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# P R E F A C E

In its twenty eight years journey Voluntary Health Association of Tripura, not only worked in the field of health promotion but also as a developmental organization. So, this year, the vision of VHAT was reconstructed as ‘Creating excellence in Health and Socio Economic Development for the People of Tripura’. This vision statement will clearly reflect the overall cause of existence of VHAT and will guide the organization to work as Health Promoting and Socio Economic Developmental Organization.

In the year 2015-2016, one new initiative has launched from January 2016. This project ‘Regional Strategy for Innovative and Inclusive Education in North East India (RSIIENEI) for Children with Disability’ is planned for five years. This new project is supported by CBM. But the support from CBM was stopped for VHAT Eye Hospital from January 2016.

We have started providing services for the persons with disabilities from the Rehabilitation Centre in Purba Gokul Nagar under Sepahijala district. The Foundation Stone of VHAT Resource and Rehabilitation Centre was laid by Shri Bhanulal Saha, Hon’ble Minister, Finance, Food & Civil Supply and ICA, Government of Tripura, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2015, at 3.00 p.m. in East Gokul Nagar, Bishalgarh Sub-division, Sipahijala District, Tripura. At present construction of the new building is continuing slowly as we did not have any external support for this.

All other projects were continuation of the previous year with some new innovation .

VHAT has been continuously publishing Loka Swasthya Sambad – the monthly health magazine. The circulation is 1200 copies per month. VHAT’s views are reflected in this magazine to create conceptual development about Health, Environment and other related issues.

It is also a matter of great appreciation that many of the member organizations of VHAT are working hard in different pockets of the state to address the similar issues.

Main constraint faced during the year was the delay in releasing the fund and ignoring the support for human resource in some of the projects.

Achievements, developments and activities highlighted in this report would have been impossible without efforts, contributions and action by many donors, government and non-government agencies as well as individuals across the globe. Our special thanks to Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, for constant guidance and support. We are thankful to all the Member Organizations, Individual Members, all the staff and all Executive Committee Members for their sincere efforts and supports. We are grateful to local Media for providing the coverage of some of our activities. We do hope that in future also, with the continued support from all of our friends and well wishers VHAT will be able to contribute to the sustainable development of the people of Tripura. Many thanks and best wishes to all for the years ahead.

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# About the Organization

## VISION

Creating excellence in Health and Socio Economic Development for the People of Tripura.

## MISSION

### Our Mission is to :

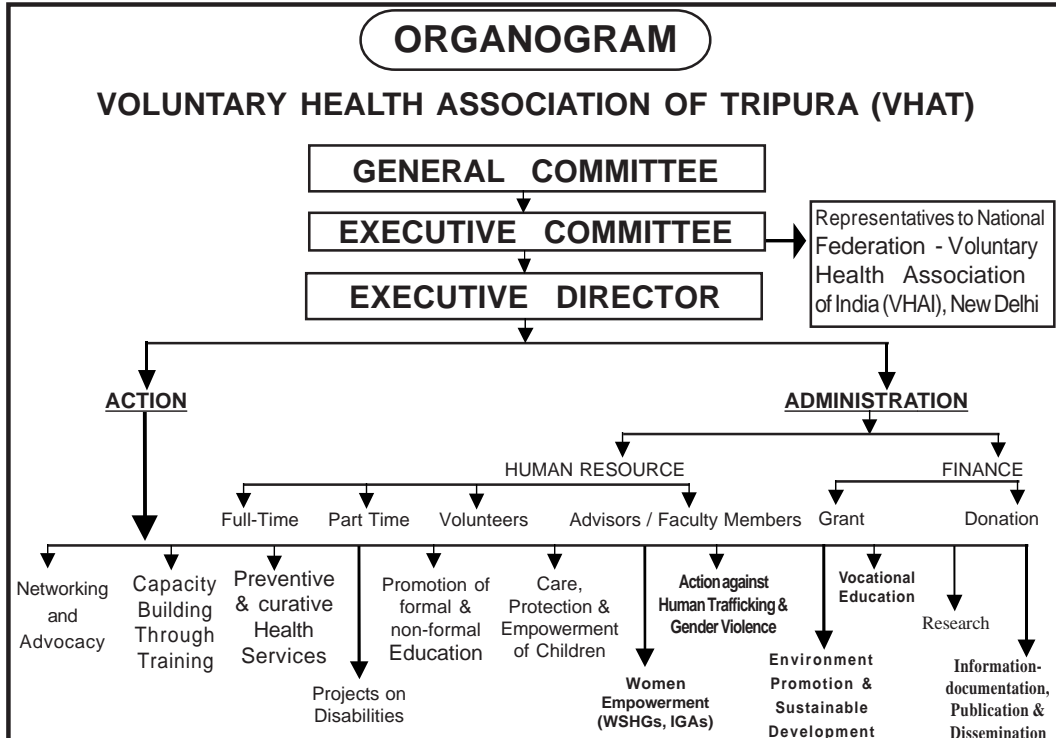
**Build capacity** of Civil Society Organizations through trainings and IEC.

**Promote** social justice, equity and rights in the context of accessibility of health services with emphasis on under privileged sections.

**Promote** sustainable development, gender equity, inclusion and rehabilitation of PWDs, elementary education and right to education, implementation of child rights, elimination of all form of violence against children and women.

## STRATEGIES

- Empowerment of the human resource through trainings on health and other sectors.
- Working with other organizations, both governmental and non governmental.
- Collection, documentation and dissemination of information.
- Peer education.
- Collection of opinion from people and grass-root organizations for advocacy.
- Working for promotion of community participation in development process.
- Conducting Vocational Training for employment and socio-economic empowerment through capacity building.
- Working directly and indirectly as service provider.



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“Let us scarifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.”

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# ACTIVITIES

## Networking and Advocacy

### A. State Level Networking

#### 1. Networking with Civil Society Organizations of Tripura

##### ❑ **Federation through membership :**

The membership of VHAT creates opportunity for sharing, co-operating, exchanging information, experiences and activities in the areas of functioning.

##### ❑ **Support Services:**

- Creating awareness about the government policies.
- Guidance for project formulation, monitoring and evaluation of the developmental projects in the grass-root.
- Information dissemination for availability of fund from various sources.
- Advising for overcoming problems of registration, accounting and report preparation.

##### ❑ **Capacity Building :**

The NGOs, both members and non-members, are given training for their capacity building on different issues related to their activities. Moreover, VHAT publishes monthly magazine, newsletters, books, booklets, posters and audio-visuals to develop the communication skills of the NGO members. Capacity building trainings are also given to the members of SHGs and CBOs on different vocational courses.

##### ❑ **Small Financial Support :**

VHAT has introduced small financial support to the member organizations to develop some quality activities related to people's awareness and participation in the social development.

##### ❑ **Anti-Trafficking Activities:**

To combat human trafficking and violence against children & women VHAT closely works with the member organizations to sensitize law enforcement agency and allied systems. Hence, law enforcement agencies, administration, Child Welfare Committees, non-government organizations, local institutes and Panchayats are involved in sharing information, rescue, restoration and cross border repatriation.

##### ❑ **Implementation of Child-Rights:**

VHAT is running CHILDLINE which is an emergency toll free phone service for the children in distressed condition and linking them to long term services. It always seeks active cooperation from the allied systems viz, police department, CWC, SCPS, health, education, transport, labour, judiciary, social welfare department, local administration, non-government organisation, resource organizations for the welfare of the children in need of care, protection and implementation of child rights.

##### ❑ **Disabled Persons Organisation (DPO)**

The networking of the persons with disabilities (PWDs) has been promoted through formation of the DPOs and federation of DPOs in block and district level. The activity

has been extended throughout the state through the member organizations working in the area of CBR of the PWDs.

## 2. **Networking with Local Government Departments :**

VHAT gives priority in networking with government departments and advocacy for proper orientation of the government policy for giving maximum benefit to the under privileged as well as underserved population.

## **B. Networking in Regional and National Level:**

- ◆ Federated in national level as member with Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), New Delhi as state VHA of Tripura.
- ◆ Associated nationally with CHILDLINE network through CHILDLINE project under CHILDLINE India Foundation, Mumbai.
- ◆ Associated with Credibility Alliance as a member which is working for promotion of transparency in the activities of CSOs. VHAT is accredited under Desirable Norms of Credibility Alliance and was granted the Accreditation Certificate.
- ◆ Associated with National Trust network, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India for promotion of rehabilitation of persons with disabilities (PWDs).
- ◆ Associated with Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Women (ATSEC), India, as a member of the network.
- ◆ Give India Network connecting VHAT with different individuals nationally and internationally to know about VHAT activities and supporting the programs to serve the under privileged section of the society.

## **C. Advocacy :**

Policy level advocacy through the network is a priority activity of VHAT. Since its inception in 1988 as state level network of NGOs and CBOs, it had been conducted many advocacy campaigns.

Presently the most important advocacy is launched on the Inclusive Education. This is for including the children with disabilities in the main education system with empowerment of the Teachers through training.

