



38TH ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20



Vulnerability

Climate Justice

Smart Community

"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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In our sweet memory



OUR BELOVED...EVER RESPECTED

CHITTA BABU

Always remembered

From the Desk of the Secretary



Dear Friends in Service

I have an opportunity here to present before you our 38th Annual Report. This report highlights what we achieved during the year 2019-20. I would like to place on record my huge appreciation to our supporters, friends, staff and volunteers for making it possible to reach some 26,972 people directly and to some extent 196,839 people indirectly in the deltaic remote villages in Sundarban, West Bengal of India.

Cyclones named Fani in April & Bulbul in November in 2019 destroyed standing crops, trees, shelters and cattle in Sundarban. Many people lost shelters and assets. Moreover, COVID-19 pandemic Phase-I wave stopped our globe in March 2020. In this crisis, a lot of well-wishers, internationally reputed organizations like Asha for Education-USA, Vibha-USA, AID-USA, Oak Foundation-Switzerland, Praxis, Bread for the World(BftW)-Germany & CASA, People for Progress in India-USA, KFW-NJ DBA Medha, WWF-India, Smile Foundation-New Delhi, Bhalobasa ONLUS, West Bengal SC, ST & OBC Corpn.-Govt of WB, Linde Global Support Service(CSR), Central Social Welfare Board-Govt of India & ICDS Directorate-Govt of WB, Sneh Foundation-Kolkata, L & PND Memorial Trust- Kolkata and many individual well-wishers and donors like Ruby Basu, Sharmila Basu, Sanket Roy, B B Bhowmik, Samrat Banik, Sudeshna Mukherjee, Dr. Dipankar Datta and his B B Foundation, Partha Saha, Soumen Manna, Dr. Goutam Das, Ritesh Ghosh, Satyabrata Manna and more extended their humanitarian assistance for continuing relief operations along with post-disaster restoration initiatives to the affected families in Sunderban.

We all have been working together for a common value of seeking out to the unreached Sundarban—whether it is children, mothers, migrants and other vulnerable people being helped to amplify their voices towards sustainable development. Climate change resilient and adaptation are the most important issues in the Sundarban. BTS is emphasizing through motivation and community-led adaptation practices, promoting women entrepreneurs, community based disaster risks reduction etc.

I would also like to thank our board members, civil society leaders, community leaders, private sector partners, local panchayats and the government officials, who gave their best and joined hands in our mission to reach out to the victims.

I invite you to give your valuable time, share your talents and expertise by volunteering with us.

Thanking you all

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OUR SPIRITED TEAM MEMBERS



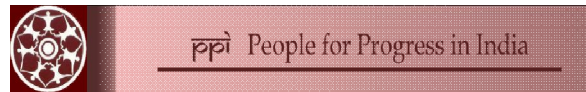
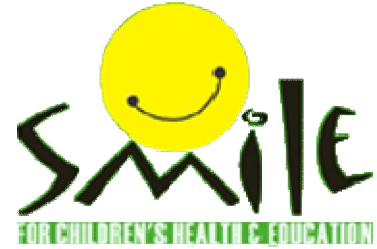
Miles to go before we sleep, miles to go....!

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

Helen Keller



Our Supporting Partners



SOUTH ASIA VOLUNTARY ENTERPRISE (SAVE-UK)



Board of Directors



Mr. Kamal Ranjan Maiti, (78), 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, (53), 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 forsaken 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, (62), 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. Sahu'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. Haripada Jana, (58), 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 shares 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, (47), 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, (63), 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, (48), 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, (68), 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, (57), 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, 2020

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	Program Advisor & 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)	Debprasad Sardar	Head, General Affairs

Gross Salary/Month (in Rs.)	Male	Female	Total
Less than 5000	04	21	25
5001 – 10000	14	01	15
10001 – 15000	03	00	03
15001 – 20000	01	00	01
20001 – 30000	00	00	00
30001 - 50000	01	00	01
Total	23	22	45

Travel & Honorarium of Executive Member

Secretary (As Director) : 492,000.00 p.a.

