

DARJEELING MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY TO MARCH
2025



Feast Day

Feast day and Mary Ward Week were joyfully celebrated at DMWSC with office staff, animators, stakeholders, and guests including panchayat members and teachers from various project areas. The event fostered unity, reflection, and appreciation of Mary Ward's inspiring legacy.





Mary Ward Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm and devotion from January 23rd to 30th across the project areas, honoring the legacy and vision of Venerable Mary Ward. The celebrations involved children, youth, women, and stakeholders, highlighting Mary Ward's values as justice, freedom, and dignity for all.



One Billion Rising & International Women's Day 2025 Celebration



The One Billion Rising & Women's Day Celebration on 27th March 2025 in Naxalbari, organized by Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre, united voices for women's rights and justice. With Roma Rashmi Ekka, Rina Ekka, and other esteemed guests and community leaders, the event featured vibrant cultural performances, inspiring speeches, open discussions, and collective calls to action on gender equality, empowerment, and safety. Community members, youths, SHG leaders, social workers, and panchayat representatives actively participated, making the event impactful and deeply meaningful for all involved.

Total Numbers of Home Visits
1897



Women’s awareness programs were conducted in the project areas under the Collective Voice initiative, focusing on gender rights, empowerment, and strengthening voices through discussions, community meetings, and interactive sessions with local women.



Women’s Awareness

Areas:
Gayaganga T.E.
Sayedabad T.E.
Kamala T.E.

Total no.
of Awareness
04

Total no. of Beneficiaries reached
110



Youth Meeting

Areas:
Gayaganga T.E.
Bijlimuni T.E.
Kamala T.E.

Total no.
of Awareness
04

Total no. of Beneficiaries reached
63



Youth meetings were held under the Collective Voice project, focusing on empowering young individuals, raising awareness on child marriage, the importance of education, gender equality, and fostering active participation in community development.



Children's Meeting

Children's meetings were held under the Collective Voice project at Gayganga and Sayedbad T.E., covering topics like good touch, bad touch, health, and hygiene. A total of 48 children participated in these awareness sessions.



Community Meeting

Community meetings under the Collective Voice project were conducted at Gayaganga, Bijlimuni, and Sayedabad Tea Estates, focusing on early marriage, early pregnancy, gender equality, and rights, reaching a total of 131 beneficiaries.



Awareness Programme

Awareness programs under the Collective Voice project were conducted at Gayganga, Bijlimuni, Kamala, and Sayedabad Tea Estates, reaching 315 beneficiaries. These awareness aimed to empower communities with knowledge on rights, safety, and collective action for social change.



One Billion Rising was celebrated with community women at Sayedabad Tea Estate



Women's Meeting

February	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Longview Tea Estate	01	17
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	22
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	19
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	17
	Marapur Tea Estate	01	14
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	19
	Manjha Tea Estate	01	16
March	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Longview Tea Estate	01	10
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	16
	Marionbari Tea Estate	01	13
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	08
	Marapur Tea Estate	01	15
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	16
	Manja Tea Estate	01	13
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	12

The Menstrual Hygiene Management project organized women's meeting to educate participants on menstrual health, hygiene practices, and breaking societal taboos, fostering awareness, confidence, and improved health outcomes for women in the community.



Adolescent Girl's Meeting

The Menstrual Hygiene Management project conducted adolescent girls' meeting to raise awareness about menstrual health, hygiene practices, and self-care. The session aimed to empower young girls with knowledge, promote confidence, and encourage healthy practices during menstruation.



February	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Longview Tea Estate	01	12
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	12
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	16
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	23
	Marapur Tea Estate	01	08
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	16
	Manjha Tea Estate	01	10

March	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Longview Tea Estate	02	14
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	02	32
	Marionbari Tea Estate	02	24
	Simulbari Tea Estate	02	18
	Marapur Tea Estate	02	16
	Belgachi Tea Estate	02	21
	Manja Tea Estate	02	28
	Jabra Tea Estate	02	26

MHM Workshop



The MHM Project conducted a workshop on 19th March 2025 to promote awareness and education on menstrual health and hygiene. The workshop aimed to educate participants on menstrual health, break taboos, and promote safe hygiene practices. It focused on fostering awareness, encouraging the use of sustainable menstrual products, and creating an open, stigma-free space for discussions.

