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A Mask Distribution Initiative

COVID PREVENTION INITIATIVES

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Professor Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray was one of the Founder Members of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) who initiated this organization in December 1988. Since then, he was an indivisible part of VHAT in all its activities. Due to his incessant efforts and selfless contribution, VHAT could reach to the present state of acquaintance. He was the Secretary in the national Governing Board of Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, till the last moment of his life. His demise is an irreparable loss to VHAT.

Overwhelmed with bereavement and grief, we express our greatest respect to Professor Ray. The advice and guidance we received from him would help us for many years ahead in rendering services to the needy & less privileged section of the Society.
PROLOGUE

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has completed its 34th year of existence with a remarkable confidence and established itself as an organization committed towards welfare and empowerment of underprivileged & marginalized section of the society. VHAT has worked with multiple stakeholders, government bodies, private sectors, international and national support agencies, individuals and multilateral organizations.

In 2021-22, VHAT very closely worked with local government to combat the menace of COVID-19 pandemic. We were actively engaged in ongoing relief work, using our embedded presence in communities as a particular strength. This work ranged from last-mile delivery of relief material such as dry ration and sanitation kits, community awareness and sensitization, providing data-entry operators & vaccinators, setting up health camps and offering rehabilitation of the distressed communities. VHAT and its members worked to bridge the gap between the government and the population of the state. It identifies the needs of the community and provides its support and services in Tripura and two districts in Assam. In this we got the opportunity to work with support from AID-USA, Rapid Rural Community Response to COVID 19 (RCRC), DASRA, CRYPTO Relief, Azim Premji Foundation and JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc (JSI).

The Annual Report of 2021-2022 provides a glimpse of what we did and achieved this year through our synergized effort and also the difficulties we faced.

For strengthening knowledge and skill of the staff, VHAT created the opportunity for attending many trainings/meetings for them throughout the year within and outside the state.

We are extremely grateful to the Donors, State & Central Government, Non-government Agencies and Individuals across the globe for the contributions to our endeavors to serve the people in need. We express our special thanks to Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi, for continuous guidance in our activities. We are thankful to all the Member Organizations, Individual Members and Executive Committee Members for their sincere efforts and supports. We are grateful to local Media for providing the coverage of some of our activities.

As we step into 2022-2023, we move ahead with confidence, confidence in our Member Organizations and Individual Members, confidence in our team of Human Resource. We are hopeful that in the coming years also we will be able to work with the focus on ensuring to reach to most needy section of the society to make a positive difference in their lives.

Ms. Sikha Saha
President
Voluntary Health Association of Tripura

Dr. Sreelekha Ray
Executive Director
Voluntary Health Association of Tripura


ABOUT VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA (VHAT) – THE ORGANIZATION

VISION:
Creating excellence in Health and Socio Economic Development with priority to the less privileged section of the Society.

MISSION:
Our Mission is to:
Build capacity of Civil Society Organizations through trainings and IEC.
Promote social justice, equity and rights in the context of accessibility of health services with emphasis on under privileged sections.
Promote sustainable development, gender equity, inclusion and rehabilitation of PWDs, elementary education and right to education, implementation of child rights, elimination of all form of violence against children and women.

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

OBJECTIVES:
◊ Promotion of preventive & curative health service for the poor.
◊ Promotion of health, environment, gender issue, rights of children, women & PWDs, through IEC and technical support.
◊ Socio-economic empowerment of the women of the weaker sections and the youths through vocational trainings.
◊ Promotion of Elementary Education of underprivileged children
◊ Prevention of Child trafficking and violence against children & Women.
◊ Networking with Government Bodies, policy makers, Corporate Bodies & NGOs for improvement of health, environment & socio-economic status.
◊ Rehabilitation of persons with disability through integrated approaches.
◊ To undertake any other activities related to health promotion.

Legal Status of VHAT:
a) Registered under Society Registration Act 1860
c) Registered under 80G of Income Tax Act
d) Registered under Section 11(1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
e) Registered under NITI Aayog
f) Registered under Sub-section-2 of Section 51 under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
g) Registered under section12 (4) of the National Trust Act.
ORGANOGRAM

VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TRIPURA (VHAT)

GENERAL COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Representatives to National Federation Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi.

ACTION

- Networking and Advocacy
- Capacity Building Through Training
- Preventive & Curative Health Services
- Promoting formal & non-formal Education
- Projects on Disabilities (RAISE, SNAC)

ADMINISTRATION

- Human Resource
  - Full-Time
  - Part time
  - Volunteers
  - Advisors/Faculty Members
  - Grant
  - Donation

FINANCE

- Vocational Education
- Research/Study
- Environment Promotion & Sustainable Development (TDF Project)
- Women Empowerment (WSHGs, IGAs)
- Emergency COVID response initiatives

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A healthy society rests on three pillars: business, government and civil society, or non-profits. Each has a distinct and important role to play, and all three need to work together synergistically to create the most value for society.”

**John Mackey**

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<td>Ms. Sikha Saha, DoB:30/05/1952</td>
<td>W/O: Dr.Tapan Kumar Das, Thakur Pally Road,Opposite to TVS Showroom, Krishna Nagar, Agartala-799001, Tripura State</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>Ex-Principal, ILS Nursing Institute, Agartala</td>
<td>President</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Mr. Parthasakha Debnath, DoB:15/11/1968</td>
<td>P.O-Dhaleshwar, Road No.1, Agartala,Cell-8794446069/9436581983</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Ex-Pharmacist, Govt. of Tripura</td>
<td>Vice President</td>
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<td>Ms. Banarani Choudhury DoB:16/11/1963</td>
<td>W/O:Mr. Rana Kumar Das, Usha Bazar Shanitala, Vill: Chhinaihani, PO: Airport-799009, Agartala, Tripura, Cell-9485146168</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>Govt. MPW,Diploma in ANM, National Florence Nightingale Awardee</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
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<td>Mr. Sishuram Mahajan DoB:02/12/1976</td>
<td>S/O-Late Rajendra Kr. Mahajan,Krishnanagar, Belonia, South Tripura, Cell No: 9612091381, E-mail: <a href="mailto:netajiwelfare@gmail.com">netajiwelfare@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Assistant Secretary</td>
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<td>Mr. Hari Bhusan Das DoB:04/03/1958</td>
<td>S/O- Late Ramesh Ch. Das PO-R.K.Pur, Chanban, Udaipur, Gumati District, Tripura Cell: 9862188952</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>BA, Bed,Retired Deputy IS,Govt of Tripura</td>
<td>Treasurer</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray DoB:16/06/1946</td>
<td>S/O- Late Umesh Chandra Ray Asahram Chowmohani, Agartala, West Tripura,Cell-9436583220</td>
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<td>Ex. Professor of Medical Colleges (Ph.D in Physiology)</td>
<td>Member (Founder Member)</td>
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<td>Mr. Uttam Kumar Das, DoB:01/11/1965</td>
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<td>B.A. Teacher-Anandamarg Primary School</td>
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<td>Md. Mokbul Ali DoB:02/01/1962</td>
<td>S/O-Late Hazi Mahmud Ali Babur Bazar, Kailashahar, Unakoty District, Tripura,Cell No: 9436469090</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Pharmacist(Govt) (BA and Bachelor in Pharmacy)</td>
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<td>Ms. Niyati Das DoB:29/11/1957</td>
<td>President,Adarsa Sangha P.O-Dewanpasha, Dharmanagan, North District,Tripura,Cell No: 9862619502</td>
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<td>B.A. , Social Worker</td>
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<td>President,Vivekananda Library, Vill : Hapania, Near Hapania Bazar P.O - O.N.G.C.,Pin: 799014, West Tripura District,Ph.9366376362</td>
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<td>B.A., service in Public Health Department, Gov of Tripura</td>
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<td>Dr. Sreelekha Ray, DoB:07/01/1954</td>
<td>Asahram Chowmohani, PO:Agartala College, Agartala, Tripura-799004, Cell-9436129317</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>Executive Director, (B.Sc &amp; DMS-Diploma in Medicine and Surgery)</td>
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The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.