### **Advocacy : A Tool to Involve Leaders on All Levels**

Creating awareness and gaining the commitment of decision-makers for a social cause is very important to influence policies and practices that affect the lives of people – particularly the disadvantaged.

To gain the commitment of leaders, *advocacy* work consists of a set of tools including meetings with the relevant decision makers, public speaking and involving the media to reach the general public.

In the first instance, *advocacy* may be carried out by key people in international and national agencies, as well as special ambassadors, but is gradually taken over by people in regional and local leadership positions, local NGOs and the Media.

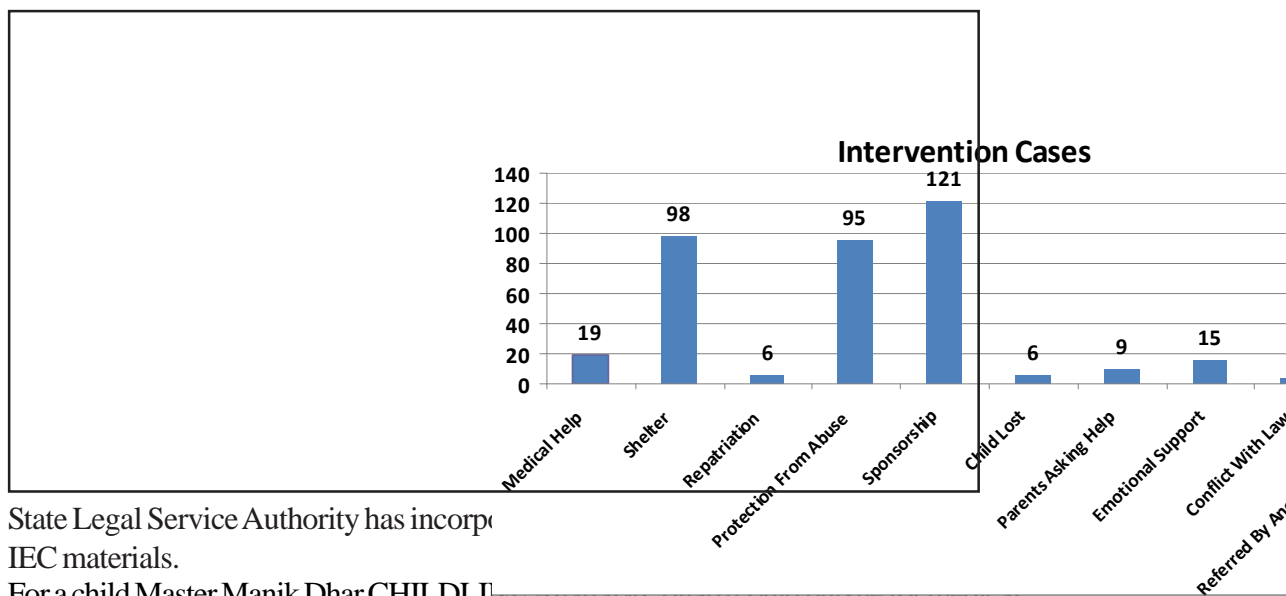
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## CHILDLINE Agartala

VHAT has been implementing the CHILDLINE project in West District of Tripura since April 2003 as collaborative organization. CHILDLINE is a National 24 hour, free emergency helpline & outreach service for children in need of care and protection. CHILDLINE not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE number 1098 is a toll free number that is common in all the cities of India. The project is supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India through the nodal organization CHILDLINE India Foundation, Mumbai.

### Major Achievements:

- Call Received:** From April 2015 to March 2016, CHILDLINE Agartala received 417 Intervention cases. Children have been rescued, given shelter, provided medical aid, sponsorship and reintegration with their families. Following is a Pie Chart representation showing the statistics of the total number of Intervention calls within the year :



- State Legal Service Authority has incorporated IEC materials.
- For a child Master Manik Dhar CHILDLINE Agartala (COINAB) could pursue for medical help of Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only from the Social Welfare & Social Education Department, Government of Tripura for the treatment of cancer in the eyes.
- CHILDLINE helped for getting Rupees fifty thousand only from DISE Sepahijala for the treatment of ear injury of the child Master Saiful Islam.
- With the help of Bangladesh Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA) and MTF of Police Tripura CHILDLINE Agartala repatriated one child from Agartala to Bangladesh, to her mother.

- As extra effort, CHILDLINE Team Members with request/instruction from the DISE of Sepahijala district, did home verification for 54 orphaned children in Sepahijala District. Most of these children included under the sponsorship program of Integrated Child Protection Scheme(ICPS).

#### ❑ **Meetings, Special Programmes & Trainings:**

- **Community Meetings:** Eight Community Meetings in different areas of West Tripura were organized to sensitize the masses about CHILDLINE.
- **Special Awareness Programmes or Theme Based Programmes:** 12 Special Awareness Programmes were organized for creating awareness about CHILDLINE 1098, Child Rights, Child Sexual Abuse, Child Labour, Child Marriage and other child related issues.
- **Training Programmes and Resource Organization Meetings:** During 2015-16 CHILDLINE Agartala (Collab) could organize following trainings and resource meetings with the help of Resource Persons from Government Organizations and NGOs :
  - ❖ Training on Child Labour Act (6<sup>th</sup> March 2016) in CHILDLINE( collab) Office.
  - ❖ Training on Child Marriage Act (16<sup>th</sup> March 2016) in Anwasha Shelter Home.
  - ❖ Resource Meeting on the topic of Child Labour Act and CHILDLINE 1098 (26<sup>th</sup> February 2016) in Madhabpur Anganwadi Centre under Dukli block.
  - ❖ Resource Meeting on the topic of Child Rights, Child Labour and Child Abuse (7<sup>th</sup> March 2016) in Panchayat Community Hall, Lefunga Block.

Beside the above, regular outreach activities & Open Houses were organized every month in various urban and rural areas.



*Open House*

#### ❑ **Events and Celebrations:**

- **World Day Against Child Labour:** On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 as a part observation of the World Day Against Child Labour, CHILDLINE conducted a drawing competition among underprivileged children from Joynagar Dashamighat, slum area of Agartala city. The Drawing materials were provided for 42 children who participated with great vigor and enthusiasm. All the children came up with some fantastic drawings which created a sense of achievement for not only the children but also for the CHILDLINE team. The theme of the drawing competition was “End Child Labour”.
- **Celebration of Children’s Day:** On 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, CHILDLINE, Agartala celebrated Children’s Day where slum children with children of Anwasha Shelter Home participated. The special guest was the second officer of Bishalgarh Women Police Station Smt. Ashalata Debnath. CHILDLINE Director Dr Sreelekha Ray, Chief Advisor of VHAT Prof Dilip Kumar Ray, Assistant Director of VHAT Mr Sujit Ghosh, CHILDLINE Centre Coordinator and Team Members were present in this function.



Children tied up Suraksha Bandhan to all the guests and each other. This was a fun filled event with food, music, dance and other fun activities. All of them remembered Chacha Nehru and gave floral tributes to him.

- **CHILDLINE Se Dosti**

**Programme:** This was a week-long campaign from the 14<sup>th</sup> of November to 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. We organized special events with slum children of Dashamighat, Fatikchara Panchayat with Panchayat



members and local public. CHILDLINE Team tied up Suraksha Bandhan, CHILDLINE poster campaign, distribution of leaflets, pamphlets, posters and stickers to popularize the number 1098 to the targeted groups like Government Officials, CDPO, Anganwadi workers, police Personnel of Capital Complex P.S, Radhanagar Motor Stand, West Women P.S, and West P.S, Sipahijala DISE Office, Social Welfare & Social Education Department, CWC office, Labor Department, State Legal Service Authority at Agartala, and CDPO of Bishalgarh, A.D Nagar, Amtali, and Bishalgarh P.S, Bishalgarh DISE office, Khowai Police station, Khowai CDPO office, Kalyanpur Police Station.

***“The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda reaffirms the goal of ending child labour. Acting together, it is within our means to make the future of work a future without child labour.”***

***– Guy Ryder, ILO Director-General***

### **CASE STUDY**

Team Members of CHILDLINE Agartala(Collab) got the information on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 that a girl child of 15yrs of age going to get married on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Her father is a daily wage earner. The girl was reading in Class X in Rajnagar High School. Immediately the Team Members visited the house of the girl, counseled the parents, but the parents were not ready to cancel the marriage. During conversation with the girl, they came to know that the marriage was fixed without her consent. Next day two Team Members went to Rajnagar High School & collected the copy of the date of birth of the girl.

Then CHILDLINE applied to the Child Marriage Prohibition Officer/SDM by a written letter with copy to West Women P.S, Battala outpost and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) about this marriage and requested to help to stop this marriage. CHILDLINE Team along with police again went their house. After a long conversation with them, her parents agreed to stop this marriage. Finally this marriage has been cancelled.

On 24<sup>th</sup> November CHILDLINE team went to Rajnagar school for follow up, they came to know that the child was continuing her study and appeared in test exam.

Ultimately she appeared in Madhyamik examination in March 2016. She passed the examination. Now she is studying in Class-XI and willing to continue her study.

