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Dr Jack Preger, Founder of Calcutta Rescue
treating patients in the streets of Middleton Row, Park Street (1987)
and in front of Calcutta Rescue Nimtala Clinic (2017)

Our Vision

Creating Opportunities, Transforming Lives.

Our Mission

Calcutta Rescue works significantly to enhance the well-being, learning and living standards of the poorest communities in and around Kolkata. It will also provide specialist healthcare assistance for people approaching us from other areas where such services are deficient.

Calcutta Rescue will work in areas of high need where there is inadequate provision by government, non-profit or private organisations. It will initiate alliances and work collaboratively with other organisations to ensure the delivery of quality services to these communities.

LETTER FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Dear Friends of Calcutta Rescue,

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for the year 2022-2023, highlighting the impactful work and achievements of Calcutta Rescue (CR) in the slums of Kolkata. Your unwavering support and dedication have played a pivotal role in enabling us to make a positive difference in the lives of the street and slum communities we serve.

The past year has been one of consolidation for Calcutta Rescue - the first full year of “operations as normal” following the COVID pandemic.

Our focus was to steer our ship back onto our strategic goals, execute our work with a high degree of quality and deliver on the commitments made to our donors. We made significant headway across our three verticals of healthcare, education and living standards. At the same time, we invested time, effort and money in making our back-office systems more robust and efficient - across finance, fundraising, communications, IT, HR and risk management. This will lay the foundation for Calcutta Rescue as it looks to expand and deepen its services over the coming years.
To each one of you who believed in our mission, stood by us during these trying times, and contributed to our cause, we extend our deepest gratitude.

Your compassion has been the driving force behind our efforts to rebuild livelihoods, restore dignity, and provide hope to those who need it the most.

As we look ahead, we remain resolute in our commitment to the slum communities of Kolkata. While the challenges are many, our collective determination assures us that brighter days lie ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership, trust, and unwavering support. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those often forgotten by society.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Jaydeep Chakraborty

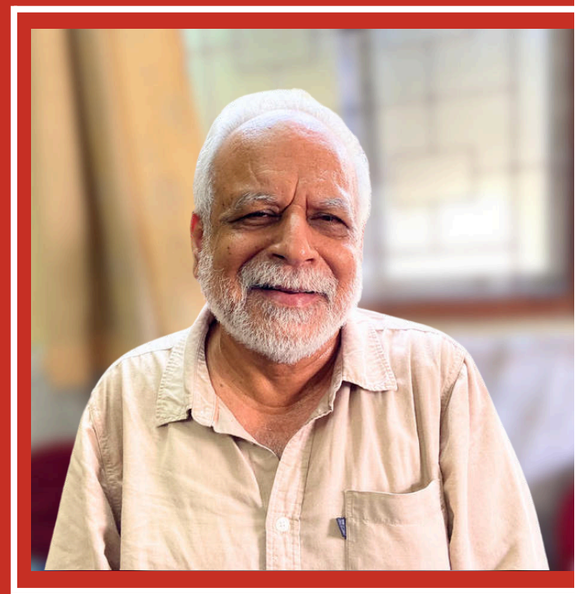
LETTER FROM SECRETARY

In late 2022-23 (financial year), thanks to the GROW fund, our Calcutta Rescue team, including SG members and volunteers, had an inspiring offsite brainstorming session.

We're laying the foundation for a new Health Strategy to reach more beneficiaries due to urbanization trends. The state's shift towards urban clinics will reduce our disease management burden. Cervical Cancer pilot project is a success. We aim to scale up to 400 cases in 2023-24. Our digitalization journey, with the Beneficiary Management System is helping doctors focus on patient care.

"Living Standards" initiative is building 60 permanent homes in a Dakshineswar slum with support from our Swiss-German group "Stiftung CR."

The Vermicomposting Project in Dakshineswar, supported by CESC, turns organic waste into manure, providing livelihoods and waste disposal solutions.
Our Educational Project achieved outstanding board exam results this year.
"Life Skills," a new initiative with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, offers vocational training and essential skills to CR students.
Progress on renovating our new educational centre "Pathshala" is steady.



Our flagship clinic, Talapark, has a fresh look post-renovation, and the State Health Department has renewed our Clinical Establishment License. In the Tangra slum area, our new clinic, funded by Direct Relief of USA, began serving around 7000 slum dwellers in November '22.
We're grateful for generous donations from our supporters. Our Fundraising Team excelled in generating funds and forming partnerships with organizations like GROW.

A huge thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who travelled shared insights and contributed to our progress.

Warm regards,

Sanjay Sapru

OUR JOURNEY TILL NOW

MILESTONES ON OUR JOURNEY

1979
Dr Jack came to Kolkata, set up a street clinic in Middleton Row and started treating street dwellers.

1991
Calcutta Rescue became a registered society from a street clinic.

1991
Tala Park Education Project was established for street children.

2007
The first mobile clinic hit the road of Kolkata to provide doorstep delivery of medical checkups and medicine delivery.

2015
Nimtala Clinic, the wound care specialist clinic opened.

2017
A second mobile clinic hit the road to provide healthcare in more slum areas.

2018
Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) survey was conducted across slums.