— Barack Obama, 44th president of the United States
VHAT ACTIVITIES

NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY

From its inception, networking has been one of the most priority activities of VHAT to facilitate linkages with other organizations in other sectors including the government agencies. Networking is also an important means to disseminate knowledge and information.

The networking feature of VHAT:-

A. Within the state of Tripura-

- Federation with CSOs through membership:
  The membership of VHAT creates opportunity for sharing, co-operating, exchanging information, experiences and activities in the areas of functioning.
- Support Services for member organizations:
  - Creating awareness about the government policies.
  - Guidance for project formulation, monitoring and evaluation of the developmental projects in the grass-root.
  - Information dissemination for availability of fund from various sources.
  - Advise to overcome problems of registration, accounting and report preparation.
- Capacity Building through trainings to CSOs, members of SHGs & CBOs.
- Anti- Human Trafficking Activities:
  To combat human trafficking and violence against children & women VHAT closely works with the member organizations to sensitize law enforcement agency and allied systems. Hence, law enforcement agencies, administration, Child Welfare Committees, non-government organizations, local institutes and PRIs are involved in sharing information, rescue, and restoration and cross border repatriation.
- Networking with Local Government Departments:
  VHAT gives priority in networking with government departments and advocacy for orientation of the government policy for giving maximum benefit to the under privileged as well as underserved population.

B. Networking in Regional and National Level

- VHAT is federated in national level as state member with Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), New Delhi.
- Associated nationally with CHILDLINE network through CHILDLINE project under CHILDLINE India Foundation, Mumbai.
- Give India Network connecting VHAT with different individuals nationally and internationally to know about VHAT activities and supporting the programs to serve the under privileged section of the society.

C. Advocacy:

- Policy level advocacy through the network is a priority activity of VHAT. Since its inception in 1988 as state level network of NGOs and CBOs, it had been conducted many advocacy campaigns.
- Presently the most important advocacy is launched on the Inclusive Education to include children with disabilities in the main education system with empowerment of the teachers through training.
- VHAT is regularly publishing RNI registered monthly magazine Loka Swasthya Sambad and distributing to the people’s representatives, policy makers and implementing departmental leaders of the state which advocates scientific facts on healthcare, mental health, adolescence and family life education, traditional practice of medicine, social health and environmental health.

Networking activities support the NGO's own activities, and facilitates linkages with other organizations in other sectors, including government agencies. Networking also assists NGOs in administrative, financial and legal problems that they may have.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITY BASED INSTITUTIONS TO INCREASE VACCINE CONFIDENCE AND ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION DEMAND IN HAILAKANDI DISTRICT, ASSAM

Globally, immunization prevents 2-3 million deaths each year. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that the remaining under-5 deaths, approximately 1.5 million deaths annually, could be prevented with existing vaccines. Success in reducing vaccine-preventable mortality has been dramatic, but it cannot be taken for granted. Routine Immunization is an important healthcare service across the world including India. In India, the government has targeted to bring all the districts under 90% coverage categories towards 100% achievement. A country-wise road has been prepared for categories districts on the basis of their last evaluated full immunization. In Assam, there are seven districts where the immunization coverage was less which need proper and specific strategies on the ground to get success. Hailakandi district is one of the low coverage districts of Assam.

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura has been working in this district as partner of VHAI-Immunization project. Under the project, our prime aim was to build the capacity of the CSO/CBO members and linked them into the immunization process for better results. We have conducted sensitization cum capacity building activities for them time to time, monitored their work and coordinated with related allied departments within the district as well as local health authorities. We have also engaged the community influencers i.e., faith leaders, teachers, media persons to make an impact on the community for more strengthening the immunization process in the selected villages.

The identification of LODOR (Left out, Drop out, Resistant’s) in the community was one of the most important tasks with other project components.

**Achievements From April 2021- March 2022**

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COVID PREVENTION INITIATIVES

A. Breathe Safe -Mask Distribution Initiative: Supported by United Way of Bengaluru, Action Covid-19 Team Grants (ACT) by providing 50,000 N95 masks.


District covered- West Tripura, Sepahijala, Gomati, South Tripura, North Tripura, Unakoti, Dhalai, Khowai.

B. Breathe Safe to Protect You and Others: Supported by Miracle Foundation India by providing 50,000 N95 masks (in kind).

Activities- distribution of fifty thousand N95 masks to Mother, children, community people, school children, Children & staff of CCIs, Tea Garden Workers.

Covered all 8 districts of Tripura viz. West Tripura, Sepahijala, Gomati, South Tripura, North Tripura, Unakoti, Dhalai, Khowai.

C. COVID Action Collab (CAC): VHAT implemented the following activities with CAC support:

i) CAC HII Project- Area: Four Gaon Panchayats in Matabari block of Gomati district, 17 & 34 wards in Agartala Municipal Corporation. Time- From 17th May 2021.-16 May 2022. Activities: Vaccine awareness by door to door visit by Field Associates, vaccine readiness – encouraging people to go to the vaccination centre, helping in data entry, social protection help desk for information sharing, documentation & follow up till people get the benefit.

ii) CAC-Vax Now Project- It was started on 10th Dec. 2021, in 5 Districts-West Tripura, Khowai, Sepahijala, Gomati and South Tripura covering 22 blocks and Agartala Municipal Corporation. Total 22 staff were working in the 5 Districts. The blocks covered under these districts were -Jirania, Mandwi, Bebari, Old Agartala, Bamutia, Mohanpur, Hezamara, Khowai, Tulashikhar, Kalyanpur, Bishalgarh, Nalchar, Matabari, Amarpur, Karbook, Silachari, Satchand, Rupaichari, Jolaibari, Poangbari, Hrishyamukh, Bagafa. Targeted Communities- minority, tribal, unorganized factory workers, brick kiln workers, tea garden workers, migrant workers.

Target of Vaccine:-1,00,000 nos.

Activities -

- COVID Awareness (Use Mask, Use Sanitizer, Maintain Social Distance)
- Vaccination Readiness (Dose-1, Dose-2, Dose-3), (15-18)
- Vaccination Support by Register Maintaining
- COWIN portal Registration
- COVID Testing.
- Support Health Department in other immunization & vaccination programme.

Major Challenges faced by Field Staff to implement the project:

- Some people suffer in fever after taking vaccine.
- People think they will seriously attack by fever & it may hamper their earning.
- Pregnant women thought vaccine will do effect to their baby.
- Lactation mother afraid for side effect to milking their babies.
- In some cases, it was shown in news channel about some critical challenges and death. It’s gave negative impact to the people.
- Another main challenge was to book appointment for vaccine through COWIN portal.

Critical Areas/Locations of Low Vaccination Coverage where the project’s efforts were maximum -

- Laxmilunga and Harendra Tea Garden area under Bamutia Block, West Tripura.
• Champabari, Belbari under Belbari Block, West Tripura.
• Dhupchara, Meghlipara under Old Agartala Block, West Tripura.
• Manaipathar, Baspukur under Kathalia Block, Sepahijala District.
• Birganj, Kasco ADC Village under Amarpur Block, Gomati District.
• Chaltachari, Fulchari, SindhuksPathar under Satchand Block, South Tripura.

