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A brief glimpse into our efforts to nurture learning, skills, and hope among children and youth.

The Educational Project in the Urban Slums of Ward 56 & 58, supported by Joy for Kids, continued to create learning and skill-building opportunities for marginalized children and youth in May 2025. 11 children attended regular study classes, while 35 joined dance classes and 48 explored drawing—nurturing both academics and creativity. Skill development remained strong through paper bag making and embroidery workshops for 12 children and adolescents, helping them gain practical livelihood-oriented skills. Staff members also participated in weekly and monthly review meetings, strengthening planning and monitoring mechanisms.



Empowering Ward 55



From Data to Action

The exercise not only mapped vulnerabilities but also built trust within the community, enabling future interventions in health, education, and livelihoods. Early engagement with the Ward Councillor and local leaders set the stage for collaborative action.

Building Trust, Mapping Needs

The Empowerment of Children, Adolescent Girls and Women (ECAGW) Project in Ward 55, supported by Missio Munich, began its journey in May 2025 with a baseline household survey covering 70 families (~350 individuals) in the 6A Convent Road slum. The survey captured data on education, health, income, and documentation, revealing critical challenges—35% never attended school, 38% depend on daily wage work, and 40% face issues accessing government schemes.



Sustainable Community Development



The Sustainable Community Development Project (Phase II) in Ward 58, supported by Missio Austria, made significant strides in May 2025. Community outreach identified 25 rag picker children, 29 women, and 17 elderly, linking many to legal aid, documentation, and health services. Regular study classes for 17 children provided academic support and helped prevent dropouts.

A Community Action Group meeting led to a collective petition for improved garbage collection and ICDS intervention, while a vibrant Rabindra Jayanti celebration engaged children and youth in cultural activities. Skill-building remained a focus with tailoring training for 29 participants, jewellery-making ToT for staff, and an SHG exposure visit, which inspired locals to form new self-help groups and showcased tailoring products worth ₹1,200 in sales.

