

Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre











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Introduction

Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre(DMWSC) is a non-profit seeking Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) established in the year 2006 and registered in 2009 to foster sustainable development. It is a social development wing of the Loreto sisters, established to work for the development and social justice for the poor and needy of tea plantation areas.

In 2024–2025, DMWSC strengthened collaborations with government departments and NGOs to enhance program delivery in tea plantation areas. The organization conducted awareness programs for women and adolescent girls, offered family counselling, and provided support to survivors of domestic violence. Sessions on child rights and gender sensitization were also organized to build a more informed and supportive community.

Since its inception, the organization has worked towards development and social justice for marginalized communities. By empowering women to claim their rights, it fosters change from within and contributes to broader sustainable development goals.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCE LEADER OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH ASIA

I thank Sr. Shakuntala Kujur for another successful year for Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre, and I extend my gratitude to all the team members. On behalf of the Loreto South Asian Province, I sincerely thank each of you for your wholehearted commitment to reaching out to the "people on the peripheries," in the spirit of GC Call 22.

Wishing you continued success in the coming year. May many more be blessed by your dedication and commitment



With the assurance of my prayers & support.

Sr. Sabrina Edwards, ibvm

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Province Leader

Message from the Director

It is with immense gratitude and pride that I present the Annual Report of Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre. This year has been a journey of resilience, empowerment, and renewed commitment to our mission of serving the marginalized and uplifting communities through compassion and justice.

From advancing women's empowerment and health, to strengthening youth and reaching remote areas and vulnerable communities, we have grown in depth and impact. Each story of change reminds us that lasting transformation begins with opportunity, trust, and collective action.

This Annual Report is particularly meaningful to me, as it marks my final year as Director of DMWSC. As I step away from this role, I carry with me not only countless memories but also deep teachings that have shaped both my professional and personal journey. It has been a place of growth, purpose, and solidarity. I have learned so much from the people I've worked with, the communities we've served, and the challenges we've overcome together.



Our work would not be possible without the dedication of our team, the courage of our community members, and the unwavering support of our partners and donors. Together, we are building a more just, inclusive, and hopeful society.

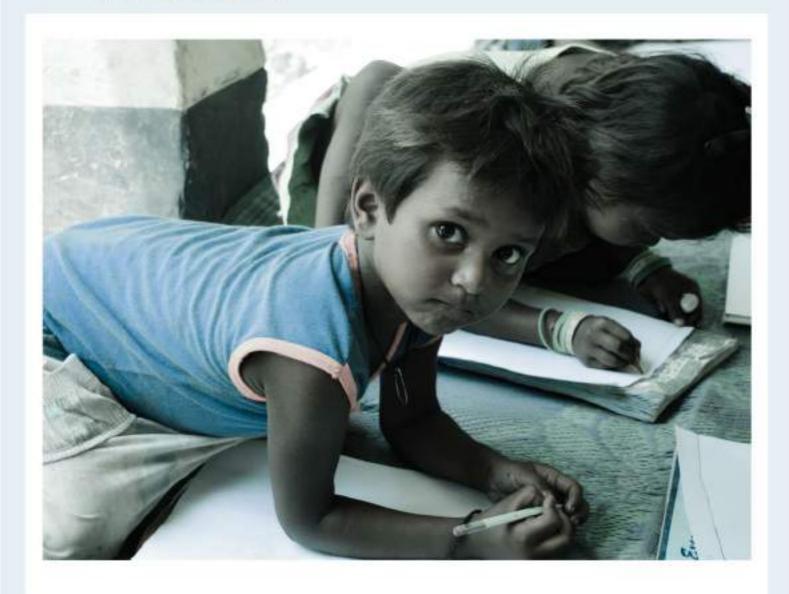
As I move forward, I do so with immense gratitude and the continued hope that DMWSC will keep walking with those at the margins, guided by the vision of Mary Ward and inspired by the belief that "women in time to come will do much."

With heartfelt thanks,

Sr. Shakuntala Kujur DMWSC

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Our Vision



Inspired by the vision of Mary Ward, we work towards building an equitable world where the rights of every women and child is protected and ensured.

