from last AGM |
| | | | Approval of Audit & Annual Report 2017-18 |
| | | | Appointment of Auditor for FY 2018-19 |

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." -Helen Keller

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security

Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP):

As Post-Aila Food Security initiatives through Land Reclamation & bio-farming techniques development process in the aila-affected 24 target villages in 2 coastal CD Blocks-Kultali & Patharpratima, Sunderban, BTS has been implementing having support of **AID (Association of India's Development), USA** with the purpose of promoting chemical free agricultural practices by building capacities of small and marginal farmers on preparation and using of organic manure, bio-fertilizers and pesticides with available local resources. There is also a major component is promoting community managed Seeds Banks with traditional, salt tolerant indigenous varieties of paddy, oil seeds and vegetables crops. Since last 06 years BTS emphasizing on development of marketing chains of agri-produces to Kolkata and other outlets to enhance economic sustenance.



Farmer's trainings were organized at **Farmers' School of Learning-Kisan Pathshala** on the issues of resisting salinity of soil; promote greening, river-mud analysis, IPM/ICM etc. **Farmers' Eco-Clubs** have been formed to challenge the issues upcoming as a result of Climate Change. The organization is continuing 'Farmer's school of learning' for management of local natural resources and this has been proved as best means of learning on bio-farming and bio-diversity conservation in the sphere of Climate-Smart (resilient) farming-community development to adapt/address climate-shocks like cyclone or floods which is very common in Sunderban.



Achievements at a glance:

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| No. of Blocks covered | 02 |
| No. of Villages covered | 24 |
| No. of Farmers adopted organic farming practices | 15,189 |
| No. of Agri-entrepreneurships created | 251 |
| Access market outlets in numbers | 04 |
| Area brought under organic farming in Acres | 3817 |



Child Protection & Quality Education

BTS-PathBhavan School

BTS-Path Bhavan, a model school is running by the organization since 1983 for needy, poor and first generation learners. BTS-Path Bhavan is the first initiative as model school with joyful learning facilities in Kultali CD Block. Presently, there are **200 students** in Six Classes from Preparatory(LKG) to Standard –IV. In addition to Joyful Learning, the children are given cooked food as nutritional and healthcare support, vocational skills (making chalk, mud dolls, seating mats), computer literacy, exposure visits, bio-diversity and climate change education as part of Environmental Education are also included in course curriculum. BTS also included in curriculum that promotion of hygiene



education, save water campaigning, hand washing, etc. Safe drinking water and sanitation (WASH) facilities through construction of School Sanitary Blocks both for boys and girls in the school has enhanced the health and hygiene habits of the students. In addition to that, landscaping and beautification of the school premises by planting of flower-trees not only adds to the aesthetics but also provides a cheerful and nurturing environment.

BTS has been managing a child-friendly and value-education based classrooms with recreational and joyful learning arrangements. The newly introduced Child Parliament has been formed towards regular monitoring on **mid-day meals with nutritional opportunities supported by SAVE-UK & HNF-CAF through Smile Foundation**, water, sanitation & hygiene, games & cultural events, solid waste management with segregation of wastes. **Asha for Education– USA and Smile Foundation** both are supporting this model school program for a longtime partnership. BTS is also running a well-equipped **Children Resource Library** for the school students. BTS also provides free books to students, school uniforms, hygiene materials, etc. for enabling the poor parents' economic burden- free and to



send their loving ones to regular schooling without involving them in the livelihood activities like fishing, crabbing and small farming. The monthly health check-up with free medicines, promotion of Yoga & Meditation, AYUSH are also continuing for the students in school.

Beside these , BTS-PathBhavan has been imparting computer education through its **Computer Literacy Program(CLP)** having supports from **Medha(Kolloi Women Forum), USA**. Interested children are given training both on theory & practical classes in 3 days/week. A good trainer, a brainware student, from the locality is there to make the children smart in learning computer with digital literacy.



BTS-Pre School centres & Project Samannay with ICDS

Project ICDS-Sammanya (a collaborative and innovative project with Anganwadi iCentres of Integrated Child Development Scheme of Govt.) is continuing with 28 AwangadiCenters in both Kultali and Patharpratima Block since 2009 with the support of **BIBHA-USA**. The main purpose of the project is to develop mental, physical and social growth among pre-school aged children attending in anganwadicentres.



