

Child Labour Free Gram Panchayat (CLFGP)



Name of the Project:

Child Labour Free GP Initiatives in Line with MVF Model in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal.



Funded by:

Indienhilfe e.V. Herrsching, Germany.



Project Period:

Ongoing since April 2004
Years are as follows:

Tepul Mirzapur: 2007 - 2021

Saguna: 2013 - Till date

Gobindapur: 2016 - Till date

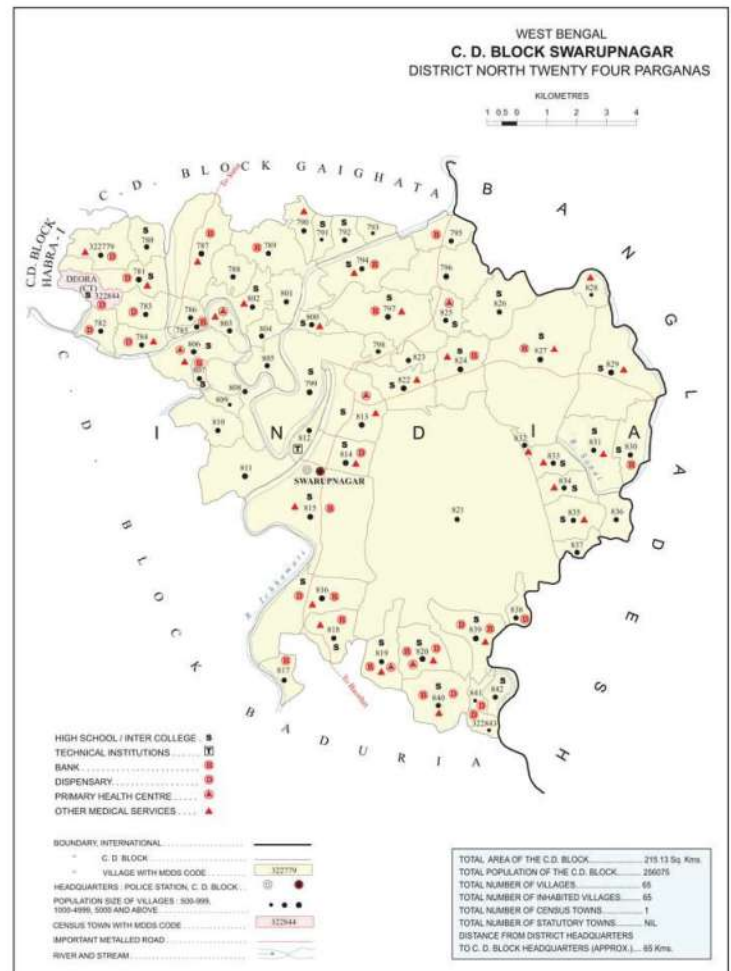


Project Goal:

To contribute in achieving universal elementary education (SDG 4) by eradicating all forms of child labour in selected locations of West Bengal by ensuring child rights for children of marginal section in line with MVF model.

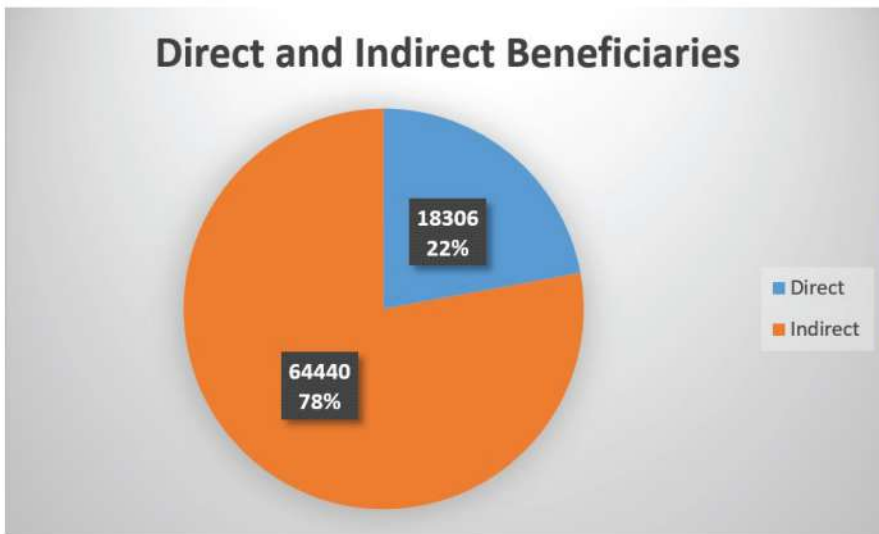


Area of operation:

