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...a glimpse to feel the vulnerability !!



The area where we work for the underserved and the vulnerable small & marginal farmers or fishermen or forest-fringe-people are under the control of Sunderban Bio-sphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve Zone which is usually in every year troubled by the natural disasters like flood and cyclone creating a huge damage in the life of the poor and the malnourished. They always struggle for their existence .

Poverty, Malnutrition & Food insecurity, unemployment & migration to metro-cities for alternative livelihoods, gender discrimination, casteism, illiteracy , child and women abuse , insanitation and health hazards due to non-availability of minimum basic healthcare as there is no rural health centre or hospitals to serve them with a drop of emergency medicine or treatment by a qualified doctor in absolute need generally create panics in the lives of the islanders...!

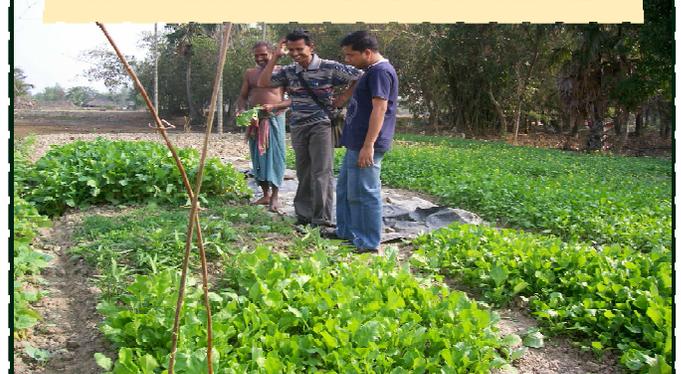
BTS expands its intervention with the local Govt. Schools of Primary Education along with a strong participation with PRIs and Gram Unnayan Samities to explore need-based development possibilities and reflection exchange with a motto to promote rights-based empowerment & equality. Besides, BTS has established its strong partnership with local PRIs and Govt authorities to empower our reference people living in the delta of World's the most popular Mangrove Forest Areas under the territory of Sunderban, The World Heritage Site as declared by UNESCO.



Undernutrition is responsible for almost half (45%) of all child deaths under five(5). Nearly 2 billion people worldwide can not access or afford sufficient nutritious foods and live with a chronic shortage of vital micronutrients-a condition known as hidden hunger which prevents them from reaching their full mental, physical and economic potential. Situation of Children living in Sunderban coastal rural villages are too worst to tackle it..but we can change it as we know which interventions work to improve nutrition. Optimal nutrition-whether through dietary diversification, supplementation or fortification-improves maternal, infant and young child health (MIYCN) and increases a country's GDP by upto 8%.

So, BTS has been promoting evidence-based advocacy(SAM), Organic Home Gardening, capacity building to prepare nutimix type nutritious food to address MIYCN(Maternal Infant and Young Child Nutrition). BTS has been improving capacities of mothers & children so as to produce nutrients through bio-farming in their homeated land and prepare lowcost nutri-mix type foods/diets for their children to combat malnutrition.

Model Nutrition Garden at BTS Bio-Instructional Farm



LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Project Jiban Jeevika)

was initiated to ensure economic upliftment and social rehabilitation for the widows, specially the Tiger & the Crocodile widows in a very vulnerable situation. PPI-USA has come forward to support them through a 3 year project started from 2013-14 and to be ended in the year 2015-16. Jiban-Jeevika Group formation, capacity building on animal husbandry (Poultry farming. Duck Rearing, Goat farming alongwith Seed Capital support through providing country-breeds to enhance income generation and economic stability in such an age of infirmity and inability.



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BTS-Rural Community Hospital :Rural Health Cadres

BTS has been trying to cover the gap-areas already predominantly existing in the island-coastal villages of Sunderban. BTS has its own infra-structures to transport serious patients to urban hospitals as well as promoting community Cadres (Health Workers) to serve the suffering here



BTS has cater 922 Safe institutional delivery of rural mothers with providing ANC & PNC services to rural mothers & children in need. BTS has organised Medical OPD Clinics at its Hospital & by Medical Boats in islands gardto reacj.



BTS Strengthening Local Institutions (SLIs)

BTS has launched a new intervention of Strengthening Local Institutions (SLIs) under the Centrally sponsored scheme ICDS to train up and provide Quality education to the children and mobilize local mothers to treat the Centres not as a Kithuri Centre but more than that with providing quality education or to attract the children towards regular schooling through introducing Joyful Learning Process with innovative TLMs etc. Besides this, BTS has been in its Extension Program for promoting Quality Education in the local Govt. aided

Schools with supports from Asha for Education USA & Smile Foundation, New Delhi, Joyful Learning with Direct Nature Classes are now attracting more and the learners are very happy to be with such an effort. BTS runs 2 Creches for 50 (0-6) agegroup children supported by CSWB and promoting basic education of 240

children from BTS-PathBhavan School. Nutritional foods by SAVE India.



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SOME OTHER INITIATIVES



Green Light to replace Kerosene



Livelihood by Usha International



BTS-PathBhavan School



Birt-GIZ-Energy Efficiency Survey by BTS



Child Sponsorship Program