## **3 ANWESHA CHILD PROTECTION CENTRE - An Open Shelter Home for Orphaned & Underprivileged Children**

Anwasha Child Protection Centre is an Open Shelter Home for children in crisis run by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura since 2005. It has been registered under Social Welfare department as per J J Act under Ministry of Women & Child Development. For the convenience of management, from 2008 this Open Shelter Home was internally divided into two sections - Anwasha for girls and Unmesh for boys. Initially for 2-3 years, this Home was maintained by local individual supports. Gradually VHAT could raise supports from the Miracle Foundation, Social Welfare Dept, Association for India's Development (AID), GiveIndia and local Individual Donors. On an average more than 80 children were staying in this home throughout the year 2015-16.

This home is providing shelter, nutrition, education, recreation, medical support and life skill education for the orphaned and underprivileged children.

### **Target Group:**

Children of 5-18 years of the following categories are beneficiaries of this project-

- ◆ Orphaned Children.
- ◆ Street children(rag pickers), victims of addictions.
- ◆ Abandoned children.
- ◆ Victims of Violence / abuse
- ◆ Any child eligible for getting emergency services.



*Children in Anwasha Home*

Among 24 staff of this home, 12 were residential staff. All the children were attending schools on regular basis and were supported by seven coaching teachers. In March 2015 VHAT could established a computer lab for all the children with support from the Miracle Foundation, where they were getting the computer training as appropriate as per their age and classes they read in.

### **Medical Care and services provided in Anwasha Home:**

- Monthly height-weight measurement & record maintenance.
- Quarterly detail health check up and treatment.
- Quarterly haemoglobin test.
- Regular Dental check-up and treatment.
- Hearing test.    ■ Vision test.    ■ Emergency medical care.



## Case Study:

On 15/04/2012, CHILDLINE Agartala (Collab) received a female child 'Susmita' of about 12 years of age, from Amtali Police Station of West Tripura District. She was put in the CWC meeting on 25/04/2012 and placed in Anwesha Child Protection Centre (ACPC) with order from CWC.

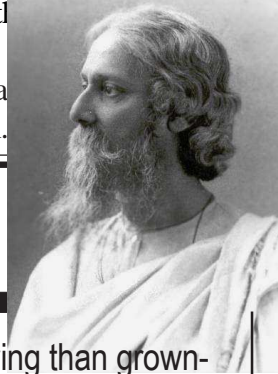
As the child told that when she was in mother's womb her father left her mother and went missing. When she was six years old, her mother developed mental illness and left the house. One of the neighbors sent her to a family in Sekerkote to work as maid servant. Since then this six years old child has been working there for six years. The house lady usually abused her physically. On 15/04/2012, the house owner beat the child and told that she would sell the child to a woman who came from Shilchar. Being afraid, Susmita came out of that house & rode an auto. She told the auto driver that she did not know where to go. Then auto driver took her to Amtali Police Station.



Before coming to Anwesha Home, Susmita never went to school. Anwesha Child Protection Centre assessed her capability and started her education from alphabet- to upper class. With intensive coaching she could complete up to Class- IV (within 18 months) and admitted in class-V in nearby Gov school in January 2014. In January 2016, Susmita promoted to Class-VII with 74% marks in Annual Examination.

Meanwhile, in June 2015 one old lady came from Ambassa (Dhalai Dist) to Anwesha Home to see Susmita. She told the details of the life of Susmita. Both of them died long back.

Susmita's dream is to be a School Teacher and be able to help other children living in underprivileged condition.



"Children are living beings - more living than grown-up people who have built shells of habit around themselves. Therefore it is absolutely necessary for their mental health and development that they should not have mere schools for their lessons, but a world whose guiding spirit is personal love."

- Rabindranath Tagore



## Ratanmani Vidyalay : A Residential Primary School for Tribal Children in Remote Inaccessible Area of Tripura

Ratanmani Vidyalay was started as a component of KHOJ project of VHAT in 1994 to promote primary education of the tribal children living in the remote hilly areas of Rupaichari block of South Tripura district. In 2015-16, Ratanmani Vidyalay received support for one hundred hostel children from State Tribal Welfare Department, some support for food for children from Give India and hostel fees from the guardians.

In 2016, 270 children from various panchayats of Rupaichari Block under the Tribal Area Autonomous District Council admitted in Ratanmani Vidyalay and 241 children were accommodated in the school hostel. Almost all the children passed from their respective classes and promoted to next upper classes.

The following data shows the present status of the children in January 2016 :

Class	Male Students	Female Students	Day Scholar	Staying in Hostel	Total Students
I	30	27	1	57	58
II	30	24	2	54	56
III	24	19	2	43	45
IV	21	19	17	40	57
V	26	21	7	47	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>270</b>

- The human resource of the project was competent for catalyzing the formal education as well the extra curricular activities for development of the children.
- It played effective role in promoting primary education, sports and extra-curricular activities, environmental orientation, awareness on health & hygiene.
- All the teachers are residential and giving extra effort to improve the quality of the education.
- The average monthly attendance of the students during the year 2015-16 as follows: Class-I : 90%, Class-II : 92%, Class-III : 93%, Class- IV : 90%, Class -V : 93%.

### **Education in the School:**

- There are 7(seven) teachers in the school of which 3 are female and 4 are male teachers.
- The formal education is based on the curriculum of the Tripura Board of Secondary Education and the books are supplied from the State Government Education Department under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
- The students get training and exposure to vocational activities, viz animal husbandry, environment education and plant nursery.
- The students from class I-V receive health education classes once in a week on prevention of malaria and diarrhoea, fever management and first aid as that area is malaria and diarrhoea prone.

- ❑ The students are receiving basic computer education.
- ❑ During vacation days, the students receive free coaching from the school teachers for quality development.

### **Extracurricular Activities:**

The students from class I-V are involved in extracurricular activities organized by the school like dancing, singing & sports. The students are being trained by teachers who were well trained in those activities. The students apart from school they even participated in the programmes conducted by Community, Government in Block & Sub-Divisional Level.

On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Annual Sports was organized. The total number of participants in the Annual Sports was 140 Parents were also participated in the Annual Sports.

The school celebrated the Republic Day, Independence Day, Children's Day, Teachers Day & Rabindra Jayanti during 2016.

### **Special programme:**

The school conducted an Annual Gathering Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 where the students, parents, school committee members, hostel committee, local leaders & teachers were present. More than 260 guardians of the students were present in the meeting. They had overall discussion on the performance of the students and they planned the activities for the following year. Cultural programme were performed by the school students.

**Support :** The programme is financially supported by Tribal Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura, Give India and other Individual donors.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation:**

VHAT Monitoring and Evaluation Committee along with the Executive Director did the yearly evaluation as it is important to keep watch on the project for its continuation as well to achieve its targeted activities.

#### **Case Study - 1**

**Rubel Tripura** - In January 2013, seven years old Rubel was admitted in Class-I in Ratanmani Vidyalay . He was staying in the school hostel. His parents are very poor. They work as Jhumias (shifting cultivator in the hills) in Baga Chatal village under Rupaichari Block. This is one of the most remote blocks of Tripura. Rubel was good in study and in sports. The school encouraged him for participating regularly in the sports. In last annual exam, he achieved 80% marks and promoted to Class-IV. In February 2016, he participated in district level sports competition in South Tripura District and was selected for admission in Sports School at Agartala, under Sports Authority of India where he is now getting all free opportunity for study and for developing himself as a good sportsman.



#### **Case Study - 2**

**Arjun Tripura** - Arjun is from a very remote village of Rupaichari block . He completed his primary education from Ratanmani Vidyalay. This year he passed Madhyamik Examination from Sabroom H.S.School with letter marks in seven subjects. His achievement is remarkable among the Tribal children in Rupaichari block and is a proof that good primary education is the basis / foundation of success in life.





## Promoting the Rights of PWDs through Community Based Rehabilitation Approach in Rupaichari Block, South Tripura District, Tripura

This Project is being implemented under direct supervision and guidance from CBR Forum, Bangalore with financial support from Light for the World through Caritas India.

The statistical data of the PWDs under the services of this project in the year 2015-2016 was as follows:-

Sl. No.	Type of Disability	0 - 5		6 - 14		15 - 18		19 - 59		60 +		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	Blindness	0	0	3	2	3	0	23	15	1	8	30	25
2	Low vision	0	0	4	2	3	3	31	17	7	8	45	30
3	Leprosy cured	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	1
4	Hearing impairment	0	0	6	0	4	3	35	32	7	6	52	41
5	Locomotor disability	0	0	24	10	8	11	84	49	15	6	131	76
6	Mental illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	1	6	3
7	Mental retardation	0	0	5	3	4	3	14	13	0	0	23	19
8	Autism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cerebral Palsy	0	0	3	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	7	4
10	Multiple Disabilities	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
11	Epilepsy	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	2
Total:		0	1	46	21	25	22	198	131	31	29	300	204

The project formed 34 number of village level DPOs and one Block level DPO Federation.