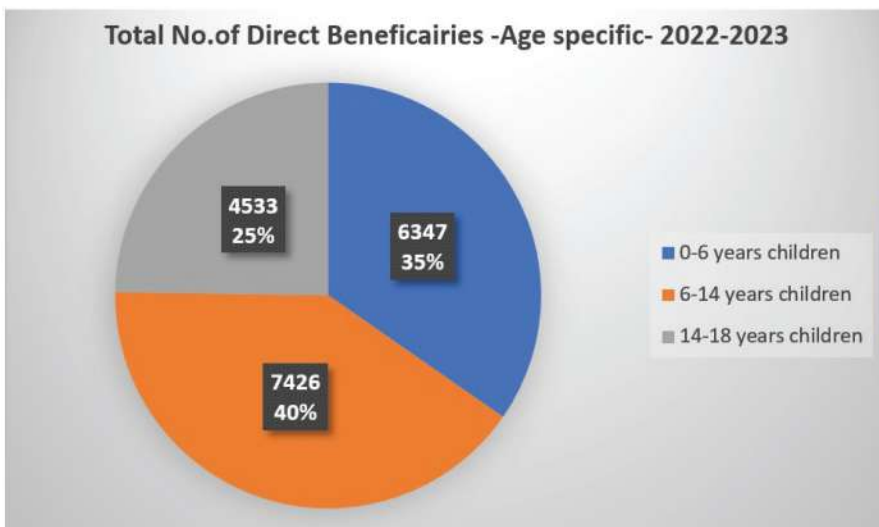


Sl.No.	District	Block	Gram Panchayat	Project Status
1	North 24 Parganas, West Bengal	Swarupnagar	Tepul-Mirzapur	2004-2021
2			Saguna	2004-Ongoing
3			Gobindapur	2004-Ongoing

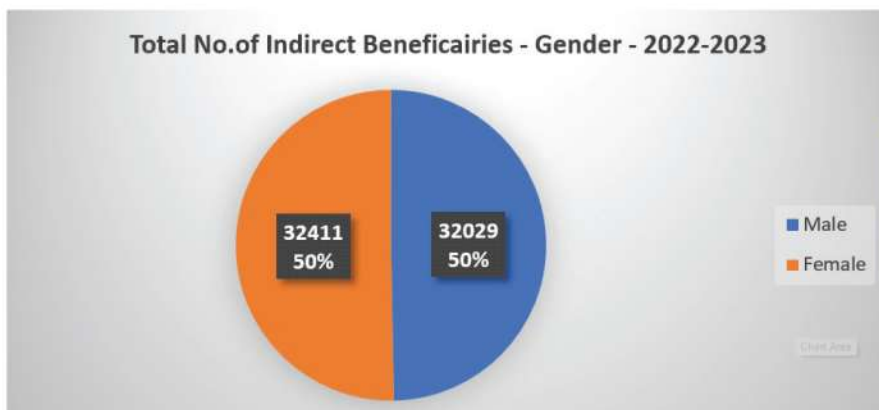
 **Project Beneficiaries:**



- Indirect Beneficiaries 64440



- Direct Beneficiaries (Age specific)



- Direct Beneficiaries (Gender specific)



Project Objectives:

Eradication of Child Labour by ensuring 100% Enrolment and Retention in Government Full Day time Formal Schools and Provide Quality Education by eliminating all form child labour in children between 6 and 14 years of age in selected Gram Panchayat(GP) in North-24-Parganas District of West Bengal.



Project Activities:

1. Facilitate in institutional requirement, project infrastructure and setting up of an office at the identified working areas.
2. Conduct quarterly household survey to identify child labour, prepare and update database with survey findings for children between age group 6 to 14.
3. Networking with schools, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Linkages of identified children for further interventions.
4. Regular monitoring and follow up with the children and family.
5. Awareness Building on Child Rights and Child Protection with relevant stakeholders like (Gram Panchayats, Schools, ICDS, Community Based Organization (CBOs), District Social Welfare and Education Officers and other Non-Governmental Organization(NGOs).
6. Develop Linkage, advocacy and networking with NGOs/CBOs, Child Welfare Committee(CWC), Integrated Child Protected Scheme (ICPS) and other line departments dealing with eradication of child labour and banning of child marriage and child trafficking.
7. Reforming and strengthening Child Rights Protection Forum(GRPF) and bringing them under a federated body of CBO in each unit and functioning as institution for children's improvement in life.

