

OUR DONORS & PARTNERS

We started our journey in 1995 modestly with the kind help of our well-wishers and pooling in our own resources.

By dint of our range and quality of activities we were noted by the famous international aid agency: the DFID (UK) and we started receiving their fund from 1999.

In subsequent years we were honoured by the kind aid and donation provided by (in alphabetical listing):

- ◆ CARE (India);
- ◆ Dept of Science & Technology (Govt of India);
- ◆ Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of W.B.
- ◆ Different Municipalities & Panchayati Raj Bodies of West Bengal;
- ◆ German Leprosy & TB Relief Association India; (World Vision India)
- ◆ International Labour Organisation (ILO);
- ◆ Loreto;
- ◆ Smile Foundation
- ◆ United Way of Kolkata
- ◆ Water For People, India
- ◆ West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society;

SOME OF OUR PRESENT FIELDS OF ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Safe Drinking Water (Arsenic Free) at Schools
- ◆ Water And Sanitary Hygiene including Menstrual Hygiene of Adolescent Girl Students
- ◆ Basic Literacy & Education for Seasonal Migratory Children (of migratory Brick Kiln workers) at Brickfields.
- ◆ HIV / AIDS Awareness, Prevention, Counselling & Control Programme.
- ◆ TB (tuberculosis bacilli) Awareness, Filed Surveys and Patient Referral, Patient Tracking.
- ◆ Sustainable and Organic Eco-friendly Agriculture Promotion Programme.

Please find details inside.

DONATE US

We are getting support from our donors. But paucity of fund, at times, restricts our aspiration to outdo our existing reach, quality and pace. (Please see our FUTURE PLANS.) Your help can make a difference.

- ⊗ All Donations are covered by Exemption as per U/S 80G of IT Act.
- ⊗ We have FCRA Clearance for receiving Foreign Aids & Donations.

Naihati ProLife

in support of life



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OUR VISION

The dream is to help develop an environment that allows harmonious coexistence of human beings amongst themselves, with other life forms and with nature.

OUR STRENGTH

The organisation developed from a group, friends they were from the school days. Since their school life they were connected with various extracurricular cultural activities and social works. These activities set an orientation.

Later this group of boys and girls emerged as flourishing professionals in different fields, with strong academic background, e.g.: Nuclear Physicist or Corporate Agricultural Advisor, or Professor of Medicine, etc. And when they set up the organisation they recruited and trained youngsters, including formal academic programme, to turn them into able professionals in social service sector.

Not for nothing Naihati Prolife acted also as a training field for several field students preparing their Master Theses and also provided ground for some Indian and Foreign students working for their PhD Theses!

Hard Activities Yielded Success Stories Too

1. Health Related Issue - Water and Sanitary Hygiene at Schools:
One of our latest KAP 2010-11 (knowledge, awareness, practice) Study that involved continuous awareness programme, students' participation in decision making and monitoring showed:
 - 62% Primary students and 86% secondary level students reported they always wash their hands before and after taking meals and using toilets;
 - Within 1 Year (boys) Habit of open field urination decreased from 38.68% to 1.05%;



- A Boys' Toilet Block installed by us
- Toilets are always kept clean and nobody smears even unintentionally;
 - Within 1 Year Girls' Absenteeism during 'Period' Dropped from 67% to 14%!
 - The drinking water stations, toilets etc designed and built by us took into cognizance both aesthetic point of view and what the children like.

- Those constructions can be criticised of being a bit 'costlier' but those imbued the students with the initiative of keeping all these clean and beautiful.



Girls' Change Rooms installed

- About two-third girls are using sanitary napkins; all can use those if supplied at low subsidized price; We have been working at:

Nadia (Block: Ranaghat II)
10 High Schools
5,788 girls & 5,223 boys
7 Primary Schools
580 girls & 621 boys

24 Parganas (South)
23 High Schools
11,877 girls & 9,210 boys;
65 Primary Schools
3,825 girls & 3,746 boys

24 Parganas (North) at 4 Blocks
27 High Schools
15,803 girls & 11,371 boys;
44 Primary Schools
3,598 girls & 3,593 boys
Sanitary Mart
1,665 IHHL
1 Sanitary Complex

4 ICDS School
220 girls & 148 boys, 12 new Tube well Installation and 213 Tube well platform, 2 Community toilet, 26625 beneficiary

FUTURE PLAN:

- widen the area of our quality work in this field; for girl students; intensive education on menstrual hygiene is very necessary

2. Education Related Issues:

Our literacy programme and anti-drug therapy for children dwelling on railway platforms and orphans produced excellent results. The DRM of Eastern Railway was so pleased with the result that he arranged for a Railway Quarter for us so that the work could continue!

Then we confronted the case of literacy drive and education to migratory children of seasonally migrant labourers at the brickfields, children who are 1st gen learners and live in a harsh environ. We took the challenge.