### **The outcomes of the Awareness, Collaboration & Services provided by the project :**

#### **□ Health :**

- ◇ Daily Living Skills-54% (61/114) of CWDs/ PWDs have improved their daily living skills.
- ◇ Mobility-58% (66/114) of CWDs/ PWDs have improved their mobility.
- ◇ Communication -38% (35/92) of CWDs/ PWDs have improved their communication.

- ❖ 25% (72/289) of CWDs/PWDs have improved their quality of life. ( Target was 289/504, for whom we required some sort of intervention).

❑ **Education :**

- ❖ One Child with high support need have early intervention services.
- ❖ 100% (114/114) of CWDs have achieved their academic standards to their fullest ability
- ❖ 85% (97/114) of CWDs have participated in sports and games
- ❖ 25% (28/114) of CWDs have acquired Life skills (such as assertiveness, decision making, negotiations, working in groups, problem solving etc.)

❑ **Livelihood:**

- ◆ 66 % (258/389) of PwDs have increased their income and able to manage their family.
- ◆ 72% (280/389) of PwDs are contributing financial support to family.
- ◆ 59% (228/389) of PwDs have control over their resources for the survival
- ◆ 08 nos. of local/ govt. level like BDO, Social Welfare, Schools, Panchayats, Health and Banks, Agriculture dept., DDRC are aware of various govt. policies promoting inclusion. services as per their procedures.
- ◆ 08 Gram Panchayats/ Village Council has been supporting and promoting various schemes for the benefit of the PWDs.
- ◆ 53% (206/389) of PWDs are aware of various govt. policies promoting inclusion.
- ◆ 53% (206/389) of PwDs are aware of different govt. schemes and programmes.
- ◆ 42% (163/389) of PwDs have accessed to govt. schemes and programme like IAY, MGNREGA and pension.

❑ **Social:**

- 60% (12/20) of gram panchayat have inclusive structures, system and practices are in place.
- 32% (123/389) of PwDs have included in the programmes of cultural and recreational in the community.
- 57% (285/389) People with disabilities have meaningful relationship ( family and social relationship).
- 96% (27/28) People with disabilities got married and most of them have children.

❑ **Advocacy and Empowerment:**

- 100% (34/34) of VDPOs at grass root level are in place.
- 68% (23/34) of VDPOs have raised their concerns/issues.
- 68% (23/34) of VDPOs have exercised their rights & entitlements.

- 38% (3/8) of VDPOs have resolved their issues and concern
- 100% (34/34) of VDPOs have linkage with DPOs at various levels.
- 68% (23/34) of VDPOs have collaboration with local government and block level authorities.
- Block Level DPO (BDPO) is in place and functioning effectively, it -
  - Has skills and capabilities to resolve issues
  - Has knowledge & skills on rights
  - Uses different strategies to resolve issues. Collaborates with various networks & alliance groups at Dist., state and national level.

### Case Study

Manindra Tripura / 56 years /Male, a resident of East Sabroom panchayat under Rupaichari R.D.Block of South Tripura District has mental retardation. He was not interacting with other person and used to spent his time with his own thoughts and hardly went out from the house. He lost his wife a few years ago. He has a son and a daughter who are attending the local school. Economically he was very poor without any regular income.



CBR Project motivated him to be a member of DPO. Gradually he started interaction with fellow DPO members. He came to know about various welfare schemes of the government in the panchayat level. He participated in the Gram Sabha of the local panchayat and demanded one house under IYA. First time he failed, 2<sup>nd</sup> time he got the house.

Manindra has certificate of MR with 20% disability, for this reason, it was difficult for him to get disability pension. He had undergone Income Generation training on goat and pig rearing and got loan from CBR Project. He started rearing pigs and goats. He received the job card for MGNREGA and getting wages accordingly. Manindra and his children are now happy and grateful to CBR Project. They deeply feel that due to the intervention of CBR Project Manindra could break the silence and became active in life.

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## VHAT EYE HOSPITAL

In 2015-16 there were two components in this project, VHAT Eye Hospital and VHAT CBR activities for the persons with disabilities in Mohanpur and Dukli block under west Tripura district. This project received partial support from CBM Bangalore.

**Overall Objective:** Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to have equal opportunities leading to improved quality of life with emphasis on minimization of avoidable blindness in West District of Tripura.

**Target Groups:** 1) Persons with Disabilities in Mohanpur and Dukli block of West Tripura District. 2) Poor underprivileged elderly population of rural Tripura. Area of Coverage: i) For Eye Hospital Part of the project the area was whole of the West Tripura, less accessible rural areas of Gomati and South District . ii) For Comprehensive CBR for PWDs, the area was Mohanpur and Dukli Block of West Tripura District.

Activities under this project were:

### A. **VHAT Eye Hospital**

- Medical/eye screening camps – 89 camps organized in different rural areas of 3 districts.
- Number of persons received the services in camp OPD- 7111(Male-3392, Female-3553,Children-166).
- Number of persons received the services in Hospital OPD-1062(Male-523, Female-510,Children-29).
- Number cataract surgery -763 (Male-379, Female-384).
- Number of minor surgery-146 (Male-77, Female-69).
- Number of Spectacles provided to -589 elderly person.
- School Eye and Ear screening camps for awareness generation, treatment & referring the eligible cases- 50 schools in Mohanpur and Dukli block.

### B. **VHAT CBR Activities**

- Referral Health support for 42patients(M-25, F-17) suffering from Epilepsy & Mentally Ill persons.
- Distribution of VitA & Albendazole to 0-6 yrs age group in project area with support from Vitamin Angel-
- Networking with ICDS Workers,PRIs,Primary Teachers,Asha Workers and Village Health Committees for early detection & prevention of disability and ensuring supply of nutritious food for CWDs(concerned people/stakeholders—36 meetings organized.
- Aids & Appliances provided to 55 PWDS.



- Sensitizing pregnant women, lactating mothers & adolescent girls on the causes and prevention of Disability, importance of immunization, nutrition, safe institutional delivery and prevention of secondary disability 107 meetings organized.
- ADL /Skill training to the persons with intellectual disability/ VI/others – provided to 26 PWDs/CWDs.
- Orientation & mobility training for visually impaired- 6 PWDs.
- Support/training for behaviour problem for CWDs with intellectual disability—49 CWDs.
- Providing home based support to children with disability in basic education like pre-reading/writing skills and ADL activities-to 36 CWDs.
- Block level workshop on inclusive education with the school authorities where CWDs are admitted – Two workshops organized in Mohanpur & Dukli block.
- Observation of Children’s Day on 14th November with CWDs will participate with other children- 21 CWDs participated with 90 other children.
- Networking with panchayats to ensure inclusion and regular payment to PWDs along with general people under MGNREGA- 20 meetings organized.
- Capacity building training to selected PWDs of IG- two training of two groups of 20/ 22 participants in each group on mushroom cultivation & organic farming .
- Formation of panchayat level DPOs- 12 DPOs formed.
- To train DPO-Leaders in the area of rights , identify issues, conducting meetings and maintenance of minutes book- two meetings in two blocks.
- Formation of federation of panchayat level DPOs in to a block level DPO-One in Mohanpur Block.
- Taking up advocacy issues at block level(barrier free environment in schools, drinking water and toilets in schools, not getting the disability pension,denial of school admission for CWDs,equal wages in MGNREGA,getting BPL cards)- Four meetings organized.
- Observation of World Disabled Day on 3rd December- 130 PWDs participated.



*Community Eye Camp of VHAT Eye Hospital*

“Education is not the learning of facts  
but training of minds to think.”

*- Albert Einstein*







## Strategy for Innovative and Inclusive Education in North East India (RSIENEI) for Children with Disabilities

In short this 'Inclusive Education' project was initiated in January 2016, in north eastern states with financial and technical support from three agencies, viz. Light for the World, Austria, CBM-India and Jan Vikas Samiti, India. VHAT is the implementing partner of CBM. Selected project area for VHAT is Mohanpur, Dukli & Bishalgarh block.

As per Right to Education Act-2009-

- ◆ It provides free & compulsory education for all children of 6 to 14 years including Children with Disabilities (CWDs).
- ◆ Person with Disability is able to get access to Education & achieve his/her potential, live with dignity and self respect and be included in the community.

Here Inclusion denotes that a student with a disability unconditionally belongs to and has full membership of a regular classroom in a regular school and in the community.

Inclusion something is-

- Being part of things: Not being excluded.
- Focusing on similarities between disabled and non-disabled children (rather than differences).
- Acceptance of children with differences.
- Providing regular (normalized) experiences with peers of the same chronological age
- Being close to non-disabled age peers to learn from them. Having same privileges as others. Being treated with respect.
- Providing an opportunity for children with disabilities to learn to live with their disability in everyday society.
- Not being labeled unnecessarily, and never in a devaluing fashion.
- Meeting individual differences over a wide range of variance.
- Providing for the disabled child's educational requirements on the basis of that child's skills and needs.