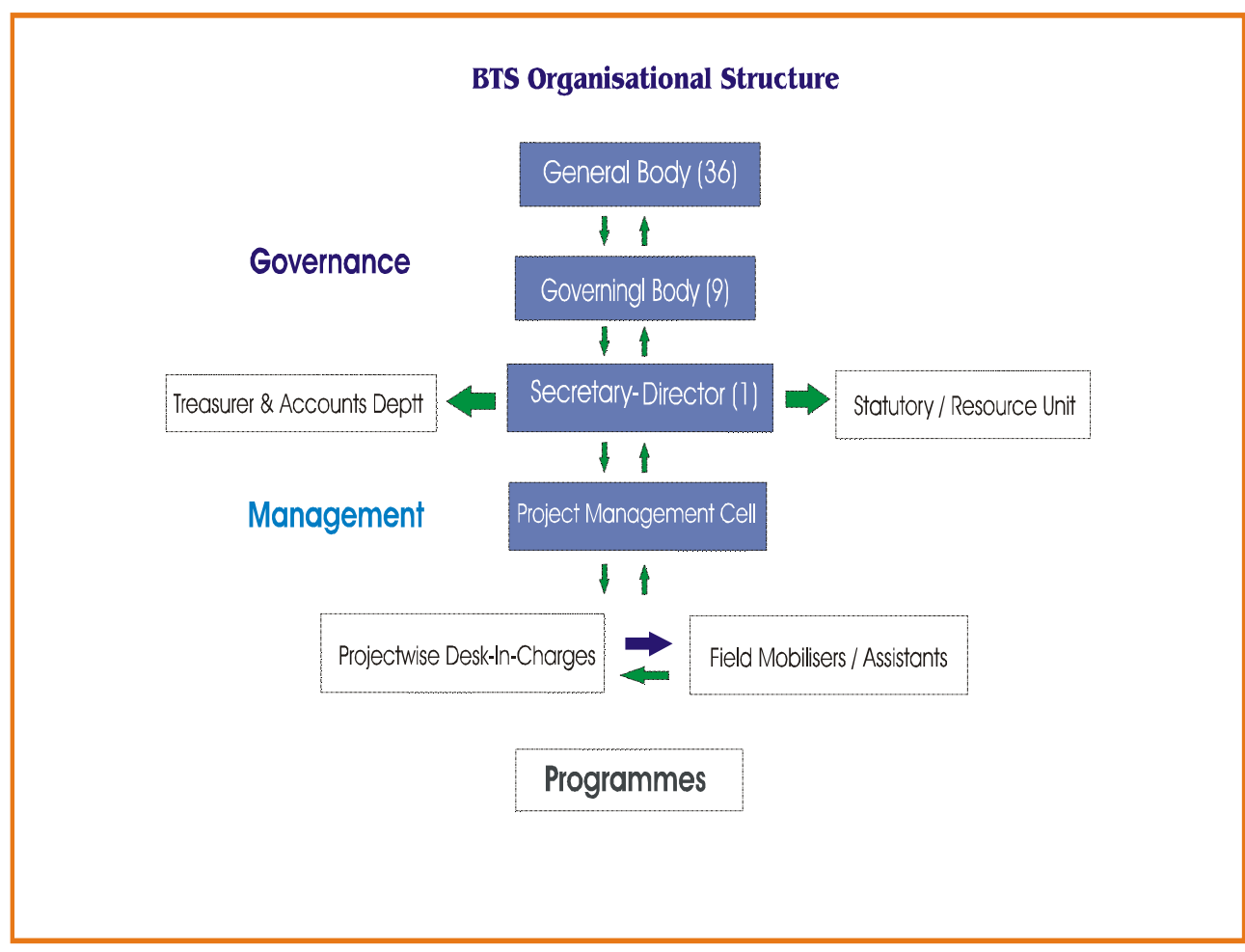
Asstt. Secretary: 141,600.00 p.a.(as Principal of BTS-PathBhavan School)

Treasurer as Coordinator : 120,000 p.a.

Remuneration of highest paid full time regular staff:

492,000.00 p.a.

Remuneration of lowest paid full time regular staff: 38,400.00 p.a.