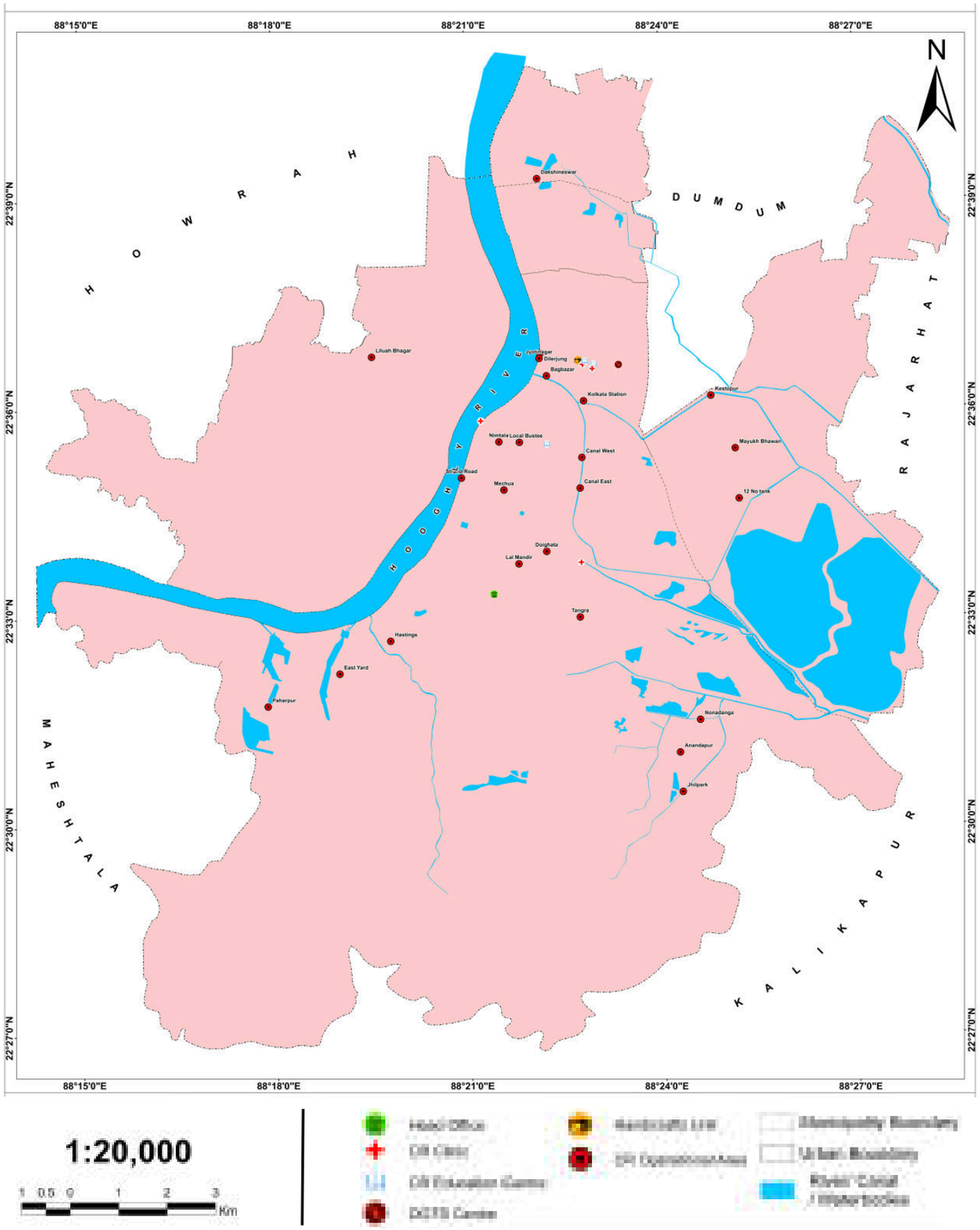
2019
Based on the MPI data, a customised & holisitc strategy has been adopted for each slum area to improve healthcare, education and living standards.

2020
Community Health Workers who live in slums are trained as COVID warriors.

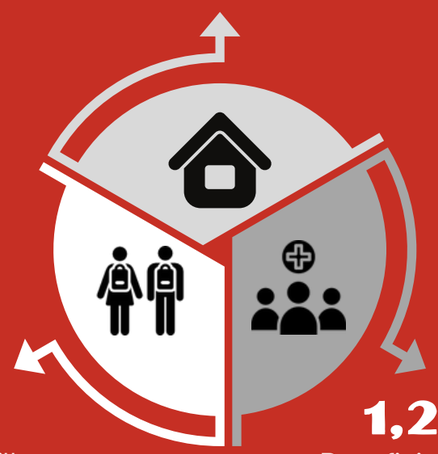
2021
Outreach team hired to work with communities on preventive of diseases and healthier living.

2022
CR builds pucca housing and initiates vermicomposting income-generating project in Dakhineshwar slum.

OUR IMPACT - OPERATIONAL AREA



50
Slums covered till now



3,650
Students educated till now

1,250,000
Beneficiaries reached till now

HEALTHCARE

Fixed Clinic

- Fixed Clinics - **4**
- Total patients covered – **2904**
- Area catered –

  Patients from Kolkata and other districts like South 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Howrah, North 24 Parganas, Bardhhaman and Murshidabad

Street Medicine

- Mobile Clinics - **2**
- Total patients covered - **1529**
- Total slum catered to - **17**

Outreach

- Outreach teams – **2**
- Total slum covered – **10**
- Total sessions completed – **397**
- Total beneficiaries reached – **7119**
  - **Male – 203**
  - **Female - 6387**
  - **Adolescent Boys – 36**
  - **Adolescent Girls – 493**

Pharmacy

- No of variety of medicines – **520 Items**
- Value of annually issued medicines – **Rs. 1,47,97,378/-**
- Value of annually issued vaccine – **Rs. 58,82,309/-**

Tala Park Clinic

The largest fixed clinic, based in the heart of Kolkata, provides free treatment to various types of patients, including those with cardiac, diabetic, renal, cancer, pneumology, neurology, endocrinology, rheumatology, thalassemia, speech and physiotherapy, HIV. It also offers mother and child care services, special education for its specially-abled children, mental counselling, nutrition and sanitary packs.