Our Mission



- To foster women and child friendly communities, where they are enabled to make informed choices for their development and growth.
- To initiate action that would counteract human trafficking.
- To build the networking and develop a partnership with friends, students, alumni, volunteers, and like-minded organisations that work for development, justice, and peace.
- To develop a pragmatic and sustainable approach to all development initiatives.

Our Values

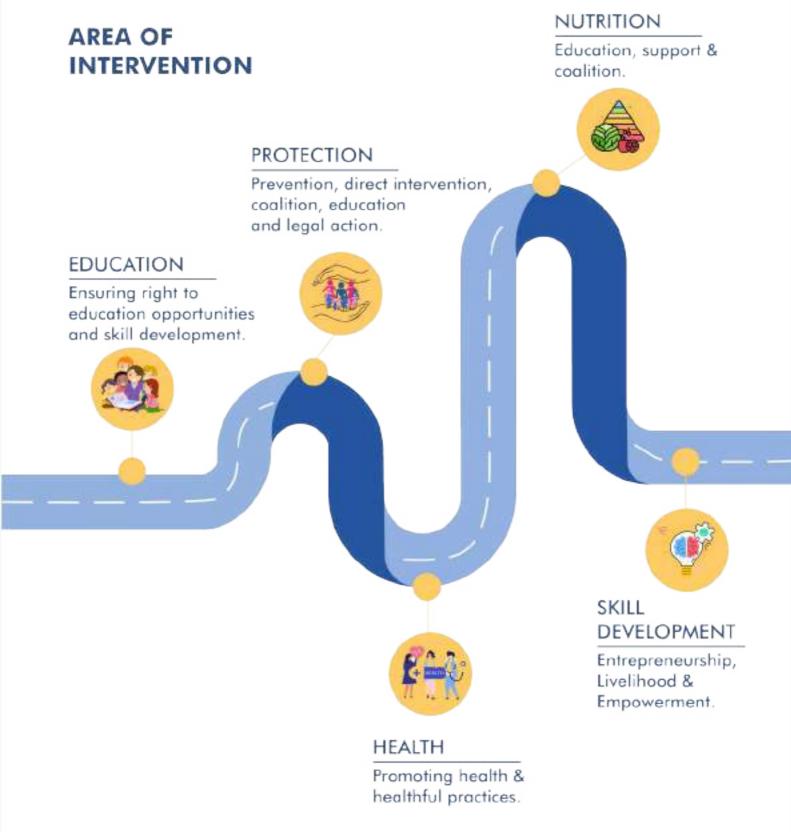


Love, freedom, sincerity and justice are our driving forces motivating us to reach out to those who suffer from severe injustice and societal neglect.





Our approach is participatory and rights-based, focusing on empowering women, youth, and children



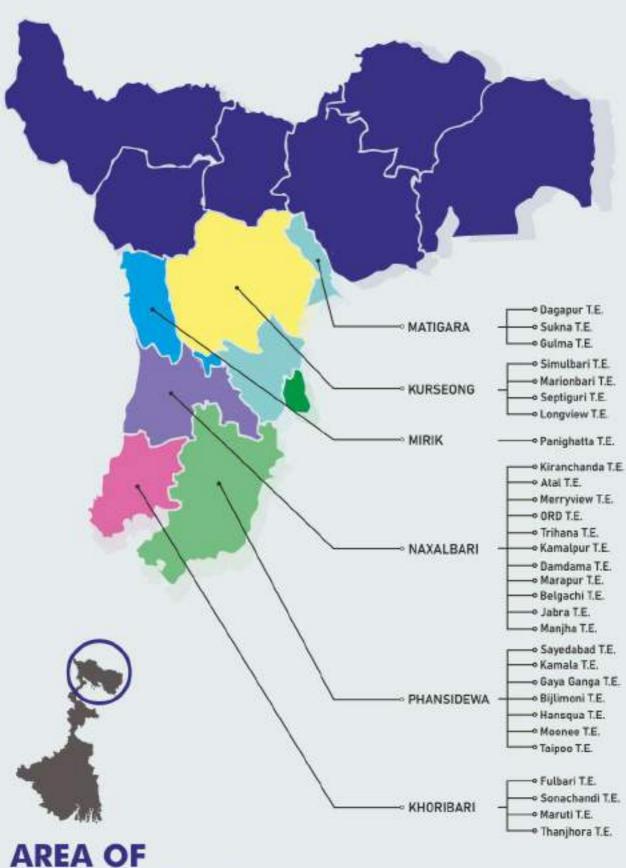
Working for the Sustainable Development Goals











AREA OF INTERVENTION

ON GOING PROJECTS Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre



DMWSC runs various awareness and training programs to promote women's rights in education, protection, health, nutrition, and access to government services.