Activities of 2022-2023



CLFGP Learning camp conducted by Mr. Azgar Ali Mondal



Monthly Review and planning Meeting at Bamandanga office



Nutrition Garden Nurturing by Kishori Bahini



Adult literacy programme at Dattapara Gazipara



Joyful learning at Remedial Center



VLPC Meeting at Taranipur



Project Achievements:

- Field level programme Office setup at Bamandanga with required infrastructure to facilitate team meetings, documentation, Project activities planning, capacity building etc.
- Upgraded household survey was conducted for 16,232 families along with 64,440 populations in 2 GPs.



Survey Analysis done for four quarters, findings are as below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Numbers
1	Sessional Migrant Families	1035
2	Longtime Migrant Families	485



Impact

In the year 2020 Tepul Mirzapur Gram Panchayats were declared as Child labour Free Gram Panchayats. Based on this impact, attempt is to replicate the success of Tepul Mirzapur, for two other panchayats of Swarupnagar block in moving towards "Child labour, Child marriage & Child trafficking free Gram Panchayats". CRPF, GRPF, CBO, Village Level Child Protection Committee are playing a key role in supporting Project in this movement.

1. 7426 Children are directly under Project's regular activity monitoring plan to ensure regular attendance and retention. In addition, it was also ensured the children receive dry food instead of mid-day meal Total 84 ICDS were identified for promoting joyful learning.
2. With regular follow-up and monitoring 54 identified malnourished children were facilitated for further intervention and linkages.
3. Though out the year awareness and sensitization program on Child Rights, Child Protection, Prevention of early child marriage and child trafficking by conducting meetings, rallies and campaigns.
4. 54 CBOs formation done in the two identified Gram Panchayats.
5. 84 Child laborers were readmitted with proper cooperation, support of CBOs and different line department.
6. 18 Child Marriages were prevented in both GPs.
7. 55 CRPF and Girl Right Protection Forum (GRPF) group reformed in Sauna and Gobindapur GPs. Accordingly, 54-unit level CBOs were federated. The Federated 54 CBOs have been worked as vigilant group in their concern units in hand in hand with CLF team and ensured proper functioning of Schools, ICDS and other Child institutions and in line departments.



Story of Change:

Case Study

Title: Setting Sun Turned to Dawn

Name of the Village: Balki

Year of Initiation: 2022

Reported by: Mr. Omor Faruk Mondal, CRW



Ali Molla, son of Ismail Molla and Selima Bibi of Village Balki, P.O. Gobindapur, P.S. Swarupnagar, was a class V student at Gobindapur Junior High School. His father works as a toto driver and earns roughly 6000 rupees per month. His wife is a homemaker; his mother is elderly; and they have a younger daughter at home. Their family has five members. Mr. Ismail had challenges keeping up with the family's expenses since he was the

only earner in the household. The son's education was discontinued by both of his parents, who instead compelled him to work as a paid laborer at a house alongside as a helper. They were content because the son had been generating money for the family. A few days later, the boy became sick. Because of his serious medical condition, he ended up being confined to the hospital. The CRW team identified the anomaly while updating child register in August 2022. Mr. Omor Faruk Mondal, the CRW, along with other CRPF personnel visited him in the medical center and discovered that he was suffering from jaundice. The child was found to be overworking and not eating sufficiently according to the physician and CRPF personnel. He eventually developed malnutrition as a result. The Doctor and CRPF



members had a discussion with the family and it was stated that their actions had failed to do justice to their child by engulfing him in excessive work just to earn extra money for the household. This is the time to allow the child to go to school while maintaining an optimistic outlook for his future growth. The parent acknowledged their mistake they had made and pledged not to repeat it in the future. The child once again mainstreamed to Gobindapur Junior High School in the fifth grade, and he was recently welcomed to the Balki Motivation Centre. He is eager to continue his studies again with his fellow mates.



This transformative journey can work as a life-changing example for many villagers in years ahead.