VHAT's role in this project is basically doing the advocacy. The training of the selected teachers is to be provided by Montfort Tripura. In January to March 2016 VHAT could do the following activities-

- Communication, to give necessary information, with State Project Director (SPD), SSA Raijya Mission, Joint Director-SSA, State Co-ordinator-SSA (IE), Dy. Commissioner, Disability Social welfare and social Education Govt. Tripura, District Project Coordinator, SSA West Tripura District, District Coordinator- SSA (EV), IS- Bishalgarh, Block Coordinator-SSA, Bishalgarh Sepahijala, IS- Sadar, CDPOs Bishalgarh, Mohanpur & Dukli Block.

- ❑ Collection of essential data, visit to the selected schools to discuss about the project with the HMs, ISs, SSA Teachers. Communication with NGOs and Advocacy groups. Preparation of some Teaching Learning Materials and Advocacy Materials.
- ❑ On March 29, 2016, State Level Launching Workshop was organized by VHAT on Dissemination of information on Strategy for Innovative and Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities (RSIENEI) Project in Tripura.



Mr. U.K.Chakma, State Project Director (SPD) of SSA-Rajjya Mission, was the Chief Guest and Inaugurator of the State Level Launching Workshop

**The number of children with disabilities between the ages of 5 – 10 in India is estimated to be 2.36 million, but only 1.72 million are enrolled in elementary school. The District Information on School Education (DISE) reports that the proportion of enrollment of children with disabilities at the primary level to total enrollment was 1.18% and dropped to 0.90% for an upper primary level in 2012-13.**

**Children with disabilities must be able to access their right to education through inclusive education.**

**Full participation in the mainstream schools is critical for inclusion and empowerment of children with disabilities. The Right to Education Act, 2009, mandates that ‘every child’ with any form of disability must receive ‘meaningful and quality education’.**

Source: <http://www.cbmindia.org.in>



## Intensified Malaria Control Program (IMCP) under GFATM

This project has been supported by the Global Fund through the Caritas India & VHAI. This is one of the wide coverage projects of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT). In the financial year 2015-16, this project completed phase –II and entered in Phase-III. VHAT has been serving as a Sub-Sub recipient of Caritas India under Voluntary Health Association of India. VHAT has been working in 4 districts of Tripura but from October 2015 with the initiation of IMCP-III the project was excluded from Unokoti district and existing in 3 districts now-South Tripura, Gomati District and North Tripura. 352 villages were covered under three districts. The human resources of the project are- District Project Officer-1, Data Entry Operator-1, Field Supervisors-21 and Community Health Volunteers- 352. The program was well coordinated with NVBDCP.

### Objectives of the project :

1. To achieve nearly universal coverage by effective preventive intervention with LLIN for population living in high risk areas .
2. To achieve at least 80% coverage by parasitological diagnosis and prompt effective treatment of Malaria through public and private health care delivery systems in project areas.
3. To achieve at least 80% coverage of village in project areas by appropriate BCC activities by improving knowledge, awareness and responsive behavior with regards to effective preventive and curative malaria control intervention.
4. To strengthen the health systems through trainings, capacity building in order to improve the service delivery in project areas.

### Achievements:

At a glance activities of the project in 2015-16 are as follows:

1	Number of buildings tested with BDT by the Community Health Volunteers	2578	2959
2	No of fever cases tested with Slide by the Community Health Volunteers	92	197
3	Number of Infotainment activities conducted	55	67
4	Number of Miking on Malaria awareness conducted	121	129
5	Number of Community Message Dissemination session conducted	54	69
6	Number of people participated in the Community Message Dissemination session	1080	1493
7	Number of Local School Activity conducted	1	1
8	LLIN Distribution	7898	5195

## 9 Women Self Help Group (WSHG) Project

**W**omen Self Help Groups (WSHG) Project was initiated in 2013 with the support from NABARD, Tripura Regional Office. This unique project has been implementing by VHAT in West Tripura District.

### ❑ **The major Objectives of the project :**

1. Promotion of Women Self Help Groups for participation in Bank Loan Based income generation activities.
2. More participation and involvement of women in sustainable income generation activities for livelihood enhancement.
3. Formation of 500 (five Hundred) Women Self Help Groups in west Tripura District.

### ❑ **The achievement of the WSHG project so far:**

- Totally 513 WSHGs formed in six blocks of West Tripura District. The block wise break up as: Mohanpur- 120, Lefunga-114, Mandwai-103, Jirania-90, Hezamara-42 & Dukli-44.
- So far capacity building of 2222 women members was done as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.
- 344 WSHGs linked with credit process with the banks.
- The four Project Implementation and Monitoring Committee(PIMC) meetings were held for evaluation and monitoring of the project interventions.



***WSHG members in LEDP Training on Mushroom production***

- The Income Generation Activity (IGA) has been in place by the WSHGs as per the interest are- pig rearing, mushroom cultivation, beauty parlor, running small business of garments & bamboo mat weaving.
- The synergy building with department like-SIPARD, RUDSETI was done for continuous capacity building for WSHG members.

▣ **Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme (LEDP)**

With the intension to make the WSHGs sustainable , NABARD has introduced this project in West Tripura on pilot basis. Under this project, training of 8 batches of WSHG members would be organized. Atleast 20 Women Self Help Group Members would be trained in each group on farming & allied sector and 60 WSHG members will be trained under non-farm sector. Livelihood mapping & selection of SHGs have been completed and this project would be implementing in Bamutia and Mandai Block of West Tripura District. The training of Pig rearing and mushroom cultivation under farm & allied sector would be organized in Mandai Block and bamboo mat weaving training would be in Bamutia Block under non-farming sector.

The project was formally inaugurated in State Credit Seminar of NABARD on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Training of one batch of beneficiaries was completed in the financial year of 2015-16. Total 30 WSHG members were trained on Piggery rearing and Mushroom Cultivation activities in Mandai Block.

“When you teach a woman to fish, everybody eats.” In countries where economic development has stalled and millions live in poverty, investing in livelihood development for women is not simply an issue of women’s empowerment -it is also a cutting-edge investment in poverty alleviation and economic development for the future. Given the opportunity to earn a living, women spend their income on food, medicine, and schooling for their families. They marry later, have fewer children, and enjoy greater autonomy within their households and communities. They work long hours and save determinedly to give their children a better life. In doing so, they ensure that the next generation is stronger, healthier, and skilled enough to engage in tomorrow’s economy.





## Integrated Tribal Development Fund (TDF) of National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)

This is one of the very specific tribal development projects of National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD). In Tripura this is the first project implemented by NABARD through Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT). The project area covers four (4) tribal village councils ( panchayats) of Mohanpur Block (now Lefunga Block) in West Tripura district. The villages are-Sambhuram Para, Bhagwan Choudhury, Abhicharan and Birmohan village of Lefunga R.D.Block, West Tripura District. Number of targeted beneficiary families is 300.

The activities of the project were-WADI (horticulture based homestead orchid) & Forest WADI development, micro enterprise development (Piggery & Bamboo handicrafts), water resource development, organizing health camps for betterment of the population of the project areas.

The activities conducted during the financial year 2015-16 are as below :

- Creation of Horti WADI- 50 horticulture WADI established and the species are-mango, banana, papaya, lemon, pineapple.
- Health Camps-5 general and eye camps were organized under the project. 4(four) camps organized in 4 (four) project villages and 1 camps organize at block head quarter of Lefunga Block.
- Village Planning Committees formed and village common fund was established.
- 20 families have been covered under bamboo handicrafts training . The bamboo mat weaving materials were provided to the trained tribal families.
- 3 Community meetings were conducted in the project villages.
- 2 Income Generation Trainings were conducted for the beneficiaries of the area specially the women beneficiaries.



*Health Camp under TDF Project*



*Bambo Handicrafts Training under TDF Project*

# 11

## IGNOU PROGRAMME STUDY CENTRE

Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) is one of the pioneer Universities which provides better distance educational courses not only in India but also throughout the globe.

VHAT Eye Hospital was approved by IGNOU as a Programme Study Centre for BSCHOT courses since 2010.

The Centre Code is 2642P.

It offers 4 years degree courses on B.Sc ((Honours) in Optometry and Ophthalmic Techniques (BSCHOT). In order to ensure quality education to students VHAT tagged the program with the Agartala Govt. Medical College and GBP Hospital for both theory and practical sessions. Beside this VHAT made all efforts to involve qualified and experienced teachers to run the course.

In addition, from June 2015, VHAT Eye Hospital was recognized as IGNOU Examination Centre

# 12

## NIOS Vocational Education Courses

Since 2007, VHAT is running a Vocational Training Centre accredited by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Vocational Training Centre of VHAT intends to create employment opportunity for the youths. The following courses are offered by VHAT Vocational Education Centre:

Sl. No	Name of the Course	Course Period	Minimum qualification
1	Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education	One Year	Madyamik(10 <sup>th</sup> Class) Pass
2	Certificate in Community Health	One Year	Madyamik(10 <sup>th</sup> Class) Pass
3	Certificate in Yoga	6 months	8 <sup>th</sup> Class Pass
4	Certificate in Care of Elderly	One Year	Madyamik(10 <sup>th</sup> Class) Pass
5	Certificate in Homoeopathic Dispensing	One Year	Madyamik(10 <sup>th</sup> Class) Pass

In 2015 -16 VHAT could run the vocational education courses for **46** students. The candidates would be issued certificates from the NIOS, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The candidates may utilize the certificates to start their own income generating activity or they can find a better job.

