



Annual Report | 2023-2024



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SOUTH POINT

Reaching the unreachable

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Howrah, 6th December 2024

Dear HSP friends,

This new Annual Report is full of colors, like those of Holi, illustrated on the cover. This festival celebrates the victory of Vishnu over the king of demons, the victory of good over evil. We find in it all the colors of India, all the colors of life and of our hearts.

The brightest and easiest to recognize color in the following pages is the color of joy. Although it is often confused with pleasure, true joy overflows from the hearts. It has presided over all the beautiful encounters that have punctuated this year: the visits of friends who support us with their friendship and fidelity, of former volunteers who have come to rediscover the flavors of India, and finally visits of new volunteers, who each year come to join the large family of Howrah South Point. There are also the joys that are shared between young and old, during the many festivals of the year and during the now unmissable annual excursion. This year it took place in Jalpaiguri and gave rise to many friendships between the children of our different centers and between didis and dadas who for the most part had never met.

There is also, for those who know how to look with truth, a sadder color, between gray and black, like the sticky dust of the streets of Howrah. Even today, at a time when India is sending rockets to the moon, we find indecent poverty and unworthy living conditions for the poorest. The joys experienced at HSP, the daily work that we accomplish could strangely blind us to poverty and misery. We could be tempted to lock ourselves as in an exclusive community or in the routine of our tasks as if everything were now accomplished. However, nothing is accomplished here below: the children of our homes, with their smiling faces are all on borrowed time, under threat of falling again under the blow of fatality. And many others await our help to escape from all dangers of the urban jungle of the slums: school dropouts, early marriage, domestic violence, hard and poorly paid work, addictions, etc. Joy is not our wealth or property, but the manna that God gives every day if we walk hand in hand with our vulnerable brothers and sisters. This gift calls for our gratitude.

Finally, if we know how to look humbly, in our homes and schools, there is, behind the bright color of joy, a deeper color, that of hope. No doubt we do not manage to help everyone as we would like. But it is not up to us to judge the fruits of our work: the patience, the perseverance of the didis and dadas, the visits to families, the daily efforts to educate the children, the encouragement given to our teenagers are all seeds sown that will develop and flourish by the grace of God. Let us continue to move forward with confidence. Many thanks to your very precious support and your prayers.

Lots of love,

Leo



Who we are

Howrah South Point (H.S.P.) Social Welfare & Community Development Center is an Indian organization founded in 1976 by Father Francis Laborde, a French Roman Catholic priest of the Prado. He spent nine years in the slum of Pilkhana, Howrah (West Bengal), which inspired Dominique Lapierre for his best seller "The City of Joy".

He came out with the conviction that *we cannot be really ourselves human persons if we neglect our brothers and sisters marginalized in a society where we live in solidarity with them.* **It is not only a question of love. It is first of all a question of justice.**

A small home for handicapped children with a dispensary for the poorest was established in Andul Road. It went through a number of developments, from the healthcare programme founded in 1977, the establishment in Jalpaiguri in 1982, the mobile dispensaries in 1998, up to a national award in 2013.

What we do

We want to share our life with the handicapped of the society that we serve, working for them with competence, loving care and compassion so that the handicapped and destitute children, all the deprived people may reintegrate the society.

Our action goes through four main programmes:

- REHABILITATION HOMES for the physically, mentally and socially challenged children.
- EDUCATION PROGRAMMES: H.S.P. has Formal Schools, Non-Formal Schools and Special Schools.
- HEALTH PROGRAMMES to reach out those who cannot have access to any structure.
- EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMMES to help pursue studies or training and to give awareness on the basic rights.



Where we are: detail of service lines



WHERE we are

3 districts of West Bengal:

- HOWRAH
- PASCHIM BARDHAMAN
- JALPAIGURI



Howrah branch



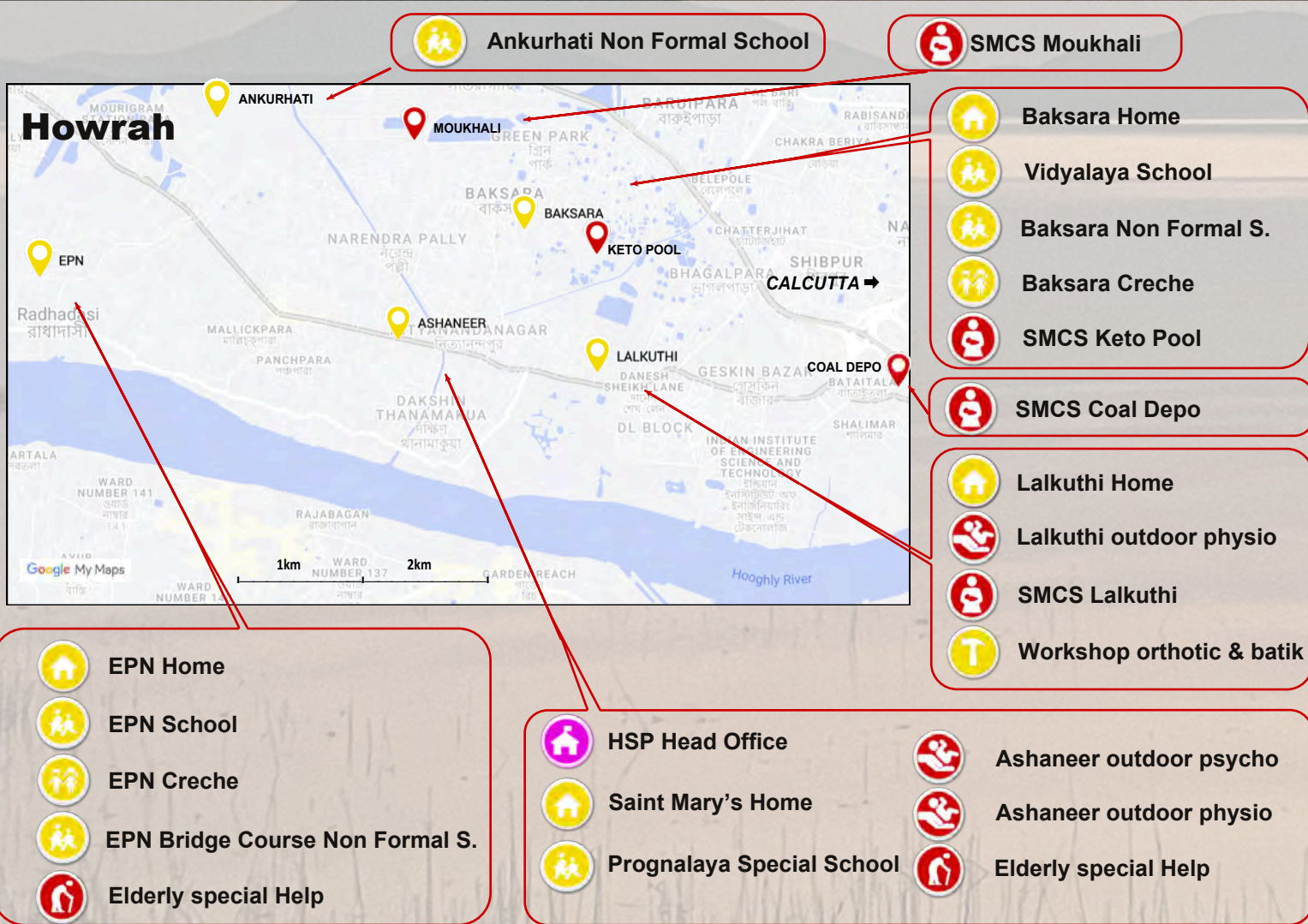
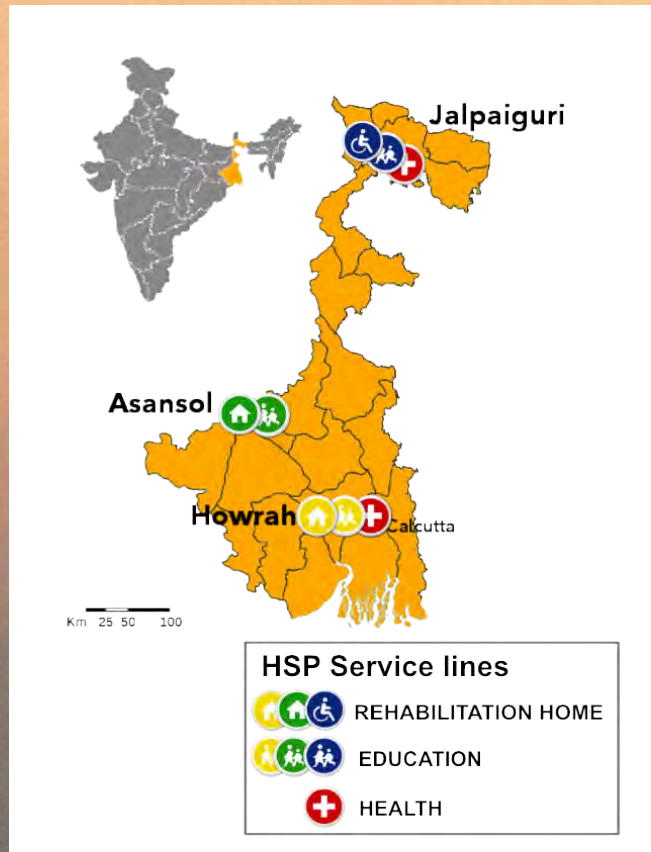
Jalpaiguri branch



Asansol branch



Health projects





Binnaguri outdoor physio



Ananda Dhara Home



Nirmala Nivas Home



Jeevan Path Home



Dosh Biga Day center



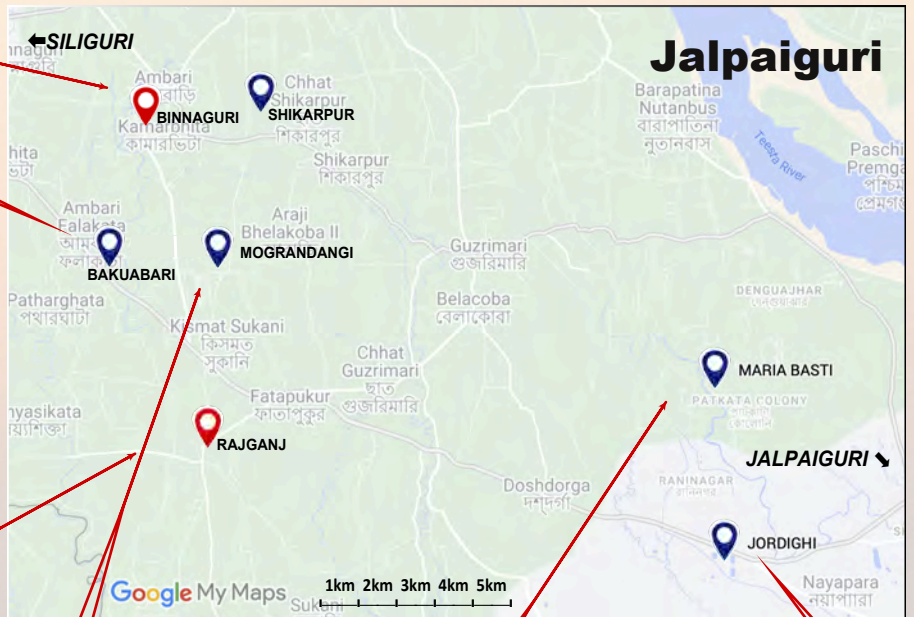
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Farm activities



Rajganj outdoor physio



Mograndangi Home



Shanti Rani School



Shikarpur Non Formal S.



