



# Annual Report -2023-24



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## Operational Area of SWI



### Vision

For a just society based on Gospel values where love, peace and equality are lived and nurtured.

### Mission

To restore human dignity among the poor and marginalized through the process of empowerment.

### Policies of SWI

- Human Resource
- Finance
- Gender
- Child Protection
- Anti Sexual Harassment
- Travelling Manual
- Safeguarding Policy

## A Brief History of SWI

Social Welfare Institute is a charitable and Social Service Society of the Diocese of Raiganj and its area of operation include Malda, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur districts of West Bengal. The Institute was established with the aim of bringing about a society where love, peace and equality are lived and experienced by all.

During the Indo – Pak war in 1971, nearly 2 million refugees from Bangladesh landed up in North Bengal for asylum; government machineries were unable to meet the needs of the refugees. Due to heavy influx of refugees, basic needs such as food, shelter and medical care collapsed. People of North Bengal faced innumerable problems. At once, then diocese of Dumka, feeling the dire needs of the people rushed for help; as a result, Social Welfare Institute came into existence and it is presently in Raiganj diocese.

To begin with, it focused its attention on the welfare of the refugees, then after the war, seeing the poverty stricken lives of the poorest and tribal in the area, it continued its services in order to uplift the downtrodden especially the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. Within two years (1973), Social Welfare Institute was registered under the Societies' Registration Act XXVI of 1961. From then on, it has been carrying out various welfare programmes for the weaker sections of society by the help of several donor agencies. Since 1985 the attention shifted to community based programs, especially through integrated approach at the village level. This gave way for creation of community based groups, organizations and institutions at the village level.



## Message from President

I am well pleased that Social Welfare Institute (SWI, Caritas), Raiganj is presenting their annual report of their activities completed in 2023-2024. I sincerely congratulate Fr. Benedict Toppo, the Director, SWI and his entire Team who candidly and wholeheartedly rally behind him to achieve its objectives. Many and various are the developmental programmes they undertake. Many are the people and areas benefit from their undertakings. Purpose behind engaging in human welfare task is emancipation of human life and raising the standard of living. Human life is precious and it has its own dignity which is incomparable. Therefore without taking into account the background, caste, colour, creed and religion of the people, they delve deep into the task of human welfare and their overall well-being.

Social Welfare Institute engages itself in such areas and among such a people where Government projects don't easily have the access. Just as the Government of India and the Government of West Bengal aim to emancipate everyone, without looking at their face value, so also Social Welfare Institute reaches to the people who need more attention. The aim of Social Welfare Institute is overall development of the people namely, health, hygiene, education and communication. To maintain certain standard of life health, hygiene, education and communication must be made available to all. These are the basic needs of humanity today. Making it available and accessible to every human person is the need of the hour. Reading the signs of the times, Social Welfare Institute rightly and promptly involves itself in human welfare. I am well pleased with their wholehearted commitment in their undertaking. I appreciate their work ethics and success rate. I wish Fr. Benedict Toppo, the Director, SWI and his entire Team all the best and every success in their endeavour.



+ Fulgence A. Tigga  
President of SWI.





## Legal Compliance

Establishment in.....1971

Registered under West Bengal Societies Registration Act XXVI of 1961. Registration No. S/13846. Date of Registration- 12th December of 1973.

Exempted under Section 80G (5) (V) of the Income Tax Act, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. Under this Act all donations to social Welfare Institute shall qualify for exemption of Income Tax.

Registered under section 12A of the Income ax, 1961. No.7S/W.B.XIII of 1974-75, Ministry of Finance Govt. India. Memo No. Assent. No8E/535/73-74 C.T. Dated 28th of February, 1975

Registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act1976 (FCRA) under Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India. Registration No. 147100003.

Organization Income Tax PAN No. AABTS6811N

Darpan Registration ID - WB/2015/0088685

CSR registration - CSR00051752.

## Naya Kiran Project

This project is to get ready 150 drop out children for formal education system. We have 12 tuition centers in Uttar Dinajpur district. This tuition centres play a great roll to teach and update the children so that they can cope with formal education according to the age and class. Beside this we also create awareness on education to parents to mainstream the drop out children into the formal education system.



Objective - To reduce the high school dropout rate in Uttar Dinajpur and the resulting exposure to human trafficking networks, which are very active in this border region.