## GIVE INDIA SUPPORT

**G**iveIndia is a not for profit organization in India. It is an online donation platform and aims to channel and provide resources to credible Non-Governmental Organisations across India. It is a web portal, raises funds and contributions from individuals across India and the world and then disburses these donations to credible Indian NGOs. After a rigorous and thorough document based due diligence, supplemented by a visit or a strong reference, GiveIndia lists NGOs on its website.

VHAT is registered under Give India NGO Portal. In the year 2015-2016, we have received the following support from various individual Donors through Give India :

- For Orphan Home - Rs.7,29,419/-
- For Ratanmani Vidyalay - Rs.6,58,900/-
- For Cataract operation of Elderly Poor- Rs.90,814 /-
- For providing Wheel Chairs for PWDs - Rs.1,82,569/-
- General Support- Rs.1,60,708/-
- Corpus Fund-750/-

### Joy of Giving

**“Give cheerfully and freely. It is the energy behind the giving that matters so do not give grudgingly. The law of cause and effect guarantees that you shall receive plenty for what you give”.**

**- David Cameron Gikandi**

**“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”**

**- Mother Teresa**



# 14

## Special Programmes

### ❑ Tripura Bal Gurukul :

This project has been implementing in collaboration with Indian Development Foundation (IDF), Mumbai at Dashami Ghat slum area of Agartala. The project referred as Tripura Bal Gurukul , initiated with the objective to provide the coaching to the poor school going children of the slum area. Students were selected based on the academic performance as well as the family background with the consultation of the local organization named Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Samajik Sanstha. Through the coaching we tried to support the confidence building of the students towards their study and also guide them as per requirement for improvement of their education. 2 (two)dedicated VHAT staff as empowered teachers have been engaged in the project. In 2015-2016 Tripura Bal Gurukul have 42 students out them 20 are boys and 22 are girls. Beside attending the coaching classes, the students were also involved in some cultural activities like celebration of Children’s Day (Sishu Divas ) and Teachers’ Day.

### ❑ Research Study on “Strengthening the Health Information System of India with Special Focus on Tuberculosis, Malaria, HIV & AIDS related Mortality Data Analysis– Global Fund Project”

This research study was aimed to enhance understanding of Tuberculosis, Malaria, HIV & Aids related mortality over-time, and thereby improve the estimates of total deaths in India.

#### **Specific Objectives were-to analyze and document :**

- ◆ Existing hospital based mortality patterns and trends related to Tuberculosis, Malaria, HIV & AIDS in age-sex variations;
- ◆ Changes in Tuberculosis, Malaria, HIV & AIDS – related hospital admissions and bed occupancy;
- ◆ Systemic constraints in data collection and analysis and to develop strategies to address existing constraints and knowledge gaps.

This Global Fund supported study was done by VHAI through Tripura



*Training of Field Assistants in conducting the Verbal Autopsy*

VHA as local partner. The targeted area was South Tripura District. On November 5-7, 2015 the training of Field Assistants in conducting the Verbal Autopsy in the community and hospital data collection was held at Agartala.

Field works were completed within January 2016. Cause wise mortality data gathered from selected Health care institutions was tabulated and analysed by Dr. Shankar Choudhury, Project Coordinator, Mortality Data Analysis Project, VHAI.

#### ❑ **Support to the Small Initiatives of Member Organizations**

- Adarsha Sangha celebrated the International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 in their premises in Dewanpasha, Dharmanagar. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. The 2016 theme for International Women's Day was **"Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality"**
- Society for Alternative Thinking and Action, Ranirgaon, Majlishpur, organized training of the members of women self help groups on health and nutrition on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.



*Children of Tripura Bal Gurukul Project*



“Education is the most powerful weapon  
we can use to change the world.”

– *Nelson Mandela*

# LOKASWASTHYA SAMBAD

(People's Health News-Under INFORMATION DOCUMENTATION,  
PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION Cell)

The monthly Periodical "Loka Swasthya Samad" is registered by the Registrar of Newspaper of India (RNI) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Postal Department, Government of India. This is one of the advocacy tools of VHAT to reach to the policy makers and to create awareness among the mass on different health, environment and social issues.

## **The Loka Swasthya Sambad has different segments which are as follows:**

- ✧ To the readers-critics on health and development policies-national and international.
- ✧ Health & Medical treatment.
- ✧ Mental Health.
- ✧ Adolescence and family life education.
- ✧ Traditional System of Medicine.
- ✧ Health News.
- ✧ Social Health.
- ✧ Health and environment.
- ✧ Letters to the Editor: feedback from the readers.



## **The salient features of the periodical :**

- ✧ It is the only monthly periodical on health issues in the state of Tripura, thus it is drawing the attention of the policy makers, politician, and functionaries of the health service providing institutions of the state.
- ✧ Current burning issues on health, environment and social issues are highlighted in the periodical.
- ✧ To enrich the contents, the experts are consulted and some contents are also driven from the web based resource centre/ internet.
- ✧ It has the monthly circulation of 1200 copies.
- ✧ Feedback from the readers is given emphasis for giving more highlights on specific issues and taking corrective measures for upgrading the periodical.



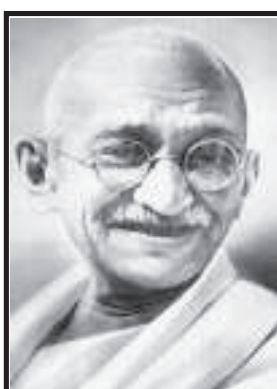
## 16 Trainings / Meeting Attended by VHAT Members & Staffs

Increasing the ability of a social organization to achieve the goals that are set by that organization is absolutely essential. For equipping the staff & members (human resource) with the understanding, skills and access to information, VHAT always tries to avail the opportunity to send them to participate in various relevant trainings, workshops & meetings. In the year 2015-16, VHAT Staff / Members attended the following Trainings / Meetings:

<b>Trainings/Meetings</b>	<b>Date of the event</b>	<b>Participated by</b>
Regional Level Consultation for Eastern & NE States on Sustainable Development Goals, organized by CINI, West Bengal	April 01-02, 2015	Dr.Sreelekha Ray
International Seminar on Tribal Health, organized by Tripura University	April 6-7, 2015	Dr.Dilip Kumar Ray & Mr. Sujit Ghosh
Bi-Annual Review Meeting of Caritas India Consortium. Organized by Caritas India in Guwahati	April 10-11, 2015	Mr.Sujit Ghosh & Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder
National Outreach Initiative on FCRA Renewal through FCRA Clinics – a joint initiative of FMSF,CPA, VANI,CAP & Credibility Alliance at Baptist Missionary Society, Kolkata	May 05, 2015	Mr.Bipul Kanti Majumder & Mr. Phani Debnath
Meeting on CSR initiatives in India organized by VHAI, New Delhi	May 19-20, 2015	Dr.Sreelekha Ray
Workshop on Disability, Development and Rehabilitation Services, organized by Mobility India at Agartala	May 29- 30, 2015	Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder, Ms. Sutapa Homroy, Mr.Gautam Sarkar, Mr.Sankar Debnath, Ms.Dipti Nath
15 <sup>th</sup> AGM of National Trust in Viswa Yubak Kendra, New Delhi	May 23, 2015	Dr.Sreelekha Ray
North East Regional Consultative Meeting of Partnership on TB Care and Control in India, in Guwahati	June 11-12, 2015	Mr.Sujit Ghosh
15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Partners Meeting in NE Region, organized by CBR Forum in NEDSE, Guwahati	June 16-17, 2015	Dr.Sreelekha Ray & Mr.Sankar Debnath
Training on Team Building and Interpersonal Communication Skill Development, organized by SIPARD, Agartala	29 <sup>th</sup> June -3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2015	Ms. Rupa Deb

State Level Workshop on Integrated Child Protection Scheme at Pragna Bhavan, organized by Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura	1 <sup>st</sup> July,2015	Ms. Ms. Ms. Dr.
RSIIENE Workshop, organized by Light for the World in Bosco Reachout, Guwahati	July 13,2015	Dr.
Meeting on Prevention of Child Marriage, organized by TCCW(CHILDLINE Support)	August 07,2015	Ms. Ms. Mr.
International Youth NGO Summit 2015 at Chennai	July 24-26, 2015	Mr.
District Level Orientation cum Sensitization on National Tobacco Control Program, organized by District Tobacco Control Cell of West District	August 18,2015	Mr.
State Level Workshop on Rights & Entitlement of PWDs, organized by Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura at Pragna Bhavan	August 20-21, 2015	Mr.
Workshop on Child Health & Child Rights, organized by CDPO of Jiraniablock in Khayerpur Banibitan Hall	August 22,2015	Mr. (as
Workshop on Child Health & Child Rights, organized by State Legal Cell in Lembutali	August 23,2015	Mr. (as
Workshop on Child Health & Child Rights, organized by CDPO of Jiraniablock	August 23,2015	Ms. Res
Workshop on Prevention of Human Trafficking by Tripura Adibasi Mahila Samiti	September 24,2015	Dr. Res
Leadership Council-2015, organized by the Miracle Foundation in Delhi	September 2-4, 2015	Dr.
State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) Meeting on WSHGs	8 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015	Mr.

