

# Kolkata Trust for Human Development

## Annual Report

2022-2023



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## **Annual Report for the Financial Year 2022-2023**

**VISION:** Kolkata Trust for Human Development has a vision to contribute for better living on Earth by improving life components of children in a just, equitable and sustainable form as a commitment for future generations of human society and Mother Earth.

**MISSION:** Our mission statement is to facilitate permanent and positive changes in social behavior towards children in aspects of education, health, nutrition and security for children under socio-economically marginal population in India and also to sensitize every section of society on sustainable living with respect to nature and environmental factors.

**ABOUT THE TRUST:** Kolkata Trust for Human Development (hereon referred to as “KTfHD”) is a non-profit initiative by few professionals from different walks of the society who came together to render their professional expertise, service, time and emotion in improving life situations of socio-economically marginal section and also to advocate for social changes in order to secure a just and equitable living for all cast, creed, sect and religion of our country.

The organisation is registered under Public Charitable Trust Act 1950 (GOI) in December, 2014 while formulation and services started from end of 2013. KTfHD also got registered under Income Tax Act 1956 for 12AA and 80G in November, 2015.

Since 2015 onwards KTfHD is working towards reaching the Sustainable Development Goals under Agenda 2030. KTfHD has successfully implemented a creche project named “Mother and Child Welfare Centre (MCWC)” in the Khalpara Slums of Kolkata (ward no. 107 of Kolkata Municipality) for children aged 1-6 years from November 2015 till March 2020 with financial support from the development NGO Indienhilfe e.V. Herrsching, Germany (IH) for a brief period (from August 2018 to December 2019) under FCRA prior permission.

KTfHD has also been active since 2015 up to now, to support the on-going activities in relation to the town twinning partnership between Herrsching Municipality (a community near Munich in Germany) and Chatra Gram Panchayat, Baduria Block, North 24Parganas, W.B, India, which was initiated with the active support and assistance from Indienhilfe e.V. Herrsching from the year 1996 onwards. Since the foundation of KTfHD, it has continuously supported this town twinning initiative through its capacity, cultural understanding, guidance and cooperation at different levels (at school, at the community/ civil society, at the local government). Over the years, KTFHD represented the initiative and partnership in several national and international forums.

Another important activity of KTfHD over the last few years has been developing modules and content for teaching learning of children from pre-primary to upper primary classes. Till 6 years is the formative age for a child, thus gaps in learning during this life phase leads to weak foundation for education in higher grades, resulting in children lagging behind school curriculum and ultimately dropping out of school as they are not able to cope with the grade-wise curriculum. Thus, these modules are meant for facilitating the learning of the children in respective classes with the guidance of the facilitators in a joyful manner, so that the basic

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concepts of language and arithmetic along with social skills are easily understood and learnt by the children. These modules can also be used to train the facilitators along with training plans.

### **Achievements:**

- ✓ Training using Early Childhood Education (ECE) Module benefitting Creche Educators working with small children.
- ✓ Online learning guidance to children in the community after opening of the school, ICDS centres and Creche after a long gap due to Covid pandemic.
- ✓ Guidance to the parents in the community to maintain proper hygiene for all in the family and to take proper care of the children in the post Covid situation.
- ✓ As courtesy, IH invited KTfHD as a friend of IH in all of their Partners-Meet for knowledge and experience sharing between the local Indian NGOs working hand in hand during pandemic.
- ✓ Successful organization of online awareness generation platform and meetings with like-minded NGOs.

The list of activities that were taken up in the reporting financial year were as follows:

**Activity 1:** KTfHD worked continuously for awareness generation activities mainly in the community at Khalpara, Kolkata where KTfHD used to run their MCWC project in the previous financial years. The mode of work was direct communication, virtual workshop, and telephonic communication with most vulnerable families. The people have been sensitized on post COVID related protocols, safety measures, proper method of hand-washing, nutritious food intake which are low cost and locally available. Maintaining community hygiene was one of the bigger aspects in all communications since the community living pattern was dense and toilets are used by at least four to five families together.

KTfHD also maintained regular communication with families who have suffered previously from COVID so that they get proper care and support from local municipality health-centers and ASHA workers.