D. Rapid Community Response to Covid-19(RCRC) support – We have implemented the following projects with RCRC support:

i) COVID-19 Response Initiative- From July 2021 to September 2021, with the support from RCRC, VHAT conducted COVID19 response services in 3 blocks viz. Old Agartala, Bamutia and Nalchar in West & Sepahijala districts of Tripura. People of the area were sensitized to follow the COVID appropriate behaviour (CAB) and importance of vaccination. Leaflets with key messages of COVID-19 were distributed. Vehicle with miking covered the villages of targeted blocks. While visiting the villages, we have conducted small group community meeting with the local people. Dry rations were distributed to 400 COVID affected and poor families. We have also distributed protective gears to 10 Healthcare Institutions in 3 districts. Our volunteers have been supporting the government and local authorities in the line of preventive measures of COVID 19 including the vaccination.

ii) CRYPTO RELIEF from August 2021-March 2022:
Under this project, VHAT did mass awareness among the public on Covid-19 Vaccine and also help them to get vaccine & thus supported the Govt. initiative of Free Vaccination Programme for all. Project Area:-

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Activities:
Orientation of Volunteers:-
♠ 72 Volunteers were oriented about the project aspects and time line for the implementation.
♠ Awareness with Mobile Van, distribution of leaflets in 72 panchayats of Jirania, Old Agartala and Bishalgarh, Bagafa, Hrishyamukh, & Matabari R.D blocks.
♠ Focus Group Discussion in the vulnerable areas: with the local youth clubs, community groups, WSHGs, Farmers Clubs, Religious Groups for their support to make 100% COVID vaccination in the project areas.
♠ Food/Nutrition to the COVID affected and poor families: To 7200 COVID affected and poor families
♠ Vehicle support to the Special Vaccine Drive-Team's Mobility: For the easy mobility of the vaccinators to the vaccine sites we have arranged vehicle for the vaccine team. The mobility also arranged for the elderly people to come forward for the vaccination.
♠ HR provided to the Health Department: For the speedy data updating we have provided 4(four) Data Entry Operators in South Tripura District.

iii) Distribution of preventive materials under project CHHAAV:
VHAT distributed preventive materials of COVID-19 among the Anganwadi Worker, Helpers and Supervisors in five Blocks viz. Bishalgarh, Mohanpur, Kathalia, Khowai, Matabari and Hrishyamukh under Project Chhaav. Total 3608 people received the kit packets of masks, soaps, face shield, oximeter, thermometer, one packet of hand gloves and leaflets. For distribution we conducted 20 camps with ICDS project, in the month of February and March 2022. CDPOs were actively participated during the distribution in respective blocks.
E. Integrated Communication Strategy to combat COVID-19 (AID support)

On 14th July 2021, we launched the project at Rajib Colony School in Aralia GP under Charilam block of Sepahijala District, in the presence of the DM of Sepahijala Smt Biswashree B, Aralia Gram Panchayat Pradhan Sri Satyam Sarkar, Dr. Sreelekha Ray and other Team Members of VHAT.

Objectives of the project:

a) Overall Objective (Project Goal): To reduce the transmission of COVID-19 among the population of Tripura.

Specific Objectives:

1) Information dissemination on prevention of COVID-19 transmission and to improve the Vaccine preparedness through Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with communities in the selected areas.

2) Providing relief to the affected families/communities – each relief package will contain 2KG Rice, 2KG Dal, 1 liter cooking oil, four masks & one soap.

3) Creation of livelihood opportunities in the rural communities.

Selected Project areas:

A. In west Tripura District-
   - Jirania Municipal council-under Jirania subdivision (in 4 wards)
   - Mohanpur& Bamutia Block-under Mohanpur subdivision (in 4 panchayats)
   - Old Agartala Block under Sadar sub division (in 4 panchayats)

B. In Sepahijala District-
   - Bishalgarh Block – under Bishalgarhsubdivision (in 4 panchayats)
   - Sonamura Nagar Panchayat-under Somamua subdivision (in 4 wards)
   - Melaghar MC--under Somamua subdivision (in 4 wards)

Activities:

- Developing & printing of five thousand leaflets in local language on prevention of COVID transmission.
- Conducting the 50 FGDs
- Providing relief to the 500 affected families
- Kitchen Gardening to ensure nutrition security for 60 vulnerable families

F. COVID Vaccination Support Project supported by A P Foundation

Area of implementation of this Azim Premji Foundation supported project covered six PHCs in West Tripura, two PHCs in South Tripura & three blocks in Hailakandi district of Assam. Project period; 1st December 2021 to 31st March 2022 in Tripura, in Hailakandi up to 31st May 2022.

The activities:

- Induction Training of Staff
- Household visit and line listing
- PHC level advocacy cum meeting
- Community Consultation at GP/VC level
- Transport support to Vaccination team
- Organizing support for vaccination camps
- Miking-Public Announcement for vaccination awareness and notifications of camps

Targeted vaccination by motivation through this project- one lakh doses in Tripura & three lakhs doses in Hailakandi

G. MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity (M-RITE)

This project has been supported by JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI).

Areas of implementation of this project - 5 districts of Tripura i.e., North Tripura District, Unakoti District, Dhalai District, Khowai District, Gomati District.

Project Period: 20th December 2021 to 31st July 2022
The Activities:

- **Community Consultation** on the benefits of COVID vaccination and understand the importance of getting two doses of Covid vaccination. 61 Community Consultation arranged till March 2022.
- **Vaccination Camps** in coordination with Health Department and to provide vaccination service to the uncovered people. 35001 people vaccinated till March 15, 2022.
- **Focus Group Discussion** for more COVID-19 vaccine coverage.
- **Block Level Advocacy**: PRIs representatives are dealing with the public issues and will be in a better position to address the COVID vaccination matter.
- **Door to Door Visits**: To create the level of knowledge and understanding about COVID vaccination among the people.
- **Wall Painting** on importance of COVID vaccination in local language
- **Tika Rath Van** is moving to the block areas with announcement and leaflet distribution on COVID Vaccination.

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**Awareness at school under M-RITE project**

**DM of Sepahujala district** during distribution of dry ration to COVID effected family

**Vaccination under CAC-Vax Now Project**

**Vaccination in a rural area of Dhalai Dist under M-RITE Project**
CHILDLINE AGARTALA

As collaborative organization VHAT initiated CHILDLINE Agartala project in 2003.

Activities during the FY 2021-2022

A) **Case Intervention** - During this financial year CHILDLINE Agartala (Collab) successfully handled 328 numbers of cases which were as below:-
   - Medical help: 07
   - Shelter: 49
   - Restoration: 41
   - Protection from abuse (Rescue): 147
   - Missing Child: 06
   - Emotional support and Guidance: 05
   - Others: 63
   - Sponsorship: 05
   - Referred by other CHILDLINE: 05

B) **Number of Weekly Meetings organized by Team Members**: 31, Methods & materials used for awareness in these meetings: face to face conversations, leaflets, banners, hoardings. Issues discussed:-
   a) Sensitization on prevention of COVID-19
   b) Dry Ration & Mask Distribution during Corona Curfew
   c) Using social media to aware people about pandemic
   d) Encouraging people to maintain social distance
   e) Reach out to more number of people in slum areas
   f) Details discussion on use PSS manuals.

C) **Number of Awareness Meetings conducted**: 51. In these meetings discussion was on CHILDLINE 1098 activities in details, awareness on prevention of COVID-19. These meetings included community meeting, panchayat meeting, ASHA and Anganwadi meeting, CDPO meeting, NSS Meeting in different parts of West Tripura District all over the year. CHILDLINE Agartala reached approximately to 3000 people during the activity.

D) **Number of Open house organized**: 12

Issues and problems mentioned by the children during open house were- Child Marriage, COVID related queries, problem of drop outs, economic inability of parents, child labour, child sexual abuse, bad touch & good touch

E) **Innovative Activities**: 21 in number -- for dry ration & mask distribution with propagation of preventive messages on hand wash, keeping social distance, taking care during home isolation.