Over the last two years, this clinic has been placing a greater emphasis on prevention by introducing various vaccinations for all age groups, such as HPV, Influenza, and Pneumonia vaccines.

Registered patients in the last FY	No. of patients catered with medication support	No. of patients catered with nutrition support	Patients vaccinated in the last FY
1889	1045	636	1239

Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in India, caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV), but early identification and treatment can save lives.

The project is the brainchild of Dr Moona Rakhit who is a supporter from the UK where women are routinely screened for these diseases. The cancer screening project was initially piloted for female HIV patients. Staff were first trained. Then our women beneficiaries, aged 25 to 45, were educated about cervical cancer and then screened. The pilot was a great success. There is now a good demand among CR's women beneficiaries to get themselves screened.

116
number of screenings done

5
women had abnormal cervical cells removed

16
HPV DNA detected

Empowering Tumpa's Journey

At 26, Tumpa faced a lifetime of health challenges under Calcutta Rescue's care—diagnosed with leprosy (now cured) and a heart condition requiring ongoing monitoring. Despite her fragile health, she married and had a child.

In August 2021, amidst the pandemic, she discovered another pregnancy. Calcutta Rescue immediately enrolled her in the Mother & Child Health program, conducting vital tests that confirmed her baby's health. However, Tumpa's condition worsened, necessitating multiple hospitalizations arranged by CR staff.

In December 2021, Tumpa gave birth to a daughter prematurely, and her baby required intensive care. Calcutta Rescue provided unwavering support to both mother and child, leading to their thriving health. **Calcutta Rescue is continuing to support the child with nutrition and iron therapy and will assist until she is totally healthy and lifelong support will be provided to Tumpa for her heart condition.**

▶ Urban Dots

Calcutta Rescue's specialised TB clinic works closely with the government. If the government fails to supply the necessary medicines, the clinic ensures the provision of those drugs.

TB patients often develop additional health problems due to having weaker immune systems. The clinic offers extra support for TB patients with various conditions, including cardiac, diabetic, pneumology, neurology, endocrinology, rheumatology, and more. In addition to free medicines, the clinic provides house visits, health education, nutrition counselling, vital checks for patients, physiotherapy, counselling services, fundoscopy, adult vaccinations, and dressing changes. The clinic also offers various investigations such as blood tests, ultrasounds (USG), and electrocardiograms (ECG).

351
Registered patients in the last FY

164
Patients cured

Mrinmoy's TB Battle: A Story of Resilience and Recovery

> "I suffered from TB twice."
> -Mrinmoy

In 2015, he was diagnosed while working as a freelance press photographer. He lost his job. He couldn't afford medicine until he received help from Calcutta Rescue in 2015. He was cured the following year but relapsed in 2017 with drug-resistant TB. Dependent on him, his family struggled, and his wife started tutoring for income. Mrinmoy lost hope but restarted treatment at Calcutta Rescue with his family's support. He was finally completely cured by the end of 2022. Grateful for their continuous support, he now aims to work again and care for his family.

Nimtala Clinic

Calcutta Rescue's specialised wound care clinic. After the Chitpore clinic (CR's leprosy clinic) was closed the previous financial year, the patients were transferred to the Nimtala clinic. Nimtala Clinic receives the largest number of patients with wounds, which are often gruesome and critical. Most patients are street dwellers and homeless people. Alongside wound dressing, the clinic provides health education, nutrition, counselling, vital checkups, physiotherapy, fundoscopy, adult vaccinations, and hospitalization for severely ill patients in nursing homes and hospitals.

2739
Patients attended in the last FY

197
Registered patients in the last FY

11
Patients cured in the last FY

Ava's Second Chance: Battling Infection and Amputation

Ava, a 58-year-old widow, survived leprosy thanks to Calcutta Rescue three years ago but suffered severe foot damage. She also has diabetes and high blood pressure. Living 14 km from the clinic, she regularly visited for care but suddenly stopped for a month. A quick call from the clinic revealed that her recovering leprosy wounds had become infected and due to her high blood sugar, it turned fatal quickly, requiring immediate hospitalization. Nimtala clinic team immediately started the journey to admit her into a hospital. After she was finally hospitalized doctors amputated her leg to save her life. Now, CR cares for her wounds and plans to provide an artificial limb. Ava's son, Kiran, expressed immense gratitude to CR for their support during this challenging time.

Dr. Gazi Mohibor Rahaman Memorial Free Clinic, Tangra

467
Registered patients in the last FY

282
No. of patients catered with medication support

376
No. of patients catered with nutrition support

240
Patients vaccinated in the last FY

Started in November 2022, Tangra clinic is the newest clinic of Calcutta Rescue. Named after the memory of **Dr. Gazi Mohibor Rahaman (1958-2021)** lovingly called Dr. Bobby, former Chief Executive of Calcutta Rescue and Governing Council member, this clinic caters to the huge number of patients of the Tangra slum area.

