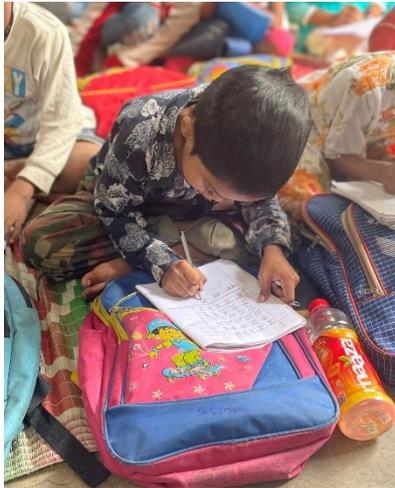


Educational Support for 600 Children



Project Summary

Children in Kolkata's poorest communities are at risk of dropping out of school, child labour and child marriage. School dropouts are left illiterate and unable to lift themselves out of poverty. Tiljala SHED's education project runs after-school classes in the heart of our communities, providing remedial education, child protection, nutrition, sport and cultural activities. This successful project keeps children in school and provides vital support to ensure they are safe and literate.

What is the Problem?

One in four school-age children in India are out of school. There are over 10 million child labourers and 4.5 million girls under 15 are married with children. These problems are especially acute in Kolkata's squatter communities. Parents are illiterate, making a living from rag picking or other informal occupations. Boys mostly drop out of school at 10 and end up as child labourers and girls are married off at puberty, perpetuating the cycle of poverty and illiteracy.

How will this project solve the problem?

An educated child stays away from an early marriage and is empowered to stand up against exploitation. Tiljala SHED provides 600 extremely vulnerable children with year-round remedial after-school coaching 5 days a week. Besides ensuring literacy, we provide nutrition, sports coaching and computer classes. A child protection programme addresses adults and children within each target community. Classes are held in our own centres in the heart of our target "rag picker" communities.

Primary Education



Children aged 6-12 attend after-school classes in our 5 community centres 5 days per week. The children love the classes, gain remedial teaching, help with homework, sing songs (in English as well as their own language), enjoy drawing and craft and also Taekwondo and sport at weekends. These children come from extremely marginalised homes (illegal shelters beside the railway tracks or canals) and need that extra help/special tuition that children from regular homes get in addition to going to a good school. It is an absolutely vital part of each community – and in very high demand.

Child Protection messages are important – as is the fact that the children are in a safe environment (not on the streets or labouring) for the 2-3 hours after school, especially if their mothers are at work and they are left all alone.

Secondary Education – Evening Classes

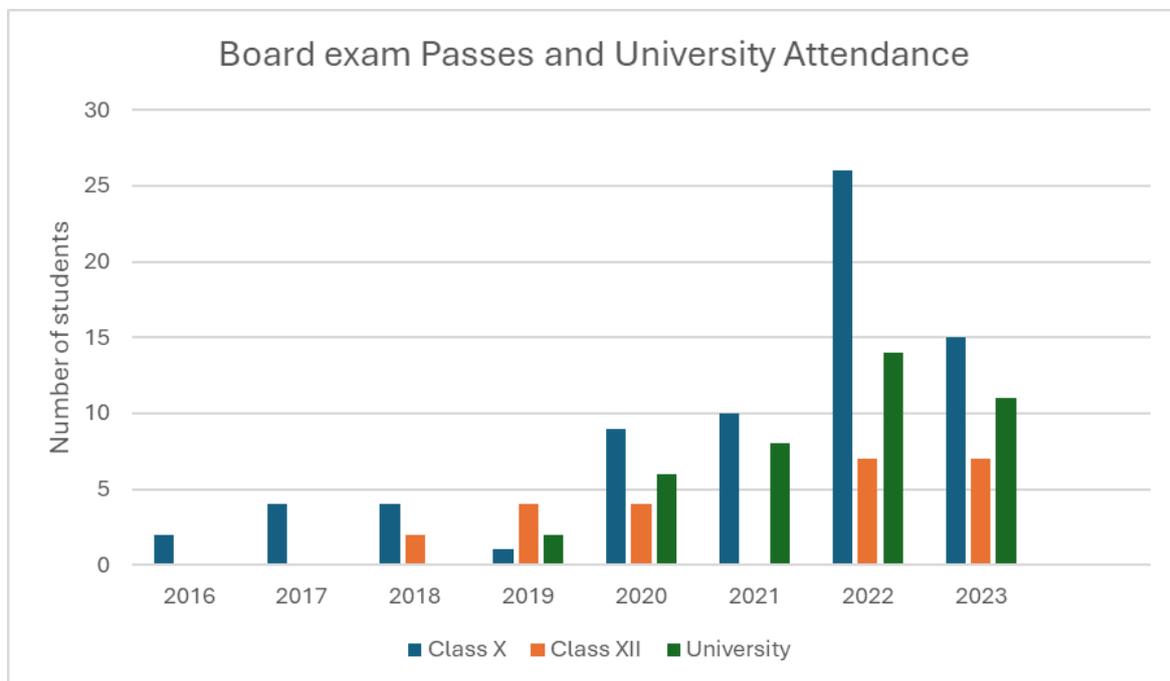


Evening Class children demonstrating the results of an Eveready challenge. A rocket which lights up and moves

This program started in 2017. This is the game-changer as previously the kids dropped out of mainstream school when our after-school provision stopped at class 8. Now many kids stay in school, pass board exams, attend college and become properly literate and aware of the advantages of education and opportunities outside the slums and squatters. We now have a literate cohort within each community. Young boys and girls who might have gone early marriage or into crime and other illegal activities are now leading the community.