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Collective Voice

Promotes education, protection, health, and nutrition for the marginalized by improving service delivery through strong outreach and networks.



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Tuition Learning Centre

Provides academic support to children in tea plantation areas, enhancing learning, reducing dropouts, and promoting the right to education.





Human Rights Project

Promotes awareness, protection, and advocacy of fundamental rights in tea plantation communities, focusing on justice, dignity, and equality.





Safe Migration

Ensures a child- and women-friendly environment in tea gardens by promoting education, protection, development, and participation.



ON GOING PROJECTS

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Ethical Enterprise Initiatives for Youth (Jute)

Provides vocational training to empower young girls in tea plantations with sustainable livelihoods.

Menstrual Hygiene Management

Promotes safe and dignified menstrual care through resources, education, and facilities for women and girls.









Ethical Enterprise Initiatives for Youth (Sewing)

Empowers women to use sewing skills for income generation and a better future.

Climate Action Innovation

Creates income opportunities for tea workers through organic farming and animal husbandry.



Empowering Women



Create & Strengthen SHGs



Capacity building
& Sustainable livelihood



Awareness & Community mobilization on issues related to them

Building capacities to protect children through strengthening the Families

Empowering families and communities through capacity building is essential for ensuring children's well-being. Preventive actions support women and children by helping families recognize developmental needs and offer improved care. Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre emphasizes education, investigation, collaboration with service providers, and refining programs to improve community-based problem-solving. Village-level committees are established and strengthened as part of this process.



Skills Building & Education



Education on health & healthful practices & access to quality care services



Life skill Development

COLLECTIVE VOICE

Empowering Communities Across the Tea Gardens



Community Awareness & Capacity Building

- A Gender Sensitization Workshop with 30 youth was conducted under the Collective Voice project, promoting gender equality, addressing gender bias, and empowering participants to become advocates for inclusive and respectful communities.
- Independence Day Celebration marked with enthusiasm across project areas, inspiring civic responsibility and fostering patriotism among children and youth through engaging activities.
- Two Legal Awareness sessions under the Collective Voice project reached 32 youth and several community members, enhancing their understanding of rights, protection laws, and encouraging active participation in building a just and safe community.
- Environment Day was celebrated across the project areas of Collective Voice, engaging 50 participants in awareness activities and promoting sustainability, environmental protection, and the importance of collective action for a greener future.
- Capacity Building workshop for Youth with 30 youth under the Collective Voice project strengthened leadership and communication skills, fostering confidence and inspiring them to take active roles in community development and advocacy.



Gender Sensitization Workshop



Legal Awareness



Capacity Building workshop

Community Awareness & Capacity Building

- World Day Against Child Labour was celebrated with 56 participants under the Collective Voice project through awareness drives and community engagement activities, promoting child rights, protection, and social responsibility.
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking celebrated by Collective Voice with 28 participants, raising awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and trafficking, and promoting healthier communities.



World Day Against Child Labour



Legal Workshop

- Legal Workshop on Cyber Crime workshop was conducted by the Collective Voice project with 46 youth participants, raising awareness on cyber safety, legal rights, responsible online behaviour, and digital protection measures.
- National Yoga Day celebrated by Collective Voice with 26 participants, promoting physical and mental well-being through yoga practices and raising awareness about its health benefits.



Youth Involvement



Youth meeting

27 programs conducted with 296 youth participants, covering topics like leadership, rights, responsibilities and social issues.

Health & Wellness

Eye Check- up Camps

Three camps organized in collaboration with Vision Spring.

Total Beneficiaries: 370 at Bagdogra, Singhiajhora and Sanyasithan benefitted with free eye care services.



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33 Children's meetings held throughout the year with a total of 553 child participants, focusing on rights, education, and confidence-building.