For around a decade, CR's mobile clinic had been visiting Tangra slums. The demand for our services has increased exponentially in recent years, which the mobile clinic was unable to adequately meet. Therefore CR decided to approach donors to fund a new fixed clinic in this vicinity. And was fortunate enough to get funding from an exceptional partner in Direct Relief International USA.

Alauddin's Journey from Neglect to Care

Calcutta Rescue's Community Health Worker found 81-year-old Alauddin sleeping outdoors in Tangra slum area. Neglected by his children, he was suffering from high blood sugar and chronic pneumonia. He was brought to the clinic for treatment, which included medication, inhalers, and nutritional support.

Alauddin, who previously lived in a slum under a flimsy plastic sheet, has seen improvement in his health due to months of care from Calcutta Rescue. With the help of his daughter and the Community Health Worker, he received food and expressed gratitude towards the organization.

Street Medicine

Calcutta Rescue's street medicine program involves dedicated healthcare professionals providing essential medical services, including basic check-ups, vaccinations, and health education, to marginalized populations living on the streets or in slums. It monitors those already with disease-preventing further deterioration in health, as well as expectant and new mothers, and their newborns. This grassroots approach aims to address the unique health challenges faced by these communities and improve their overall well-being.

Street Medicine programme has appointed some Community Health Workers (CHWs) slum basis who play a crucial role in delivering accurate medical services and raising awareness in a language that the community understands.

Registered patients	1,529
Total children vaccination	488
Total adult vaccination	310
Total number of people receiving food	734
Total number of people receiving medicine	1,084
Total number of campaigns	419
Average no. of benefits bag distributed	629 packs per month
Average no. of medicine supplied to	1,594 patients per month
Attended pregnant mothers	155 annual average
Attended lactating mothers	482 annual average
Quantum of birth control distributed	46,565

Surviving Tragedy: Mehrin's Healing Path

Mehrin, a 20-year-old, had a life-altering encounter when her estranged husband attacked her with a can of flammable liquid while she was collecting water with her young son. Both Mehrin and her husband were set on fire, and she suffered severe burns. She was quickly rushed to the hospital, but her husband didn't survive.

Living in the Hastings slum, Mehrin received crucial support from Calcutta Rescue's street medicine teams. They dressed her wounds, provided medication, nutrition, and counseling for her and her traumatized three-year-old son. Project Arpan also supplied food packets to the family. A community health worker monitored her progress daily.

Mehrin is steadily improving, but she requires ongoing follow-up and dressing for several more months until her full recovery. Calcutta Rescue's support was crucial during this challenging time, helping both Mehrin and her son regain their emotional well-being.

Outreach

Started in the latter part of 2021, Calcutta Rescue's awareness and prevention of diseases approach is called Outreach. Two teams are deployed in 10 slum areas. Each team consists of 3 members who provide the slum dwellers with awareness sessions through interactive discussions.

They also communicate directly with the designated Community Health Workers (CHWs) of the slum area and train them as well to serve their slum areas.

Major method of organized awareness sessions.

Major topics discussed in the awareness sessions

Female

Family Planning

- Definition, the right age of pregnancy
- Reproductive anatomy, menstruation, pregnancy
- Benefits of family planning
- Contraceptives (COC, IUD, Condom), give informed choice

Mother & Child Health

- Healthy Pregnancy: Ante-Natal check up
- Safe Birth: Danger signs during pregnancy & risks
- Nutrition: Iron, Folic Acid, Vit A, Calcium, Iodine (Sources & deficiency disease)
- Breastfeeding and good breast-feeding practices
- Complementary feeding
- Newborn care & importance of immunisation
- Started with Focus Group Discussion: Family Planning & Mother & Child Health (on specific questionnaire)