Solar Panel Workshop



Farm activities



Maria Basti Home



Workshop



Farm activities



HSP Branch Office



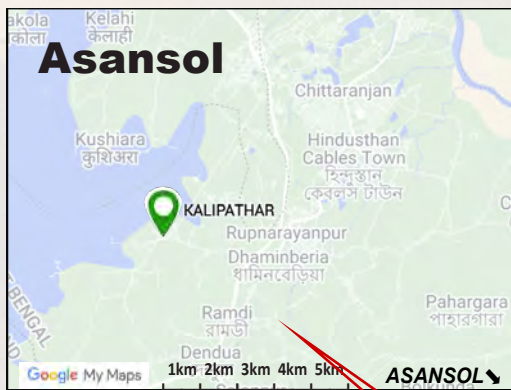
Jordighi Home



Workshop orthopaedic



Farm activities



Anand Bhavan Home



Kalipathar School

9 Homes with 300 children

2 Creches with 36 children

11 Schools with 1604 students

675 Women/babies accompanied

308 handicapped children aid-benefit

66 young adults studies financed

250 Dedicated staff





Our vision :

“ To promote **equal dignity** of the most **deprived, destitute** and persons with **handicap**, irrespective of caste, race, creed or religion **through human development**.

Our mission :

“ To work for the **challenged children's integrated growth**, the **sick, destitute** and persons with **handicap** through various **rehabilitation** programmes, **specialized** education and **preventive** and **curative health** activities.

Our motto :

“ **Reaching the unreached** ”

Our Values:

I- **Promoting Human Dignity:** “Everyone is a child of God”

We acknowledge the **human dignity** of every person irrespective of caste, creed or social status. We seek to help the poorest and the handicapped specially to let them understand their **own value and dignity** in the eyes of God and help them **find their own place in the society**. Everyone deserve **equal opportunities** in terms of health, education and life and it is our goal to help the deprived get these opportunities especially when they are denied. It means also inside HSP a great **respect** towards each other and **specially the women and the persons with handicap**.





II- Reaching out to the poor: "Serving the poor is serving God"



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HSP is working for the poorest of the society. As father Laborde said, **"we need to go to the poorest because they won't come to us."** We need to make sure most of the staff goes to the ground to experience how poverty looks like. Every staff needs a contact with the grassroot level to be able to understand the mission and vision of HSP. We need to remember that serving the poor and the needy is serving God.

III- Availability to serve: "we are only instruments of God"

In HSP family, what is **important** is not only what we do but **how we do it**. The most important in our work is **the will to serve** those in need, whether poor or handicapped. Anyone should be ready to **switch** to another position, to **learn** new methods, to **receive training** and to transmit this **knowledge and experience** to the others. Anyone should be ready to do **beyond its job description**, if necessary, simply because there is a task to complete.





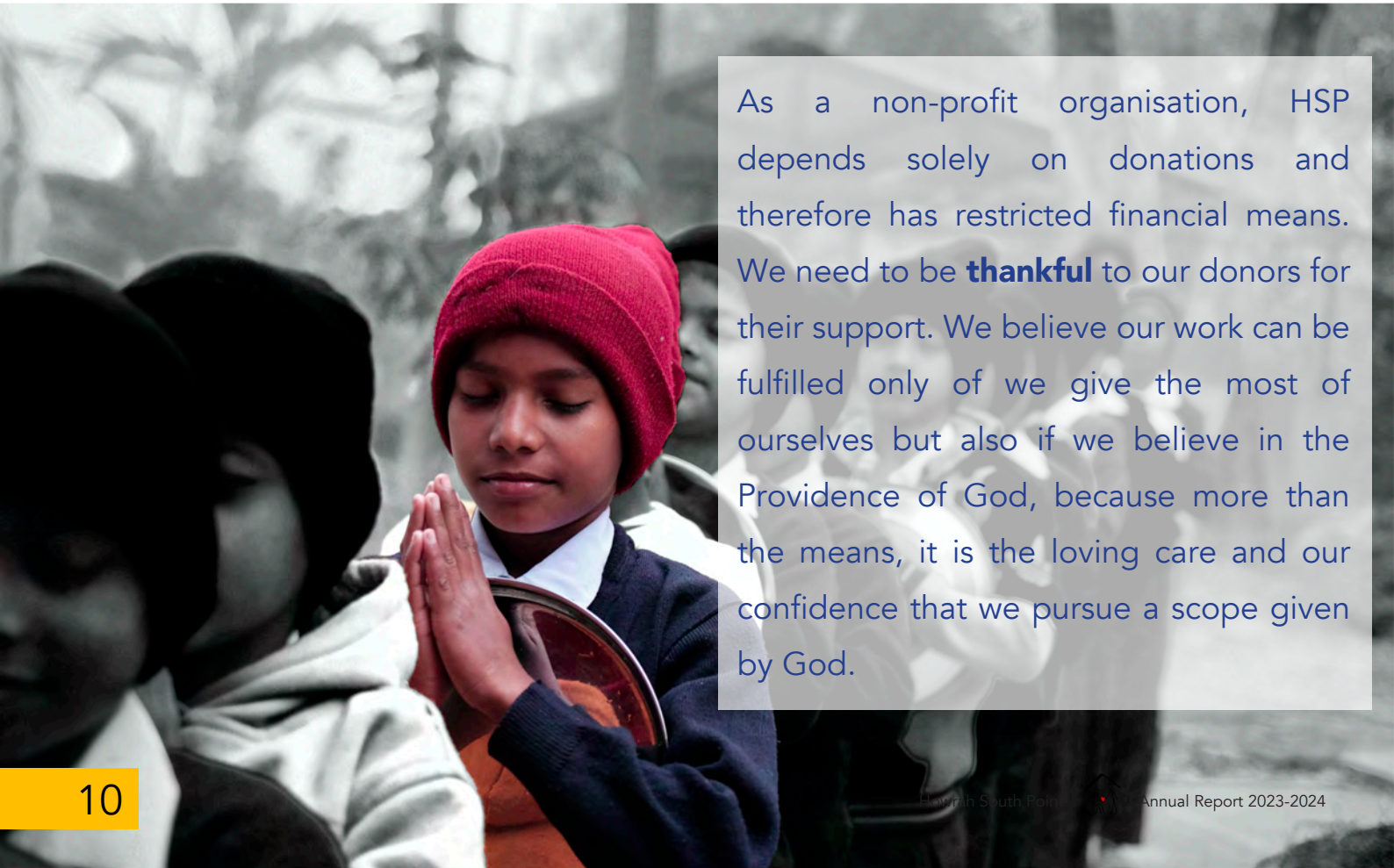
IV- Family spirit: "we are a spiritual community"

Even if technically HSP is a society and an NGO, with requirements, following rules, from the very beginning, HSP has grown as a family with the incharges called didi and dada. Not only those working, but also our beneficiaries can benefit from the atmosphere and the spirit of living in one family. This includes also the well-wishers or partners because we need long-lasting relationship to build a better society that is more human. To build the community we need to celebrate together the joyful events, and we need also to be able to **forgive** each other.



V- Simplicity of means: "trust in the loving Providence of God"

As a non-profit organisation, HSP depends solely on donations and therefore has restricted financial means. We need to be **thankful** to our donors for their support. We believe our work can be fulfilled only if we give the most of ourselves but also if we believe in the Providence of God, because more than the means, it is the loving care and our confidence that we pursue a scope given by God.





Highlights of the year

April 2023

With its extreme temperatures, April marked the beginning of summer and above all the **end of our German Doctor's historic collaboration.**

SMCS aid has been extended to new areas, and the non-formal school teams have also opened new community education centres.

On 15 April, with the cheers of "Subho Nobo Borsho", the centres celebrated the Bengali New Year.

We first welcome a **visit from Céline** a specialized educator who spent time in our homes to give advice for the children's care. Then **Samuel, a journalist and his son Baudoin** came and he wrote an article on the French media "**Famille Chrétienne**".

May 2023

Rabindranath Tagore is an icon of West Bengal. Howrah and Jalpaiguri centres celebrated his birthday with poems and songs on his repertory.

Before going on holiday, the disables children were invited by both physiotherapy and psychotherapy staffs to a **summer camp**. During two days, parents were invited to come with their indoor or outdoor child to take part in the activities.

Later on, a partner association "**Bhagaban Mahabir Biklanga Seva Samity**" provided **36 appliances calipers, wheelchairs, artificial limb and walker** to our Jalpaiguri children. Many thanks to them!

June 2023

Works at Lalkuthi are going on well. In Bakuabari, a **new roof and a new painting** was set at the big girls' building. All the damage caused by the storm of March were fully repaired and all solar panels are now in order. In Howrah, the Baksara and Ashaneer big boys went to visit **Don Bosco Asha Tici** training center where some Jalpaiguri's boys are following an art carpentry training.

We are very happy to announce that **all our 16 HSP's students have passed the Madhyamik class 10 exam !** Most of them are going in higher education or trainings.