7 Children's Parliament sessions conducted with 134 children, offering them a platform to discuss local issues and solutions.



Children's Day Celebrated at Singhiajhora focusing on child rights, safety, and empowerment.





One Billion Rising

On February 17th at Saydabad T.E., 110 women celebrated OBR, raising voices against violence and demanding equality and justice.





Adolescent Girls' Meetings



Mother's Meetings



Women's Meetings

Women's & Adolescent Girls' Empowerment

- 8 Adolescent Girls' Meetings conducted with 127 adolescent girls, promoting menstrual hygiene, self-esteem, and career awareness.
- 5 Mother's Meeting held with 100 mothers, discussing parenting, education, and child protection.
- 16 Women's Meeting were organized reaching 313 women, addressing issues of health, rights, and community participation.



Community Meetings: 4 sessions conducted with a total of 193 participants, focusing on community cohesion and problem-solving.



Awareness Programs: Conducted across project areas, involving 315 participants on themes like trafficking, domestic violence, and child safety.



Total House Visits Conducted: 1,897

House visits helped identify local issues, offer counselling, and refer beneficiaries to support systems.

Overall Impact Summary:

Activity	No. of Programs	Total Participants
Children's Meetings	33	553
Youth Meetings	27	296
Women's Meetings	16	313
Adolescent Girls' Meetings	17	210
Children's Parliament	12	169
Community Meetings	08	294
Legal & Sensitization Workshops	06	222
Awareness Programs	05	312
Eye Check-up Camps	03	370
Mother's Meeting	29	483

The Collective Voice Project in 2024-25 reached hundreds of children, youth, women, and families across tea garden areas through education, awareness, and empowerment initiatives. With a strong focus on rights, leadership, and health, the project continues to amplify marginalized voices and build resilient communities.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT

Breaking Barriers, Building Confidence





Promoting dignity, health, and awareness around menstruation has remained a key focus area for our interventions across tea plantation communities. Through a comprehensive and compassionate approach, the Menstrual Hygiene Management initiative reached deep into communities - empowering adolescent girls, women, and youth with knowledge, skills, and resources that will shape healthier, stigma free futures.





Skill-Based Pad Making Training

Three hands-on pad-making training sessions were conducted, engaging 21 women in the sustainable production of reusable sanitary pads. This not only provided them with a cost-effective alternative to commercial pads but also opened doors for livelihood generation and self-reliance.



Capacity Building of Staff:

To strengthen outreach, 8 staff members received focused MHM training. These sessions improved their facilitation skills, technical knowledge, and confidence to lead community discussions on menstrual health and hygiene.

Motivation & Leadership Training:

Three training sessions reached 95 adolescent girls and women, building confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of ownership to help them become peer educators and community change makers.









A focused MHM workshop on 20th August brought together 45 adolescent girls, fostering open dialogue around menstrual hygiene, myths, and misconceptions. Another interactive workshop with 42 participants further reinforced the importance of safe practices and healthy attitudes towards menstruation.



Workshops and Awareness Programs

Two impactful school awareness programs were conducted in local schools, engaging over 550 students in age-appropriate, informative, and stigma-free sessions. These programs were critical in normalizing conversations around menstruation among both boys and girls.







A one-day health camp provided free check-ups and counseling for over 400 beneficiaries, many of whom received guidance on menstrual disorders, hygiene practices, and reproductive health concerns.



1,743 house visits were done under the MHM project

Community Engagement Through Group Meetings

Women's Group Meetings:

110 meetings engaged 2,973 women, strengthening collective knowledge and building a supportive sisterhood around menstrual and reproductive health.



Self Help Group (SHG) Meetings: 66 SHG meetings, involving 1,024 women, integrated MHM topics with financial empowerment and community leadership.



Adolescent Girls' Meetings:

A total of 103 meetings reached 2,749 adolescent girls, providing safe spaces to learn, share, and grow with peer support.





Youth Group Meetings:

105 sessions drew 1,318 young participants, including boys, to foster gender-sensitive awareness and mutual understanding.

