



TILJALA SOCIETY FOR HUMAN AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CONCEPT NOTE

Quality Education and Child Protection: Hope for 600 Deprived and Neglected Children from Kolkata's Slums and Street Settlements

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Introduction

Tiljala SHED has worked for over 30 years amongst the slums and squatter camps of Central and East Central Kolkata. Our beneficiaries are the poorest of the poor: most live in illegal shelters beside the city's rail tracks and canals. Illiterate and lacking documentation, they work as rag pickers and in other parts of the informal economy: rickshaw drivers, fruit sellers, daily labourers. There is poor access to drinking water – with taps far apart and operating only 3 or 4 hours a day. No running water leads to poor sanitation and poor health. Open defecation is commonplace.

A boy born into a rag picker family in one of Kolkata's urban canal-side or railway squatter camps would expect to drop out of school by class 5, take up rag picking or other exploitative work and possibly drift into crime, drugs and alcohol abuse by the time he is adult. A girl child would stay in education perhaps a year or two more, but would end up caring for younger siblings, married off as a teenager and repeating her mother's life of poverty, drudgery, child-bearing and domestic abuse or abandonment. In both cases illiteracy keeps the child poor and vulnerable. Child marriage is common, as is child labour and domestic abuse. The birth rate is high with households averaging over 6 members. Being from the poorest section of society, these communities illustrate well the official statistics:

- 1 in 4 children of school-going age is out of school in our country – 99 million children in total have dropped out of school (Census 2011)
- Out of every 100 children, only 32 children finish their school education age-appropriately (District Information System for Education (DISE) 2014-15)
- There are 10.13 million child labourers between 5-14 years in India (Census 2011)
- India has 33 million working children between the ages of 5-18 years. In parts of the country, more than half the child population is engaged in labour (Census 2011)
- 42% of married women in India were married as children (District Information System for Education (DISE) 3)
- 1 in every 3 child brides in the world is a girl in India (UNICEF)
- India has more than 45 lakh girls under 15 years of age who are married with children. Out of these, 70% of the girls have 2 children (Census 2011)

Across India, school drop-out rates are highest at grade 5, leaving children practically illiterate. Tiljala SHED has found this to be very much the case in our target communities.

Tiljala SHED is well known and trusted within these communities. Our programmes have been successful in rehabilitating over 500 families over the last 5 years. TShed has empowered the rag pickers by helping establish the Association of Ragpickers (ARP). Of the eligible beneficiaries, 60% now have voter cards, 63% have Aadhar cards, 55% have birth certificates and 57% have BPL health cards. 22 Self Help Groups have been established as well as 21 Credit Interest Groups (units accessing microfinance loans). Beyond these statistics child labour and child marriage have dropped significantly, nutrition has improved and communities function better, with children attending our after-school clubs and parents taking a greater interest in their children's education.



Rationale for the Project

Children in these very vulnerable communities will only be able to enter mainstream society if they are literate. It is important both to protect children from the common abuses of child labour and early marriage and also to provide education and all the support necessary for them to achieve their potential. Tiljala SHED runs a very effective child protection programme and popular after-school remedial classes (up to class 5) for approximately 300 children. A pilot project (started in May 2017) designed to extend these classes up to class 8 has proved very successful, keeping 100% of participants from dropping out of school. Indeed, the class numbers have risen from 25 to 36 and many youngsters are waiting to join. This project will extend provision of child protection and remedial education to 600 children from KG to class 10 and beyond.

Project Goals

- Reduction in poverty, child labour and early marriage.
- Increase in literacy levels in target communities.

Project objectives

- 600 vulnerable children will have access to Child Protection messages: understand their rights, assert their rights and be free from labour and early marriage
- 600 vulnerable children will have access to remedial after-school education 5 days a week up to class 10

Project Strategy

1. After school remedial classes 5 days per week for all children in KG – class 5
2. Evening classes 5 days per week for all children class 6 – class 12
3. Child Protection Clubs in each centre. Workshops, street theatre etc.
4. Sport activities 4 – 6 hours per week per child
5. Computer classes 2 – 4 hours per week per child (class 6 and above)
6. Dance lessons – available to all
7. Additional English classes (class 6 and above)
8. School books, bags, stationery, uniform and shoes provided
9. Tiffin 5 days per week
10. Counsellor available
11. Doctor available
12. Occasional excursions (most separately funded)
13. Career advice sessions
14. Regular parents' meetings to encourage them to keep children in education
15. Small funds available to ultra-poor families to enable them to keep children out of labour.

Tiljala SHED's teachers and coaches provide a joyful learning environment and the motivation for children to remain in education, out of labour and to aspire to a better life.



Expected results

80% of target beneficiaries will complete class 8 (as per RTE 2012) – 300 children

30% of target beneficiaries will pass class X board exams – 180 children

10% will pass class 12 – 60 children

8% will go on to higher education - 48 children

Innovation

Previous programmes only provided after-school remedial support up to class 5. At this point many children dropped out of school and those who remained in school had little or no external support. Literacy levels did not improve materially within the target communities. This programme aims to support every child, where possible, all the way through the school system up to graduating from class 12 and beyond. We will provide counselling, sports coaching, dance, excursions and other extra-curricular activities in order to give the all-round education that only children from better off families can normally expect. We will also be monitoring the children's health and will have a doctor on hand to deal with minor health issues and preventative medicine (vaccinations etc.). Especially ambitious youngsters will be given all the support possible to help them achieve their dreams.