Male

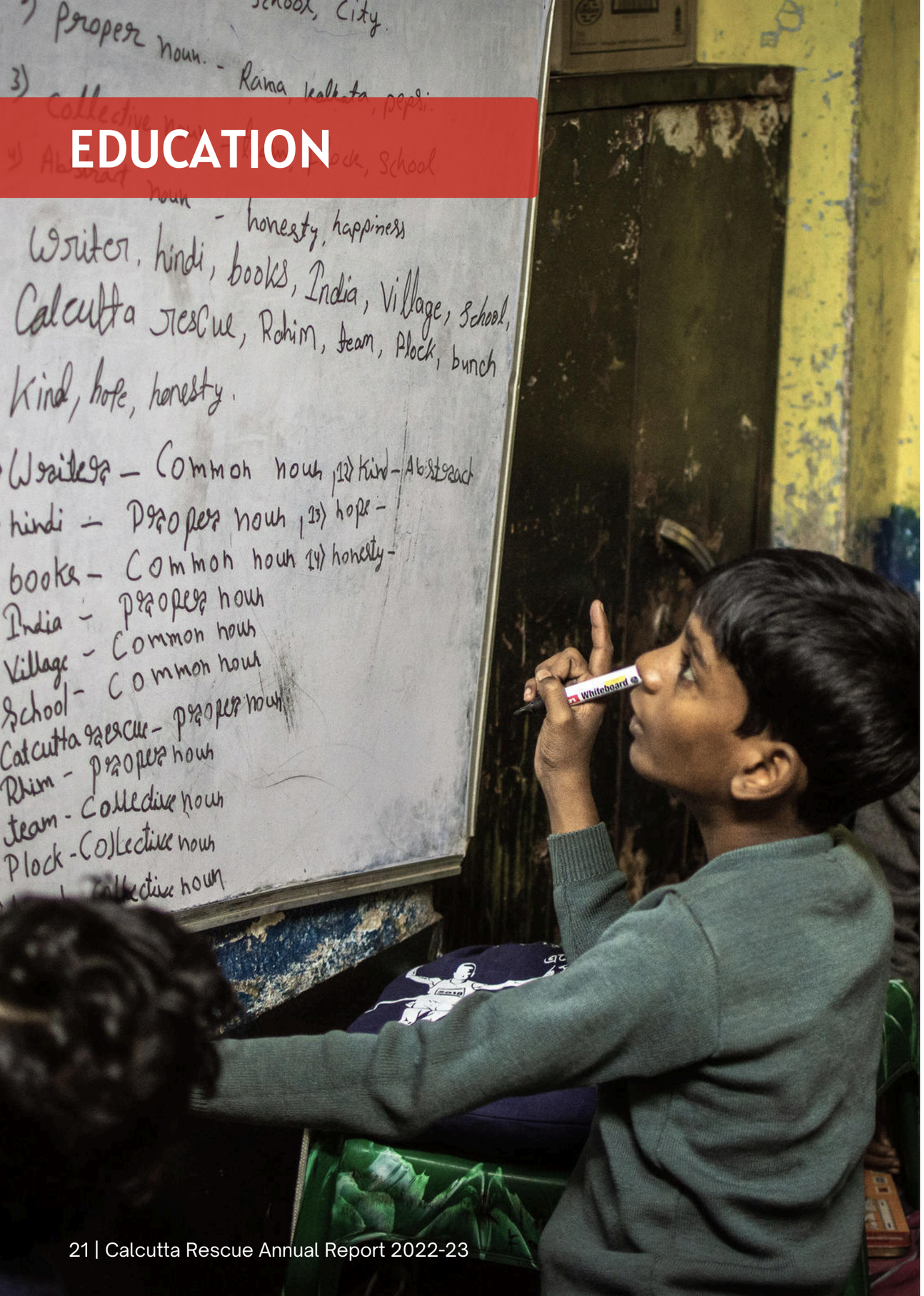
Family Planning

- Definition, the right age of pregnancy
- Reproductive anatomy, menstruation, pregnancy
- Benefits of family planning
- Contraceptives (COC, IUD, Condom), give informed choice

Adolescents

- Changes in puberty & communication skills
- Reproductive anatomy, menstruation, problem tree/ consequences of teenage pregnancy
- Menstrual & personal hygiene, family planning & contraceptives

EDUCATION



There are two education centres of Calcutta Rescue located in north Kolkata which serve street and slum children. Children enter our centres at the preschool stage (called non-formal students) and are later admitted into formal government schools at Class 1 (called formal students). Throughout their school life, they continue to attend CR's centres for two hours every day.

2 Education Centres | **650** Students

Academically, CR's centres focus on maths, English and vernacular to ensure students remain ahead of the curve and minimise the achievement gap. As well as this, students receive nutritious meals, medical and dental care, counselling and social worker support and take part in fun recreational facilities such as dance, drama, art and sports.

From Class 8 onwards, CR's Careers Counsellor and Vocational Skills Training Manager begins interacting with children and their teachers with the aim of gradually guiding our students towards a career of their aspiration and skill set.

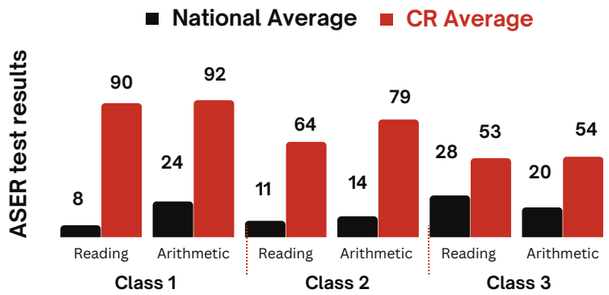
Activities provided through education projects

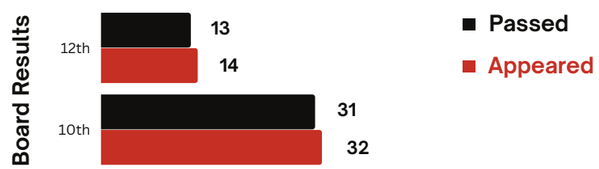
- Remedial Coaching Classes
- Nutrition and Health
- Career Guidance
- Mental Health Counselling
- Extracurricular Activities

Scholarships

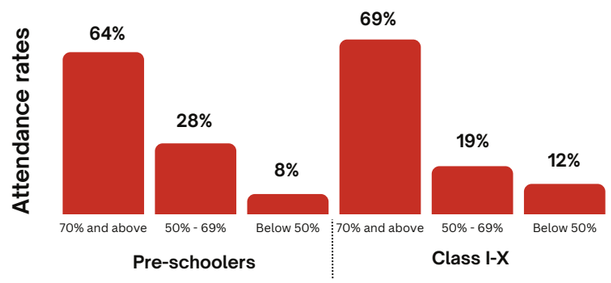
- Ananta Seva Foundation's Vidyaseva scholarship - 17 girls
- ANWESHAN Socio-cultural organisation provided Late Sandhyarani memorial scholarship - 2 girls

Annual Status of Educational Report Tests, also called ASER test is a national-level educational aptitude survey that measures the level of maths, English and vernacular languages of students. The survey is carried out every year by the education NGO, Pratham. Calcutta Rescue also conducts these tests for its students to benchmark their level against the national average. CR students do much better than the national average.