F) **CHILDLINE Se Dosti, 2021**

CHILDLINE Agartala (Collab) organized different activities/events from 12th to 20th November, 2021 to celebrate CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week and 25 years completion of CHILDLINE. On the occasion Team Members of Agartala CHILDLINE organized a Signature Campaign at DM Office of West Tripura, SDM Office of Sadar, almost all Blocks of West Tripura, CDPO Office, Zonal Office of AMC, Police Stations and at Agartala Railway Station. During this occasion Team Members tied up CHILDLINE Se Dosti Band on wrists of officials and distributed leaflets of CHILDLINE. Beside these, they organized an awareness event with passengers in Agartala Railway Station in presence of Police Personnel. Team Members also visited Joymata Brick Field to organize party with children. They also distributed mask and food among the...
children of brick field. On 14th November CHILDLINE Agartala celebrated Children’s Day at Anwesha Child Protection Centre. On this occasion the children participated in cultural activities, sit and draw competition and received prizes. A rally was organized by Team Members of CHILDLINE with posters and banners of CHILDLINE se Dosti. A drama was acted on Prevention of Child Marriage at Brajanagar School in Ranirbazar in collaboration with ‘Dristipath’ Social Organization which got lot of appreciation from crowd.
CHILDLINE SEPAHIJALA

VHAT launched the CHILDLINE Sepahijala (Collab) project on 26th March 2019 with support from CHILDLINE INDIA Foundation.

Activities in 2021-2022:

A) Case Intervention- Total number of intervention cases were 300, which were as below:-
- Medical help: 06
- Shelter: 55
- Restoration: 73
- Protection from abuse (Rescue): 108
- Sponsorship: 30
- Other intervention: 14
- Child Labour: 02
- COVID Cares: 12

B) Other activities-
- CHILDLINE Sepahijala (collab) conducted 18 no of open house events in different school and communities.
- TEAM Members attended 8 SMC meeting in 6 schools to exchange information on care and protection of the children.
- 30 special awareness meetings were organized with ASHA/ Anganwadi workers.
- Total outreach period was 5561 hours in 2021-22. Outreach was one of the major activity of the Team Members to spread the messages in both urban to rural areas.

C) Innovative activities by CHILDLINE Sepahijala-
- Awareness meetings on Prevention of COVID 19 transmission in Aralia area.
  Conducted this programme during lockdown period through distribution of COVID 19 prevention information leaflets, soaps and sanitizers to children. Demonstrated when and how to wash hands.
- Relief Distribution to the families of COVID 19 affected families in the community of Rajib Colony, Uttar Charilam on 14.07.2021. Dry foods and masks were distributed through the invited guests, dignitaries like DM, Executive Director of VHAT, Asstt. Director VHAT and Local Panchayat Pradhan.
- Focus group discussions on information dissemination on the prevention of COVID 19 transmission and to improve the preparedness on 28.07.2021 at Killamura AWC. Main focus of discussion was on protect yourself and others from COVID 19 following COVID protocols.
- Kitchen garden: CHILDLINE distributed tree saplings, vegetables’ seeds to COVID affected families for kitchen gardening to ensure regular availability of inexpensive fresh vegetables to the families.
- Special effort in Sepahijala RD Block in collaboration with Sepahijala CWC on 18.08.2021 at Jampuijala Block. In this activity seven orphaned children were awarded sponsorship with Rs. 2000/- through DISE linkage. Shelter orders were also issued to some eligible children who were in need of shelter.
- Safety kit distribution at Nalchar Block on 28.08.2021. This was sponsored by VHAT. In this activity safety kits were distributed to the ASHA and AWW of the community and generated health awareness among community people. The event was held in presence of Chairman and Vice-chairman of Nalchar, Panchayat Pradhan, Asstt. Director of VHAT and others.

D) CHILDLINE SE DOSTI: A weeklong series of activities implemented / celebrated with following events from 13th to 20th November 2021:
- On 13.11.21 a mega legal service camp was organized at Bishramganj H. S. School. In this camp the activities of CHILDLINE and benefits of different legal schemes were discussed among children, parents and local people.
- On 14.11.21 a rally was organized with CCI and community children covering the areas under Bishalgarh Block to aware people about the activities of CHILDLINE, rights of children, prevention of child abuse. Beside this the CHILDLINE tied CHILDLINE SE DOSTI BAND among people who helped and cooperated with CHILDLINE in rendering its services.
• **On 15.11.2021:** Sports Day was celebrated in Boxonagar with local children in the Bhagat Singh mini stadium in presence of Social worker, Pradhan, local people. 30 children participated in the sports. There were two events in which boys and girls participated separately. Prizes were given to winners. The Counselor of CHILDLINE Sepahijala narrated the activities of the CHILDLINE and importance of sports and games to the growing Children. The guests and village Pradhan encouraged the children for participating in the sports.

• **On 16.11.2021.** A program was organized in the colony of Basanti Brick field at Bejimara, Sonamura to disseminate the messages about CHILDLINE. Bread and bananas were distributed among children of the colony.

• **On 17th and 18th November, 21.** CHILDLINE visited all the blocks and PS under Sepahijala district and tied CHILDLINE SE DOSTI BAND to the staff of PS, and allied service departments of the district. The CHILDLINE acknowledged their services and thanked them for their cooperation in rendering services of CHILDLINE.

• **On 19.11.21.** An open house was organized at Purba Gakulnagar with volunteer groups. In that meeting various rights of children, prevention of abuse to children, reasons of celebration of children’s day were discussed. During the event chocolates and information leaflets regarding CHILDLINE and child rights were distributed.

• **On 20.11. 2021:** Awareness day was arranged at Kamrangatali HS school with about 150 children and local people. The children were provided with knowledge through game and screening of KOMOL film on how to protect themselves from sexual abuse. Chocolates and information leaflets regarding CHILDLINE and Child rights were distributed.
This Bi-The Union tobacco control project aimed to assist state government of Tripura to strengthen the mechanism within existing system for implementation of National tobacco Control programme and effective enforcement of National Tobacco Control Law i.e. Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 (COTPA). The project was started in the month of February 2020. This year the project has extended in all the eight districts of Tripura State Project in coordination with State Tobacco Control Cell and District Tobacco Control Cell.

**Strategies:**

- Strengthen the institutional framework for tobacco control at State and district level in Tripura
- Build capacity of programme managers, law enforcers and other stakeholder on NTCP, COTPA and other related legislation on tobacco control
- To improve monitoring and compliance of tobacco control provisions under COTPA with focus on tobacco free educational institutions, smoke free public places and TAPS free jurisdictions
- Support state government, local bodies and authorities to develop and adopt specific policies / guidelines aligned with WHO-FCTC, and other national good practices to protect and advance tobacco control in the states and manage existing and emerging challenges
- Conduct Strategic Policy Focused research, monitoring and evaluation

**Specific objectives:**

1. To advance tobacco control in state of Tripura by developing and strengthening institutional mechanism for implementing tobacco control programme and COTPA in all the districts.
2. To build capacity of Program Managers, Law Enforcers and Stakeholder to implement National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) and to enforce policy provisions of tobacco control legislation (COTPA).
3. To make at least half of districts (04 districts) high compliant to the provisions of COTPA with focus on smoke free and TAPS free policies.
4. To conduct strategic policy focused research, monitoring and evaluation

**Key activities in 2021-2022**

- **District Level Training of Law Enforcers on COTPA 2003:**
  The one day “DistrictLevel Law Enforcers Training Programme” was held in conference Hall, Circuit House, Belonia, South Tripura on 26th April 2021. The training was inaugurated with lighting of the lamp by Sri Suresh Chandra Das, Additional District Magistrate along with Chief Medical Officer, South Tripura, Dr. Jagadish Nama. The Resource Person of the Training were- Dr.Alok Das DPO and Mr. Arijit Das District Consultant, NTCP, South Tripura.

- **Mapping and Listing of Stakeholders:**
  As the project has extended in all the districts of Tripura, we have done the mapping of various stakeholders of districts as well as state. The mapping would be helpful for us for the better understanding of the stakeholders and their role on tobacco control in Tripura.