July 2023

A lot of events took place in July : a **workshop on autism** in Howrah, some **drawing competitions**, some sports activities... In Baksara for instance, the girls have been actively preparing for their "**Kho Kho**" **competition** and the boys were admitted to a local football club to play every day.

Thanks to weekly trainings, HSP formal and non-formal teachers are improving their skills. They also have started to make home visits to get to know their pupils better.

August 2023

Our Homes celebrated the **Independence Day** on 15th with a patriotic program: national anthem





and flag raise, special dances, parades and shared tasting.

With the holiday summer in Europe, we welcome 10 members of **Terre des Hommes Alsace (TDHA)**. Didis were so happy to see familiar faces from France. Then, the **Moinet family**, member of our old partner **Namaskar Kolkata**, came for the first time and enjoyed spending time with us. Thanks to them for visiting us !

September 2023

This year, the **annual excursion** of our homes is to the north of the West Bengal. All the Howrah centres visited the Jalpaiguri's house and its countryside. It was wonderful to see the joy of the children discovering the **Kurseong mountains and tea gardens**. Some of the Jalpaiguri's children went on a trip to the Bengal **safari park**.

After almost a year of work, and thanks to our generous donors, Lalkuthi has opened its doors to the girls who were delighted to see the house and its

fresh paint, its new windows and artificial turf roof.

Our SMCS department has opened a **new centre in Moukhali**. There, they will offer their services to a hundred more new pregnant mothers.

October 2023

To continue our homes' renovations, a **crowdfunding campaign** has been launch for the **Baksara boys' home**.

During **Durga Puja festival**, children were able to see pandals (temporary temples) and street lights before going to holiday. Meanwhile, an **outbreak of dengue** fever occured but everyone well recovered.

The cold season brought 2 HSP friends: **Christine Bihler and Maria Hublitz** came from Germany to spend several wonderful weeks in Jalpaiguri.

November 2023

For **Diwali** the festival of lights, all houses and schools were decorated. In town, fireworks were held throughout the month. Also, on the All Saints Day, children and didis visited **the tomb of our dear Father Laborde**.

Baksara school's student visited the **Birla Industrial and Tech Museum**. Thank you to our friend **Melanie Doutaz**, who make this possible.

The Jordighi boys participated in the **Bengal Orchid Festival**, where several dignitaries were present. A drawing contest was held and two of our young boys won a prize.

December 2023

Our **two-day Rejuvenation Workshop** was held in Howrah for all HSP staffs. It was an opportunity for new ones to meet their colleagues and for everyone to gain a better understanding of each HSP departement's activities.





On **Christmas**, all the children was gathered on 19th December for a mass, a good lunch and outdoor games. In Bakuabari a drawing competition was organized by **St Xavier College**.

A **vocational forum** was held in **Howrah** for class 7 children and up, to help them learn different career paths. Later, thanks to Christine Bihler and Maria Hublitz, 4 children of Jalpaiguri came to Howrah for foot surgery. They are learning in physiotherapy how to walk.

January 2024

On 26th this is Indian **Republic day**, the children and special guests marched with the Indian flag and music.

Each year, there is a focus on sport: in EPN and Baksara, class 5 to 10 took part in **sports games** while in Jalpaiguri a **football match** was set for all children (disabled or not). It was a great time allowing everyone to play, and share team spirit and solidarity.

February 2024

We celebrated on the 28th the **birthday of our dear Father Laborde** and in the same occasion our **foundation day**. Each home gathered for a simple friendly and funny day where everyone can see how far we've come and what we've achieved in the service of the poorest.

It is with deep regret that we announce that **Father P.C. Matthew** passed away at 87 years old. He was a friend of Father Laborde and helped HSP. His funeral was attended by Archbishop Thomas and all the priests and religious of the Archdiocese of Calcutta.

Later on, the HSP's employees from Howrah went to the ICOD centre of **Brother Gaston** (Prado brother who joined Father Laborde at Pilkhana). It was an opportunity to build links between two associations around a picnic and festive afternoon.

March 2024

We had a colourful month of march with the famous **Holi festival!** In Bakuabari, **TDHA Youth** offered a new bus for the girls' school commute, **TDHA and COMGEST** also gave for a new **water tower** to replace the old one. In Mogradangi, **Alibaba and You** offered a new toto therefore each centre has his own. Last, the online fundraising campaign of Baksara boys' dormitories raised enough funds to start the works. Many thanks!

We were very happy to start a **new non-formal school** in Sultanpur.

We had many visits this month: two loyal friends, **Giuliano Menisini** and **Jean-Marie Grillon (Alibaba)**, who are very much involved with us. Also we were pleased to have the visit of our regular long-time friend **Pascale Cochet** who spent two months with us in Jalpaiguri, improving every time our physiotherapy department. Last, many thanks to **Pierre Jacot** to has come visit us for few days.



OUR Volunteers



10 MEP Volunteers helped us throughout the year:

- **Aude Ernault:** animation & education, Baksara from September 22 to May 23
- **Jeanne de Malliard:** animation & education, Jordighi from January 23 to January 24
- **Aliette Houdard:** psychotherapy, Ashaneer from January 23 to May 23
- **Mathilde Hebrard:** ergotherapy, Bakuabari from January 23 to May 23
- **Hortense Gayon:** nurse, Maria Basti & SMCS from January 23 to January 24
- **Marie Denizou:** office & donors, Ashaneer from February 23 to March 24
- **Clémence de Maupéou:** nurse, SMCS from January 23 to January 24
- **Rose & Jean-Baptiste Caizergues:** animation & education / office & donors, Ashaneer from January 24 to January 25
- **Rémy Ely:** animation & office, Baksara from February 24 to November 24

A huge thanks to them for the time and joy they gave. Thanks also to their family who came to see us.



REHABILITATION HOMES

Provide a safe and loving place for the children

Indian challenges:

Children from **poor families** in slums or tea gardens are highly vulnerable to early marriage, abuse, domestic violence, and cross-border sex or organ trafficking. For instance, there is **more than 40% early girls marriage (before 18 years) in West Bengal** (The Lancet, 2021).

Often unsupervised and with constant access to phones, they lose motivation and perspective for the future. Moreover, children and disabled children, particularly girls, face huge discrimination in these areas. Malnutrition is also highly common, enhancing physical risks or diseases. In India, more than **900 million** people **cannot afford healthy diet** (The World bank, 2023). Almost all children are deprived of basic education and a healthy environment to grow.



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Our Response:

In our 9 social homes, we try to provide a **safe and secure environment** adapted to the needs of children, especially those with disabilities. Our goal is to **create a loving, family-like atmosphere** where they receive proper **care, health support and education**. We focus on their **individual integral development**, allowing them to progress at their own pace while giving them the attention they need.

We aim to encourage **physical, mental and social well-being**, instilling **hope and confidence** for their future integration into society. Ultimately, we strive to ensure that all children can experience **happiness, safety, and a better quality of life**.



Howrah branch

Ashaneer St Mary's Home

Founded in 2004 **29 boys**
 7 staff + 2 daily staff **26 girls**
13 new admissions (8 boys / 5 girls)

Specialization: Mental and orthopedic handicapped, social destitute children from 6 to 18 years old.

Lalkuthi Home

Founded in 1983 **30 girls**
 3 staff + 1 daily staff
 0 new admissions (close for works)
 1 child transferred to another home

Specialization: Orthopedic disability, socially and mentally challenged destitute girls from 6 to 18 years old.

Ekprantanagar Home

Founded in 1981 **27 boys**
 7 staff **20 girls**
17 new admissions (8 boys + 9 girls)
 7 children transferred to another home

Specialization: Social destitute boys and girls from 6 to 12 years old.

Baksara Home

Founded in 1993 **36 boys**
 5 staff + 1 daily staff **32 girls**
2 new admissions (2 girls)

Specialization: Mental and orthopedic handicapped, social destitute children from 10 to 18 years old.

Asansol branch

Anand Bhavan Home

Founded in 2012 **0 boys**
 1 staff + 2 daily staff **0 girls**

Specialization: Destitute and tribal boys and girls. Mainly children of lepers.
 *Due to Covid and administrative restrictions, the home was closed. Re-opening is on-going.

Ekprantanagar Creche

Founded in 1990 **8 boys**
 1 staff + 1 daily staff **7 girls**

Running time: 7 hours
Specialization: Day care centre for children of working parents, single parent and daily labours.

Baksara Creche

Founded in 1995 **10 boys**
 2 daily staff **11 girls**

Running time: 7 hours
Specialization: Day care centre for children of working parents, single parent and daily labours.





Maria Basti Home

Founded in 1982 6 women
4 staff + 2 daily staff

Specialization: Only mental and orthopedic disability, cerebral palsy and post polio paralysis women.

Jalpaiguri Branch

Mogradangi CCI* Home

Founded in 1983 21 boys
11 staff + 4 daily staff 2 men
5 new admissions (5 boys)
6 boys transferred to another home

Specialization: Mental and physical disability (cerebral palsy, congenital malformation) boys from 6 to 15 years old.

Bakuabari CCI* Home

Founded in 1986 43 girls
11 staff + 13 daily staff 7 men
2 new admissions (2 girls)

Specialization:

- *Nirmala Nivas (1989)*: young girls with cerebral palsy, mental or physical disabilities from 5 to 12 years old.
- *Big Girls (2000)*: physical and mental disabled teenage girls (congenital deformities, cerebral palsy).
- *Jeevan Path (1986)*: the community of adult orphan men with cerebral palsy, autism, others mental or multiple disabilities.