Exposure Visit:

A group of 19 individuals visited DLR Prerna to explore menstrual hygiene practices among women in the tea gardens of the hills. The objective was to understand their specific needs, the challenges they face due to limited access to resources and persistent taboos, and the coping mechanisms they employ. The visit also provided an opportunity to learn from the community's rich culture and traditional practices surrounding menstruation, fostering mutual respect and understanding.

Distribution of Reusable Sanitary Napkins: As part of our commitment to sustainable menstrual hygiene, 15,684 reusable sanitary napkins were distributed among adolescent girls and women. These eco-friendly, cost-effective products promote regular use and significantly reduce environmental waste.





Through this holistic approach—rooted in dialogue, education, skills, and compassion—the Menstrual Hygiene Management initiative has taken bold steps towards reshaping mindsets and building informed, empowered communities in the tea garden regions.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Supporting justice and access to essential services for communities in need





Legal Awareness and Community Outreach

Legal Awareness Sessions: 8 sessions were conducted across 6 field areas, reaching 658 participants, addressing topics such as domestic violence, trafficking, child rights, and access to legal aid, helping community members understand their rights and available protections under the law.



Legal Workshop on 18 May 2024: 80 participants, including leaders and youth, discussed common legal issues like domestic violence and land disputes, and explored practical solutions and legal remedies. The session helped raise awareness and empower the community



International Youth Day on 21 Aug 2024 at Maruti T.E.: 150 youth joined sessions on rights, duties, and social justice. The event included interactive discussions and motivational talks to inspire youth to become responsible change-makers in their communities.



Community Workshop on 19 Sept 2024 40 people attended to strengthen community action against rights violations. Participants shared local challenges, discussed collective solutions, and planned follow-up steps to promote justice and accountability at the grassroots level.



Child Tracking Workshop on 25 Sept 2024 55 participants learned how to use tech and teamwork for child safety. The session focused on early identification, reporting mechanisms, and building a responsive community network.



Anti-Drug Day on 26 June 2024 at Thanjhora Tea Estate: 85 people joined an awareness on drug abuse and support options. The program encouraged community vigilance and support for affected individuals.



Anti - Child Labour Week on 9 to 12 June 2024: 600 children took part in plays, poster making and awareness sessions on the harms of child labour. The activities aimed to educate children and communities about their rights and the importance of education.



Child Rights Week on 17 November 2024, at Merryview T.E.-200 children and adults learned about child safety and education rights. The event featured interactive sessions, storytelling, and group discussions to raise awareness and encourage community responsibility in protecting children's well-being.



School Awareness Programs

Sessions in 6 schools (Fulbari Primary, Merryview Primary, Khoribari JR Hindi, Khoribari High School, and Adikari Krishnakanta High School) reached 847 students, raising awareness on child labour, early marriage, trafficking, and abuse, and promoting safer schools.

Community & Group Meeting:

Activity	No. of Programs	Total Participants
Children's Meetings	187	5296
Youth Meetings	164	2530
Women's Meetings	197	3446
VLCP/ CVC/ SHG and Other meetings	25	280
Disability Meetings	29	422

These meetings provided platforms for legal education, case reporting, support group formation, and strengthening of community-level protection mechanisms.



Total House Visits Conducted: 3,967

Purpose: Legal guidance, community awareness, case follow-up

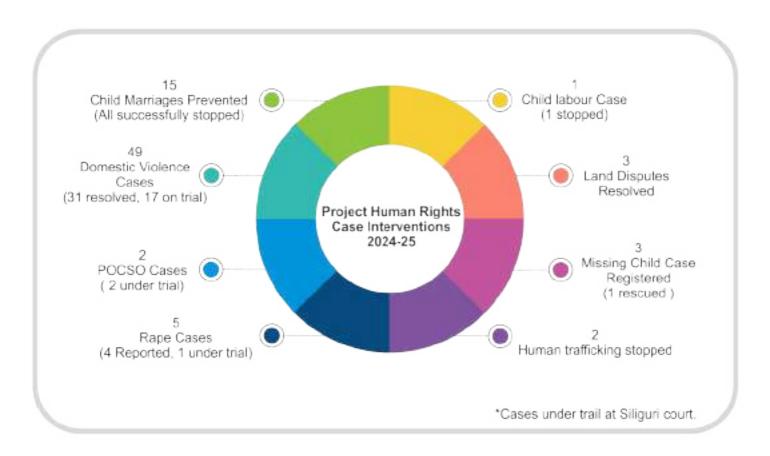


On 5 November, a Disability Awareness Camp was held in partnership with Naxalbari Handicapped Welfare Society, where 70 people, including 40 individuals with disabilities, received assistance with registration and access to essential services.