BTS's intervention in the project is to minimize the gaps for running anganwadicentres. All the gaps (irregularities of attendance, services, inadequate infrastructures, monitoring, etc.) are identified collectively with

government, panchayats, parents and Anganwadi Workers. BTS organizes monthly health check-ups with medical doctors and Yoga for children by engaging expert. BTS provides numbers of trained staffs, preparation of participatory TLMs and using TLMs in centres. Besides these BTS also organized Anganwadi Workers trainings, awareness sessions for mothers, support on nutrition gardening, etc.



02 nos. of **Crèche cum Pre-School Centre (PSC)** are running for the children of working parents since 2002-03. Total 50 children are attending regularly. The project is under the Rajib Gandhi National Crèche Program, **WCD, Central Social Welfare Board in collaboration with Directorate of ICDS and Women & Child Development, Govt. of West Bengal.**

Bibha-USA is also supporting to both centres since 2012-13 for the enhancement of quality of the centres by providing uniform, TLMs, teachers trainings, nutrition supplementation, etc.

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| No. of Blocks covered | 02 |
| No. of AnganwadiCentres | 28 |
| No. of children benefitted | 837 |
| No. of Pre-School Centres operated | 02 |
| No. of children attending in Pre-School Centre | 50 |
| Types of TLMs developed and practices in Centres | 14 |
| No. of AnganwadiCentres Upgraded with SishuAloy | 06 |



BTS-Child Sponsorship Program

Students Sponsorship is one of the thrust areas in mainstreaming of education program of BTS.



BTS continues with education support to needy brilliant students for higher study under Child Sponsorship Program (CSP) up to matriculation, Students Sponsorship Program (SSP) for the higher secondary students, Talent Sponsorship (TSP) for students reading in higher studies. A numbers of individual well-wishers called **Friends of Kolkata & Abroad** from both within and outside country

are donating for this program. Children from poorest of the poor marginal families in disadvantaged situation to bear their children's educational expenses and usually make them stop going to their school, a heaven for their childhood dreams and aspirations and involve them as Domestic Child Worker in place of childhood education.

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| No. of Blocks covered | 02 |
| No. of students benefited under CSP | 90 |
| No. of students benefited under SSP | 08 |
| No. of students benefited under TSP | 07 |
| Total No. of Students under CSP | 105 |



Distribution of Educational Materials



Sustainable Livelihoods & Women Empowerment

Project JibanJibika (Livelihoods Development) a sustainable livelihood intervention program for the marginalized widows of tiger & crocodile affected families and ultra-poor widows by supporting livestock assets e.g. poultry birds and goat rearing. The project is supported by **People Progressive in India (PPI), USA**. Total 451 widows were supported (Goatery-100 & Poultry Birds-351) during last three years. During the reporting year BTS made an impact study on improvement of livelihood of such families that supported with livelihoods assets. The overall impact of the program is enhanced income by selling goat-kids, eggs and chicken. It has also been observed that a few (8%) of the beneficiaries supported with poultry birds are not able to enhance income due to mortality of birds. All the goats supported beneficiaries have increased income of Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 12,000 by selling goats.

Project Swabalamban(Self Reliance) is the continuation in coming years with value addition of interventions like skill development in wood craft and repairing of two wheelers motorbike alongwith poultry & Goat farming for youth of tiger and crocodile affected families and enhance income from livelihood assets being provided a part. The project would be continuing upto September in 2020 and next there are 2 years more to work on the initiatives with target achieved towards self-reliance and economic stability.



Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction

Bread for the World (BfW) and CASA–New Delhi supported **“Sustainable life and livelihood of rural people through promotion of community based Disaster Risk Reduction in Sundarban deltaic communities”** since October 2015 to March, 2019 as first phase of the operations. The overall goal of the project is **“Women and men are empowered and adopted livelihood resilience models to attain food security through collective and sustainable approach in the disaster prone Sundarban deltaic villages”**. The project is implementing in 05 villages of Kultali Block with coverage of 530



numbers of most vulnerable marginalized families. The major intervention of the project is building capacities among the members of various community organizations and groups to secure rights and entitlements.

The following community based organizations and groups have been formed capacitated in participatory planning, implementation, advocacy & lobbying skills, disaster risk reduction measures, control of violence against women & girl child, economic and gender awareness, etc.

| Total number of Groups Formed | Type of Groups | Total Number of Members under each Group |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 05 | Women Pressure Groups | 50 |
| 05 | Farmers Groups | 50 |
| 05 | DMTF Groups | 50 |
| 05 | Youth Groups | 50 |



Social, Economical and Ecological changes observed as our beneficiaries are mobilising resources from the PRI (self Govt.) & different income generating efforts are initiating along with conservation of environmental issues.