Average attendance in school: CR students are generally regular in school, so they are less vulnerable to the risk of being dropouts, except in special cases when the family relocates to some other place.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING

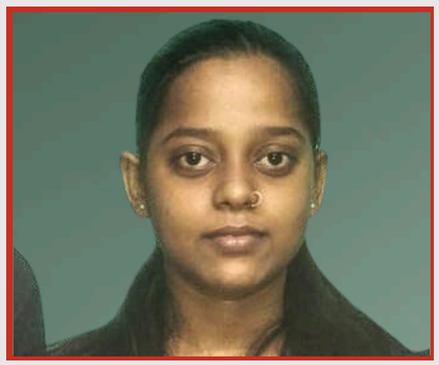
Calcutta Rescue works actively on providing vocational training to students from class 8 onwards. We guide students towards a career of their aspiration and skill set – irrespective of it being an academic career or sports or fine arts. CR also provides the training costs of these vocational courses and supports them till the students are financially independent.

No of Students provided with vocational courses:

1	Beautician	5
2	Nursing	11
3	Soft skills and communication	78
4	Financial accounting programming	1
5	Computer application	37
6	Entrepreneurship and skill development training	95
7	Women footballer orientation	20
8	Exposure visit	17

Empowered by Education

Manisha Kumari Singh scored 84.40% in the Class 12 board examination. She came to Calcutta Rescue at a young age, and her family was left heartbroken and scared after her father's passing, as he was the sole earning member. But without giving up she strived for her future.



"Calcutta Rescue helped me continue my studies, and I was overjoyed to see my marks. The teachers were very supportive, and studying with them and my friends was my best memory. My goal is to secure a government job to secure my family's future."

"I am very happy for my son. I pray that he prospers and make us and Calcutta Rescue even more proud. -Dilip's father

Dilip's Artistic Fulfillment Journey

Dilip grew up in the Dilerjung area, known for the obscurity of the slum area with his parents and older brother. Though not academically inclined, Dilip found solace in the arts, being a shy child.

Dilip was able to pursue an animation course and secure a job with the help of Calcutta Rescue. Despite losing his job during the pandemic, he found work as a texture artist in a media and design company in Hyderabad. Dilip and his family are grateful for the support of Calcutta Rescue.

MENTAL HEALTH

Over the last few years Calcutta Rescue has systemized its mental health care for its students. It began with simple counseling sessions for children who were experiencing difficulties such as trauma, abuse and neglect. While the program continues to do this, it has evolved - and is now addressing issues earlier on in the child's life so they are better prepared for such eventualities. Such issues include child marriage, myths about menstruation, puberty-related issues, cyberbullying and good touch and bad touch.

▶ Gender Sensitisation in Slums

Calcutta Rescue promotes gender sensitivity and inclusivity among students to cultivate a gender-friendly atmosphere from an early age.

With guidance from CR's Research Collaborative, our mental health counsellor conducted a baseline GEM study (Gender Equitable Measurement) to understand the gender sensitivity of our students in 2021. GEM is a well-known valid & reliable measurement scale to find out respondents' attitudes toward gender. The study was conducted on 282 students from class 5 to 12. **We found that 40% of girls and 34% of boys already consider men and women to be equivalent.** Based on certain responses we understood our students' views on violence against women, gender discrimination & gender-based violence.

To minimize the gender gaps and to promote gender equality CR has taken certain interventions like regular parents' interactions on certain topics like gender roles, stereotypical behaviour, early marriage hazards, the importance of educating a girl child etc, external resource person sensitizing about gender issues to students & parents, gender equality training for education team members where after the training we tried to promote more gender friendly classrooms & more empathetic behaviours from the students, teachers started using gender-neutral languages & working on to avoid stereotyping & gender biases.

Formation of Boys Club

As a part of the gender equality project, we formed an after-school boys club where adolescents' boys meet up regularly & express their issues, challenges of this age & ways to overcome social taboos.
Boys Club offers them a safe space where they can share their views without being judged/criticized. Students whatever learnt during group counselling sessions, discuss with their peer groups in the community as well. As a part of the Boys Club, they are engaged in different activities like poster making on different topics like early marriage, gender inequality, gender-based violence, dowry, eve teasing, the importance of girls' education etc.
The boy advocates - who are proactive boys club members are also working to break the stereotypical thoughts associated with gender. They are speaking in front of their community members on issues like girls' safety & education, gender roles & women's rights.

Life Skill Training

Skills such as time management and problem-solving are vital tools for young people in today's fast-paced and competitive world, but few schools in India teach them.
They are doubly important for children whose parents are not literate and who are growing up in a slum, which is why Calcutta Rescue has begun teaching these life skills, plus others such as critical thinking, collaboration, and leadership.

Starting from June 2022, the training started with 32 girls aged between 12 to 18 for the lessons. In early 2023, the program resumed with 126 girls and 126 boys of the same age and CR's counselling team. Through these life skill lessons, Calcutta Rescue aims to provide its students with the tools they need to succeed in life and become self-sufficient individuals who can make a positive impact on their families and communities.

LIVING STANDARDS

Calcutta Rescue felt the need for Living Standards after conducting a large-scale survey in 2019 on the lines of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI). The survey analysed various aspects of poverty in the slum areas CR works in.