Capacity Building & Training

Child Rights Training at Atal, Maruti & Sonachandi T.E. – On 17 July, 8 August, and 4 October 2024, a total of 135 children, youth, and community members were trained on child rights, protection, identification and response to child abuse, as well as Gender-Based Violence (GBV) laws, prevention, and survivor support.





Social Protection & Government Scheme linkage:

Assistance in Documentation & Benefits Access:	Total Benefited	
Caste Certificates	119	
Aadhar Cards	43	
Birth Certificates	38	
PAN Card	06	
Bank Accounts	42	
Disability Certificates	46	
Polio Cards	05	
Old Age Pension	13	
Ration Card	35	
Laxmi Bhandar	51	
Votar Cards	09	
Subsidy Loans (SHG)	21	
Ruposhree	03	
School Re-admission	45	





Special Health Initiative

Eye Check-Up Camps on 25th & 26th October at Sonachandi & Merryview T.E. in partnership with Siliguri Greater Lions Eye Hospital. 123 people received free check-ups; some were referred for further treatment, addressing health gaps in remote tea gardens.

With BSF: Joint anti-trafficking and community vigilance campaigns in border areas.

With District Legal Services Authority (DLSA): Conducted legal literacy sessions and support services.

Collaborations & Networking

With ICDS: Partnered on child protection efforts and beneficiary identification.

With Local SHGs and Community Leaders: Mobilized grassroots participation in legal aid and awareness campaigns.

With Schools and Police Departments: Organized exposure visits, student legal sessions, and case coordination.



Youth Empowerment Initiative

Exposure Visit: 30 children and youth visited North Bengal Science Centre and Bagdogra Police Station to learn about science, law enforcement, and build trust in public systems.

The Human Rights Project of DMWSC has helped tea garden communities by raising awareness, preventing rights violations, and connecting people to legal and welfare services. The focus is on building stronger communities, better access to justice, and lasting protection systems.

SAFE MIGRATION

Empowering communities to prevent trafficking and promote safe, informed migration.





Legal Awareness & Workshops

Legal Awareness Sessions and Workshops were conducted across multiple tea estates to educate youths on their rights and laws related to migration, child protection, and trafficking. These sessions reached 35 youths at Kiranchandra Tea Estate, 60 participants at Taipoo Tea Estate, and 69 participants at Hansqua Tea Estate.



A Gender Sensitization Workshop was held to promote gender equality and address stereotypes, involving 36 participants (22 girls and 14 boys) from different tea garden communities.



Self-Defence Training was organized for 35 participants from 7 tea estates to empower young individuals, especially girls, with techniques to protect themselves from violence and exploitation.



A Street Theatre Training Workshop was conducted by expert Mr. Biswajit Roy at DMWSC. This interactive training equipped youths with creative tools to raise awareness on social issues such as trafficking and child marriage through street performances.



Total 2,944 House Visits Conducted

Meetings & Group Engagements:

Types of Meeting	No. of Meetings	Total Participants
Children's Meetings	46	1567
Youth Meetings	38	773
Women's Meetings	80	1331
Adolescent Girls' Group Meetings	64	932
Children's Parliament	12	169
Bal Panchayat	40	621
Child Vigilance Committee Meetings	52	780
Village-Level Child Protection Committee	0.5	65



- School Awareness Programs were organized in Hatigisha High School and Naxalbari High School, with a total participation of 570 students. The sessions covered important topics such as child marriage prevention, cybercrime, and safe online practices.
- Child Rights Awareness Sessions were held at Subhamaya Surya Narayan Hindi High School and Bagdogra Balika Vidyalaya, reaching approximately 400 students from Classes 8 to 10. The sessions focused on human trafficking, child labour, abuse prevention, and cybercrime awareness
- School Re-enrollments: 60 drop-out students were re-enrolled in school.