Training on Community Based Disaster Management & School Safety , organized by CBM and Sphere India in Montfort School, Guwahati	November 17-18, 2015	Mr.Jyotirmoy Majumder & Ms Sayna Debnath
Orientation Meeting on Project Progress Report, organized by CBM in Montfort School, Guwahati	November 19-20, 2015	Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder &Mr. Bipul Kanti Majumder
Regional Orientation Workshop for Handicraft NGOs organized byTata Institute of Social Science & Development Commissioner(Handicrafts) in Guwahati	November 27-28, 2015	Mr.Sujit Ghosh
District Level Workshop on J.J.Act, organized by District Legal Service Authority, West District in Police Training Academy, Narsingarh	December 20,2015	Mr.Sujit Ghosh, Mr. Bipul Kanti Majumder, Ms.Jayanti Deb and 5 Team Members of CHILDLINE
State Review Meeting of Child Care Institutions, organized by Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education , Government of Tripura at Malancha	Januari 31, 2016	Mr.Sujit Ghosh, Mr. Bipul Kanti Majumder
Workshop on Microenterprise Development for Rural Bankers at SIPARD	February 15-18,2016	Mr.Sanjit Bhowmik & Mr. Biplab Sutradhar
National Conference on Assistive Technology for PWDs, Venue was NIT-Jirania	February 20-22,2016	Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder
DPMU Training on New Funding Model of IMCP organized by Caritas India at Guwahati	March 18-19,2016	Mr.Sujit Ghosh, Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder, Mr Phani Debnath
Workshop for Professional Social Workers, in CWC Office-West District	March 10, 2016	Mr.Sujit Ghosh, Ms.Rupa Deb
State Credit Seminar by NABARD in Pragna Bhavan	March 26, 2016	Mr.Sujit Ghosh



“Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large.”

*-Mahatma Gandhi*





## Visitors & Resource Persons of the Year 2015-16

(From outside the State)

Name of the Visitors / Resource Persons	Date
Mr.Amit Kumar, Assistant Director, Mobility India, Kolkata Mr.Hira Nand, Physiotherapist, Mobility India, Kolkata Ms.HildaFerroo, Program Staff, Mobility India, Kolkata	May 29-30, 2015
Ms.Rohini Vemuganti, Give India.	June 11-14, 2015
Mr.Sunil Dipak,Incharge-Guwahati Office of Mobility India Ms. Lakshi Raman, Mobility India.	June 24, 2015
Ms.Ambalika Senapati, Coordinator, Shishu Sarothi, Guwahati, Assam	August 24, 2015
Mr.Subrata Mukherjee and Mr. Abhishek Shaw, Caritas India.	August 27- 29, 2015
Mr. Sudeendra Kumar, CBR Forum, Bangalore.	September 3-5, 2015
Mr.Amitabha Das,Regional project Manager, IMCP, VHAIMs.Kakoli Sharma, BCC Officer, IMCP, VHAI.	September 3-6, 2015 January 20-25, 2016
Mr.Marty,Mr.Somnath Datta,Mr.Ashok Chaturvedi-Finance Section, Miracle Foundation.	September 5-7, 2015
Avik Mitra,Sr.Programme Coordinator, CHILDLINE India Foundation, East Regional Resource Centre, Kolkata.	September 8-11, 2015 December 19-21,2015
Mr.Kanta,Logistic Supply Officer,Caritas India NE OfficeMs.Akhum,BCC Officer, Caritas India NE Office.	September 15-19, 2015
Mr.L.T.Ricky,Spastic Society of Manipur, Mrs. Sushma, RCI Zonal Coordination Committee, NE Zone.	September 21-25, 2015
Dr.Harveen,St.Stephen Hospital, N.Delhi(Miracle Foundation).	October 3-4,2015
Mr.Francis Angampu Maringmei, Programme Officer, CBRF.	November 12-14, 2015
Mr.Andrew Poser, Public Affairs Officer,U.S Consulate General, Kolkata.	November 19, 2015
Ms.Preeti Seth, Senior Coordnator, Miracle Foundation	November 16-17, 2015 January 17- 19, 2016
Mr. Rajib Malakar, Assistant Professor, SIPARD	December 24 ,2015
Mr. Prabhakar Sahoo,CBR Forum(Evaluator)	December 25-26,2015
Mr. Ramesh Saha Podder, Credibility Alliance (Assesor)	January 8-9, 2016
Dr. Shankar Choudhury, VHAI, New Delhi	January 13-15, 2016
Mr. Anisur Rahman,Team Leader-WASH,Centre for Media Studies, New Delhi	February 7-8, 2016
Mr. Prabhat Ganguly, Accountant, VHAI	February 11-12 , 2016
Mrs. Jaya Biswas, AMC, Member of Meyor - in- Council, AMC	March 08,2016
Mrs. Sudhikana Mitra, Assistant Professor, SIPARD	March 08,2016
Dr. Selim Reza, Project Coordinator-TRIBAC	March 08,2016

# 18 ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF 2015-2016

## Give India Templates for Transparency & Accountability Disclosures

For the Financial Year 2015 - 2016 (This template is based on GiveIndia Listing Norms)

The following tables are filled in based on duly audited accounts of  
VHAT for the financial year ending on 31st March 2016



<b>1. Balance Sheet</b>			
		<b>All figures are Rs in lacs</b>	
<b>Assets as on</b>		<b>3/31/2015</b>	<b>3/31/2016</b>
Fixed assets		152.9944153	166.3308092
Investments		81.3482063	107.0896084
Loans and advances		0.71579	1.06445
Cash and bank balances		30.4076389	37.8300496
Other current assets			
Excess of expenditure over income (if any)		0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>265.4660505</b>	<b>312.3149172</b>
		<b>All figures are Rs in lacs</b>	
<b>Liabilities as on</b>		<b>3/31/2015</b>	<b>3/31/2016</b>
Trust/Society/Share-holder funds			
General fund (unrestricted fund)		149.4629433	166.0542332
Corpus and endowment fund (s)			0.0075
Restricted/Earmarked funds		111.69972	134.64656
Grant balances		-31,9984327	-27,8712144
Loans and borrowings			
Current liabilities and provisions		19.71053	18.12915
Excess of income over expenditure (if any)		16.5912899	21.3486883
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>265.4660505</b>	<b>312.3149171</b>
<b>2. Income &amp; Expenditure Statement</b>			
<b>Income for the year ended on</b>		<b>3/31/2015</b>	<b>3/31/2016</b>
Earned/Self generated income		11.7080521	13.3538421
Donations from Indian sources		57.8644455	50.3085527
Grants from Indian sources		78.02536	101.5547117
Donations from International sources		0.59525	0.45395
Grants from International sources		43.9595106	49.602022
Other income		1.19903	3.52363
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>193.3516482</b>	<b>218.7967085</b>
		<b>All figures are Rs in lacs</b>	
<b>Expenditure for the year ended on</b>		<b>3/31/2015</b>	<b>3/31/2016</b>
Programme		148.47156	168.7049277
Public education and fundraising		5.27762	4.43558
Management and administration		3.252732	4.3518163
Payments to Beneficiaries		4.30114	9.81405
Others expenses		15.4573063	10.1416462
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>176.7603583</b>	<b>197.4480202</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>16.5912899</b>	<b>21.3486883</b>
		<b>193.3516482</b>	<b>218.7967085</b>



### 3. Receipts & Payments Account

All figures are Rs in lacs		
Receipts for the year ended on	3/31/2015	3/31/2016
Opening Cash and Bank Balance	29.1440764	30.4076389
Earned/Self generated income	6.95719	7.55047
Donations from Indian sources	58.7414646	49.0168408
Grants from Indian sources	77.66474	130.91974
Donations from International sources	0.6208936	0.5318739
Grants from International sources	40.7931464	48.9531
Sale of investments/assets	7.06423	5.99074
Loans		
Other receipts	4.03662	4.10463
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>225.022361</b>	<b>277.4750336</b>

All figures are Rs in lacs		
Payments for the year ended on	3/31/2015	3/31/2016
Capital items/assets purchased for the organisation	6.39018	0.17825
Capital items/assets purchased for beneficiaries	12.10588	17.76859
Purchase of investments	11.00000	26.00000
Grants/ donations to other organisations	0.1	0.20050
Loans and advances	0	
Other payments	165.0186621	195.4976444
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>194.6147221</b>	<b>239.6449844</b>
<b>Closing cash and bank balance</b>	<b>30.4076389</b>	<b>37.8300496</b>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>225.022361</b>	<b>277.475034</b>