Social Change: the intervention communities are specially Minority and Poor dominated areas. previously people were not aware about the govt. facilities, their entitlements and benefits which they can access. but, after conducting some sensitization meetings on different govt. schemes like - Old Age Pension, Widow Pension, JSY, SASPFAU, MGNREGA & PDS under NFSA, people are coming out of their own interest and voluntarily discussing on the issues and problems pertaining in accessing the benefits.

Community people oriented about the role and function of Gram Sansad in the village. Targeted beneficiaries are oriented on same and assured to take active part in it.

Economical Changes: The rural areas of Sundarvan are represented by the territories outside the administrative boundaries of the cities various types of villages boroughs and their environs with a certain population, definite living conditions, mode of life, based on regional culture and specific activities. Sundarvan has good condition for developments of agriculture and rural settlements, sufficient agricultural resource and their natural productivity, a high proportion of reclaimed lands, and climatic conditions, which are supportive of Dairy, Poultry and Meat Farming, vegetables, etc. during this reporting period, BTS conduct some demand based training programme at BTS centrally. like Poultry, Goatry, and some farming like Floating garden, Hemline Garden and Nutrition Garden through organic process.

Ecological Changes: People of Sundarban is basically dependent on mangroves. In their daily life, community people used to cut the mangrove trees and use the same as fuels as, their primary source. Due to lack of protection and conservation of mangrove became a challenge for the organization. During this reporting period, organization conducted some awareness generation meeting on the benefits of mangrove protection and conservation. To some extent, community people knew the benefits of mangrove protection, and the ill effects of deforestation of mangrove and also effects on climate change for cutting down the mangrove trees from the river bank areas.

The changes have been measured with following indicators

- i. Atleast 500 beneficiaries from target villages are having access to existing Govt welfare schemes [like NREGS, JSY, ICDS, Enrolment in Schools, IAY, etc].
- ii. DRR Plan is in place in all 5 targeted communities along with active presence of 5 DMTF (Disaster Mitigation Task Force) team at respective community.
- iii. Women are actively participating in governance process & in household decision making.
- iv. Women are actively participating in governance process & in household decision making.
- v. Organization is develop one Gender Mainstreaming Policy and ensures proper execution

The second phase of the project is continuing for another five years w.e.f. from April 2019 with increasing the numbers of beneficiary families from 530 to 600 in all five existing villages.

Women SHGs & Cooperative: BTS organizes women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and later has promoted a women cooperative society –**Kultali Mahila Bikash Co-Operative Credit Society Ltd.(KMBCS)** with the recognition of **ARCS, Govt. of West Bengal**. This Women Cooperative has initiated various activities like; managing bank with credit, savings and depositing. Beside this, making sanitary napkins and trading towards promoting menstrual hygiene among rural women and adolescent girls, various income generating trainings for women.

Salient achievements of women cooperative

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| No of women shareholders in the cooperative | |
| Amount in Rupees in deposits | |
| Amount in Rupees of Credit disbursed | |
| No. of women trained in various income generating activities | |

Climate Change Adaptations & Bio-diversity

A. WWF – supported project on Bio-Diversity Conservation and Climate smart livelihood promotion:

WWF supporting BTS for implementing few study-related projects like Energy Access Study, Fishermen Social Study , **Fishermen Livelihoods (landing & House Holds Studies in this FY 2018-19** alongwith the current project on conservation and regeneration of bio-diversity through **building resilience of the forest communities in Sunderban** from March 2019 onwards. During the reporting year, BTS implemented climate change and climate smart alternative livelihood intervention to forest and river dependant marginalized families in Deulbari Gram Panchayat under Kultali CD Block, South 24 Parganas. Total 83 Numbers of forest-fringe, forest-dependent families supported with integrated farming in an organic manner, backyard poultry, duckery, goat rearing, homestead plantation, etc.

B. Sustainable Water Resource Management(SWRM)

We all knows that rain water is only source of water. The infiltration of rain water increases ground water strata that uses for human consumption of people living in Sundarbans by fetching water through tube wells with hand pumps. But, last 15 years the ground water is using in irrigation irrationally for the agricultural production. Farmers constructed bore wells with bigger diameter of pipes and lifting water continuously by using motorized high horse power submersible pumps that resulting massive depletion (4 - 6 Metres) of ground water and many hand pumps are not working properly. Now a day, it is also observed that people used to take bath from tube well water it was not happening earlier as they all were went to ponds. So, misuse of water is one of the major issues due to lack of awareness among people including farmers.