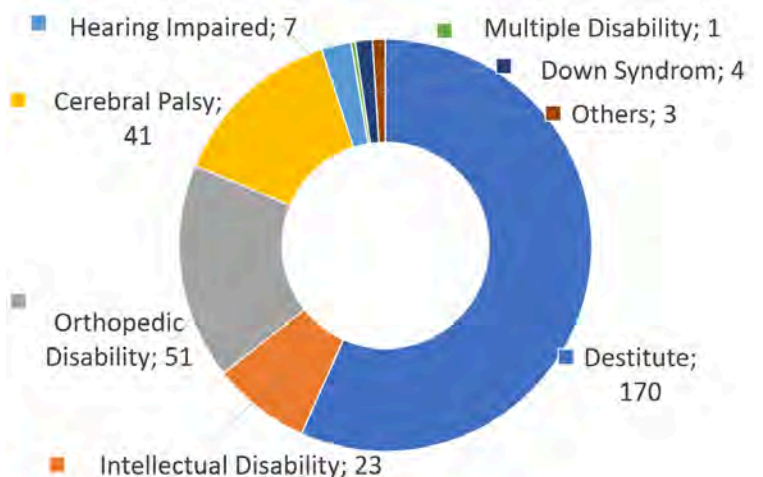
Jordighi CCI* Home

Founded in 1987 20 boys
9 staff + 4 daily staff
1 new admissions (1 boy)

Specialization: Boys with physical disability (cerebral palsy & congenital malformation) from 10 to 18 years old.

***CCI:** Child Care Institute

Home Wise children's data





Education

Our children attend Government schools or H.S.P. schools (Formal and Non Formal schools). Mentally challenged children and Cerebral palsy children attend H.S.P. Special Schools where they received a specific education. The staff teaches challenged children to learn to manage daily living activities (ADL), personal hygiene, social behaviour and language communication to help them become independent.

Physiotherapy & Psychotherapy

All the children who need it receive regular physiotherapy or psychotherapy sessions in our Homes. It is an essential component of our rehabilitation Homes.

Health

We regularly organize medical check-up for the children in our Homes. For example, in Jalpaiguri a doctor from the local hospital comes every month to Bakuabari, Jordighi and Mogradangi. A vaccination camp was organized in EPN by the local administration. When children are sick or have chronic pathologies, we

take them to the doctor or to the hospital for a better follow-up.

Co-curricular activities

Developing the abilities (physical, social, cognitive, psychological...) of our children is one of our priorities.

The children can improve their abilities with occupational and creative skills such as: drawing, singing, painting, mimes, greeting cards, arts and crafts, sewing, and work education. They all get lessons in dance, drawings, in Taekwondo (Jordighi Home) and sports (football, ...).

The children take care of the environment and do gardening. Women and some children are taking part in the vocational activities and receive training in workshop (Jute, candle, carpentry, craft...).

During the year, the children took part in some drawings, Football and Kabaddi tournaments. For each competition children receive prizes such as new plates, water bottles or games.

The children also like to listen to music, to play together and to watch educational movies.





Food & Diet

All Homes are following a diet chart in order to give them the necessary energy and protein required to grow well. Our children have four meals per day (Breakfast, Lunch, Tiffin and Dinner). They eat rice, egg, fish, chicken, fruits, milk, vegetables.

Last year the diet charts were revised and have been followed since, with a special effort to give more green vegetables and fruits. Sometimes local donors come and provide some treats for the children, especially for holidays and celebrations, providing a change from the normal lunch or tiffin.

Celebration & Participation

We celebrated and enjoyed many celebrations with participation of all our children: Christmas Gathering, Republic day (flag hoisting and cultural programme), Independence Day (flag hoisting and patriotic songs), Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Procession for the World Disabled day, Rabindra Jayanti (songs, dances...), Holi, Diwali, Saraswati Puja, Netaji Birth Day (flag hoisting and cultural programme).

For these events, the children received: small gifts, sweets and chocolates....

Farming

In Jalpaiguri, we cultivate paddy, potatoes and different kind of vegetables or fruits on our land. We have goats and cows that produced milk, given to our children and sold to the market. We have ducks and chicken that give us eggs for our own consumption.

Our challenges

We aim at developing training for our staff, with various skills like computer, care giving or first aid. We also wish to give more awareness not only to our staff but also parents of our children on health and psychology through various interventions.

We also want to launch more outside visits or excursions, both for the adults of Maria Basti and Jeevan Path and for the children of our Homes. Finally, we will strive to keep competition events based on sports or other to provide occasions for the Homes to gather and the children to interact together.

Achievements compared to last year

We were also intent on making HSP a more sustainable place and we have strove to do this in our choice of materials for the renovation works of Lalkuthi, choosing materials that will last and that were well manufactured.

ACHIEVEMENTS :

126

students have successfully passed the upper primary examination. 100% success

101

students have successfully passed the primary examination. 100% success

24

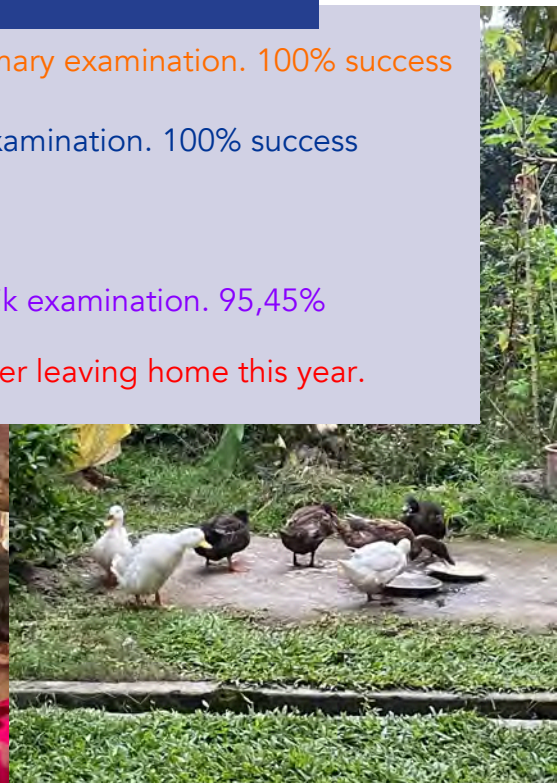
students passing into Class X this year.

22

students have successfully passed the Madhyamik examination. 95,45%

4

students enrolled in empowerment programs after leaving home this year.





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“Poverty was not created by God. It is we who have caused it, you and I through our egotism.”

Mother Teresa



EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

Provide a decent education for the poor and disabled

Indian challenges:

Education is a fundamental right that should be accessible and adapted to all. 40 years ago, our late Father Francis Laborde started a free education program for the poorest with food and accommodation, regardless of economic situation, caste creeds or origins.

More than **6 million children** were **out of school** in India in **2019**, according to Unicef, and nearly **30% of children in school drop out** during primary. This rate is even higher among girls and children from disadvantaged families.

Moreover, **60% of Indians over 25** were **illiterate** or had **only primary education** (DataforIndia,2024). Even if the litterate rate is raising up recently among the younger, there is still huge differences between the states, the origins, the poverty level, and the genders. And the highly inequalities in access to education do not help to reduce theses social differences, especially among the poorest and those with disabilities.

Most of the poor families don't understand the importance of education and prefer their children to work to earn an income. In 2020, according to Humanium, there were **8.3 million children in child labour** in India.



Our responses:

In our **11 schools** we aim to provide a suitable education and **encourage the most marginalized** children to believe in their abilities.

Our formal schools offer free education from kindergarten to class 8 (aged 4 to 14), following the official Indian curriculum. **Our non-formal schools** in slums and rural areas **allow those who have dropped out to catch up with school**. They are located **directly in poor areas to facilitate access**. **Our special schools** enable children with disabilities to acquire a **degree of independence**, to receive a basic education and to **reduce the load on their parents** during the day. **Almost all our schools provide meals**.



FORMAL SCHOOLS

EPN School

Founded in 1981 478 students
4 staff - 17 teachers
92 new admissions
Mid-Day-Meal for every 478 students

Location: South rural Area, Howrah
Education: Bengali and Hindi
Medium from nursery PP1 to class IV.

Shanti Rani School

Founded in 1981 426 students
4 staff - 10 teachers
71 new admissions

Location: Mogradangi village
Education: Bengali Medium from KG
to class IV.

Kalipathar School

Founded in 2012 32 students
2 staff
Mid-Day-Meal for every 32 students

Location: Chittaranjan, Asansol
Education: Hindi Medium from
primary to class V.

Baksara Vidyalaya School

Founded in 1974 348 students
7 staff - 10 teachers
45 new admissions
Mid-Day-Meal for every 348 students

Location: Santragachi Area, Howrah
Education: Hindi Medium from
Nursery to class VIII.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Prognalaya SP School

Founded in 2004 50 children
4 teachers
6 new admissions
4 transferred to primary school

Specialization: Special education for
mentally challenged and cerebral
palsy children.

Activities: Special education (language
& communication, concept formation,
cognitive & social skill development),
behaviour and speech therapy, daily
living activities trainings, multi sensory
approach, play therapy...

*Most children attend a primary school
and come to the Special school for
additional support.

Manus Domini SP School

Founded in 1993 65 children
6 staff
10 new admissions
10 transferred to primary school

Specialization: Special education for
mentally challenged and cerebral
palsy children.

Activities: Physiotherapy,
Psychotherapy, Special education
(language & communication, concept &
cognitive...), behaviour and speech
therapy, daily living activities trainings,
multi sensory approach, play therapy...



NON FORMAL SCHOOLS

Shikarpur

Founded in 2010 24 boys
 1 staff - 3 teachers 26 girls
 5 new admissions
 11 transferred to formal school
 Mid-Day-Meal for each 50 students

Specialization: to give support in education to children of Tea garden labours family from class I to IV.

Activities: Syllabus of West Bengal education Board, Drawing, songs and hygiene, administration tips to support the parents (certificate)...

Baksara

Founded in 2006 19 boys
 2 teachers 25 girls
 5 new admissions
 11 transferred to formal school
 Mid-Day-Meal for each students

Specialization: Children from very poor family background, staying in shelters made out of bamboo, plastic and tin.

Activities: Hindi, English, Maths, School syllabus, songs, stories, drawing, health and hygiene.

Bridge-course (EPN)

Founded in 2008 17 boys
 1 staff - 2 teachers 13 girls
 5 new admissions
 11 transferred to formal school
 Mid-Day-Meal for each students

Specialization: Working children, migrants children, dropouts and children of daily workers.

Activities: Hindi, English, Maths, School syllabus, songs, stories, drawing, health and hygiene.

Bisco Brickfield (EPN)

Founded in 2000 33 boys
 Closed during the year 26 girls

Specialization: education for children of brickfield working parents and daily labourers, most of whom or migrants from other states. Including a creche.