The Living Standards focus on improving access to clean drinking water, proper sanitation, durable concrete lanes and homes in slums, and solid waste management projects. This vertical is also responsible for the implementation of CR's Safe Drinking Water program in 12 villages in Malda.

Sanitation Project

- Total no. of toilets constructed- **54**
- Total no. of slums covered- **7**
- Total no. of beneficiaries access sanitation facilities- **7000**

Hygiene Practices

- Total no. of Hand washing Station constructed - **6**
- Total no. of slum covered- **1**
- Total no. of beneficiaries reached- **1000**

Safe Drinking Water Project

- No. of arsenic filter installed- **13**
- No. of villages covered- **12**
- No. of people access safe drinking water- **9000**

Solid Waste Management

- No. of vermicompost pit constructed- **2**
- No. of community members involved- **3**
- **5526 kg** of collected solid waste converted to- **657 kg** of vermicompost

Household Construction

- No. of house constructed- **60** (ongoing)
- No. of slum covered- **1**
- No. of people benefited- **250**

Concretization of Lanes

- Lane concretized- **1140 sq ft**
- No. of lane included- **15**

Project KIRAN

Surging populations, coupled with the ever-increasing demand for sustenance, have led to the generation of huge quantities of waste leading to landfills throughout the globe. In the slums of developing countries like India, it is a further challenge. Urban slums are generally signified by a high density of low-income earners, and unemployed populations coupled with poor infrastructural facilities and unhygienic conditions.

To address the issue locally, 'Metro Colony' slum in Dakshineswar is one such area where Calcutta Rescue, with CESC's support, is intervening with a small-scale vermicompost plant so the biodegradable waste can be prevented from reaching landfills, reducing carbon footprint and generate a sustainable income for local residents of the slums.

To sustain the project, a Self Help Group (SHG) was formed with proactive womenfolk. Workshops and sessions were done to help them understand the necessity of the solid waste management project in the slum from both hygiene and income generation prospects.

Three dedicated individuals, including two women and one man, lead the compost project, with additional support from women in the Self-Help Group (SHG). This initiative has sparked positive change among the women in the slum community.

Manika Rajbangshi, residing in Dakshineswar slum with her family, actively manages the vermicompost work alongside her husband. In contrast, her son works as a daily labourer.

Manika, an active SHG member and co-founder of the compost project, shared her transformative experience with Calcutta Rescue, saying,

> **We aimed to improve our financial stability for a hassle-free life, and Calcutta Rescue provided us with that opportunity.**

Jharna Das, another member of the vermicompost unit, lives with her husband, daughter, and grandson. Her husband's work as a daily labourer was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jharna's unwavering commitment to the compost project earned her a spot as a worker through her active participation in SHG discussions. Jharna echoed the same enthusiasm as her colleague stating,

> **I'm supporting my family with the income from this vermicompost project.**

With the guidance and support of Calcutta Rescue, Manika and Jharna have become essential contributors to the Dakshineswar compost project.

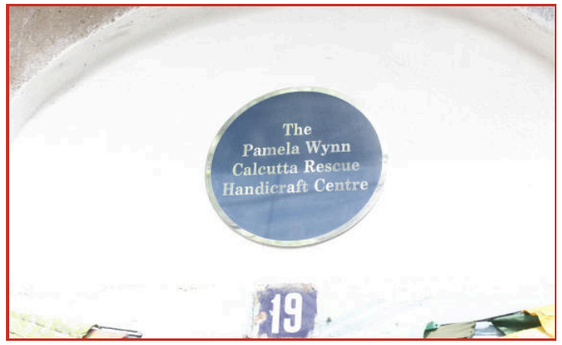
Several group members have already taken the initiative to sell compost packets each month, with Jyotsna selling 25 kg through her personal connections and Mangala, a domestic worker, selling 15 kg from her own network. This project has not only improved their community's engagement but also brought people together in their slum community.

HANDICRAFTS

Calcutta Rescue's Fairtrade handicrafts project has been named after UK volunteer **Pamela Wynn** who set it up 31 years ago to provide work for sick and unemployed people in Kolkata.

For most of that time, she spent six months to a year in India helping to run the project. Pamela Wynn was the one who raised funds and kept it going. The handicraft centre now sports a blue plaque over the door in her honour - a tradition which originates in the UK where blue plaques are erected on buildings linked to people who make a significant contribution to public life.

The project provides training and employment to Calcutta Rescue's past patients who do not have any other way to earn money, students who dropped out of formal education, and domestic abuse survivors.



No. of beneficiaries employed

36

Types of product

- **Hand embroidery cards**
- **Key rings**
- **CR school dress**
- **CR patients' clothes**

Restoration of Livelihoods Project

The pandemic decimated livelihoods and slashed already abysmally low household incomes. CR decided to use its Handicrafts unit during this time to help resurrect the situation in these struggling households. A 3-month training course was designed on Tailoring and Hand Embroidery for people residing in the slums.

Top-performing students are given sewing machines upon completing the course to start their own business or work.

What do they learn?

Tailoring, Cutting and Hand Embroidery Training

No. of trainings conducted

5 (each batch contains 18-20 trainees)

No. of participants

90

Thread of Hope: Shaista's Path to Independence

Shaista, a 28-year-old girl, has been diligently supporting her needy family. Residing in Howrah's slums with her parents and four siblings, she faces numerous challenges. Her father, the sole breadwinner, works as a utensil polisher. One of her brothers is undergoing treatment for drug addiction, incurring considerable expenses. The other siblings are attending school.