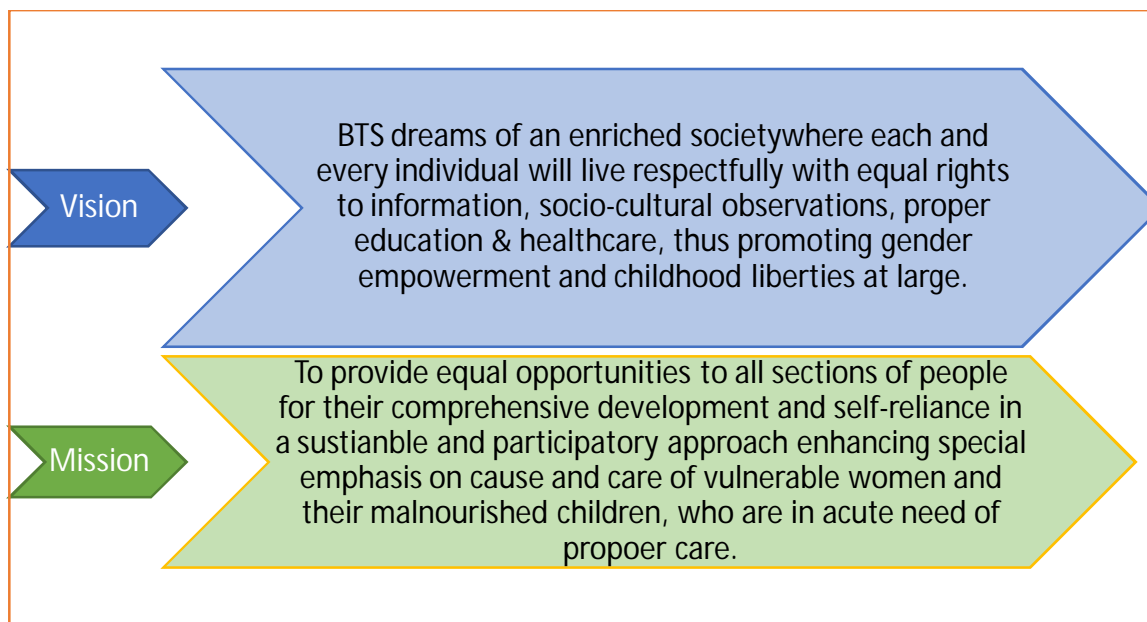
Project Management

Name	Designation	Area of Operation
Mr. Susanta Giri	Secretary-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. Sujit Raul	Deak-In-Charge(DIC)	Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP)
Mrs. Chandana Maiti	Desk-In-Charge(DIC)	Pre-School Centre/Proj. Samannay with ICDS
Mr. Debasis Giri	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. Debprasad Sardar	Manager	Head, General Affairs

“ 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. Child Protection and Quality Education.
- ii. Climate Adaptive Natural Farming & Food Security
- iii. Sustainable livelihoods and Women Empowerment
- iv. Climate Change Adaptations and Bio-diversity
- v. Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction(CBDRR)
- vi. Mother-Child Health and Nutrition+(MCHN+)
- vii. School WASH & Safe Adolescence
- viii. Care of Older People & Safe Sights Program
- ix. Disaster Relief & Restoration

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 196,839 directly giving benefits to about 26,971 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.

Strategies of our organization

BTS has been following the below-mentioned strategies to implement the programs in a proper way:

- Proper collaboration with Gram Panchayats or local self-government institutions (PRIs) & government line departments to ensure providing different basic services to the community in need.
- Making relationship with others NGOs/CSOs/FPOs/Cooperatives for implementing different programs and development initiatives at the grassroots level in an effective way.
- Promotion of different organizations or people's groups at the community level for accessing services from the government and others sources.
- Taking part in different decision-making body on various issues at the block and district level for proper implementation of the projects and programs.
- Develop alternative model on different issues for influencing the community people and local policy makers.
- Join different networks and alliances on the issues of natural resource management, education, child protection for strengthening their activities.
- Promote Community-led development process to amplify community voice towards local development and need based people's participation.
- Reiterate Climate Adaptive practices towards ecological restoration and climate-smart livelihoods promotion.
- Strengthen VLCPC to reduce and stop child, especially girl child trafficking and early child marriage in the operational villages in Sunderban.
- Organise development initiatives through Youth Leadership Development & Social Entrepreneurship Development Programs (SEDP) to skill-up & reduce unemployabilities.

Sustainable Agriculture Project & Food Security

Post-Aila Food Security initiatives through Land Reclamation & bio-farming techniques development process started in the aila-affected 24 target villages in 2 coastal CD Blocks-Kultali & Patharpratima, Sunderban, BTS has been implementing the bio-farming efforts 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 07 years BTS has



been emphasizing on development of marketing chains of agricultural products to Kolkata and other outlets to enhance economic sustenance of the marginal producers, the farmers.

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 Adaptation initiatives. The organization is continuing 'Farmer's school of learning(FSL)' 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 islands.



No. of Blocks covered	02
No. of Villages covered	24
No. of Farmers adopted organic farming practices	17,689
No. of Agri-entrepreneurships created	259
Access market outlets in numbers	04
Area brought under organic farming in Acres	4025



Child Protection & Quality Education

BTS-PathBhavan School



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 aided by **Asha for Education, USA** 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-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),



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 Meal with nutritional opportunities supported by **HNF-CAF-India 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(Kollol Women Forum-NJ), 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 Centres of Integrated Child Development Scheme, Govt. of WB) is continuing with 32 Awangadi Canters in both Kultali and Patharpratima Block since 2009 with the support of **VIBHA-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.