Ankurhati

Founded in 2012 11 boys
 2 teachers 11 girls
 5 new admissions
 11 transferred to formal school

Specialization: Children (boys and girls from 5 to 14 years old), mainly dropout's children or children found roaming and labour children.

Activities: Syllabus of School, drawing, songs, health and hygiene.

Howrah branch

Asansol branch

Jalpaiguri branch





Discipline

School headmasters and teachers try their best to keep the students engaged in study and teach them with love and care. All children wear a **uniform** and participate to morning assemblies. They organise **health camps** or special guests to teach first aid and hygiene.

Formal schools

Teachers prepare their own **syllabus** to give the best knowledge to students. The children learn to respect **human values**, their **nation** and all the aspects of life that leads to be a better human being.

Special schools

Our special schools stress on good behaviour, and general development of the child. Many children showed considerable **improvement**. Some joined the primary school or are enrolled in primary schools in addition to the special schools.

Non Formal Schools

Non-formals follow the school syllabus: Hindi, English and Maths and take examinations. After a few months or a few years, students can integrate formal schools after **bridging the level** and knowledge gap.

Examinations

Students had one exam per quarter. The final results were handed to their guardians in December, the end of the year.

Mid-day meal

We provide healthy and consistent Mid-day meals for school children in EPN, Baksara and Shikarpur schools.

Activities and Sports

Children enjoyed many festivals like Independence Day and Republic Day with flag hoisting. A Sports Day took place in Baksara with races and games for children and parents.

ACHIEVEMENTS :

Formal Schools

1155
150

students who **passed the Primary** examinations. 100% success.

students who **passed the Upper Primary** examinations. 100% success.

Non Formal schools

86
62

students appeared for **exams**

fit for formal school

Specials Schools

8
22
28
50

students have **learned to read**
students have **learned to write**
students have **improved speaking**
students have **improved social skills**

Our education program caters to all strata of society, urban, rural and most of them are migrant children from other states like **Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and Utter Pradesh**. Since 1974, approximately **3,000 children** have directly benefited from our education program. Many of them have been employed in government sectors such as railways, schools as teachers, army, police, hospitals as nurses, and other private sectors.



HEALTH PROGRAMMES

To improve the health and the awareness of the poorest

Indian challenges:

Disadvantaged populations **are not used to the basic principles** of health, hygiene or disability. Children and babies are therefore **particularly exposed to malnutrition** (which is terribly severe in India), leading to mental and physical fragilities, if not worse. India is still one of the countries with the **highest infant mortality rate** (OCDE).

Many diseases that could be detected are not, or are detected too late due to **lack of knowledge, hygiene or monitoring** (post/pre-natal), which results in lifelong disabilities. In West Bengal, almost **50% of pregnant women do not have 3 prenatal check-ups**. In France, there is an average of ten check-ups. (Ministry of Health and family welfare, 2020).



Our responses:

SMCS program supports 600 mothers and children from the slums before pregnancy and up to the child's third birthday. We try to make them as aware as possible of **the issues of health, prevention, nutrition and child development...** and we distribute **nutritional relief to prevent and treat malnutrition**. We also distribute food rations to the elderly.

In our centres, we strive to provide **good nutrition and promote physical activity** to ensure children grow up healthy.

Finally, **our 8 physiotherapy and psychotherapy** units work with disabled children and their parents to **improve their quality of life** as much as possible.



HOWRAH OUTDOOR PSYCHOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT

Specialization: Children from 4 to 23 years old with major disabilities (autism, intellectual disability, down syndrome, cerebral palsy, ADHD...) who need precise therapies.

ASHANEER

Founded in 2004

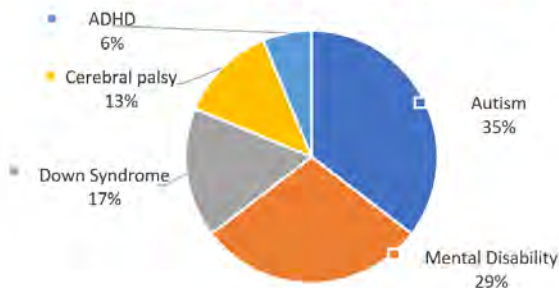
3 staff

45 children
Including 13 indoors

Activities: complementary with Special School activities

- Psychomotricity: 50%
- Music, play, story and clay therapy: 12/13% each

Psychotherapy Children Disabilities



HOWRAH OUTDOOR PHYSIOTHERAPY POSTS

Specialization: Children from 6 months to 16 years from the neighbourhood with major disabilities. Cerebral palsy, post-polio, rickets, mental disability, autistic paralysis, nerve or neuro motor disability, multiple disability...

ASHANEER

Founded in 2004

3 staff

55 children
Including 10 indoors
31 new admissions

LALKHUTI

Founded in 1994

2 staff

10 children
Including 5 indoors

Activities every day:

- Training for daily living activities for self help skills (eating, dressing, toileting...).
- Physiotherapy sessions with: roller, ball, bobath, corner & moulded sheet, cycling, mirror, parallel bar...
- Teaching parents to do Physio exercises at home.
- Major appliances/aids for the child' development.
- Manabik Scheme

JALPAIGURI OUTDOOR PHYSIOTHERAPY POSTS

Specialization: Children from 3 months to 10 years old with disabilities from the neighbourhood with major disabilities. Cerebral palsy, congenital malformation, microcephaly, myopathy, mental or multiple disability...

RAJGANJ

Founded in 2000

2 staff

30 children
8 new admissions

BINNAGURI

Founded in 2001

2 staff

11 children
4 new admissions

MOGRADANGI

Founded in 2000

1 staff

22 children
Including 19 indoors

BAKUABARI

Founded in 2021

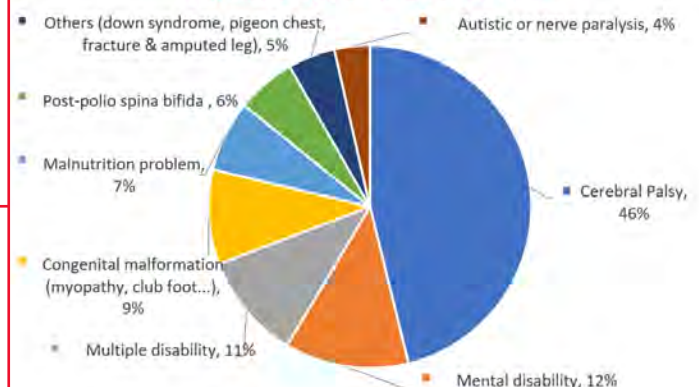
3 staff

26 children
Including 26 indoors

Activities twice a week:

- Physiotherapy sessions with materials.
- Parents counselling, necessary aid and appliances.
- Home visit, sending to doctor (epilepsy treatment, H.C)
- Guidance to get Government documents (Disability Manabik Scheme pension, certificates, Aadhar card...)
- Help to get the aids and appliance organized by the Govt. or other NGO.
- Physiotherapy in Bakuabari, Mogradangi and Jordighi homes 8 to 10 am every day.

Physiotherapy Children Disabilities





Achievements

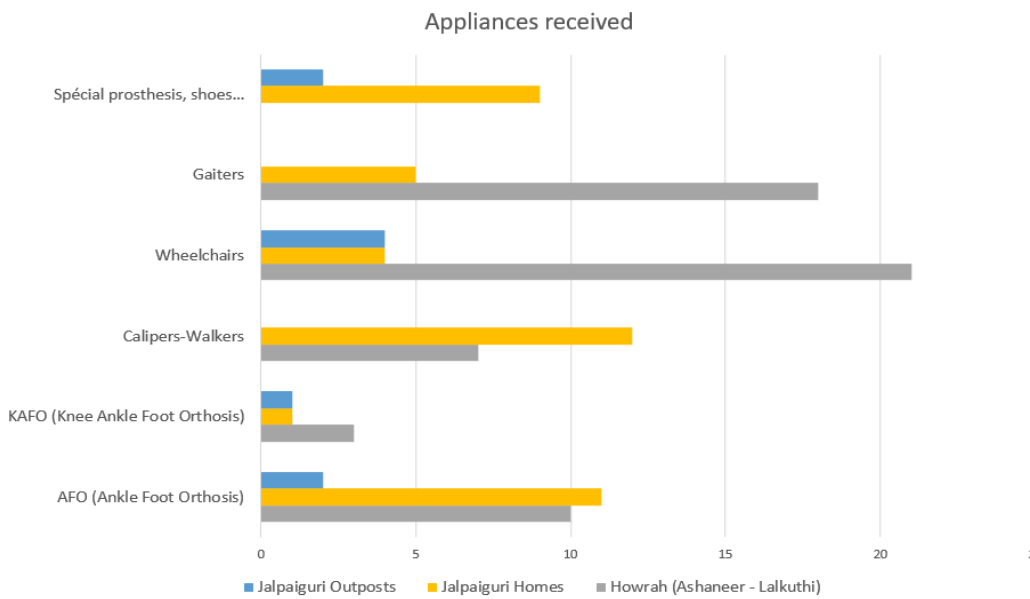
Piu is almost 6 years old and was born with a deformity known as clubfoot. Fatherless, she lived in very precarious conditions by her mother's side, a daily tea worker.

After 2 month in Bakuabari Nirmala's home in August 2023, Piu's treatment was able to begin: it consists of a succession of casts to straighten the child's foot. Each cast remained in place for about a week, and then was replaced with another. 7 different plasters were placed on her during 2 months. And the result is incredible! In such a short time; our little girl's life has completely changed. Obviously, the work is not over: she has to wear orthopedic boots, and intense physiotherapy sessions await her.

But we are very satisfied with the result, and confident that an operation will not be necessary in her case. Piu moves almost normally and doesn't take her beautiful smile off.



Pobitra Pujar



- **27** children enrolled in Manabik scheme (7 Jalpaiguri Outposts, 20 Howrah)
- **8** children followed Congenital Talipes EquinoVarus management through serial plaster, boots & bars. Those children were operated with success and are now learning to walk with **15** others children on-going correctional treatments.
- **32** New home visits had been made (12 Jalpaiguri Outposts; 20 Howrah)
- **32** Continuous follow-ups (6 Jalpaiguri Outposts; 26 Howrah)



SMCS POSTS - THE NUMBERS

Founded in 1978 **675 beneficiaries**
6 staff **102 women - 573 children**

ASHANEER

182 beneficiaries
24 women 158 children

BAKSARA

158 beneficiaries
14 women 144 children

COAL DEPO

262 beneficiaries
50 women 212 children

MOUKHALI

73 beneficiaries
14 women 59 children

Food distribution per beneficiary every month:

- 1kg of Dal / 200g of semolina / 200g of chickpea flour / 0.5L of oil.