In this situation, people needs to be sensitized to save & reduce the misuse of water and to educate people through “ **Save Water Campaigns**” in the operational villages in Kultali & Patharpratima blocks under Sundarban deltaic region. In collaboration with JGVK, Basanti and

having supports from UBU-Denmark through JGVK, BTS has started initiating the project intervention during the FY 2018-19.

C. **Climate Change Adaptation** – To build Climate-Smart Communities on various measures of Climate Change Adaptations like; promotion of climate smart agricultural practices, introduction of low water requirement crops, integrated water management techniques. Beside these, BTS also building awareness on save water and environmental regenerations among school children, SHGs and Community based organizations through IEC materials, role plays by involving school students and village meetings.

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| No of Schools covered | 18 |
| No. of Community Awareness camps organized | 36 |
| No. of communities covered | 12 |
| No. of farmers adopted climate smart agricultural practices | 15,189 |

Mother-Child Health & Nutrition +

BTS has continuous initiative promoting safe motherhood and child health care in distant island areas of Sundarbans, as there is no health institution for health care especially antenatal & postnatal cares. The organization has its own trained community health workers (CHW), supervisors and other supportive staff to provide health care support to the people of deprived communities. The community health workers conduct regular home visits, identify



pregnant women especially of high risk (HR) category and provide basic antenatal care and advice attending doctors for institutional care. BTS established one **Rural Community Hospital** through which institutional pregnancy & lactating mother cares are provided. **Telemedicines, Outreach screening camps for high risk pregnant women** are organized in the communities and referred HR pregnant women to health institutions for special care(s).



BTS has been conducting Medical Camps with general physicians & specialist doctors and the suffering mother & children including common community people are getting treatment facility. **Peerless Group CSR Deptt.** Has supported this **Medical Camps initiatives** here in Kultali, Sunderban.

BTS has started Tele Medicine Services to the suffering patients in collaboration with **Arogya Bahini Trust, Kolkata** having supports from **Tata Trusts**.



School Wash & Safe Adolescence

Kolkata Gives is with BTS to lead the women SHG-Sundari to manufacture Sanitary Napkins in a low-cost manner to supply rural adolescent-girl children towards Safe Adolescence and even to poor housewives at a cheaper rate than market price not usually affordable for them due to their low-income or absolute impoverishment. Sanitary Napkins..! while



bearing educational expenses to them a dream indeed. BTS presently supplied to 1550 rural girl school goes at adolescent stage at Rs. 5/- only per 2 packs per month with supports from **Sneh**



Foundation, Kolkata. BTS SNPU has started to supply the napkins from the month of July 2018 and it has become a great effort for BTS to empower and facilitate the whole process to bring Sundari in the local market.

BTS has been exploring financial supports from any donor/CSR to work on School WASH by improving WASH infrastructures in the high schools in Kultali where the WASH infrastructure is very very low and typically absent and it's a complete threat to safe adolescence particularly in the coastal block of Kultali, Sunderban. Running Water supply to toilets, wash rooms, poor condition and absence of toilets and wash rooms, disposal rooms, change rooms etc. are essential needs in the schools here.



Care of Older People & Safe Sights Program

In collaboration with **Sneh Foundation , Kolkata** we have initiated the **OSP(Oldage Support Program)-Ashahay Bardhakshya** to be a part of the oldage people living in a very miserable



situation out of our imagination. BTS has started to provide 20 such old and feeble in Kultali and supplying monthly basis a package of foodgrains including rice, dal, edible oil, nutrela, potato, Atta, puffed rice(Muri) etc. for 30 days. **There are 100 such helpless oldage people who need your kind support to keep themselves fed with care and concern** so that the old and the infirm may find solace to think of a world of love & friendship.

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."
-Mahatma Gandhi

Registration and Empanelment

West Bengal Societies Registration Act 1961

Registration Number: S/39842 of 1982-1983
Date: 29th January, 1983

Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 1976

Registration Number: 147110395
Date: 10th January, 1996

Section 12A Income Tax Act 1961

Order Number: DIT(E)/T-160/8E/35/1995-96
Date: 25th March, 1996

Section U/S 80G(5)(VI) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Perpetual)

Order Number: DIT(E)/8E/35/1995-96/3367/7485
Date: 12th February, 2012

Permanent Account Number (PAN)

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Tax Deduction Account Number (TAN)

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-Martin Luther King Jr.