Exposure Visit:

A group of 30 youths visited the District Child Protection Unit to learn about child protection mechanisms and available government services. The exposure visit aimed to educate and empower them with knowledge on safeguarding child rights and accessing support systems.

Adolescent Girls' Group Training

52 girls trained at DMWSC on leadership and trafficking awareness.

Tuition Support Programs

Provided to 45 children in Taipoo and Hansqua.

Capacity Building & Training

Jute Craft Classes

Conducted at Kiranchandra and Hansqua Tea Estates for 40 girls.

Community Meetings

4 sessions with 118 beneficiaries on child protection and migration.



Community-Based Awareness Programs:

Awareness sessions were conducted in Tipoo, Kiranchandra, and Damdama Tea Estates, reaching 165 community members across three programs. These sessions provided information on migration safety, child protection laws, and available support systems.

World Observance Days were commemorated to promote global awareness and local engagement:

World Environment Day

was celebrated in the month of June, engaging 730 participants across seven tea estates. The programs aimed to raise awareness on environmental conservation, sustainable practices, and community's responsibility towards protecting nature.



World Day Against Child Labour

was observed in the month of June, reaching 700 children across seven tea estates. The program focused on raising awareness about the adverse impact of child labour, promoting the importance of education, and encouraging children to stand up for their rights.





International Youth Day

was celebrated in August with the participation of 130 youths from 7 tea estates under the theme "From Clicks to Progress." The event highlighted the positive impact of digital engagement, encouraged responsible use of technology, and empowered young people to contribute meaningfully to social development.



International Day of the Girl Child

was observed in the month of November with 36 girls from 8 tea estates at Trihana Tea Garden. The event focused on empowering girls through discussions on education, selfworth, safety, and their role in shaping a more equal and inclusive society.



Empowering vulnerable communities through awareness, education, and support to ensure safe migration, prevent exploitation, and promote dignity, resilience, and informed decision-making for a secure and sustainable future.



ETHICAL ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE FOR YOUTHS

Empowering Young Women Through Skills, Savings & Sustainable Business





Entrepreneurship Training for 90 young girls from Jute Craft and Sewing Projects were trained in basic entrepreneurship skills.

The session included modules on:

- Business planning
- · Marketing essentials
- · Financial literacy
- Ethical and sustainable production practices



Promoting Financial Inclusion:

As part of EEIY's commitment to long-term economic independence 35 new bank accounts were successfully opened for the Jute Craft students. This initiative encourages savings habit and prepares youth for future business transactions.



Orientation & Community Mobilization:

Conducted in the project areas of Panighata, Sukna, and Dagapur Tea Estate, a total of three orientation programs were held, reaching 104 beneficiaries. These sessions introduced youth and women to the vision of EEIY, highlighting pathways to social entrepreneurship in resource-constrained communities.



Entrepreneurship Development Training:

- · Participants: 70 youth
- Focused on equipping them with the mindset and tools to begin small-scale ethical businesses, especially within their tea garden communities.

EEI Activity Snapshot

Activity	Details
Entrepreneurship Training	90
Bank Accounts Opened	35
EEIY Training	70
EEIY Workshop	30
Orientation Programs	104





Name: Ritu Xalxo

Age: 21

A student of the EEIY Jute classes, uses her project stipend to support her football career. Playing for a local club, she pays fees and buys gear independently. Determined not to burden her parents, Ritu is balancing skill-building with sports, proving that with the right support, young women can chase dreams and shape their own future.

Ethical Sewing & Entrepreneurship Workshop

Held in September, this combined training and workshop focused on a rights-based approach to women-led businesses, principles of ethical production, and the values of sustainable fashion and fair trade.

The Ethical Enterprise Initiative is paving the way for socio-economic transformation in tea garden communities by empowering young women and youths to become confident, selfreliant, and socially conscious entrepreneurs.

CLIMATE ACTION Empowering Communities Through Sustainability & Livelihoods

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Greening the Landscape: Plant & Seed Distribution

To promote sustainable agriculture, improve household nutrition, and enhance climate resilience the project distributed:

- 166 Saplings of fruit and timber species
- 25 Seed Kits containing a variety of nutritious vegetables.
- Total Programs
 Conducted: 08
- Total Participants Reached: 310

These initiatives encouraged families to adopt kitchen gardening and agroforestry practices, fostering environmental awareness and food selfsufficiency.