- **Observation of World No Tobacco day 2021:**
  Voluntary Health Association of Tripura observed World No Tobacco Day 2021 by organizing one State Level Webinar “COMMIT TO QUIT TOBACCIIO”, Online Essay competition among the students and Awareness through wheels in Khowai and Gomati District.

- **In person meeting with Various Stakeholders:** In persons meetings were held with the various gov. officials and other stakeholders i.e. Health & Family welfare department, District Administration, Rural Development Department, Police Department, Social Welfare Department, Education Department, Labour Department, PRI Members, Civil Society organizations, Motor Unions Representatives and Market Committee Representatives.
Training of Law Enforcers on COTPA 2003 in South Tripura

DM of Khowai delivering her message on WNTD

- **State Level Multi-sectoral workshop on Tobacco control:**

  On 22nd March 2022, State Level Multi-stakeholders orientation workshop was held at Agartala in Hotel Parkline. Altogether 68 persons participated in this workshop. The programme was conducted in the coordination with the National Tobacco Control Programme, NHM Tripura. The dignitaries of the workshop were- Dr. Amit Yadav, Senior Technical Advisor, South East Asia, The Union, New Delhi, Dr. Supriya Mallick, SPO, NTCP, Tripura. Mr. Pranab Sarkar, Secretary, Agartala Press Club and Ms. Asmita Banik, Vice Chairperson, Tripura Commission for Women

“**The Journey of thousand miles starts with a single step …..take the first step to your goal by saying no to tobacco.”**
Risk Management and Prevention of Antibiotics Resistance - PREVENT IT

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura is one of the partner of “ERASMUS+,” “Risk Management and Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance – PREVENT IT” implementing by Chitkara University, Chandigarh, India.

The objectives of this project:

- Establishment of the first Indian-European team for risk management and prevention of antibiotics resistance.
- Development of tailored-fit modules at consortium’s Indian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- Implementation of the interdisciplinary curricula at consortium’s Indian HEIs
- Creating awareness to general public through dissemination activities by consortium’s Non-Government Organizations
- Organizing awareness campaigns at HEIs (via workshops, symposium and conferences) to influence academicians, health care professionals, students, doctors etc.
- To develop sustainable online freely accessible e-course (MOOC) to enlarge target audience
- To train and empower the young talents, creating Indian super experts on Antibiotics Resistance (ABR)
- Publication in scientific journals in order to sustainability and maximize the reach to on ABR risk management and prevention

In the FY 2021-2022 Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has conducted one Workshop on “Orientation on prevention of Antibiotic Resistance” at Tripura University on 25th March 2022.

The dignitaries of the workshop were - Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Tripura University, Dr. Arobindo Mahato, HoD (I/C), MRMD, Dr. Kiranjeet Kaur, Project Coordinator, Prevent IT from Chitkara University. Dr. Sreelekha Ray, Executive Director, VHAT. The participants were from the department of Rural Studies.

On 26th March 2022, one similar workshop on “Handle Antibiotics with Care” also held at Anwesha Child Protection Centre, Usha Bazar, Agartala. The participants were- NGO/CSO representatives, members of VHAT, ASHA, AWW. The Resource persons were the Associate Researchers of Indian Universities engaged in the Prevent IT project.
Anwesha Child Protection Centre-Open Shelter for Children

Anwesha Child Protection Centre, an Open Shelter for children in need of emergency shelter, run by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura since 2005. There are two sections-Open Shelter for Girls (for 25 girls) and Open Shelter for Boys (for 25 boys) which have been registered under Social Welfare Department as per Juvenile Justice Act, under Ministry of Women & Child Development. This shelter home is on six acres of land and surrounded by fruit trees and vegetable gardens.

In 2021-2022, there were 28 children in Open Shelter Girls and 25 boys in Open Shelter for Boys. The Open Shelters provided an enriched platform for learning that empowers the children not only to get education but also developed their self-confidence and self-esteem. It provided services such as education, nutrition, knowledge of computer, life skill education and vocational training.

Target Groups:

- Children of 5-18 year age group of the following categories were the beneficiaries of this project.
  - Orphaned Children.
  - Street children (rag pickers, baggers, etc), victims of any drug addictions.
  - Abandoned Children.
  - Victims of violence/abuse.
  - AIDS victim
  - Any child eligible for getting emergency services.

Due to COVID pandemic when the schools were closed, the children were attending the online classes. They were guided by House Parents, In-charge, GNM nurse and two Social Workers. The children were supported with extra coaching teachers. Apart from educational support, the children were provided with computer lab to enhance their computer knowledge in extracurricular activities which was being supported by Miracle Foundation India (MFI). All the children were attending the computer classes on a regular basis. Life Skill Education training also organized for the children based on their appropriate age.

Medical Care and services provided for children:

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

Apart from providing emergency care and protection, the Open Shelters were linked with a specialized adoption agency, through which the home can give the children for adoption who were registered under CARA.
Anwesha Children Home for Girls run by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was registered in November 2016 as per J.J. Act under Ministry of Women & Child Development for 50 girl children. It provides long term shelter for orphaned and underprivileged girls till completion of 18 years of age. Children were provided shelter, nutrition, education, basic computer knowledge, recreation, medical support and life skill education.

- **Children were involved in following activities:**
  - **Education** – Good quality education through joining age appropriate class in Government school
  - **Household chores** – daily routine wise
  - **Counseling** – both peer group and individual
  - **Training & Capacity building** – Participating in Pickle making.
  - **Life Skill training** – Self-defense training.
  - **Co-curricular activities** – dance, yoga, meditation, participation in painting competitions as well as other recreational activities
  - **Pre-Vocational Training** – in stitching and handicrafts, Agriculture and animal rearing
  - **Computer Education** with NIIT certificates through Miracle Foundation.
  - **Making them aware** and imbibe some good habits in the children, such as cleanliness, hygiene

There are Children Committees guided by care givers and other supporting staffs. The Children Committee was divided into four groups i.e. Discipline Committee, Health & Hygiene Committee, Recreational Committee and Food Committee.

- **Medical Care and Services provided:** Individual medical file was maintained for all the children. Following were the medical services provided to the children.
  - Monthly height-weight and BMI record keeping.
  - Immunization: Hepatitis B, Tetanus Toxoid, MMR.
  - Quarterly Hemoglobin test.
  - Vision Test.
  - Annual Dental and ENT check-up.
  - Emergency medical care.

**In the year 2021-2022,**
the children of Anwesha Children Home and Anwesha Open Shelters together celebrated and enjoyed following occasions:

1. April 15th, 2021 Thursday Bengali New Year Day
2. June 5th, 2021 Saturday World Environment Day
3. June 20th Sunday Father’s Day

"International Yoga Day"
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This year five children completed the Madhyamik final examination and one child passed the Higher Secondary (Class-XII) examination. Out of them four children passed in first division.

This year, with permission of CWC, 17 children from Anwesha Children Home, 10 children from Anwesha Open Shelter for Boys and 8 children from Anwesha Open Shelter for Girls were reintegrated to the families or extended families after the social investigation of the family situation and counseling of both children and family members.
Unmesh Children Home for Boys is a child care institute (CCI) run by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura at East Gokulnagar, Sepahijala District. The home was started from September 2018 and registered under Juvenile Justices Act-2015, under Ministry of Women and Child Development on November 2018.

During the 2021-2022, 47 children were staying in the home who came with the order from CWC of different districts of Tripura. 44 Children admitted in Purba Gokulnagar HS School. One child did not completed 6 years within 31st march 2022, 1 child was a Bangladeshi and I child was with severe multiple disabilities. In the Home, their education was guided by House Parents, two Coaching Teachers, Social Worker and Superintendent. Children were engaged in different co-curricular activities like yoga, sports, gardening, music, drama and drawing.

Class wise number of the children: Class-I: 4, Class-II: 3, Class-III: 12, Class-IV: 6, Class-V: 5, Class-VI: 4, Class-VII: 2, Class-VIII: 4, Class-IX: 3, Class-X : 1


Individual medical check-up and treatment were given to the children by Medical team of Bishalgarh Hospital. One residential GNM (Nurse) were taking care of the health of the children.