Subjects of health education classes:

- Common and menstrual health & hygiene / Summer disease prevention / Balance diet & nutrition
- Awareness on essential administration documents
- Mobile addiction and its effect on child psychology

PRESENTATION

The project idea :

To support and accompany pregnant women and their children from the poorest slums.

The Locations: Slums of Lalkuthi/Ashaneer, Keto Pool, Baksara, Coal Depo (under the new bridge of Howrah, in the middle of railways facilities) areas. We recently opened a new center in Moukhali area next to the Santragachi railway station.

Main activities:

- Monitoring the pregnant mother health classes (pre & post natal health care)
- Monitoring the growth of the child (height and weight) for three years after birth
- Provide advice and guidance with a hospital if possible (delivery, vaccination within 12 month...)
- Give education and awareness programs (diseases, planning, balance diet, health hygiene...)
- Food punctual and regular support : ration distribution every month
- Homes Visits





Junisha was born on 23rd January 2023 and is one of our youngest beneficiaries. When our SMCS didis first visited her, she was very weak and had very low weight... They quickly realized that she was suffering from malnutrition. The didis alerted the parents and explained how to feed her properly, how many times and with which foods to encourage her growth.

A few months later, with support, at 1 year and 4 months, her weight had increased slightly to 6 kg, but she is still much below the recommended weight-height and is still in danger. Our staff continue to support her parents and hope that she will soon reach out of the danger. They are giving them food rations, awarness and medical advices.



Junisha Ahmed



Newly enrolled

77

Pregnant women enrolled this year for 86 new lactating children

Deliveries (childbirth)

63

62 deliveries in hospital by trained personnel

1 home delivery by untrained personnel

Children

247

Still low weight/height for age (on 675 children)

170

Fully immunised & vit-A oil completed in 12 month

Home Visits

2460

Household visited this year by our staff

Awareness programs

150

Health classes made this year





The project idea :

To give support (social & economic) to the elderly people in their last spell of life. They are often alone and left by their relatives by lack of concern and support

Establishment date: 1976

Number of staff: 2

Beneficiaries: 165

120 @ Andul Road - 45 @ EPN
(visually impaired, elderly widows, leprosy and HIV patients, families with disabled children...)

Main activities:

- Providing rations for old and destitute people each 2 month in Ashaneer and each month in EPN.
- Providing warm cloth for winter and cover/sheet against rain and wind for monsoon
- Celebrating together the world's poor Day
- For the severe poor a special medical help is provide

Achievements

From April 2023 to March 2024: total amount spent of **329 910.00 INR**, to provide help to our 165 beneficiaries. HSP provides 150 INR for each in the form of food help to beneficiaries each month in our two areas: Ashaneer (Andul Road) and EPN (Ekprantanagar).

Items distributed regularly:

- 1kg masur dal (lentils)
- 0,5kg sugar / 0,5L oil
- 200gr chattu (semolina)
- 200gr chura
- 300gr biscuits
- Some rice



VOCATIONAL Activities & EMPOWERMENT

To help everyone to find their place in society

Indian challenges:

“**Population is growing and work is declining**”: such is India's major challenge.

These days, even after going to school, it's extremely difficult to find a career path. Trainings and studies **are costly or selective** (and corruption is rife), unemployment is high, especially among young people: in fact, **45% of youth** in India were **unemployed** in December 2023, according to *France Info*.

For women in particular, the challenge is huge: in India, the **employment rate for women is among the lowest on the planet...** the **female employment rate dropped from 32% to 19%** between 2005 and 2020.... (*Radio France*).

Finally, more than three quarters of Indians are street vendors, deliverymen, drivers and tea sellers: **informal economy and jobs represent almost 80% of Indian economy** (*Le Monde*, 2022).

For the poorest, where everything is more difficult, families struggle to provide an environment suitable for their children's studies (insalubrity, violence, etc.) or often do not understand the importance of higher studies.



Our responses:

With our programs we want to restore the dignity of the disabled and the destitute.

Our “**After 10**” **program** is about financing studies or trainings of young adults from our homes, to council and support them until they have a sufficient job or a higher study. We want to encourage them to fulfil their dream. We organize every year a **vocational forum** with local opportunities and recently we are developing two new homes, especially for women, to study in secure environment.

We offer specific **workshop jobs to the disabled people** we can help like farm, batik, jute or orthosis workshop jobs. The idea is to make them self-dependent. In orthosis workshops, we are trying to meet the needs of our homes children and more.



Phenyl Workshop

Established: 2003 1 staff

Location: Lalkuthi Home
Products: Phenyl

Total Production: 495 L
Total Selling value: Rs. 24 500

Batik Workshop

Established: 1978 3 staff

Location: Lalkuthi Home
Products: Bed Sheets, Table Cloth, Hand key, Shirt, Pillow cover, Wall Hanging, Stoll, etc.

Total Production: 309 pieces
Total Sold: Rs. 102 065

Trainings are also given

Orthopaedic Workshop

Established: 2002 2 staff

Location: Lalkuthi Home
Products: Ankle Foot Orthosis (A.F.O), Repairing Bolster, Gaitus, Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis (K.A.F.O), Special chair, Carnell Seat, Calipers and Wheelchairs repairing...

Total Production: 113 pieces
Total Selling value: Rs. 47 030

Knitting Workshop

Established: 2003 2 staff

Location: Lalkuthi Home
Products: Sweater, Muffler, Tope, Blouse, Baby Suit...

Total Production: 115 pieces
Total Selling value: Rs. 18 510

Candel Workshop

Established: 2001 1 staff

Location: Lalkuthi Home
Products: Candles, designs

Total Production: 351 candles
Total Selling value: Rs. 6 290

Howrah Branch

Buyers: Local people, exhibition, foreigners visitors, donors and HSP friends, local schools and HSP staffs.

Jalpaiguri Branch

Orthopaedic Workshop

Established: 1992 2 staff

Location: Jordighi Home
Products: A.F.O. production & repair, Repairing Bolster, Splints, K.A.F.O, Special & Wheel chair, Parallel bar, Belt...

Total Production: 35 pieces (22 for Indoors / 13 for outdoors)
Selling Value: Rs. 93 010

Leather craft Workshop

Established: 1993 1 staff

Location: Jordighi Home
Products: Surgical shoes, Gaiters, Belts, Strap sandals.

Total Production: 86 pieces (16 repairs)
Selling Value: Rs. 66 300

Solar Workshop

1 staff + 1 trainee

Location: Mogradangi Home
Maintenance and repair: All solar system in Jalpaiguri ; some manufacturing production..

Candle Workshop

2 staff+6 women

Location: Maria Basti Home
Products: Candles and Incenses

Total sold: Rs. 12 793

Jute Workshop

2 staff+6 women

Location: Maria Basti Home
Products: Key rings, trivet, pencil cases, underglass, animals...

Total sold: Rs. 14 565







PRESENTATION

The project idea :

To finance and support our teenagers in their higher education studies and job research. It's the extension of our homes and schools.

Support proposals:

- Financing every studies our "After Class 10" teenager dreams about.
- To offer a wide range of training, study and job opportunities available through associations or companies around Calcutta
- An annual forum in November to discover the possibilities for their future
- To support each needs link to their trainings and job (transport, materials, inscription fees...)

THE NUMBERS

Founded: 2014

Beneficiaries: 66

Staff: 2 coordinators

HOWRAH

42 beneficiaries

JALPAIGURI

24 beneficiaries

Our beneficiaries:

Teenagers who were previously in our Homes, but we also accept some recommendations from our partners or beneficiaries.

2024 on-going project:

Offer a new home in Jordighi and Ashaneer to students whose living conditions (family, accommodation, area...) do not allow them to study properly





ACHIEVEMENTS

Joya arrived in Bakuabari at the age of 14 suffering from a congenital malformation. She received daily physiotherapy sessions, which improved her mobility and independence, and continued her schooling until class 10. After this, she returned to her family. Now we wanted to help her through the after 10 project.

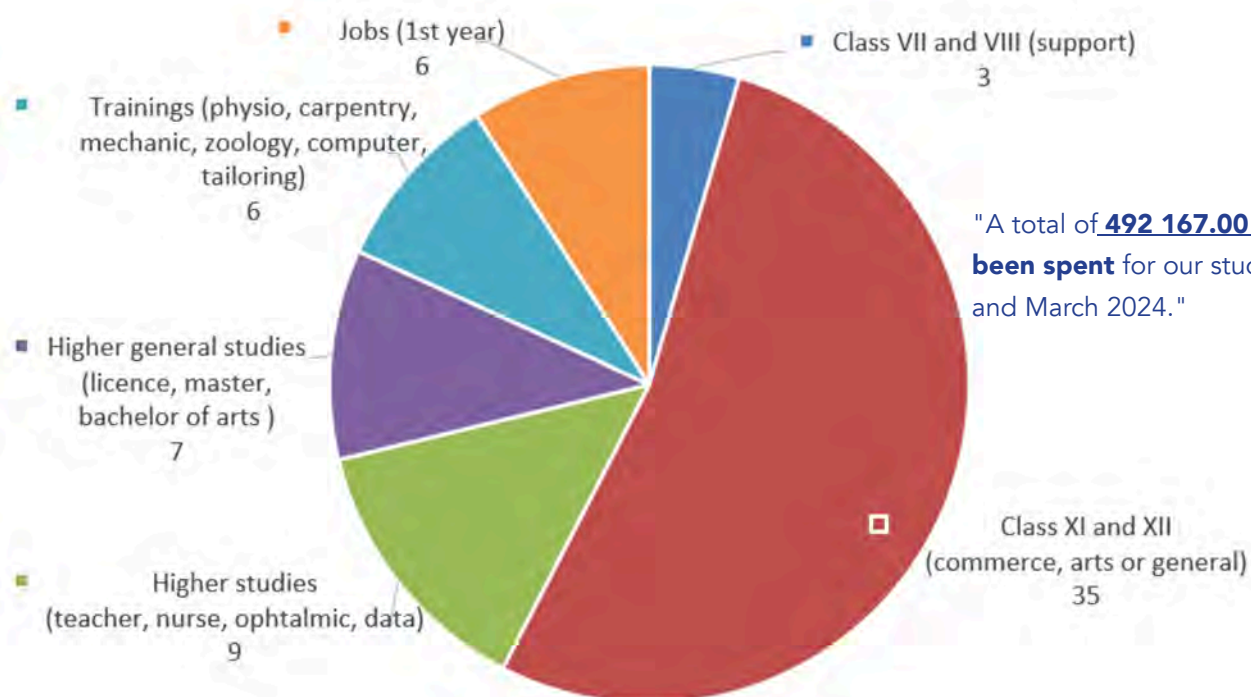
We contacted Joya, who was doing very well at school, and offered to fund her studies. Thanks to our financial support, she was able to join a girls' hostel to follow classes 11 and 12. After completing this she chose to continue in BA (Bachelor in Arts) to achieve her dream: become a Bengali teacher. She was accepted into a prestigious university and is delighted to have made this choice and to learn new things. She has now returned to live at home with her parents, her two sisters and her brother, and plans to study for a master's degree at the end of her bachelor's degree. We will be there to support her as she pursues her project.