Budget estimate

INR1000 per child per month will cover all the costs of the programme.





Introducing Tiljala SHED

Our Vision

Tiljala SHED envisions a society where the most marginalised communities are free from all forms of exploitation and live a life dignity, equality, justice and peace

Our Mission

To empower the most marginalised, especially women and children, and to promote cohesive people's action to enable them to assert and realise their human rights

TILJALA SOCIETY FOR HUMAN AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT is a non-religious, non-political grassroots level non-government developmental organization working for the underprivileged and marginalized people of Kolkata. Our focus beneficiaries include the rag picker community which has been neglected and socially ostracized by civil society. Tiljala Shed seeks to empower and transform rag pickers from a life in rags to a recognized and better quality of life. Apart working for the development of rag pickers, Tiljala Shed also works with other related vulnerable groups like child labourers and street dwellers.

Current Projects

- Rehabilitation, Social Development, and Economic Self-Sufficiency of Rag Pickers in Kolkata, (Misereor). 01/1998 – Present.
- Aasra Sadan: Care Home for Boys from Kolkata's Most Vulnerable Communities. (Misereor and Individual Donor) 2012 – Present
- Sponsorship for Destitute Girls (AIDOS and private donors) 1995 – Present
- Open Shelter for Street Children (Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of West Bengal.) 2000 – Present
- Gyan Azhar Development Project (AIDOS) 2005 – Present
- Beauty Training and Empowerment Centre (Godrej) Jan. 2018 – Present
- Rise and Shine Project for Fish Markets (Mahindra & Mahindra) April 2017 – Present
- Mainstreaming and Ensuring Quality Education for 25 Children (Heritage River Journeys Pvt Ltd) April 2017 – Present
- Kolkata National Child Labour Project (KNCLP) 2002 – Present
- Supplementary Nutrition for 50 Malnourished Children (Dr. Hena Nafis, Nutritionist in Kolkata) Nov. 2017 – Present
- Livelihood Microfinance Programme (Misereor/Global Giving/Private Donors) Jan 2016 – Present



Major Achievements of Last 5 Years

- 500 rag picker families have been rehabilitated: rights and entitlements established
- 22 SHG (Self Help Groups) formed, 21 CIGs (Credit Interest Groups), 8 Child Protection Clubs (children) and 5 Child Protection Committees (adults).
- ARP Rally in 2016 led to recognition by WB Govt of rag picking as a profession. They can now access SASPFUW.
- Have established an effective livelihood scheme with a revolving savings fund. 98% repayment rate. Incomes increased, beneficiaries have left rag picking for more respected occupations (tea shops, fruit selling, rickshaw ownership). High demand for more.
- Evening classes for class 6 students and above have 100% attendance rate and 0% drop out.
- Access to corporates for fundraising CSR has brought significant local support.
- Our Girl Sponsorship programme has produced over 50 graduates and post graduate girls from the slum
- Child Clubs and committees actively monitor community behaviour and have prevented child marriage. Child labour has reduced significantly. School attendance is 90% in one community.

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Legal Status of Tiljala SHED

Tiljala Shed was established in 1987 by a small group of Tiljala youths which decided to make the desired change in the Tiljala area. Mohammed Alamgir is the founder and currently he is the Chief Functionary of Tiljala Shed. Tiljala Shed was registered in the year 1993 under West Bengal Societies Registration Act 1961. Tiljala Shed got its FCRA registration in 1994 and its first foreign funding started in the year 1995 with the rag pickers education project.

Tiljala Shed also got all the vital registrations like 80G (IT Tax exemption) and also 12 A. Tiljala Shed regularly submits all the returns and regularly submits all the reports and documents to all its donors in specified time.

Any person residing in any foreign country can give a donation online or by account payee cheque of any amount as Tiljala Shed has the valid FCRA license mandated to take any amount of foreign funds. Tiljala Shed local and national donors can also donate online or via account payee cheque and they are entitled to get tax exemption certificate under section 80G.

Tiljala Shed will also seek registration under sec 35 AC which will entitle the donors a 100% tax exemption.

Due Diligence

✓ Registration West Bengal Societies Act 1961. Soc No: S/73815
✓ FCRA 14712043 Exp: 01/11/2021
✓ 12A
✓ 80G

Total expenditure over last 3 years:

2017 INR 1,57,38,047.14
2016 INR 1,28,24,411.03
2015 INR 1,46,29,792.10

Total FCRA funds received over last 3 years

2017 INR 1,19,60,696.64
2016 INR 86,21,019.33
2015 INR 1,08,29,067.52



Total Annual Govt Funding last 3 years

2017 INR 22,63,746.00

2016 INR 26,07,532.75

2015 INR 32,86,809.00

Accreditation



The Governing Body

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Other Donors

- Human Relief Foundation (UK)
- Supertron Electronics
- Primarc Projects
- Manyavar (Manas Foundation)
- Kolkata Gives (Philanthropic Foundation)
- Global Giving Crowdfunding
- Smallchange.NGO Crowdfunding
- Ketto Crowdfunding
- Private individuals