This year, 23 children were exited from Unmesh Home: one to After Care Home in North Tripura District and 22 children were reintegrated to the families or extended families after the social investigation of the family situation and counseling of both children and family members.
MANORAMA SHISHU NIKETAN-CHILDREN’S HOME FOR GIRLS

This new Children’s Home for Girls got the registration under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules and regulations 2016, with effect from 01-02-2022, as a Child Care Institution namely Manorama Shishu Niketan - Children's Home for Girls situated at Vill & P.O - Lowgang, P.S. - Santirbazar, Sub-Division - Santirbazar, South Tripura District, Tripura, Pin -799144.

This is for fifty orphaned or underprivileged girl children who are going through crisis situation. This was officially inaugurated by on 28th February 2022 by Mr. Saju Vaheed A, IAS, District Magistrate & Collector of South Tripura District.

Unlike other CCIs, the targeted children for Manorama Home are the Children of 5-18 year age group of the following categories:

- Orphaned Children.
- Street children (rag pickers, baggers, etc), victims of any drug addictions.
- Abandoned Children.
- Victims of violence/abuse.
- AIDS victim
- Any child eligible for getting emergency services

Since 1st March 2022, this CCI has been running in full fledged form.

“When our Little people are overwhelmed by BIG emotions, it’s our job to share our calm, not their chaos”

--L.R.Knost
This was new initiative of VHAT. As per our application Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India approved the Jan Shikshan Sansthan project for Dhalai district of Tripura which is one of the Aspirational Districts in India. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is the nodal Ministry for Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS).

The objectives of JSS is to provide vocational skills in non-formal mode to non-literate, neo-literates, persons with rudimentary level of education up to 8th standard and school drop-outs up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years. The priority groups are Women, SC, ST, Minorities and other backward sections of the society. JSSs are reaching to the unreached areas to cater the needs of the poorest of the poor. They work at the door step of the beneficiaries with a minimum infrastructure and resources.

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura has initiated the ground activates in October 2021. In the last financial year, total 900 beneficiaries trained in various trades in different parts of Dhalai District. Apart from the training, JSS Dhalai also conducted various development activities and observation of importance days as per the direction from the Ministry.

A total of 117 Aspirational districts have been identified by NITI Aayog based upon composite indicators from Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure which have an impact on Human development Index.

The Government is committed to raising the living standards of its citizens and ensuring inclusive growth for all – “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas aur Sabka Vishwas”. To enable utilization of their potential, this program closely focuses on improving people’s ability to participate fully in the burgeoning economy. Districts are prodded and encouraged to first catch up with the best district within their state, and subsequently aspire to become one of the best in the country, by competing with, and learning from others in the spirit of competitive & cooperative federalism.
Ratanmani Vidyalay: A Residential Primary School for Tribal Children in Remote Area

Ratanmani Vidyalay was started as a component of KHOJ project of VHAT in 1994 to promote primary education among tribal children living in the remote hilly areas of Rupaichari block of South Tripura district. In the year 2021-2022, classes were closed due to COVID lockdown from April 28, 2021 to September 22, 2021 as per government order. During this period the teachers were taking online classes through mobile phone. This was difficult for the children of poor tribal families in hilly rural Tripura. However, after the lockdown Ratanmani Vidyalay started organizing classes once in the morning and again in the afternoon to cover the full syllabus. This was possible because the children were staying in school hostel.

Status of the students in Ratanmani Vidyalay:
The following data shows the status of the children in 2021-2022:

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Celebration of Holi by hostel children

The human resource of the project was competent for catalyzing the formal education as well the extracurricular activities for development of the children.

This school played effective role in promoting primary education, sports and extracurricular activities, environmental orientation, awareness on health & hygiene.

All the eight teachers and five non-teaching staff were residential and giving extra effort to improve the quality of the education.

Education in the School:

- There are 9 (nine) well trained teachers in the school of which 3 are female and 6 are male teachers.
- The formal education is based on the curriculum of the Tripura Board of Secondary Education and the books are supplied from the State Government Education Department under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).
- The students get training and exposure to vocational activities, viz animal husbandry, environmental education and plant nursery.
- The students from class I-V receive health education classes once in a week on prevention of malaria and
diarrhea, fever management and first aids as their villages are included in malaria and diarrhea prone area of the state. Moreover, education on sanitation, hygiene – both personal and environmental, as well as on safe drinking water are emphasized in health education classes.

☐ All the students attending Yoga class after the morning prayer
☐ During vacation days, the students receive free coaching from the school teachers for quality development.

**Special Days observed in 2021-2022:**
- World Yoga Day-on 21st June, 2021
- Independence Day on 15th August, 2021
- Teachers’ Day on 5th September, 2021
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose’s Birthday on 23rd January, 2022
- Republic Day on 26th January, 2022

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**REGIONAL ACTION ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION NORTH EAST PROJECT (RAISE-NE)**

The RAISE North East project initiated in January 2016 to complement the program of Samagra Shikha Abhiyan (SMSA) on inclusive education to improve the quality education for children with disabilities in government and government supported schools in selected districts of Tripura. The project has been supported by Christian Blind Mission (CBM) Austria. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) is the leading partner of implementing in West Tripura District in collaboration with Ferrendo Rehabilitation Centre (FRC), Nandannagar, and Montfort H. S. School, Champaknagar.

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

**Inclusion something is---**

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

VHAT’s role in this project is basically doing the advocacy. The training of the selected teachers is to be provided by FRC and Montfort HS School.

**During the period (April 2021 to March 2022), following activities were implemented under RAISE NE project:-**

- **Teachers Training :-** On 8th to 10th April 2021, a 3days Training on Inclusive Education and Capacity Building conducted with 45 Government School Teachers. Venue was Ferrando School for Speech and Hearing Impaired, Nandannagar. The Resource Persons and Dignitaries were Mr. Sazu Ahied (Director Higher Education) and special guests were Dr. Sreelekha Ray (Executive Director VHAT), Sr. Sicilia (Director FRC) and Brother Peter (Principal Montfort School, Ranirkhamar).

Training components were-Child Safeguarding, RPWD Act-2016, Lesson planning for Inclusive Classroom, Development of SMART Goals / Specific objectives for Inclusive Classrooms, Designing learning environment for all, Communication skills, Developing the Inclusive Lesson plan for Teaching Materials and
Behavior support for an inclusive Classroom.

Awarness event on Disaster Risk Reduction:
  i) On 12th April we conducted a training on Disaster Risk Reduction at Sadhutila CMS Girls English Medium High School. NDRF team has facilitated the programme. They discussed on different types of disasters and how to rescue the people from disasters.
  ii) On 16th April, 2021 at Dr. BR Ambedkar high School. Jyotirmoy Majumder discussed on different type of disasters management and how to rescue during the disaster. Students participated in the mock drill on DRR work.

Relief distribution in COVID affected area:
  On 25th May, 2021, dry ration kits comprising rice, dal, sugar, cooking oil, soyabian, soap and face mask, were distributed among the tea garden workers in Sekerkote.

District level workshop on 5 years achievements of RAISE NE project:
We organized this on 31st May, 2021 in the office of School Inspector, Sadar A of West Tripura district. District Inspector of School – west Tripura District, District Coordinator - Samagra Sikha Abhijan, Arban-Coordinator (Sanagrasikha) and other staff of Samagra Shikha were present in this workshop.

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E-SHAKTI DIGITIZATION OF SHGS

VHAT has been working for the E-Shakti Digitisation project under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in West Tripura and Gomati District. This project was phased out in last year in West Tripura district and continued only in Gomati district.

The prime objectives of the projects:

- Integrating SHG members with the National Financial Inclusion agenda.
- Improving the quality of interface between SHG members and Banks for efficient and hassle free banking services.
- Facilitate convergence of delivery system with SHG using Aadhaar linked identity.