Joya Roy



Our After 10 students



"A total of **492 167.00 INR (5 400€)** has been spent for our student from April 2023 and March 2024."



VISITS of our Friends



● Along the year, we received regularly many gifts (food, school materials, water filter ...) from various local friends. We thank them for their donations. Especially, we enjoyed the visit of some well-wishers friends as **Dr. Prof. Malika Banerjee** in Howrah who gave workshops on autism and **Tista Chowdhury**, Indian volunteer, daughter of Nabaneeta di, who spent one month in Mogradangi to teach many new dances and helped to take care of the children in Shanti Rani school.

● Foreign donors, HSP friends and formers volunteers who came to visit us: **Celine Vair**, Father Laurent's friend and specialized autistic educator, April 23 – **Samuel Pruvot**, a french journalist, his son **Baudoin** and **Harsha Vadlamani** an award-winning photographer, April 23 – 10 members from **Terre Des Hommes Alsace**, including 5 members from **TDHA Youth**, July 23 – The **Moinet Family**, member of **Namaskar Kolkata**, with their 6 children, August 23 – **Fr. Vincent Sénéchal**, Superior General of Mission Étrangères, visiting Fr. Laurent, August 23 – **Christine Bihler** and **Maria Hublitz**, faithful friends for 20 years from Germany, October 23 – **Matthieu Jobard**, former volunteer and his friend **Aude**, November 2023 – **Giuliano Menisini** and **Jean-Marie Grillon**, friends and donors in particular for our young adult (After 10 program), January and February 24 – **Pascale Cochet**, professional physiotherapist and long-standing friend, March and April 24.

We can't have proper words to say how much your friendship means, but at least: THANK YOU!





TESTIMONIALS



Giuliano Menisini
Les Amis de Calcutta

My dear brothers and sisters, I am both a donor and a beneficiary of HSP... But I receive much more than what I give. I try with my limits to balance my privileged society in lack of happiness with the joyful Bengali society in lack of support.

What can I say about the immensity of people's needs, if not a feeling of powerlessness? However, I know that Jesus said: *"It is in your weaknesses that you are strong."*

It's not easy to turn these words into action because we would like to be efficient according to ourselves. But our ways are not His ways, and our thoughts are not His thoughts.



Like a tree needs light, or a bird needs space and freedom, a child needs care and love.

Nirmala Nivas, "house of pure hearts" was built to welcome disabled children who are careless or abandoned. From Lalkuthi, with Father Laborde, thirty children and few didis, we all came by train to Jalpaiguri (Bakuabari). It was in December 1989.

A deep, rich and wonderful experience until these days with them. I am grateful to the children, didi's and dadas for all these moments shared full of humanity and nourished by the spirit of Father Laborde.

Children's smiles are graceful gifts that inspire us in our work together. It's a vibrant and brilliant heart light.



Pascale Cochet
Physiotherapist



Hortense Gayon
MEP Volunteer

"HSP is a house for the poor and those who want to live with them", said Father Laborde. I spent 1 year with the members of HSP. I was first welcomed for 5 months in Maria Basti's house with 10 women who welcomed me as a member of their family, where I was shaped like an Indian child.

They transmitted to me their language, their clothes, their way of life, their codes, their gifts for living through time, and their conviction that God is in everything. This time spent with them was a preparation for going on to Baksara and the SMCS mission.

This mission with mothers and their babies was a transformation in a new reality that turned my life upside down. Today, I devote my work in France to children with disabilities, inspired by my life in India. I give thanks for all the children, men and women who have enlightened my life when I was there.





A child of HSP in charge of an entire centre

Chintamoni di



Can you tell us about your childhood and your family situation?

I am 37 years old. I come from the Adivasi tribe with a culture very different from others. We are 6 in my family, my parents and my 3 sisters, which is not an advantage here because everyone thinks it's better to have boys. My father worked all day in a factory and was very worried about my future and my sisters'. I totally don't know what I would have become without HSP, because our living conditions were very hard, we lacked of everything. We had no education and I could barely speak Bengali and my parents were illiterate.

When and how did you hear about HSP?

My father was working in a seasonal brickworks when he heard about HSP by word of mouth. He jumped on the opportunity and two of my sisters and me were taken in at EPN. It was the biggest help we could have received.

If my sisters and I hadn't been at HSP, I don't know what would have happened... I say all this with a lot of emotion because this support, at that time, was huge for us and changed my life. I'm deeply grateful.

How long did you stay at HSP as a child? And what happened next ?

I arrived when I was 6 and stayed for about 5 years. Then, I went back home to help my parents and I continued to study at the same time. In class 9, I contacted Elena didi and Father Laborde because I needed money for studies and private lessons. I was top of my class and I wanted to pursue my studies but I couldn't afford it. They kindly gave me money... and I passed the Madhyamik, the end of class 10 exam.

If HSP hadn't also helped me during those years, I might not have gone any further. Then, I gave then lessons myself to earn money to continue the studies. I got my degree and took a computer course for 1 year after graduating. During all of this time, I was also looking for a job to be independent and help my family.

What a journey! Congratulations on your determination. How did you become a staff member at HSP?

One day, Nabaneeta di came to a visit near my house. I went over to talk to her that I was a former HSP student and she simply asked me if I wanted to work for HSP. I answered without hesitation: yes, of course!

I started as a caregiver at Ashaneer for 5 years. Then I joined EPN again. Even if it was difficult to leave Ashaneer (my first job and the first children attached to), being staff at EPN was a dream! I realised there what happiness means. It wasn't easy at first to lead, but I was well supported and guided.

Now that we know a little about your past, let's talk about your recent stay in Europe for the HSP





donors tour. How did you find out about this?

To go to Europe was a real surprise for me, it was incredible, beyond my dreams or imagination to go farther than West Bengal or India. I was so happy. When Father told me, I didn't have the words... But then I thought, why me? One day I asked my father. He told me it was because of my background and evolution from child of our home to "didi" in charge, this kind of evolution represents the hearth of HSP mission.

How was your first impression? Weren't you too disorientated in a very different culture ?

The food, the coffee (you should have seen the face of Daliya di drinking an "expresso"), the language, the climate, the way of living in France, the clothes, the landscapes of Switzerland, everything is a discovery, everything is so different... and what silence, even in Paris you don't hear horns when you're driving...! But I wasn't really disorientated, not really, because everywhere we went, we were given a wonderful welcome. The culture may have been different, but the family spirit, the atmosphere and the hospitality are the same with the donors and friends. The people who welcomed us made us feel at home; they cooked rice and chicken just like the Indians... There was something about the food that really felt like home, like it was made from the heart.

What did this trip brought you? With all thoses presentations, events and people met.

At the first presentation, I wasn't comfortable because I've never spoken about myself in public. But then I saw Father, the didis (even them didn't know my whole story), and everyone giving me joy, it gave me lots of energy and I did it. That's when I understood my mission and why I had come. After this, I hadn't any problems to speak. Even if sometimes it was a bit emotional to talk about the harsh conditions of my childhood.

Some donors or volunteers were so touched, it make me very proud. About them, I was really surprised to see them in real life - it's so much better than over the phone. These meetings gave me a lot of motivation.

I realised two very important things. Firstly, I really understood the work and love of the donors: it's only by going to Europe that we can see the aid we receive, the way they get involved, collect money for us, etc. Then, when I was at the special day at MEP, surrounded by almost 30 volunteers, I really felt and understood that HSP was not just in West Bengal and that the spirit and hearth of HSP was very much present here in France and Switzerland. I



can't sum up these 21 days, I don't have the words. This trip is forever graved in my heart, I never thought in this life that there would be an opportunity for me to go beyond India to represent HSP. A warm thanks to you all.



Prodip is an 8-year-old boy who lived in miserable conditions with his multi-disabled older brother. His mother is a housewife. His father is a drug addict rickshaw-driver who ignored them and spent everything he earned for himself. Their home is a hut without electricity or running water and a cruel lack of food. Thanks to HSP, this boy is now saved from this dangerous environment and lives at EPN Home where he grows properly. When he arrived, he was kind of

violent with himself but his behaviour has now stopped. As he never attended school before, he was admitted in a non-formal school to get the proper education level of his age. He is now in a formal school and he learns happily. Today, he is a joyful and integrated member of EPN home, participating in all the activities of daily life and always ready to help others.



**PRODIP, 8,
EPN Home**



**ROHIT, 17,
JORDIGHI Home**

Rohit Baraik is 17 years old and arrived at HSP in 2014. He suffers from cerebral palsy. When he arrived at the age 7, he was unable to sit up, could only move by crawling short distances and could only speak a few words. He was first admitted to the Bakuabari home where, thanks to the daily physiotherapy lessons and exercises, he had learned to stand and use a walker within a few months. At the HSP special school, he also learned to read and write, starting with very simple words, and begin to manage his daily living activities

independently. After, he was transferred to Mogradangi home. He remains today at Jordighi home, where he was admitted to the fifth class for upper primary education. Thanks to his willpower and perseverance, and to the daily physiotherapy sessions included in his routine, he now walks on his own, using only crutches. For a big success example, he walks to school every day. He is getting better every day and can be very proud of what he has already achieved.