No. of Blocks covered	02
No. of AnganwadiCentres	32
No. of children benefitted	876
No. of Pre-School Centres operated	02
No. of children attending in Pre-School Centre	50
Types of TLMs developed and practices in Centres	15
No. of Anganwadi Centres Upgraded with SishuAloy	06



BTS-Child Sponsorship Program

Students Sponsorship Program(CSP) 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.

No. of Blocks covered	02
No. of students benefited under CSP	70
No. of students benefited under SSP	20
No. of students benefited under TSP	04
Total No. of Students under CSP	94

Distribution of Educational Materials



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Sustainable Livelihoods & Women Empowerment

Project JibanJibika (Livelihoods Development) Phase-II as Project Swabalamban(Self Reliance) is 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 alongwith Skill development for Carpentry and Two-Wheeler repairing. The project is supporting by **People Progressive in India (PPI), USA**. Total 100 widows were supported (Goatery-50 & Poultry Birds- 50) during the year.



Project Swabalamban(Self Reliance) is value addition of interventions like skill development in wood craft and repairing of two wheelers motorbike alongwith poultry & Goat farming for youth and tiger/crocodile affected families



and enhance income from livelihood assets being provided as a part of the effort. The same project has been



interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic this year and planned to be implemented after the COVID-19 wave is over or normal to perform in the coming year or so.

Women Empowerment: International Women's Day

This year on behalf of BTS in collaboration with Kultali Mahila Bikash Cooperative Credit Society Ltd. observed the International Women's Day



Sustainable Life & Livelihood through Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction

Bread for the World (BfW) through **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 the 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 Phase-II w.e.f. from April 2019 with increasing the numbers of beneficiary families from 530 to 600 in all five existing villages of Kultali Block. 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	65
05	Farmers Groups	60
05	DMTF Groups	75
05	Youth Groups	55

Social, Economical and Ecological changes observed as our beneficiaries are mobilising resources from the PRI (self Govt.) & different income generating efforts are initiating alongwith 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 the same and assured to take active part in it.

Economical Changes: The rural areas of Sundarban 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. Sundarban 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, Gotary, 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 tress 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 of the 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 tress from the river bank areas.

The changes have been measured with following indicators:

- Atleast 561 beneficiaries from target villages are having access to existing Government welfare schemes [like NREGS, JSY, ICDS, Enrolment in Schools, IAY, etc].
- 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.
- Women are actively participating in governance process & in household decision making.
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- Organization is develop one Gender Mainstreaming Policy and ensures proper execution



Climate Change Adaptations & Bio-diversity

WWF-India supported project on Bio-Diversity Conservation and Climate Smart Livelihood promotion in Sunderban this year. WWF supported BTS for implementing few study-related projects like Energy Access Study, Fishermen Social Study , **Fishermen Livelihoods (landing & House Holds Studies in this FY 2019-20** alongwith the current project on conservation and regeneration of bio-diversity through **building resilience of the forest communities in Sunderban** through IFS(Integrated



Farming System) to 83 HHs in Deulbari village and 65 HHs in Baikunthapur village in Kultali. BTS implemented climate change and climate smart alternative livelihood intervention to forest and river dependant marginalized



families in Deulbari & Baikunthapur Gram Panchayat under Kultali CD Block, South 24 Parganas. Total 148 Numbers of forest-fringe, forest-dependent families supported with integrated farming in an organic manner, backyard poultry, duckery, goat rearing, homestead plantation, etc. The main object was to reduce and stop going into the reserve forest areas for livelihoods generation.

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 irratically 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 also for the FY 2019-20.



Disaster Relief & Restoration



Relief and restoration supports from few Humanitarian and Development Organisations like PPI-USA, Asha for Education-USA, Tech Mahindra Foundation, OAK Philanthropy-Switzerland, L & PND Memorial Yrurst, Kolkata and others to reach out to the COVID-19 and Cyclone FANI, Bulbul affected families in different parts of Sunderban.

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. 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.



Care of Older People & Safe Sights Program

In collaboration with 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.**



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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ATN(Anti-Trafficking Network)
CFC-West Bengal

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-Martin Luther King Jr.

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BTS Secretary Mr. Susanta Giri receiving the recognition from the CEO, Smile Foundation, New Delhi