**Proposed Intervention Needed Support**

**Title of the project :**

***Integrated Programme for Women and Children Rehabilitation Surviving in Slums of Kolkata***

**Back ground of NEED :**

1. **Geographical, social, economical, and cultural characteristics of the proposed project area :**

Rajabazar is typically located at the central part of Kolkata metropolis, It is a junction of North and South Bengal through Sealdah Railway division. The settled and unsettled quarters and its location have been immense opportunities to engulf the migrant population throughout the country. The area is very much popular as small business centric affiliation within the city and its outside. The area is covered by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Ward No.-33 to 35 under the jurisdiction of Manicktala and Sealdah Police station.

Metiaburuz is another area located at the South-western part of the city covered by the KMC ward No-133 to 141 and it is located at estuary of the River Ganga and this location has given lots of opportunities of employment via Kolkata Dock Complex. So, the population of various parts of the country has been migrated for various skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled.

In both places the population has been settled in authorized and unauthorized quarters of the Kolkata. The population is basically dominated by the minority(Muslim) community. They are mainly unlettered and from socio-economically poor or the population is poverty stricken. The settlement of these population with their immediate family suffer from the various lacks of humanly living in the area. The area has common threat of crime and criminal disturbance as used by the political parties and other interest groups in typical democratic system.

The shelter is congested with very low sanitary and other civic facilities. The human relations are typically a questioned to restore the human rights. The schools and health care and other facilities are very much inadequate and inaccessible. But there is some distinguished jobs (both hazard and non-hazard) attracted the locale for management of their foods anyway because the exploitation and injustice are high in nature.

The population in the area is born to represent their vicious cycle of deprivation.

The overall situation or need of the population to restore their living humanly is been categorized according to the division of the population according to age and gender. Here the need of children and girls/women would be clarified as they are the key agent of change in their community and they would be empowered to break their vicious cycle with new dream to be a positive and productive citizen of this progressive nation.

**The children** in the area is suffering from parental improper care and attention and their up-bringing process is with inappropriate control strategies. They are not admitting in school at proper age while they enter into the job at their early age to manage their own basic needs in the area. They suffer from various chronic illnesses and malnourishment is the common bearable factor in their life.

The circumstances are led to take action by the Government and Non-governmental organization for long period which has been given the opportunities for their schooling and sometimes health care facilities. But poverty and their social and familial structure are not functioning to rehabilitate them from their ongoing system –lost childhood.

The problem is firstly that they are 1st generation learner of poverty stricken family. After their schooling no one is in their family to guide and monitor their education. Other educational support required for their continued education is thin/absent because of their parental inability. So, male children have to engage into work at their minor age and the female have to do the job or they are getting married and trafficked. Later they are missing from their family.

**The younger girls/women** are the victims of male politics and domination typically which is controlled by the religion and their social and economical process and structure. They are getting married at their lower age and there after they are deserted by their partner with children. They have to work for low paying jobs with high exploitation. The facing of sexual violence is a common phenomenon in this area. The situation has become worst due to lack of education and skilled jobs. The women justice and equality is fully ignored in the area. So, the struggle for empowerment is a day dream to these women/girls.

1. **The objectives of the proposed initiative :**

* To rehabilitate the children between the age bracket of 6-14 years to return back their healthy childhood through appropriate control strategies to be adopted with parental participation;
* Secondly the empowerment of women/girls in the target area through alternative income and informal education towards better family life and management of children.

1. **The proposed planned activities :**

***For children (6-14 years) :***

* Non-formal education for the children who are out of school/dropped or who are just approaching towards their school age;
* Mainstreaming into formal school;
* Remedial coaching and guidance for the children taking admission into formal schools with all required support;
* Nutrition and health care facilities;
* Formation of children association for their rights through child centric platform and activities for strengthening the ‘we’ feeling to belongingness in the community.

**For Mothers/adolescent girls of these children;**

* Informal education for better family life to strengthen their equity and justice;
* Skill training for alternative earning;
* Formation of women association for joint social and economic activities

**For community :**

Regular interaction to strengthen the proposed programme.

1. **Method to be employed for implementation of the project :**

The organization, READS is closely associated with the area and it population for decade through its regular interaction and services to the community. It is working for the rehabilitation of child labour and their mothers/senior girls through multifarious activities. But eventually the coverage is low as per its resource. The working experiences and survey have given a pen picture about the population. So, it has already identified the targeted beneficiaries for whom the service has been planned and proposed.

So, from the Razabazar Community 200 children of 6-14 years of age would be selected for schooling and their continued education and it would be 100 numbers in case of Metiaburuz.

Among these children (out of 300) 200 would be provided the continued education facilities through school support and remedial coaching separately for a group of 25 children under the guidance of one teacher. For this purpose a common community service point would be selected in consultation with the local community. Secondly rest 100 children would be prepared for their enrollment freshly or new through provision of non-formal education in 4 groups consisting 25 children.

These children groups would be reshaped into an association for their own and their common performance would be guided for their better living and belongingness.

The women/girls from the selected children family would be identified for a vocational/skill training to get alternative and the centre would provide information education for their life skill for better living.

The women’s beneficiaries association/women co-operative would be formed and facilitated for group earning and group action for their better survival.

1. **Outcome and sustainability :**

The outcome of the project would be broken the vicious cycle of the community. The children would rehabilitate from their affiliation into different unhygienic affairs. The continued education would be reshaped their future living status as positive and productive.

The female/women empowerment would be accelerated through alternative economy and it would an evident of rescue from the male domination while the mutual understanding of living would be made their survival happier.

After the period of service for tenure of 5 years by the organization the overall generated system would be managed and controlled by the children and their mothers for a long run.

1. **Monitoring and evaluation system :**

For the purpose of the above a Back Up team of Governing Body members, experts, staff and beneficiaries would be involved. The daily observation and interaction with the targeted beneficiaries would be key instrument. Further monthly reporting by project personnel would be a point of measurement of progress. Apart from this a quarterly evaluation would be done.

**Proposed Budget Break Up for each year.**

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| **Sl.No** | **Particular of Expense** | **Amount (in INR)** |
| A | **Programme for Children** |  |
| A.1 | School support to 200 children including school fees, books, educational materials, dress and allied @ Rs. 2000/- per child per annum X 100 | 2,00,000.00 |
| A.2 | Remedial coaching for the children  Expense for Teacher’s honorarium @Rs. 2000/- pm X 8 teachers X 12 | 1,92,200.00 |
| A.3 | Nutrition, health and children association activities | 2,00,000.00 |
| A.4 | Expense for non-formal education to 100 children for teachers @Rs.2000/- pm X 4 teachers X 12 | 96,000.00 |
|  |  | **6,88,200.00** |
| B. | **Women’s programme** |  |
| B.1 | Expense for vocational training to 100 women/girls for Instructors @Rs.4000/- pm for 6 month training for 2 instructors | 48,000.00 |
| B.2 | Expense for training materials @Rs.300/- per head X 100 | 30,000.00 |
| B.3 | Employment support and formation and function of women’s association | 1,50,000.00 |
|  |  | **2,28,000.00** |
| C. | **Administrative Expense** |  |
| C.1 | One Programme Co-ordinator @Rs.8000/- pm X 12 | 96,000.00 |
| C.2 | Office stationeries | 12,000.00 |
| C.3 | Travelling and conveyance | 12,000.00 |
| C.4 | Accounts and Audit | 5,000.00 |
|  |  | **1,25,000.00** |
|  | Total | **10,41,200.00** |