4.	Major Project / Donors of the year (2015- 2016)	Expenditure (Rs.)
1.	Tobacco Control Program (The UNION)	39,833.00
2.	Childrens Shelters Home -SW	35,77,000.00
3.	CHILDLINE INDIA, MoWCD	14,36,000.00
4.	Intensified Malaria Control Program-II	34,31,940.00
5.	CBR Forum, Bangalore	8,17,600.00
6.	Miracle Foundation	26,14,105.00
7.	TDF Programme (NABARD)	9,00,098.00
8.	Ratanmani Vidyalaya (T.D.D.)	13,98,022.00
9.	GIVE India (FC)	45,395.00
10.	GIVE India (Non-FC)	18,40,419.00
11.	VHAT Eye Hospital (including CBR), CBM	6,37,594.00
12.	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation	3,62,574.00
13.	GFMDA,VHAT	2,30,006.00
14.	Women SHG (NABARD)	5,07,437.00
	<b>TOTAL (RS)</b>	<b>1,78,38,023.00</b>

**Give India Template for Transparency & Accountability Disclosures for the Financial year 2015 -16**

<b>Details of Board Members as on 31/03/2016</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Position on Board</b>	<b>No. of meeting attended</b>	<b>Remuneration and reimbursements in Rs.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Mr. Benudhar Acharjee	President	5	Zero	
Md. Mokbul Ali	Vice President	5	Zero	
Mrs. Banarani Choudhuri	Secretary	6	Zero	
Mr. Anjan Bardhan	Assistant Secretary	6	Zero	
Mr. Hari Bhusan Das	Treasurer	6	Zero	
Prof. (Dr.) Dilip Kumar Ray	Member	5	Zero	
Ms. Shikha Saha	Member	6	Zero	
Ms. Agnes Darlong	Member	6	Zero	
Mr. Sishuram Mahajan	Member	6	Zero	
Mr. Partha Sakha Debnath	Member	5	Zero	
Dr. Sreelekha Ray	Ex Officio (Executive Director)	6	275262.00	

<b>Total cost of international travel by all personnel (including volunteers) and Board members</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

<b>Total cost of national travel by all personnel (including volunteers) and Board members</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Expenditure(Rs.)</b>
Dr. Sreelekha Ray & Mr. Sankar Debnath	Executive Director & CBR Co-ordinator	Guwahati	15th Annual Regional Partners Meeting	7,418.00
Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder & Ms. Sayna Debnath	Project Co-ordinator	Guwahati	Training (CBM)	9,322.00
Mr. Jyotirmoy Majumder & Mr. Bipul Kanti Majumder	Project Co-ordinator & Head Finance	Guwahati	Orientation Meeting on Project Progress Report (CBM)	6,661.00
Mr. Sujit Ghosh	Assistant Director	Guwahati	Regional Orientation Work for Handicraft	7,141.00
Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray & Dr. Sreelekha Ray	Chief Advisor & Executive Director	New Delhi	Annual General Meeting of VHAI	Provided by VHAI
Mr. Bipul Kanti Majumder	Head Finance	Guwahati	Training Inclusive Education	8,570.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>39,112.00</b>

**The distribution of staff according to salary levels as on 31- 03-2016**

<b>Slab of gross salary plus benefits (Rs. per month)</b>	<b>Male staff</b>	<b>Female staf</b>	<b>Total staff</b>
Less then 5000	10	29	39
5000 - 10000	31	9	40
10000 - 25000	5	3	8
25000 - 50000	1	0	1
50000 - 1,00000	0	0	0
Greater than 1,00000	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>88</b>

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Remuneration (in Rs.) per year</b>
Operational Head of the organisation: (including honorarium):	Dr. Sreelekha Ray	Executive Director	275262.00
Highest paid person in the organisation Staff :	Mr. Sujit Ghosh	DPO, IMCP	480000.00
Lowest paid person in the organisation (Staff or consultant) :	Smriti Bhowmik	Cleaner (Partime)	29084.00

Though each year evaluation, review/assessment of VHAT activities is done by the external persons as appointed by the support agencies, but VHAT has its internal committee for monitoring, evaluation and recommendations for development. This committee is headed by Prof (Dr) Dilip Kumar Ray, one of the founder members and Chief Advisor to the organization. This committee has done the quarterly monitoring and yearly internal evaluation of the organization with the following purposes:-

- ❑ Accountability (upwards to the donor).
- ❑ Accountability (downwards to the beneficiaries).
- ❑ Supervision of staff and volunteers .
- ❑ Learning from our work.
- ❑ Improving our performance.
- ❑ Project management.
- ❑ Providing evidence for advocacy.
- ❑ Measuring impact.
- ❑ Resource allocation.
- ❑ Public relations and fundraising.

### **Methodology followed :**

1. Review of the project documents and reports.
2. Interactions with the staffs of the Projects.
3. Interaction with the community/project beneficiaries (focus group discussions/ reflection Workshop/ stories of change)

### **Observations :**

- Activities undertaken by the organization were as per requirement of the community and the people of focused community were found very much grateful to the organization for the works done.
- All records and books of accounts were maintained.
- As every project sanctioned by different funding agencies & respective funding agency has got its own plan of action, monitoring and reporting system to achieve identified goals and successes within set time, so VHAT is bound to do documentation of activities as per requirement of respective funding agency.
- Monthly meetings of the staff are organized in the presence of Executive Director.

- Support through GiveIndia helped VHAT to Continue the midday meal in Ratanmani Vidyalay, providing quality services for children of ACPC and eye patients in VHAT Eye Hospital.
- Support from Miracle Foundation in addition to the grants from ICPS helped to improve the health, education and nutrition condition of the children of Anwasha Child Protection Centre.
- Loka Swasthya Sambad was published and disseminated regularly on monthly basis.
- The management of the organization give much importance on practicing of ‘transparency and accountability’ which ultimately give enough space for all staff members of the organization to develop and contribute as much as they can.
- VHAT has given much importance to enhance the capacity of the staff for better performance through on job training from time to time. All staff members of the organization get ample scope to learn the most and the best during their tenure of working in the organization.

#### **Gaps and Challenges :**

- Discontinuous of CBM’s support for Eye Hospital and CBR project created funding gap for these projects.
- Some less capacitated staff in the organization sometimes caused hurdles to get expected outcomes.
- There is no support for the organization in the approved budget of the present projects. So it is difficult to manage the salary of some of the core staff.

#### **Recommendations :**

- Some of the core staff should be equipped for using more and more modern information technology for better monitoring and documentation of activities keeping pace with the flying time.
- Atleast bimonthly accounts and assets monitoring for each of the projects to be introduced.
- Endeavour is to take to find out the support for Eye Hospital and CBR project in west district of Tripura.
- Management of infrastructure and immovable properties to generate regular and enhancing income to ensure good future of the organization.
- More emphasis should be given for developing the competent second line leadership for the organization.



“Real History is made by ordinary people”

– Mahasweta Devi

- Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), New Delhi.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India.
- Directorate of Social Welfare and Social Education, Govt. of Tripura.
- Miracle Foundation, USA.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Govt. of India.
- CHILDLINE India Foundation, Mumbai.
- Give India Foundation, Mumbai.
- CBM, Bangalore.
- National Vector Borne Disease Control Program (NVBDCP), Govt. of India.
- CBR Forum, Bangalore.
- Caritas India, New Delhi.
- Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).
- National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- Indian Development Foundation (IDF), Mumbai.
- Association For India's Development (AID), USA.
- National Trust, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.
- Mobility India, Bangalore.
- CRPF, 124 Battalion, Tripura Sector.
- ONGC, Tripura Assets.
- OTPC - ONGC Tripura Power Company Limited.
- Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Tripura.
- Department of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura.
- Department of School Education, Govt. of Tripura.
- State Tobacco Control Cell, Agartala.
- District Administration - West, Sepahijala, Khowai, South, Gomati, Dhalai, Unokoti & North District of Tripura.
- All local Individual Donors.
- VHAT Board Members.
- VHAT General & Associate Members.
- VHAT Staffs and Volunteers.

# CHILDLINE -1098

## Programme Objectives



Voluntary Health Association of Tripura in collaboration with CHILDLINE India Foundation, Mumbai started CHILDLINE Tripura in 2003 with the installation of Toll Free No. 1098. The project is supported by Ministry of Women & Child Development. The primary objective is to ensure protection of rights of children as ratified in UN convention of the rights of the child and Juvenile Justice

(Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2000 The objectives of **CHILDLINE** are :

- To respond to children in emergency situations.
- To provide the telephonic counseling.
- To provide to children undergoing any sort of exploitation like child labour, street children, child victims of the flesh trade, children in institutions etc.
- To intervene the cases and match the available resources according to case requirement.
- To provide needful facilities like shelter homes, education, medical assistance, repatriation, emotional support and guidance etc.
- To create a structure and environment which ensures the protection of the rights of child as mentioned or ratified in UN convention of the rights of the child and Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) act, 2000.
- To provide a platform for networking amongst organization and also create a child friendly relation.
- To create awareness among masses about Child Right & about the activities of the **CHILDLINE**.
- To bring together Govt. & Voluntary Organization for making the environment & System to work according to the need of time and direct the nation builders toward a more secured path.
- **CHILDLINE** is currently operational in 330 cities across 31 States/UTs in India.



CHILDLINE Project across India is supported by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS).