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FIGHTING TB, LEPROSY & ADDICTION TOGETHER

The Holistic Care project in Wards 58 and 66 continued its mission in June 2025 to support vulnerable communities affected by leprosy, tuberculosis, substance abuse, and tropical diseases. Key activities included awareness meetings, household visits, and follow-ups, along with AA meetings for recovering addicts. A major highlight was the Public Information session at Mazdoorpara, where youth and women learned about substance abuse, coping strategies, and Seva Kendra's support services.

Health interventions remained central, with 19 TB patients, 10 addicts, and 10 HIV patients followed up, and 4 TB patients linked to DOTS treatment. The team also provided nutrition and care at Jyoti Niwas for leprosy patients, organized a geriatric health camp with doctors from Calcutta National Medical College, and held a CLAST meeting to strengthen grassroots surveillance and reduce stigma. In a critical case, a spine TB patient was urgently referred to the Missionaries of Charity TB Home for treatment and recovery.

From Care to Capability

The Sustainable Community Development Project (Phase II) in Ward 58, supported by Missio Austria, made steady progress in June 2025. The team reached 262 pregnant and lactating women (LMPW) and under-6 children through surveys and health monitoring, followed by a gynaecological health camp that benefited 35 women and children. Home visits and follow-ups supported 137 women, while two Mothers' Groups were formed to promote awareness on health, nutrition, and government schemes.

Beyond health, the project also celebrated World Environment Day with 99 school children, organized career counselling for 15 youth, and held Community Action Group meetings that advocated for an ICDS centre. Skill development continued through tailoring training for 29 women and youth, while staff capacity was strengthened through a ToT on jewellery making and regular review meetings.



Empowering Women & Children

The Empowerment of Children, Adolescent Girls and Women (ECAGW) Project in Ward 55, supported by Missio Munich, advanced steadily in June 2025. Activities included cyber safety workshops for 58 school students, balanced diet sessions for 73 students, and an eco-friendly plantation drive with schools and ward officials. Community members benefited from e-service literacy demonstrations, improving access to Aadhaar and voter services. In parallel, baseline surveys across 6A Convent Road and Dr. Lalmohan Bhattacharya Road mapped nearly 700 families ($\approx 3,500$ people), identifying needs in digital literacy, waste management, and health. Despite exam schedules and staff transitions, the project maintained momentum through flexible planning and continued community events.