Sustainable Enterprise: Mushroom Cultivation Training

Women were empowered with skills to establish mushroom cultivation as a micro-enterprise.

- · Participants: 66 women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs)
- · Focus: Climate-resilient, space-efficient mushroom farming





Livelihood Support Through Livestock

Livestock Training & Distribution

This hands-on training enabled beneficiaries to diversify their income sources and improve food security.

- Trained 60 community members.
- Topics Covered: Animal vaccinations and health care.
- Piglet Distribution to 18 families
- Training provided on feeding and animal care as part of the income generation program
- Distributed: 200 chicks
- Coverage: All three project areas

Impact Highlights	T
Direct Beneficiaries	500+ individuals
SHG Women Empowered	66
Livestock Distributed	200 chicks, 18 piglets
Capacity-Building Trainings Conducted	4 major thematic areas
Seed Distribution Program Participants	310

The Misean Cara Climate Action Project has significantly contributed to building sustainable and resilient livelihoods in rural communities. Through targeted training, resource distribution, and continuous engagement, the project has empowered individuals, especially women and marginalized families to adopt eco-friendly practices, improve food security, and generate income through climate-smart activities.





Tuition Learning Centre:

The project provides academic support to children and encourages parental involvement to improve learning outcomes and promote regular school attendance.

- Objective: To support students' academic progress and encourage community involvement in education.
- Areas Covered: Trihana, O.R.D, Taipoo, Kiranchandra, Moonee, and Hansqua.
- Community Engagement: 85 parents and community members reached through meetings
- · Student Enrollment: 140 students enrolled across the six areas

Children's Parliament Workshop

On April, a two-day workshop was held 70 children from Safe Migration, Collective Voice, and Human Rights projects, the event promoted engagement and empowerment through discussions and activities.











Teachers' Day Celebration with DMWSC Tuition Class Children



Celebrated Children's Day with Tuition Class Children



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One Billion Rising & Women's Dav

On 27th March 2025, Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre held the One Billion Rising & Women's Day celebration in Naxalbari, uniting community members, leaders, and guests in a powerful call for gender equality and justice. The event featured cultural performances, speeches, and open discussions, making it a meaningful and impactful gathering.









World Day Against Trafficking In Person

In July, the Legal Aid and Safe Migration Projects organized an event for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons at Naxalbari Block Community Hall. With 250 participants, including police, DSLA, and SSB officials, the event raised awareness on child protection under the theme "Leave no child behind," engaging youth from 13 tea estates.







FEAST DAY

Feast Day and Mary Ward Week were joyfully celebrated at DMWSC with staff, stakeholders, and guests, including panchayat members and teachers. The event highlighted unity and honored Mary Ward's inspiring legacy.









In May, the Loreto Sisters' Provincial Team Sr. Sabrina Edwards, Sr. Priyanka Topno, and Sr. Edelin P. Kujur visited Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre. They met with staff, discussed ongoing work and challenges, and toured Bagdogra, Hansqua, and Moonee Tea Estates to assess projects and explore future initiatives.

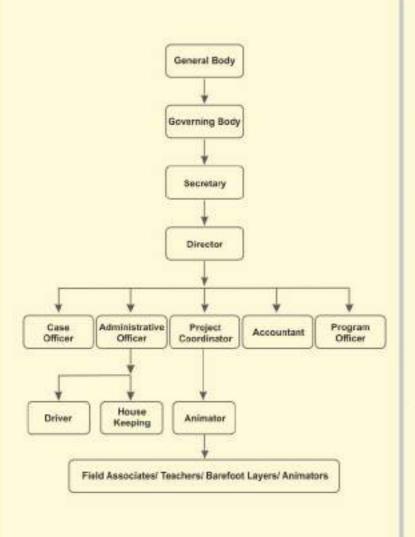


In June, Anthony Thomas Hannon from Mary Ward International Ireland visited DMWSC and project sites to assess impact and hear from beneficiaries.



In June, benefactor members of Kambia Mary Ward International Spain visited DMWSC to review project impact and engage with beneficiaries.





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