

IS THIS A LIFE OF AN OLDER PEOPLE..! BTS IS TAKING CARE OF...YOU MUST JOIN!

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BTS-Rural Skill Centre(Grameen Koushal Kendra): Chetana

BTS has recently developed a Grameen Koushal Kendra(Rural Skill Centre) for conducting training sessions on bio-farming practices, animal husbandry, Craft/handicrafts etc. for the farmers, rural women & youths in need. AID-USA & Kolkata Gives have supported to developed the institute of about 1400 sft carpet area including dining, Kitchen facilities alongwith a Development Project Office of Sustainable Agriculture(SAP).

BTS has to again refurbish and decorate the same with furnitures & fixtures like 100 chairs, A-V system etc. BTS is in need of supports from any CSR/donor source in India or abroad.

Oldage Support Program(OSP): A sahay B ardhaksha

In collaboration with **Sneh Foundation**, **Kolkata** we have initiated the OSP 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.

Sanitary Napkins Production Unit: SUNDARI

Kolkata Gives is with BTS to lead the women SHG-Sundari

usually affordable for them

to manufacture Sanitary Napkins in a low-cost manner to supply rural adolescent-girl children and even to poor housewives at a cheaper rate than market price not due to their low-incomeor

absolute impoverishment. Sanitary Napkins..! while bearing educational expenses to them a dream indeed. BTS presently supplying to 1550 rural girl school goers at adolescent stage at Rs. 5/- only per 2 packs per month with supports from Sneh Foundation, Kolkata. BTS SNPU will start to supply the napkins from the month of July 2018 and it would be a great effort for BTS to empower and facilitate the whole process to bring Sundari in the local market. BTS needs your support to develop 2 rooms for production Unit alongwith a Showroom soon.

Child Sponsorship Program(CSP): Nayan Moni

BTS has been serving approx. 100 poorest of the poor school children providing with admission & monthly coaching fees, Uniforms & School Bags, Educational materials alongwith health care needs having supports from 65+ kind-hearted individual sponsors. Special emphasis is given on promoting girl-child education as most of the parents are unable and unwilling to send their loving children to send schools



BTS-Joibo Bazar: Sunderban Organic

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per demand of the

Having supports from AID-USA BTS has organized 10689 marginal farmers from 24 remote coastal villages under 2 CD Blocks Kultali & Patharpratima of Sunderban. Last 4

> years naturally grown produces are being supplied to the 5 Outlets(Joibojo at Keyatala near Hindustan Park; Prakritik at Pallisree More, Baghajatin; Udita & Hi-Nirbisaha at SINP, Saltlake) in Kolkata as interested patrons in Kolkata. BTS has set Sunderban Organic at its own Farm House

Campus at Baikunthapur to have supply from the farmers. 50 FIG(Farmers' Interest Groups) have been formed for an FPO soon. BTS is a partner of PKVY initiatiative under auspices of Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal & Govt of India.

Pre-School Centres (PSC): Sishu Tirtha & Green Buds

BTS runs 2 PSCs enrolling 50 poor children from the families of rural working mothers. Joyful Learning Process is the key to

address the littlte-stars with nutritional facilities, Uniforms and healthcare opportunities. CSWB & State Welfare Board supports the units alongwith Vibha-USA to ensure quality education from 22 ICDS centres under the of ICDS, Govt of West Bengal.



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Basic Education: BTS-PathBhavan

The school nurtures 201 children from the families of farmers,

fishermen, forest-fringe-people in Kultali Block. Joyful Learning is the key to make the children genius as they are the toppers in the local Govt.-aided schools and score best in the Secondary onwards board exams, secured positions as teachers, doctors, nurses, and so



provides books, uniforms, Mid-Day Meals and edu-materials. Asha for Education, Cornell Chapter, USA and Smile Foundation, New Delhi supporting the school running cost and SAVE-UK supporting Mid Day Meal Program for 201 children for the year round.

Computer Literacy Program: e-Learning



With assistance from KWF-NJ BTS has been running the Computer Literacy Program , an way to e-learning for the children in basic education at BTS-PathBhavan School. 50 children from Class III & IV are being given computer literacy for future life-skill development as per their interest. Both girls & boys are under the effort here. The trainer is also from our school BTS-PathBhavan and later from Brainware-Kolkata.

Livelihoods: Jiban-Jiveeka

"I have lost my husband who left me by doing suicide as he took insecticide at

the age of 35...and I have been fighting and struggling for existence in my poor marginal family of 10 members. But now I am quite happy as I can earn something out of rearing ducks and earning something daily for my poor family," said Parbati Halder one of our Project Jiban-Jiveeka members in the village Kishorimohunpu. She is planning to buy more ducks for earning more for his family and

she believes that she has got back her social status as she is now working with other village women altogether like other 450 widows in the same boat of journey throughout life supported by PPI-USA.

Sustainable Livelihoods & DRR

BTS as one of the CFC partners in Sundarbans and the community members have conceptual understanding on the ill effects of chemical inputs based agriculture, and some farmers also started to shift organic package of practices of cultivation, especially in nutrition gardens. Farmers are preparing compost, vermicompost, liquid manure, and also botanical pest control agents. Indigenous local seed varieties also preserving for cultivation next season. Due to application of homemade



organic manure and pesticides and use of local improved seed varieties, production cost of cultivation is gradually decreasing for the farmers. Women are capacitated on goat raring, duckery, poultry, azolla cultivation, kitchen garden through which they are contributing their labour to reduce the expenses and in some cases women are contributing her income for family growth. This is an initial effort under the CFC-WB Package program being supported by BftW-Germany through CASA.

Children's Learning Centre: Amader Shaishab

BTS has been serving 100 + rural children under a Seva

Kutir prokolpo in good faith of Sri Sri Thakur Ramakrishna-Sarada-Vivekananda to ensure elementary education alongwith nutritional care of the children enrolled. Mid Day Meals are provided regularly to these children from the villages.

Mother Child Health & Nutrition: Maa-o-Shishu

BTS has a health unit with an experience in conducting 922 safe deliveries through its CDC(Community Delivery Centre) supported by H & FW, Govt of West Bengal. Due to bad roads & doctor's scarecity in the area to stay and help running the centre, presently BTS has been running

> weekly medical camps in the health set-up at Baikunthapur. Future plan is there to run it as a poly Clinic with qualified doctors which BTS has been exploring 18-20 lacs/year initially from donor in India or abroad. Now doctors to assist us in this

for the area and for potential supports of any CSR or interested we have a group of

initiative really required for the coastal villages without any PHC/rural heal set-up.