Youth Meeting

The Menstrual Hygiene Management Project organized meetings for youth to discuss menstrual health and hygiene. These sessions aimed to empower participants by providing valuable information, encouraging open conversations, and fostering a supportive environment for addressing challenges related to menstrual management.

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Longview Tea Estate	01	10
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	17
	Marionbari Tea Estate	01	16
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	09
	Marapur Tea Estate	01	11
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	12
	Manja Tea Estate	01	13
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	13



	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
February	Longview Tea Estate	01	12
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	26
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	15
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	16
	Marionbari Tea Estate	01	18
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	12
	Manjha Tea Estate	01	16

Self Help Group Meeting



	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Longview Tea Estate	01	06
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	11
	Marionbari Tea Estate	01	11
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	10
	Marapur Tea Estate	01	06
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	21
	Manja Tea Estate	01	11
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	08

The MHM Project organized sessions with Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to engage in conversations around menstrual health and personal hygiene habits. These sessions were intended to inform members about crucial cleanliness practices and confront traditional misconceptions linked to menstruation. By encouraging honest and inclusive dialogue, the program enabled SHG participants to exchange insights, uplift each other, and take the lead in community-driven actions to raise awareness and improve understanding of menstrual well-being.



	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
February	Longview Tea Estate	01	22
	Siptiguri Tea Estate	01	12
	Marionbari Tea Estate	01	09
	Simulbari Tea Estate	01	12
	Marapur Tea Estate	01	07
	Belgachi Tea Estate	01	15
	Manja Tea Estate	01	12
	Jabra Tea Estate	01	23

Pad manufacturing unit

Empowering Women through Sustainability: Reusable Sanitary Napkin Production Unit Launched at Belgachi TE under MHM Project. This unit helps local women learn new skills, earn a livelihood, and promote safe, eco-friendly menstrual hygiene in the community.



Staff Capacity Building Training

Three staff capacity building trainings were conducted to strengthen knowledge and skills on menstrual hygiene, community engagement, sustainable solutions, and nutritional needs, while addressing taboos, teaching fieldwork techniques, and empowering them to promote awareness and support within their communities.



Reusable Sanitary Napkins Distribution





Total Numbers of Home Visits
1793

The project enabled school
re-enrollment of 60 students from
project areas



Under the Safe Migration Project, women’s meetings were conducted to raise awareness about safe migration practices, inform them about potential risks, rights, and support systems, and empower them to ensure community safety.



Women’s Meeting

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
January	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	03	30
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	12
	Trihana Tea Estate	02	69
	ORD Tea Estate	01	15

February	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	01	01
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	01
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	01
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	01
	Hansqua Tea Estate	01	01

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	03	42
	ORD Tea Estate	02	33
	Taipoo Tea Estate	03	52
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	12
	Trihana Tea Estate	02	28
	Hansqua Tea Estate	02	32

Awareness Programme

Areas: Tipoo T.E. Kiranchandra T.E. Damdama T.E.	Total no. of Awareness 03
Total no. of Beneficiaries reached 165	

Awareness programmes under the Safe Migration Project educated communities on migration risks, rights, and safety.



Children's Parliament Meeting

January	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	08

Children's Parliament meetings were held under the Safe Migration Project to encourage leadership, awareness, and participation in child rights and protection.

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Kamalpur Tea Estate	02	28
	ORD Tea Estate	01	14
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	10
	Moonee Tea Estate	02	30
	Trihana Tea Estate	02	30
	Damdama Tea Estate	01	20

January	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	09
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	07

February	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	01	20
	ORD Tea Estate	01	15
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	07
	Taipoo Tea Estate	03	47
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	20
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	32
	Hansqua Tea Estate	01	18

March	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	ORD Tea Estate	01	13
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	10
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	11
	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	02	25
	Hansqua Tea Estate	01	07



Youth Meeting

Under the Safe Migration Project, youth meetings were organized to raise awareness on migration-related risks, promote safe practices, build leadership skills, and encourage active participation in protecting themselves and their communities.

Children's Meeting



Children's meetings were conducted under the Safe Migration Project to educate them about safe migration, raise awareness on child rights, build confidence, and encourage their active involvement in creating a safer community environment.