Currently **Eveready** is supporting the Evening Class with a teacher training program, but we need more funds to pay and train staff, provide equipment and importantly to provide **daily nutrition** for the kids. Any extra-curricular help – sport, Taekwondo, drama, art/drawing – makes such a big difference. For the older ones we need career guidance and life skills as well as work experience.

Long Term Impact



Since extending our classes to secondary school children, the dropout rate has plummeted, and many youngsters have chosen to stay in education through to university level. In each community we now have a literate cohort of young people, a significant resource for the whole community.

Education is considered to be the most effective tool to break the inter-generational cycle of abuse, malnutrition, poverty and oppression. By putting education and child protection at the centre of community life, we expect whole communities to see a rise in literacy and reductions in child labour and early marriage. Immediate benefits today to the 600 children and 3000 family members flow to many thousands of indirect beneficiaries in the wider community and in future generations.

About the Beneficiaries

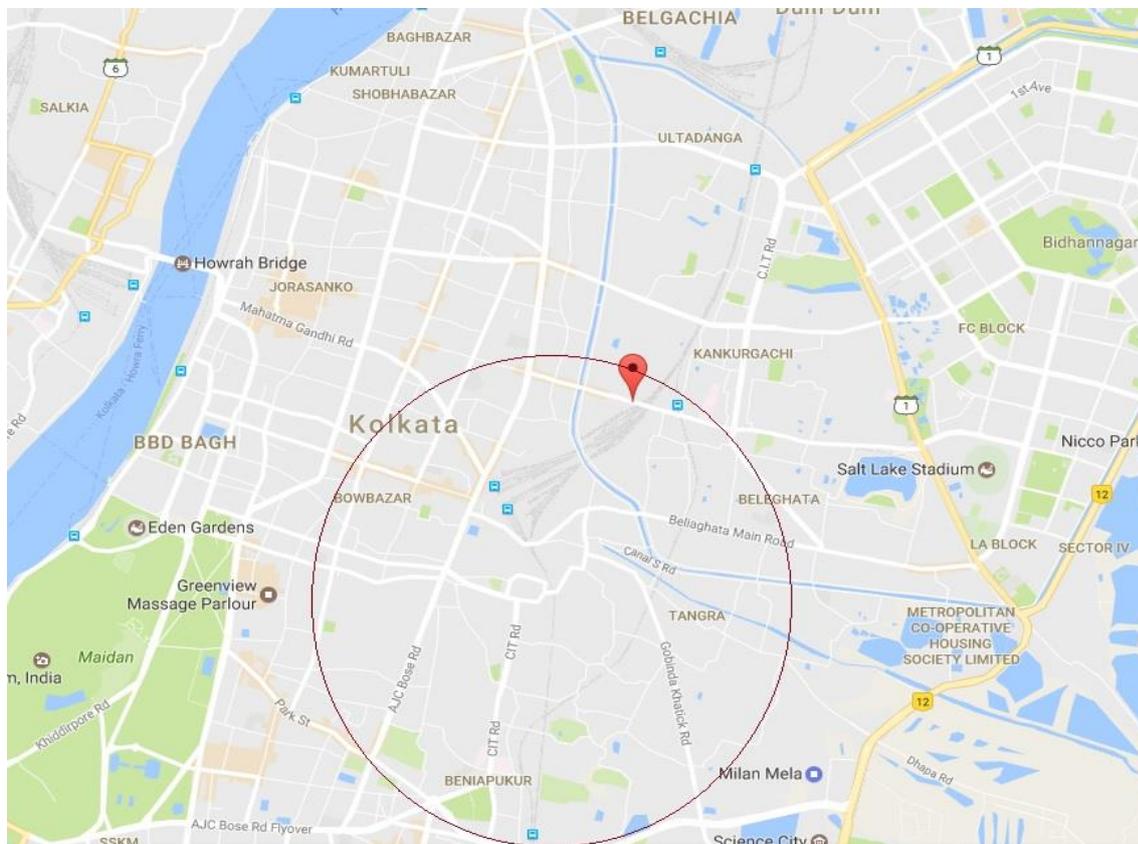
- All beneficiaries live below the poverty line
- The adults are mostly functionally illiterate
- Most live in illegal makeshift structures beside the railways and canals
- Some live in single rooms in the slum
- Occupations are in the informal economy: rag pickers, beggars, rickshaw drivers, maidservants, vegetable and fruit sellers, street vendors and unemployed.