## Livelihood project (TDF-61)

Nabard supported Livelihood project (TDF-61) is to ensure self employment through animal husbandry to 350 Schedule tribe farmers of 7 villages of Nijampur Gram Panchayat of Goalpokher II block of Uttar Dinajpur district. It improves their standard of living. It helps in developing high yielding breeds of animals through cross breeding. It increases the production of various food products



### Goal of the TDF -61 Project: “

To Improve social and economic development of 350 tribal households in 7 villages of Nijampur - II GP in Goalpokhor II block of Uttar Dinajpur district



### Objectives:

- Sustainable economic development through goattery and piggery
- Marketing linkage of FPO to sale the product
- Women empowerment through skill development.

### Expected result of the Project :

- Increase job opportunity
- Reduce migration
- Having standard lifestyle
- Increase of nutritious food availability
- Social & Economic stability

## SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The main objective of this tailoring training program is to enhance the quality of life for women through enhancement of their skills and knowledge. They needed to learn newer vocational skills such as tailoring (sewing) which can help them earn more income and become economically self-sufficient and independent. This will alleviate poverty, help them support their family needs without being dependent of husband and parents. In order to help them, SWI started free tailoring (sewing) training centers in Adiar village of Rampur Gram Panchayat of Raiganj block of U.Dinajpur.





# Empowered Communities foster Climate Adaptive Agriculture and Livelihoods

The project significant emphasis on food availability through agriculture and focusing on bridging the gap between community members and government service providers. Different health aspects are given priority in the project specially Mother and Child health, immunization and food security. The key activities of the project is - interface meetings with govt. departments and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) members. It helps the beneficiary to gain knowledge on Govt Schemes and access it.



The project covers three Grampanchayats (Aktoil, Mangalpara and Habibpur ) of Habibpur Block of Malda district

**GOAL** - Marginalized households of 3 gram Panchayat in West Bengal have improved their living Condition through greater Food Sovereignty and increased access to Government resources.

**OBJECTIVE 01** - By 2024, 60% target households of 3 GPs in Habibpur block in Maldah district of West Bengal will have increased access to government resources/ schemes and entitlements.



**OBJECTIVE 02** - 60% (2064HH of 3440 HH) Marginal farmers of 3 Gram Panchayat in 1 blocks in West Bengal will have greater food sovereignty by 2024 through adopting 'Climate Adaptive Agriculture Practices (CAAP), optimum water resource management and marketing of produce through organized markets and networks To enhance the health & Nutrition status of women





### Major Achievement

- \* Gender-based discrimination in the family has been reduced. Girls are given priority on education and nutrition.
- \* The dropout rate of girl child has decreased by an average of 10% to 15%.
- \* 7% increase household income of communities.
- \* 15 bighas of land cultivated mung beans.
- \* The rate of migration has decreased

## Reclamation of waste land - A story of change

SWI initiated to promote orchard farming. Debasish Ray and Anjali Majhi agreed for orchard farming since it needs less water. We provided 30 saplings of Bharat Sundari jujube plant and other 30 saplings they managed, total 60 saplings they planted in the land. They watered from a nearby pond. After one year they got 5 kilo jujube and sold at Rs. 100-120 prices per kilogram. In 2nd year time they hope to get Rs. 30,000 from 300 kgs of jujubes.



Debasish Ray

## CHILDREN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME



Vaccines reduce risks of getting a disease by working with your body's natural defenses to build protection. When a child gets vaccine, the immune system responds. So, Social Welfare Institute operates a self supported immunization centre since 2005. Subsequently it has been rendering services to the people. The camp functions for three days in a week (Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday). Availability and regularity of vaccination has been good service to the people.



# Uttoran- III

Uttoran - III project ensures food availability of the targeted household and increase the family income through Climate Adaptive-Agriculture and uses of natural compost, vermin compost and natural pest management. It also emphasizes on animal husbandry and skill development prog. like tailoring, small entrepreneurship. Resource generation through meeting and good linkage with supporting Govt. departments, leveraging resources from NABARD, KVK. The project Uttoran – III covers 25 villages of Rampur and Sitgram Gram Panchayats of Raiganj block of Uttar Dinajpur.