Components of the Projects:

- Mapping of the existing SHGs in the district bank wise, branch wise.
- Training of volunteers to collect SHG wise/individual member’s data.
- Data feeding through customized software in central server.

Advantages of Digitisation:

- Mainstreaming of SHG members with financial inclusion agenda enabling accesses to wide range of financial services.
- Digitisation of SHG accounts would increase credit linkage facility
- Automatic and accurate rating of SHGs would be available online for banks.
- Mapping of persons not covered under AADHAAR platform and bringing them under AADHAAR fold.
- Comprehensive information base and robust MIS can be developed about poor community covered which may facilitate suitable interventions and convergence of other programme for social and financial empowerment.
It would help in identifying suitable interventions and support for proper nurturing and strengthening of SHGs.

There are 33 Animators working in the project in Gomati district covering 1001 Women SHGs.

**Activities conducted:**
- Refresher Training of the Animators was conducted in Gomati District
- Spot data updating verification was done by the project management
- Monthly data updating was carried out in each month.
- Project Implementation and Monitoring Committee (PIMC) meeting was held for both of the districts
- Data correction exercise was also carried out by the Animators
- Regular meeting of the Animators was done

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**VHAT Vocational Education Centre Under NIOS**

Since 2007, VHAT has been running a Vocational Training Centre accredited by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Vocational Training Centre of VHAT intends to create employment opportunity for the youths. The following courses are offered by VHAT Vocational Education Centre: (AVI-700001).

Due to lockdown for COVID pandemic, number of students was less. In 2021-2022, following students got admitted:

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<td>Early Childhood Care &amp; Education</td>
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<td>Certificate in Yoga (Six Month)</td>
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Class on Homeopathy Dispensing

Yoga Teachers Training Class

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Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been implementing the Integrated Tribal Development project in Laljuri Block of North Tripura District. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved the project and providing support since 2018. Three ADC villages Chandipur, Kanchancherra, Joymani Para of Laljuri block were covered under this project targeting 300 Acre of WADI development. The prime objective of the project is to improve the socio economic conditions of the participating tribal families besides addressing the ecological concerns of the selected areas by the end of the project period.

**Major Components under the projects are:**
- Horticultural Orchard Development (WADI)
- Health Camps (General/ Special on Eye & RCH)
- Training (WADI Development/ Mushroom/ Backyard Poultry)
- Water Development( Small Ponds/ Water Tank with Lifting Facility)
- Awareness Programme( Anti Drug and Tobacco Control/ Digital Financial Literacy/ Legal Awareness)

**Progress up to March '22**
- Legal Awareness Campaign, Gender Sensitization, Health and Nutrition (one event in every village) – 6 events
- Three Awareness Campaign on Digital Financial Literacy Program, Anti-Drug and Anti-Tobacco
- 180 Horticulture Orchard Development (WADI)
- Health Camps: 9 General and 4 Special on Eye & RCH conducted in the project area
- 5 Skilled base Training on WADI development for the farmers
- 150 Farm water reservoir cum storage has developed in the project area
- 5 Trainings on backyard poultry management with 150 participants
Since 1st January, 2021 Voluntary Health Association of Tripura is working as the State Nodal Agency (SNAC) of Tripura, under National Trust, a statutory body of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India (Under section 12 (4) of the Act). The Registration No. TVOL17519675538.

VHAT has been implementing various activities of the National Trust for welfare of the person with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities in this state. VHAT is the member of Local Level Committee (LLC) in three districts of Tripura viz. South Tripura District, North Tripura District and Unokoti District.

**As per National Trust norms, VHAT implemented following activities in 2021-22:**

- World Autism Awareness Day, 2nd April, 2021, an Awareness event under the National Trust
- Niramaya Health Insurance Camp on 30th September, 2021 at Bamutia Block, Tripura
- International Yoga Day, 2021, (Theme- Yoga for being-well) organized on 21st of June, 2021
- Voluntary Health Association of Tripura in association with Agartala Smart City Limited organized a Seat and Draw competition among the Divyangjan children on 23rd day of September, 2021 in the Training hall of VHAT.
- Constitute State Level Coordination Committee of National Trust for Tripura State on 26th July, 2021. And conduct meeting with Registered Organization of National Trust.
- Organized World Disabled Day, 2021 with the theme ‘Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID 19 world” on 3rd of December, 2021
- From 20th December to 30th December, 2021, Voluntary Health Association of Tripura organized “BADTHE KADAM “an awareness program for community regarding the schemes of National Trust for the welfare of PWDs.
- On 21st March 2022 State Nodal Agency Center-Tripura run by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura organized “Awareness Workshop on World Down Syndrome Day ” and in VHAT Training Hall for Creating awareness among the community
LOKASWASTHYA SAMBAD

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

The Loka Swasthya Samad has different segments which are as follows:
- To the readers-critics on health and development policies-national and international.
- Health & Medical treatment.
- Mental Health.
- Adolescence and family life education.
- Traditional System of Medicine.
- Health News.
- Social Health.
- Health and environment.
- Letters to the Editor: feedback from the readers.

The salient features of the periodical:
- This monthly periodical on health and environment issues is being published by Voluntary Health Association of Tripura during last 13 years on regular basis. It has drawn the attention of the policy makers, politician, and functionaries of the health service providing institutions of the state of Tripura.
- Current burning issues on physical and mental health, environmental and social health issues are highlighted in the periodical.
- New issues like COVID 19 pandemic is also covered.
- To enrich the contents, the experts are consulted and some contents are also driven from the web based resource centre/internet.
- It has the monthly circulation of 1200 copies.
- Feedback from the readers is given emphasis for giving more highlights on specific issues and taking corrective measures for upgrading the periodical.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Micro Enterprise Development Project (MEDP):
To upgrade the skill of rural women on various livelihood activities NABARD has initiated Micro Entrepreneurship Development Programme. Apart from the skill development, the programme also has objective to build the basic entrepreneurship knowledge among the members of the Women Self Help Groups. Voluntary Health Association of Tripura (VHAT) has been working for the promotion of WSHG and building the skills on different job role. With support from NABARD, VHAT has conducted one MEDP training on Candle making at Tepania R.D Block under Gomati Tripura from 14th to 30th March 2022. Total 30 trainees were selected in consultation with block officials and training was conducted in the block premises. Resourceful trainer was engaged in the training who took serious effort to conduct the training session.
33rd Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura:

The 33rd Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Health Association of Tripura was organized at VHAT Training Hall on 26th September 2021. This meeting had two parts—theme session and the business session. The theme was “Role of CSOs in combating COVID-19 pandemic.” This session was started at 11.00 am and was graced by the following dignitaries/guests:
- Dr. Arabindo Mahato, HOD, Deptt. Of Rural Studies, Tripura University.
- Prof. (Dr) Dilip Kumar Ray, Chief Advisor, VHAT.
- Dr. Supratim Biswas, SPO, UNDP India for Tripura State.
- Mrs. Sharmila Choudhury, Member, Tripura Commission for protection of Child Rights.
- Dr. Sreelekha Ray, Executive Director, VHAT.

The Business Session:
The business session was started at 2.00 pm after the lunch. Ms. Sikha Saha, President of VHAT, chaired the session and extended a hearty welcome to all the members. Then she declared the meeting open and took up the agenda for negotiations. The Annual Report of 2020-2021 of VHAT was presented by Ms. Banarani Choudhury, Secretary of VHAT and it was circulated among the members present during the session. Ms. Choudhury highlighted the major activities of the VHAT of 2020-2021. VHAT’s Financial Reports of 2020-2021 were presented by Shri Hari Bhusan Das, Treasurer of VHAT. After the presentation of both of the reports, members discussed & commented about some points of the reports. After clarification, both the reports were approved by the house. The Internal Monitoring & Evaluation Report of VHAT for 2020-2021 was presented by Dr. Dilip Kumar Ray, Chairman of VHAT Evaluation, Monitoring & Development Committee (EMDC). The house discussed on the report & after detailed discussion the General Committee approved the same. After the discussion in the house it was decided that M/S T.K. Saha & Co (Chartered Accountants), Sukantala Road, Agartala, Pin-799001 would continue as auditor of VHAT for the year 2021-2022. Executive Director was requested to communicate with the Auditor regarding this matter.

The Plan & Budget of 2021–2022 was presented Mr. Bipul Majumder, Finance Officer of VHAT in the house. The discussion was held on the plan and budget and some queries & clarification of the members were answered by Secretary and the Treasurer. Finally, the Plan & Budget of 2021–2022 was approved by the house. Resolution was taken to apply for registration of a new CCI viz. Manorama Shishu Niketan and application for financial support for four CCIs would placed to the Director of SWSE, Government of Tripura, through the DISE/DCPO of the respective district.

The 33rd AGM ended with valedictory address and vote of thanks by Ms. Sikha Saha, President of VHAT.
**Family Based Alternative Care (FBAC):** Supported by Miracle Foundation India

This was an organized effort of VHAT for reintegration of children in their family or extended family. We were doing the social investigation of the children who were staying in the CCIs/Homes, by visiting their families and preparing the social investigation reports. If the possibility of reintegration was there, we placed the report to CWC. After further verification we did the integration with permission from the CWC. We are doing the follow up and helping the reintegrated children for their study and income generation of their guardians. In FY 2021-22, 41 children from Anwesha Children Home and Anwesha Open Shelters were reintegrated. For creating awareness regarding the reintegration, we organized 110 number of social work force trainings and advocacy meetings.

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**ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF 2021-22**

The following tables were filled in based on duly audited accounts of VHAT for the financial year ending on 31st March 2022

1. **BALANCE SHEET**

   All figures are Rs. In Lacs

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<th>Assets as on</th>
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2. **INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

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### 3. RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

**Expenditure for the year ended on** | **03/31/2021** | **03/31/2022**
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**Programme** | 169,786,388 | 363,115,764
**Public education and fundraising** | 4,311,881 | 10,741,556
**Management and administration** | 12,543,426 | 23,138,133
**Payments to Beneficiaries** | 57,780,02 | 86,810,52
**Other expenses** | 11,839,614 | 11,698,754
**Total Expenditure** | **256,263,578** | **495,504,669**

**Surplus** | 6,811,154 | 0

All figures are Rs. In Lacs

**Receipts for the year ended on** | **03/31/2021** | **03/31/2022**
--- | --- | ---
**Opening Cash and Bank Balance** | 96,428,888 | 101,419,253
**Self generated income** | 10,398,02 | 7,817,42
**Donations from Indian sources** | 25,462,139 | 23,228,198
**Grants from Indian sources** | 161,668,74 | 208,584,59
**Donations from International sources** | 0,010,665 | 0
**Grants from International sources** | 43,230,17 | 229,349,05
**Sale of investment /assets** | 0 | 0
**Loans** | 0 | 0
**Other receipts** | 24,956,153 | 44,440,896
**Total Receipts** | **362,154,773** | **614,837,225**

All figures are Rs. In Lacs

**Payment for the year ended on** | **03/31/2021** | **03/31/2022**
--- | --- | ---
**Capital items / assets purchased for the organisation** | 0 | 1,676
**Capital items / assets purchased for the beneficiaries** | 12,386,25 | 19,666,5
**Purchase of investment** | 0 | 0
**Grants / Donations to other Organisations** | 0 | 0
**Loans and advances** | 1,19 | 0,25
**Other payments** | 247,159,274 | 505,235,085
**Total Payments** | 260,735,524 | 526,827,586
**Closing Cash and Bank Balance** | 101,419,253 | 88,009,639
**Total payments** | **362,154,773** | **614,837,225**

All figures are Rs. In Lacs

### 4. Major Projects/ Donors of the year (2021-2022)

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<td>6) CHILDLINE INDIA FOUNDATION, MoWCD</td>
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<td>9) UNICEF Immunization Project, VHAI</td>
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<td>10) Rapid Rural Community Response to COVID-19 (RCRC)</td>
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<td>11) Momentum Routine Immunization Transformation &amp; Equity, JSI</td>
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<td>12) Crypto Relief Fund, IN COVID Support FZE LLC</td>
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Transparency & Accountability Disclosures for the Financial year 2021-22
Details of Board Members as on 31-03-2022

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Total cost of international travel by all personnel (including volunteers) and Board members

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Total cost of national travel by all personnel (including volunteers) and Board members which was spent from VHAT accounts.

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The distribution of staff according to salary levels as on 31-03-2022

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Particulars

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<td>Dr. Sreelekha Ray</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
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<td>Highest paid person in the Organisation Staff:</td>
<td>Mr. Sujit Ghosh</td>
<td>Asst. Director</td>
<td>5,36,396.00</td>
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<td>Lowest paid person in the organisation (Staff or consultant):</td>
<td>Ms. Sanjita Tripura</td>
<td>Cook, Ratanmani Vidyalya</td>
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INTERNAL MONITORING, EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT 2021 – 2022

VHAT has its Internal Evaluation and Monitoring Committee for guidance to proper implementation of the projects. This committee was headed by Prof. (Dr) Dilip Kumar Ray, one of the founder members and Chief Advisor to the organization. This committee has done the internal evaluation of the organization with the following dimensions:

**Purposes:**
- Accountability to the donors.
- Accountability to the beneficiaries.
- Quantitative and qualitative contributions by staff and volunteers.
- Improvement of performance.
- Any gap in management of the projects.
- Measuring impact of the performance.
- Resource allocation and feedback on implementation.
- Public relations and fundraising supports for sustainability.

**Methodology followed:**
1. Review of the project activities and financial supports to achieve sustainable impacts.
2. Interactions with the staff of the Projects.
3. Interaction with the community / project beneficiaries.

**Observations:**
- The records and books of accounts were maintained as per requirements.
- In case of all the projects VHAT tried to maintain the guideline for operation of the projects. As every project sanctioned by different funding agencies and respective funding agency has got its own plan of action, monitoring and reporting system to achieve targeted goals and achievements within set time, so the documentation of activities was as per requirement of respective funding agency.
- For all the projects, monthly meetings of the staff were organized in presence of Executive Director for understanding the mode of operation and achievement.
- The management of the organization give much importance on practicing ‘transparency and accountability’ which influenced all staff members for better contribution as much as they can.

This year VHAT intensively worked in collaboration with local government, for prevention of COVID transmission with support from multiple agencies.

- The sustained activities with NABARD projects in different areas of the state made good impact on development of social health and economic development in the rural areas.
- Loka Swasthya Sambad was published and disseminated regularly on monthly basis. The quality writings on holistic health were very much attractive.
- The organization has given much importance to enhance the capacity of the staff for better performance through trainings in regional and national level.
- The projects undertaken by the organization were as per requirement of the community and the beneficiaries of focused groups were found very much confident to continue the activities by themselves in future.
- Capacity building of persons for income generation by community service through courses of NIOS under Ministry of Human Resource Development running by VHAT as AVI-700001, could become very much attractive to the people of the state.

**Gaps and Challenges :**
- Some less capacitated grass root staff require more trainings and monitoring.
- The organization has insufficient supports against staff salary in the approved budget of some of the present projects.
- So it is difficult to manage the salary of some of the core staff.

**Recommendations:**
- There should be regular monthly and intense quarterly meetings of each project for better understanding of the progress.
- Some of the core staff should be equipped for using more and more modern information technology for better monitoring and documentation of activities keeping space with the flying time.
- Management of infrastructure and immovable properties to generate regular and enhancing income to ensure good future of the organization.
- More emphasis should be given for developing the competent second line leadership for the organization at least for sustained projects.
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