Priyanjan Ganda, is a young boy with major autism spectrum disorder. He came to our psychotherapy department of Ashaneer in 2022. He wandered everywhere, was very passive and couldn't control his comings and goings to the toilet. His social relationships were also very delicate: he didn't establish any relationships with other children, avoided eye contact, didn't listen to any instructions from adults and had difficulty to pronounce any words. Gradually, thanks to psychotherapy, his behaviour changed. He has learned to socialise and relate to children and adults. He is

now able to sit up, and knows how to control his needs. He accepts the presence of the children around him and listens to the adults. More, he can even exchange a few words and sing along with the others. It's a wonderful evolution. In a society where disability is push away and not recognised, this therapy helps him to express his emotions and try to solve his problems. He is less agitated and more integrated. The staff works with the parents to deal with the disorder, we hope Priyanjan will become more independent in the daily life activities.



**PRIYANJAN, 9,
Psychotherapy**



Teaching in the middle of the tea garden

Dipali was once a child of HSP. She received education at Mograndangi and then at Bakuabari because of her handicap. She was able to study and now wants to give back what she has received. As a child of the tea garden, she knows what it means to live in precarious conditions, with no electricity, no regular income, because a daily labour is always very vulnerable.

In the shadow of the Himalayas
Together with Swapna and Shakti, responsible of the school, she teaches here every day. From this place, in the middle of the tea garden, when the weather is not

too hot, you can see the Kangchenjunga, one of the high peaks of the Himalayas. Not far away from Jordighi Home, it is there, in the middle of a village, that this non formal school was founded in 2010.

The 24 boys and 26 girls of the school study from class I to class IV. They will try to be transferred, as soon as possible to a formal school, as soon as their level will improve. Last year, 11 children could join a school with a nice uniform, the sign that they have reintegrated the normal curriculum.

Not only hindi or maths

Teaching hindi or maths is not the only matter here. The three teachers are very busy giving support in education to children of tea garden labours family from class I to IV of the syllabus of West Bengal Education Board. They go from one group of children to another leading them in learning activities. Apart from this, they also teach drawing, songs and give good advice of hygiene. They also support the parents giving tips regarding administration. The families are often not educated and even illiterate.







Mid-day meal

The children at 12:30 receive a mid-day meal, something maybe then cannot afford at home. This helps give them a balance diet, because often this is not the case at home. Since a few days Shikarpur kitchen benefits from gaz so that cooking is easier for the didis.

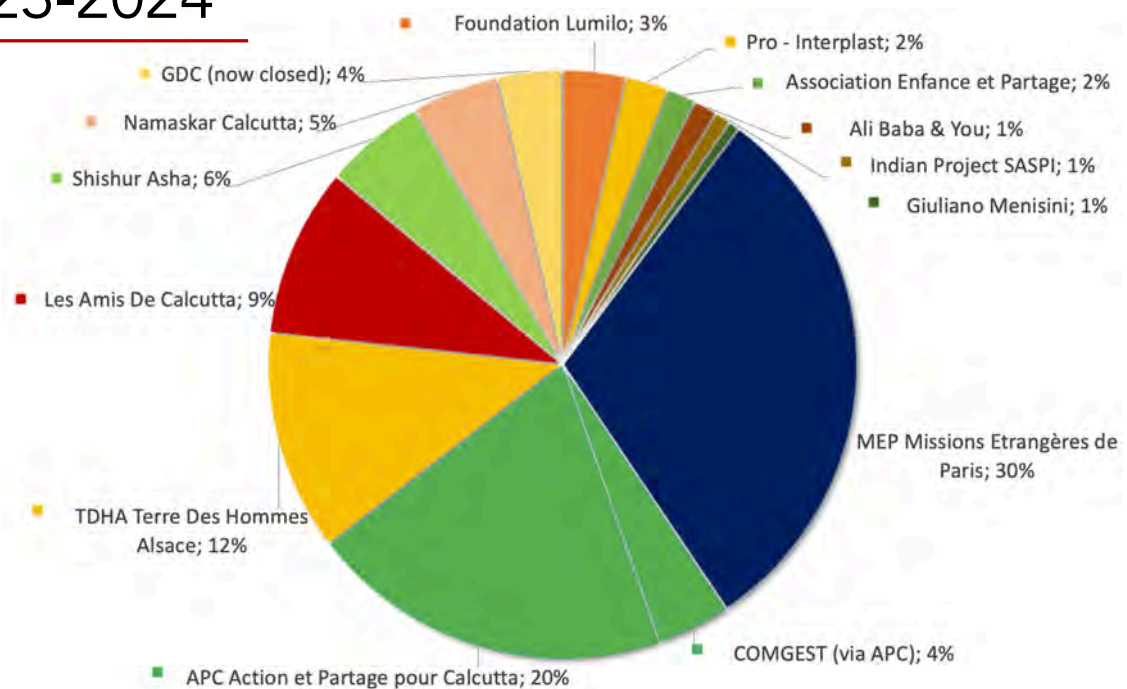
Playing and socializing

Finally, at Shikarpur school, the children learn to stay together, to socialize and to play together during the break in the morning. This is one main soft skill that they may learn. Because life may be tough for them in the future. But if they learn how to help and support each other, one big and useful teaching would have been given.





Donations 2023-2024



Balance sheet

as per 31st March 2024

ASSETS	2022-23	2023-24
	INR	INR
Closing bank balance	₹ 24,610,688	₹ 25,215,539
Closing cash balance	₹ 79,674	₹ 77,482
Fixed Deposit Account	₹ 105,336,443	₹ 111,137,970
Other Current Assets	₹ 747,096	₹ 1,769,044
Current Assets	₹ 130,773,901	₹ 138,200,035
Other Movable Assets	₹ 3,498,041	₹ 3,193,929
Live Stock		
Furniture & Fixture	₹ 481,804	₹ 409,765
Motor Vehicle	₹ 716,637	₹ 2,395,931
Movable Assets	₹ 4,696,482	₹ 5,999,625
Fixed Assets:Land	₹ 24,525,429	₹ 24,525,429
Fixed Asset : Building	₹ 43,413,563	₹ 46,326,231
Fixed Assets	₹ 67,938,992	₹ 70,851,660
TOTAL ASSETS	₹ 203,409,375	₹ 215,051,320
LIABILITIES	2022-23	2023-24
	INR	INR
Current Liabilities	81,360.00	₹ 316,006
Gratuity Fund	₹ 1,063,119	₹ 891,612
Leave Encashment Fund	₹ 312,608	₹ 341,792
Liabilities Payable	259,343.00	₹ 607,836
Non-Current Liabilities	₹ 11,260,979	₹ 10,638,222
Funds Received In Advance	₹ 0	₹ 9,895,832
General Fund	₹ 190,431,966	₹ 191,859,019
Corpus Fund		₹ 501,001
TOTAL LIABILITIES	₹ 203,409,375	₹ 215,051,320

Income statement

as per 31st March 2024

INCOME	2022-23	2023-24
	INR	INR
Donation Foreign	₹ 60,082,593	₹ 55,440,769
Donation Local	₹ 1,698,213	₹ 1,483,104
Government Grants		
Other donation	₹ 0	
Donation	₹ 61,780,806	₹ 56,923,873
Interest Income	₹ 5,484,091	₹ 6,274,968
Gain		
Other revenues	₹ 1,434,792	₹ 644,548
Revenue	₹ 6,918,883	₹ 6,919,516
TOTAL INCOME	₹ 68,699,689	₹ 63,843,389
EXCESS OF INCOME	₹ 3,532,229	₹ 1,929,304
EXPENDITURE	2022-23	2023-24
	INR	INR
Salaries, benefits & taxes		
Occupancy (rent, utilities)		
Program Expenses	₹ 57,535,383	₹ 51,748,014
Professional fees		
Supplies		
Maintenance		
Printing		
Insurance		
Interest		
Miscellaneous		
Depreciation	₹ 2,998,683	₹ 3,158,286
Administrative Expenses	₹ 4,633,394	₹ 5,487,296
Social Audit Expenses	₹ 0	
Charitable Expenses		
Bad Debt Written Off		₹ 1,520,489
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	₹ 65,167,460	₹ 61,914,085





Auditor's Report



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AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **HOWRAH SOUTH POINT SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE** as at 31st March, 2024 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that annexed thereto. These Financial statements are the responsibility of the management. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further report that:

1. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
2. In our opinion, as required by law, proper books of account have been kept so far as appears from our examination of the books;
3. The Balance Sheet and the Income & Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts;
4. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by the report are in compliance with the accounting standards as applicable.
5. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view;
 - a) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs as on 31st March, 2024 and
 - b) In the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the Surplus for the year ended on that date.

For KUNAL & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants

(FRN: 316003E)



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SPONSOR A CHILD, CHANGE HIS LIFE FOR GOOD!

Our sponsorship is not child specific. As the logistic proved very time consuming for our staff, we decided to let them focus on our most important mission: children welfare! This is why when you sponsor a child with HSP you sponsor every child of the association, allowing all of them to feel the care and the special link from our donors.

It is when visiting their houses in the slums or tea gardens that you can realise how important it is to welcome them in a safe, peaceful and healthy environment such as HSP Homes and give them a chance to grow with loving care from the didis and dasas and receive an proper education.



Sponsor a destitute child for one year including food, housing, education.

55 € / month

5000 ₹ / month



Sponsor a handicapped child for one year including food, housing, education.

110 € / month

10000 ₹ / month









Registrations & Certifications

- Certificate of Regn. of Societies WB Act XXVI of 1961, Regn. n° S/29465 dated Sept. 17, 1980.
 - Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 1976.
- Certificate of Recognition u/s 52(2) & (4) of the Persons with Disabilities Act 1995 Regn. n° 105-Com (04-05).
 - The West Bengal Women's and children's Institution Licensing Rules, 1958.
- National Trust (For the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mentally Retarded & Multiple Disabilities) Regn. n° 2561/MR-CP-MD-/2005.
- Registered under the Provision of Income tax Act, 1961. Donation is exempted under section 80G (5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

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