January	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	12
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	16
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	40
	ORD Tea Estate	01	14

February	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	ORD Tea Estate	02	31
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	02	27
	Moonee Tea Estate	02	23
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	15
	Damdama Tea Estate	01	24

Project: Safe Migration

January to March 2025

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
January	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	15
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	14
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	14
	ORD Tea Estate	01	15

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
February	Moonee Tea Estate	01	17
	ORD Tea Estate	01	15
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	12

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	ORD Tea Estate	01	13
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	15
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	10
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	15
	Hansqua Tea Estate	01	17



Child Vigilance Committee Meeting

Child Vigilance Committee meetings under the Safe Migration Project aimed to empower children to identify risks, promote safety, and take part in preventing unsafe migration in their communities.



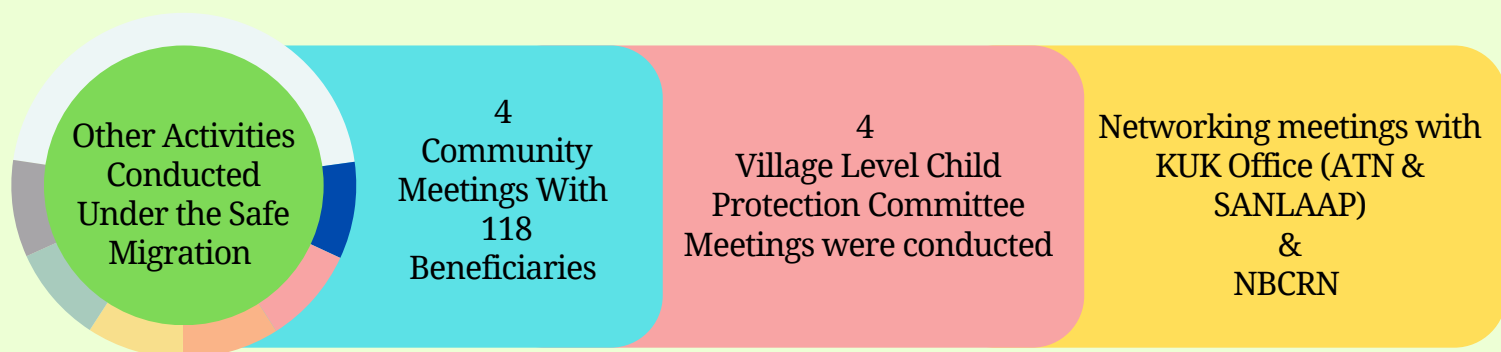
	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
January	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	08

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
February	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	01	15
	ORD Tea Estate	02	29
	Kamalpur Tea Estate	01	14
	Moonee Tea Estate	01	15
	Trihana Tea Estate	01	08
	Hansqua Tea Estate	01	14

Adolescent Girls Meeting

Under the Safe Migration Project, meetings with adolescent girls were organized to build awareness on migration risks, personal safety, rights, and to empower them as informed community members.

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Kamalpur Tea Estate	02	22
	Taipoo Tea Estate	01	10
	Trihana Tea Estate	02	24
	Kiranchandra Tea Estate	01	10



Project: Climate Action Project

January to March 2025



A total of 66 women from various Self-Help Groups (SHGs) participated in a detailed training program on mushroom cultivation, aimed at building their capacity, promoting sustainable livelihoods, and encouraging entrepreneurship within their communities for economic empowerment.

- ▶ 18 beneficiaries were distributed with Piglets for animal husbandry
- ▶ 66 women from SHGs received training on Mushroom Cultivation.

Project: Tuition Learning Centre

January to March 2025



Community meetings were organized under the Tuition Learning Center project to engage parents, discuss children's progress, and encourage community involvement.

Community Meeting

Areas: Trihana T.E. Kiranchandra T.E. Kestopur T.E. Taipoo T.E.	Total no. of Awareness 03
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Total no. of Beneficiaries reached
85

- ▶ 140 Students enrolled for Tuition Class in 6 areas (Trihana, O.R.D, Taipoo, Kiranchandra, and Moonee & Hansqua)

Total Numbers
of Home Visits
1090



Community Meeting

Areas:
Merryview T.E.
Atal T.E.

Total no.
of Meetings
03

Total no. of Beneficiaries reached
145

Youth Meeting

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
January	Atal Tea Estate	01	12
	Maruti Tea Estate	01	08
	Merryview Tea Estate	01	10

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
February	Merryview Tea Estate	02	27
	Atal Tea Estate	01	13
	Fulbari Tea Estate	02	35
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	05	60
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	03	20
	Maruti Tea Estate	02	24



	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Merryview Tea Estate	01	15
	Atal Tea Estate	03	32
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	02	17
	Fulbari Tea Estate	03	37
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	02	30

Youth meetings were conducted under the Human Rights project to raise awareness, build leadership skills, and encourage active participation in promoting justice and equality in communities.



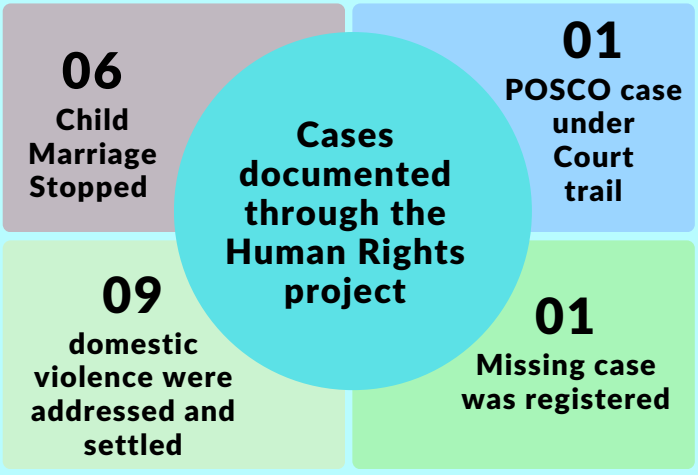
Awareness Program

Areas:
Sonachandi T.E.
Atal T.E.
Fulbari T.E.
Thanjhora T.E.
Maruti T.E.

Total no.
of Awareness
08

Total no. of Beneficiaries reached
530

Awareness programs were conducted under the Human Rights project to educate communities about their fundamental rights, promote equality, prevent discrimination, and empower individuals to stand against injustice and advocate for social change.



The project enabled school re-enrollment of 26 students from project areas.

Women’s Meeting

Women’s meetings were conducted under the Human Rights project to raise awareness, promote gender equality, and empower women to speak up against injustice and claim their rights.



January	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Merryview Tea Estate	01	10
	Atal Tea Estate	03	39
	Fulbari Tea Estate	01	15
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	02	33
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	02	18
	Maruti Tea Estate	01	06

February	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Merryview Tea Estate	02	40
	Atal Tea Estate	02	23
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	02	53
	Fulbari Tea Estate	04	49
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	03	46

March	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
	Merryview Tea Estate	04	50
	Atal Tea Estate	02	24
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	02	11
	Fulbari Tea Estate	04	74
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	03	40



A networking meeting was conducted with the North Bengal Child Rights Network to strengthen collaboration and discuss strategies for advancing child rights initiatives in the region.



A Village Level Child Protection Committee meeting was held to discuss child safety, rights, and preventive measures against abuse and exploitation.

Assisted
beneficiaries in
accessing
government
schemes

01
Old
age
pension

10
Laxmi
Bhandar
from BDO
office

06
Ration
Card

01
Pan
Card

35
Cast
Certificate

07
New
Bank
Account

20
Aadhar
Card

13
Birth
Certificate



Children Meeting

Under the Human Rights Project, children's meetings were conducted to educate them about their fundamental rights, encourage open dialogue, build confidence, and create a safe space where they can freely express themselves, share experiences, and learn through interactive discussions and activities.

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
March	Maruti Tea Estate	05	74
	Atal Tea Estate	03	46
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	02	27
	Fulbari Tea Estate	05	127
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	04	74

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
January	Merryview Tea Estate	01	27
	Fulbari Tea Estate	01	10
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	02	30
	Maruti Tea Estate	01	15

	Area	No. of Programme	No. of Participants
February	Merryview Tea Estate	05	120
	Atal Tea Estate	02	32
	Fulbari Tea Estate	01	12
	Thanjhora Tea Estate	03	46
	Sonachandi Tea Estate	01	12
	Maruti Tea Estate	02	55



Meetings with People with Disabilities

Areas:
Merryview T.E.
Atal T.E.
Fulbari T.E.
Thanjhora T.E.
Sonachandi T.E.

Total no.
of Awareness

10

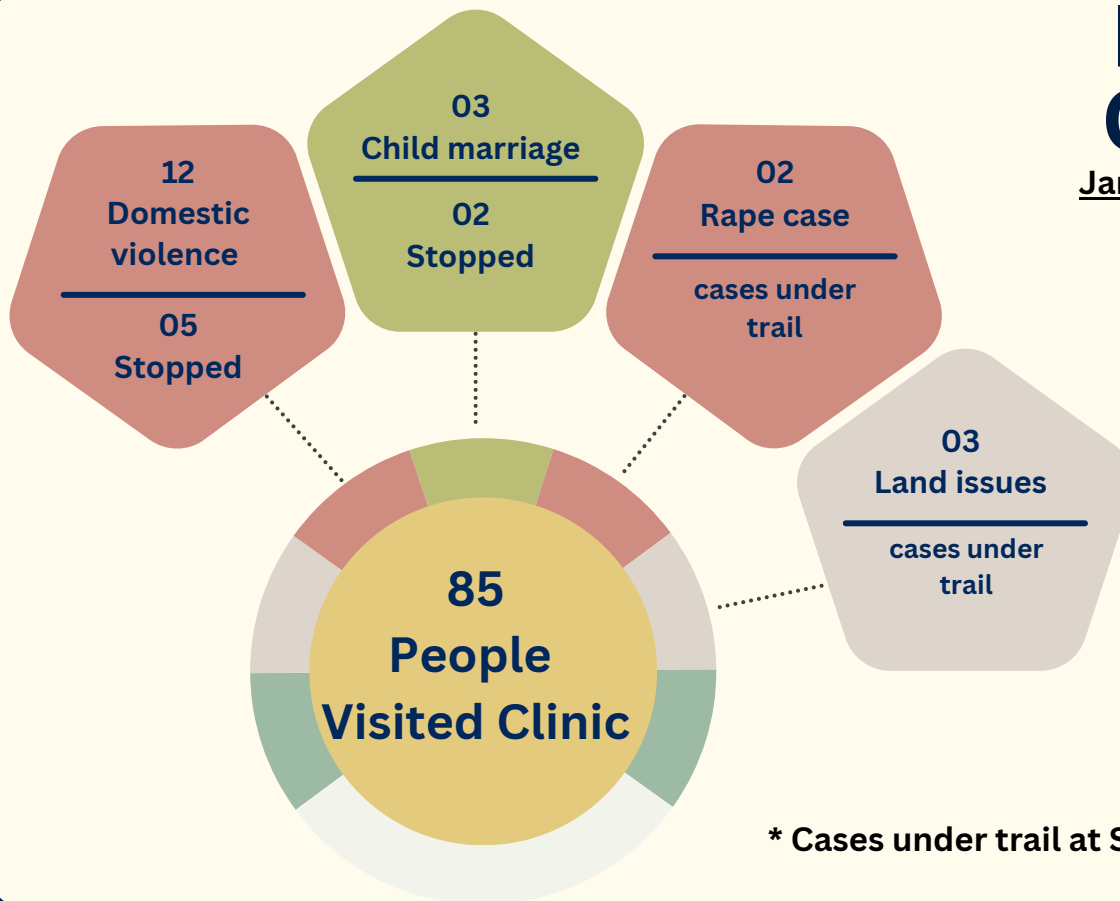
Total no. of Beneficiaries reached

126

Under the Human Rights Project, meetings with people with disabilities were organized to raise awareness about their rights, promote inclusion, understand their challenges, and encourage equal participation in the community life through open discussions and support.

LEGAL CLINIC

January to March 2025



* Cases under trail at Siliguri court.

Cases undertaken at DLSA clinic, DMWSC

Long-Term Relationship Dispute Resolved Through Legal Marriage:

A 26-year-old woman from Darjeeling district sought help from DMWSC after discovering her long-time partner planned to marry someone else. They had been in a relationship since she was 13, with a social marriage but living separately. Concerned about her rights, she approached DMWSC. The case officer called the man and informed him of the legal implications under the POCSO Act. Both were advised to register their marriage for legal protection. The next day, they applied for legal marriage, resolving the issue peacefully.

Project: Ethical Enterprise Initiatives for Youths & Women

January to March 2025

Orientation Programme

Areas:
Panighata T.E.
Sukna T.E.
Dagapur T.E.

Total no. of Awareness
03

Total no. of Beneficiaries reached
104

Orientation programs were conducted with women and young girls under the Ethical Enterprise Initiatives to build awareness, enhance skills, and encourage participation in sustainable livelihood and entrepreneurship activities.



Happy Easter!

From

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