- Among the men there is high unemployment. Alcoholism, mental health problems, physical breakdown, and drug abuse are all present.
- For the women, desertion by husbands is common. They support their families through rag picking, domestic service, chappal trimming – all extremely low paid.
- Domestic violence and eve-teasing are endemic.
- Children are traumatised by living in a frightening and unsafe environment
- Marginalisation, illiteracy and poverty means that the bureaucracy works against these people. Although they have rights they cannot always assert them.
- All belong to minority groups, either Muslim or low caste Hindu

Project Locations

Tiljala SHED works in the slums and squatter communities of Central East Kolkata: Tiljala, Topsisia, Park Circus, Narkeldanga and Tangra





Budget for Children's Education 2024

1	Child Protection	Salary and meetings	206,000.00
2	Classes	Teacher salaries	816,000.00
		Admin salaries	450,000.00
		Travelling expenses for occasional need	36,000.00
		Centre Rent	60,000.00
		Centre Toiletries	6,000.00
		Cleaning	84,000.00
		Teaching Materials	90,000.00
		Festivals (8)	40,000.00
	Other Education		
3	Expenses	School fees and admission fees	273,500.00
		Books	220,000.00
		School bags etc	61,500.00
		Stationery and educational kits	265,500.00
		Uniform	91,200.00
		Tuition fees (X,XI,XII)	428,400.00
		Mobile recharge	72,000.00
4	Sport	Annual Sports event	100,000.00
		Weekend Sport and Taekwondo	480,000.00
5	Health	Nutrition Daily	1,980,000.00
6	Admin	Office Admin (20%)	1,152,020.00
		Total	6,912,120.00
		Number of children	511
		Primary	229
		Secondary	282
		Average cost per child per month	INR 1,127.22

Partner with Us*

Support one child for a year	Rs 14,400
Support 5 children for a year	Rs 72,000
Support 10 children for a year	Lakh 1.44
Support one child through her education to class XII	Lakh 1.87
Support a centre (50 children) for a year	Lakh 7.2



Budget for Children's Education 2024									
				USD	GBP	EUR	AUD	CAD	
1	Child Protection	Salary and meetings	206,000.00	2,481.93	1,980.77	2,314.61	3,814.81	3,377.05	
2	Classes	Teacher salaries	816,000.00	9,831.33	7,846.15	9,168.54	15,111.11	13,377.05	
		Admin salaries	450,000.00	5,421.69	4,326.92	5,056.18	8,333.33	7,377.05	
		Travelling expenses for occasional n	36,000.00	433.73	346.15	404.49	666.67	590.16	
		Centre Rent	60,000.00	722.89	576.92	674.16	1,111.11	983.61	
		Centre Toiletries	6,000.00	72.29	57.69	67.42	111.11	98.36	
		Cleaning	84,000.00	1,012.05	807.69	943.82	1,555.56	1,377.05	
		Teaching Materials	90,000.00	1,084.34	865.38	1,011.24	1,666.67	1,475.41	
		Festivals (8)	40,000.00	481.93	384.62	449.44	740.74	655.74	
	Other Education								
3	Expenses	School fees and admission fees	273,500.00	3,295.18	2,629.81	3,073.03	5,064.81	4,483.61	
		Books	220,000.00	2,650.60	2,115.38	2,471.91	4,074.07	3,606.56	
		School bags etc	61,500.00	740.96	591.35	691.01	1,138.89	1,008.20	
		Stationery and educational kits	265,500.00	3,198.80	2,552.88	2,983.15	4,916.67	4,352.46	
		Uniform	91,200.00	1,098.80	876.92	1,024.72	1,688.89	1,495.08	
		Tuition fees (X,XI,XII)	428,400.00	5,161.45	4,119.23	4,813.48	7,933.33	7,022.95	
		Mobile recharge	72,000.00	867.47	692.31	808.99	1,333.33	1,180.33	
4	Sport	Annual Sports event	100,000.00	1,204.82	961.54	1,123.60	1,851.85	1,639.34	
		Weekend Sport and Taekwondo	480,000.00	5,783.13	4,615.38	5,393.26	8,888.89	7,868.85	
5	Health	Nutrition Daily	1,980,000.00	23,855.42	19,038.46	22,247.19	36,666.67	32,459.02	
6	Admin	Office Admin (20%)	1,152,020.00	13,879.76	11,077.12	12,944.04	21,333.70	18,885.57	
		Total	6,912,120.00	83,278.55	66,462.69	77,664.27	128,002.22	113,313.44	
		Number of children	511						
		Primary	229						
		Secondary	282						
		Average cost per child per month	INR 1,127.22	USD 13.58	GBP 10.84	EUR 12.67	AUD 20.87	CAD 18.48	

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