## Major activities:

- \* Awareness on Govt. schemes and accesses the entitlement
- \* Awareness and promotion of climate adoptive agriculture, integrated organic faming,
- \* Linkage meeting with line department, Gram Panchayat, ADO, BLDO & NABARD
- \* Strengthening CBOs and volunteers
- \* Skill development for income generation
- \* Promote volunteerism

**Goal** - Fostering and securing self-sustaining climate resilient-cum-adaptive agriculture and livelihoods through community owned processes in the state of West Bengal

**Objective 1:** Empowered communities in the program areas have demonstrated community led actions through local governance and improved their livelihood

**Objective 2 :** Improved qualitative socio economic and environmental changes through community led intensification of dialogue with the duty bearers and nature

**Objective 3 :** Volunteers actively engaged in improving and bringing forth qualitative changes in the livelihood of the community and towards self-sustenance

**Objective 4 :** Resources mobilized through the efforts of the program stakeholders, for scaling up the key outcomes





## CASE STORY - A NEW TYPES OF CULTIVATION

Bikram Baskey is a resident of Sahapur village of Rampur GP of Raiganj block, Uttar Dinajpur. He is a collage student having mother and a brother in the family. He has a small forest behind his house. It was so jungle that snakes and other insects built their nest. During a meeting on climate adoptive agriculture a man raised the issue of snake. So, Community educator Joy Chakraborty suggested Bikram to clean the jungle and plant dragon fruit plant. They brought the sapling from Karandighi block. He planted 30 saplings in 10 pillars fo 8". Dragon fruit are produced twice a year. Within 15 months he got 8 kgs of fruit for first time which he sold @ Rs. 300/- per kg, total he received Rs. 2400/-. And 2nd time dragon fruit has flourished and the dragon plant has nearly 80 fruits.1 kg contains 4 fruits. So he will receive this season 20 kg x Rs. 300/- = 6000/-. Recently he has started a nursery of dragon fruit plant.



## BLOOD DONATION CAMP

“Donating blood is the most valuable gift we can give” . Believing the phrase SWI organized a blood donation camp on 25th December 2024 on the occasion of birth anniversary of Lord Jesus Christ. The purpose to organize a blood donation camp is to motivate people to donate blood, So, that increase blood availability. It is to promote and select a suitable donor whose blood will be safe to the recipient. The decision to donate blood can save a life or even several if the blood is separated into its components





## OBSERVATIONS OF IMPORTANT DAYS

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Social Welfare Institute observed World Environment Day at Uttar Adiar village of Rampur Gram Panchayat of Raiganj block, Uttar Dinajpur district. On the occasion a rally was organized with school children to promote tree plantation. Nearly 85 children took part in the tree plantation.



### WORLD AIDS DAY



Social Welfare Institute observed World AIDS day on 1st December 2023 in collaboration with Government health department and the other like minded NGO. There was a rally on the occasion from Raiganj railway station to SWI office campus. The motive of rally was to create awareness on prevention of HIV/AIDS as well as the treatment of it. T

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



### VISIT OF MANAS UNIDAS TO SWI





# COMMITTEES OF SWI

## LIST OF GOVERNING BORD-2023-2024

Sl. No	Name of the GB Member's	Designation
1	Rt.Rev.Fulgence Tigga	President
2	Fr. Benedict Toppo	Director/Secretary
3	Fr. Simon Hasda	member
4	Fr. John Kenedy	CO- Signatory
5	Fr.Santhappan	Member
6	Paulus Hembrom	Member
7	Sr. Lizy Sebastine	Member & Nurse
8	Sr. Tresa Joseph SCCG	Member
9	Mr. Joshef Soren	Member

## Honorary Service

Name	Designation
Fr. Benedict Toppo	Director/Secretary
Fr. Pius Kisku	Asst. Director
SWI Staff	
Prasenjit Das	Accountant
Rekha Soren	Coordinator
Bimala Baru	Coordinator
Anjan Biswas	Coordinator
Rakhi Banerjee	Nurse
Dr. Shyamshree Chaki	Doctor
Satadru Salil Biswas	Consultant
Domestic Staff	
Gita Paswan	Office attendance
Josef Hasda	Office attendance
Lily Kujur	Cook

## Finance Committee

1	Rt.Rev.Fulgence Tigga
2	Fr. Benedict Toppo
3	Fr. John Kenedy
4	Fr. Philimon Hasda
5	Mr. Prasenjit Das

## Bid Committee

1	Fr. Benedict Toppo
2	Fr. Pius Kisku
3	Mr. Prasenjit Das

## Project Selection Committee

1	Rt.Rev.Bp.Fulgence Tigga
2	Fr. Benedict Toppo
3	Fr. John Kenedy

IMMENSE GRATITUTED TO ALL THE DONORS AND WELL WISHERS







**SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE (CARITAS)**

**SWI CARITAS OFFICE**

**FACILITIES AVAILABLE: RESIDENTIAL TRAINING WITH BOARDING FOR 60 PARTICIPANTS**

**TWO MEETING HALLS:**

**A. LECTURE HALL - SEATING CAPACITY-70**

**B. LAFERLA HALL: SEATING CAPACITY -200**