KTfHD kept regular liaison with local ICDS workers and schools thus the enrolled children received their dry ration from ICDS and schools. Mothers of the children who previously attended our creche were kept informed and updated always about the gathered information related to post Covid protocols and benefits offered by the Govt. in the Corona situation.

**Activity 2: COVID 19 Resource Network and associated activities:** The follow up on network building was one of the main targets of KTfHD in FY 22-23. KTfHD had actively participated partners meet organized by Indienhilfe e.V Herrsching, Germany. Based on the collective sharing of experiences and knowledge. As on requirement information in the web-site has been updated and shared with the net-work partners.

**Activity 3: Organizing Capacity-Building training:** It is an aim of KTfHD to prosper as an organization who will work in the area of Capacity Building and Training of social-workers. Volunteers having specialization in different professional skills have helped KTfHD through their skill and expertise in different occasions.

Two Education Training sessions have been conducted with the Green Panchayat for Sustainable Development (GPSD) project staff of Hijli INSPIRATION team - one in August 2022 (23.8.22 and 24.8.22) and another in March 2023(24.3.23). 6 participants participated in the training.

An ECE Refresher Training using the Early Childhood Education (based on Montessori



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approach) module developed under KTfHD was conducted for the “The Vulnerable Ones” (TVO) team of Lake Gardens Women and Children Development Centre (LGWCDC) in March 2022 for three days (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March). Nine members of the TVO team participated in the training.

**Activity 4: Supporting Town-Twinning Activities between Herrsching am Ammersee and Chatra Gram Panchayet, W.B-** Since October 1995, Indienhilfe e.V. is accompanying the "Town twinning" programme between Herrsching Municipality (a town near Munich in Germany) and Chatra Gram Panchayat, Baduria Block, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

KTfHD has been actively supporting the initiative through its capacity and understanding. Founder member and Managing Trustee of KTfHD. Mr. S. V. Raman is the key person to promote this initiative in several national and international forum through his excellent communication (fluent in Bengali, English and German), advocacy skill and with deep understanding for German culture and behaviour. Before retiring in 2010 he was Programme Director of Kolkata's Goethe Institute for 35 years. He maintains regular liaison with German Consulate at Kolkata.

KTfHD representatives also supported in school letter exchange programme between the students of Herrsching schools (one primary and one higher secondary co-education) and Chatra schools (One Primary and two Higher secondary-Girls and Boys separately). Regular basis they kept continuous communications with partner schools at Chatra and Herrsching.

Besides, KTfHD actively participate as an important stakeholder of “Safe Drinking Water Project (SDWP)” project for some selected villages of Chatra Gram Panchayet, under adelphi research gmbH, Berlin, which is financed by IH. This initiation was aimed for providing



Mr. Auster is briefing the Town-Twinning programme to the press at Rasui, Chatra, February 2023.

arsenic contamination mitigating solutions for Chatra's neediest inhabitants and possibly in the long term, even on Panchayat (municipal) level. KTfHD members participated in Community Meeting at Burobottola, Ghoshpur, Chatra on mobilizing the local people towards implementation of Safe Drinking Water Project. Additionally, KTfHD team supported on advocacy with Panchayat officials and other major stakeholders in support of further development of SDWP. Under this project a drinking water plant has been constructed and the plant was commissioned from 16th June, 2022 and is running successfully since then. In February 2023, the official inauguration programme of the drinking water plant had been graced by Mr. Manfred Auster (Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Kolkata) in the presence of other prominent people like Pradhan of Chatra Gram Panchayat, Principal of Chatra Boys High School along with representatives of KTfHD. KTfHD Trustees took active role in establishing communication with German Consulate, Kolkata to make this inauguration event successful. News of this great success had come to many news and television media channels.

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**Activity 5: Fund raising-** Along with other activities fund raising has always been an important activity for KTfHD. For the purpose different concept notes have been developed after discussion among the Board of Trustees and potential donors - individuals as well as organizations, were approached for funds to support the social development activities under KTfHD.

**Brief about the Trust**

The office of Kolkata Trust for Human Development has been functioning at C/22 Nabapally, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rajdanga, Kolkata 700107 with the members of the Board of Trustees of KTfHD, supporters of KTfHD (mainly the old project staff) and the Community Mobilizer cum Office Assistant. All members jointly contributed towards regular advocacy programme, organising Capacity-Building training, online awareness generation, fund-raising, making updates in the web-site etc.

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