A Migrant Student showing Numbers to 'class' mates & a scene of the 'Drawing Class'

But things changed, and are changing every year in every 'academic' session. Things changed not only academically, but also culturally.

Migrating children were not getting their entitled 'privilege' of Sarba Siksha Abiyan,

but we have been carrying the torch to them, thanks to Loreto!

We are working with 3 schools each with about 100 children of 9 brickfields.

FUTURE PLAN: ■ To arrange more nutritional food in addition to that available from the paltry amount of Rs.2 allotted per day per head; ■ to improve of sanitation and hygiene. ■ Provide a school shed for the children. ■ Widen area of operation.

3. Health Related Issue - HIV/AIDS:

Our organisation is one of the oldest & closest partners of WB State AIDS Prevention and Control Society. We are in this field since 1995.



A Street Magic Show for HIV/AIDS Awareness

Our work in this field was acknowledged by DFID (UK) and we DFID started funding us since 1999.

With the help of WBSAPCS, we have been working in several municipalities and rural blocks in two districts and also among non-static communities like truckers.

FUTURE PLAN: to widen area of operation

4. Health Related Issue - STOP TB:

As a partner of the German Leprosy & TB relief Association - India we are working for the 4 Tuberculosis Units or TU-s:

At present we are working for 4 TU-s (tuberculosis units): Naihati, Sagardutta, Panihati and Rejkioni.

We are working as SSR of Axshya India Project run by GLRA, funded by World Vision India.

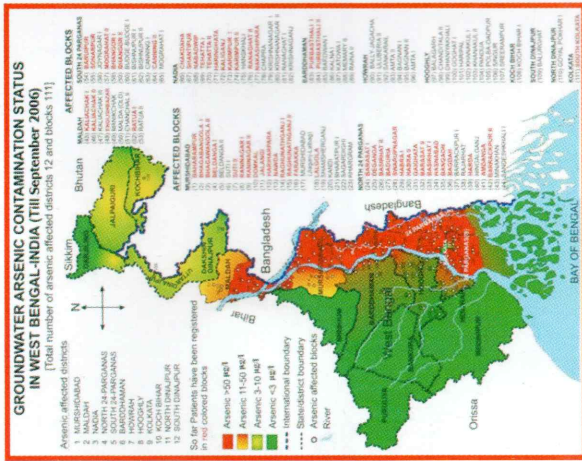
Name of the TU	Number of Municipalities under the TU	Number of Panchayats under the TU
Naihati	3	8
Sagardutta	3	0
Panihati	3	9
Rejkioni	2	6

FUTURE PLAN: Sadly, the killer disease is still not showing signs of getting abated significantly. We need to more intensive and vigilant; moreover, we would be happy to extend our activity in this field.

Naihati Prolife already had experience of working on TB-HIV coordination intervention programme among industrial labours within Barrackpore and Kamarhati Industrial Belt. The organization would like to intensify the activities of TB-HIV coordination programme.

5. Health & Environment Related Issue - Providing Safe Drinking Water (Arsenic Free):

The School of Environmental Science of Jadavpur University has in their website this Arsenic Contamination Map of WB:



Arsenic Poisoning is a severe hazard and demands serious intervention. Thanks to the help provided by "Water For People" we are now operating Arsenic Removal Filters at 16 Primary schools and 20 High schools & High Madrasahs, Iron Filter at 2 Primary Schools in the districts of 24 Parganas (North) and Nadia, which are serving more than 24822 students now. Additionally, in some of the above schools we had to arrange for Iron filters.

FUTURE PLAN: as the map shows, North 24 Parganas and Nadia

demand more attention. The adjacent district, Hooghly, also has high level of Arsenic contamination in groundwater in its north-eastern part. We are eager to expand the area of our activities and include the Arsenic-threatened areas.

WHAT OTHER THINGS WE DO AND WANT TO DO IN FUTURE



DOTS Awareness Meet with RMP Doctors

By our near-2-decade of practice and learning we have equipped our staff with lots of awareness raising measures and tools, like conducting street dramas, street magic shows, community meetings to prepare volunteers, making govt staff aware of the depth and magnitude of different problems and so on so forth.

For example, we worked with DST to do awareness programmes on the new patent law (IPR) regime among school students.

Also we have had to become efficient in different types of surveys which we conduct on request.

We understand that Ecological Problems have become more crucial and Sustainable Organic Farming has become the cry of the day.

We have conducted workshops with farming communities on pest control by means of friendly insects; vermiculture promotion for soil remediation; etc.



A Meeting with Farmers on Organic Farming

We need to revamp and redouble activity in the sphere of this eco-friendly agriculture.

Some of our Other Immediate Targets are:

- RESEARCH:** for efficient but cheaper Arsenic Removal Technic that would be affordable to schools;
- TRAINING:** young unemployed girls for self-help (SWAYAMBHAR) groups for various kinds of services that will be promising in the markets of emerging townships or small/medium towns; etc.