Determined to assist her family, Shaista enrolled in CR's vocational training program's 3rd session. **She excelled in the workshop and is now a skilled tailor, earning a monthly income of approximately Rs. 1200.00. CR's handicraft project provided her with a sewing machine and selected her for additional training in tailoring and hand embroidery.**

Shaista has made remarkable progress in her professional skills and serves as an inspiring example to women in conservative society. We salute change-makers like Shaista who catalyze positive transformations in their lives and societal mindsets.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Calcutta Rescue for providing me with the opportunity to bring positive change and financial stability into my life.

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NGO hosts gender workshops for Kolkata teachers

School or the classroom should be a safe space for the children to share what they want, says Anindita Majumdar of Equidiversity Foundation

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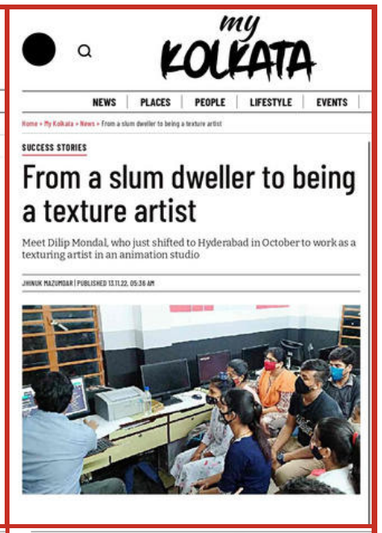
GENDER EQUALITY

NGO forms club for Kolkata slum boys to open up

Space for students to share vulnerabilities



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SUCCESS STORIES

From a slum dweller to being a texture artist

Meet Dilip Mondal, who just shifted to Hyderabad in October to work as a texturing artist in an animation studio

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TRAVEL FOR A CAUSE

A road trip from Netherlands to Kolkata on less than 2000 Euros

Hans Verdonschot crossed 10 countries in three weeks to raise funds for street children in Kolkata & show the importance of public transport

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CALCUTTA RESCUE

Mothers attend sessions on parenting

NGO Calcutta Rescue, which works with underprivileged children and their families, conducts several sessions with 200-odd parents

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The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence Appreciation The Caring Mind Awards for A School That Cares

HR & ADMINISTRATION

Offsite Strategy Workshop

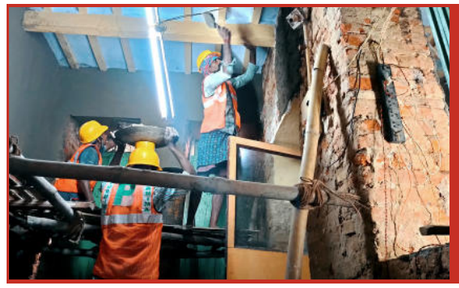
During February 2023, Calcutta Rescue hosted a two-day offsite strategy training workshop in Rasulpur, Bardhamaan District. Over two days, approximately 50 senior and middle management professionals, alongside members hailing from the Support Group, Governing Council, and Management Team, engaged deeply in discussions regarding the organization's strategy, values, planning, and effective implementation.

Staff Recreation

A staff gathering was organized on a river cruise in mid-September for CR employees, Governing Council members, and a few staff family members. The event was graced by the generosity of individual donors. A total of 49 staff members were honoured for their exceptional dedication during the pandemic, the successful execution of Project Arpan, the biggest dry ration distribution drive by Calcutta Rescue, and 25 years of committed service. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees.

Thanks to Karin & Jolly, our supporters, for making it happen because they wanted to give staff a special treat, following our work during COVID.

New Education Project Building Update



Around 90% of the renovation work at 20 Iswar Mill Lane is completed. We have received the Kolkata Municipal Corporation approval for the construction of two new additional rooms on the 1st and top floors. With everything looking great, we hope that it will be completed in early 2024.

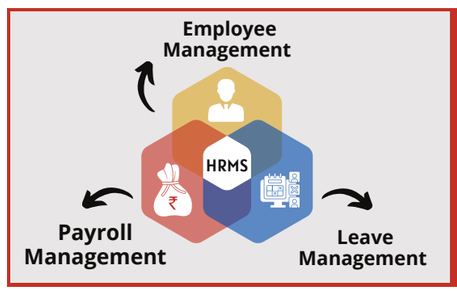
Beneficiary Management System

Calcutta Rescue introduced Beneficiary Management System (BMS) in September 2022 to record patients' data digitally.

For the past 40 years details of all patients and students have been meticulously stored as paper records filling up dozens of old filing cabinets.

Now CR has invested in a computer system to store all patient and student records and has managed to purchase laptops and tablets which staff can use to access them.

Human Resource Management System



GreytHR, one of the leading cloud-based HRMS and payroll software in India, has provided online training to admin personnel. After getting conversant with the process, training sessions will be conducted for other staff. And slowly the whole process of staff management will become digital as well.

RESEARCH

Over the past few years, Calcutta Rescue (CR) has actively expanded its research activity. CR has identified developed an institutional research strategy focuses on three core research areas:

- **research on the multidimensional nature of poverty;**
- **research on nutrition especially in pregnant & lactating women and children; and**
- **research on factors related to the prevention of diseases and the promotion of mental health.**

CR research is currently coordinated by a task force group consisting of former long-term volunteers with a research background and/or specific expertise in a particular field, Jaydeep Chakraborty (CEO) and a member of the local staff. The task of the group is to set up a structure for research in the CR context and to ensure rigorous quality control and accountability in research undertaken by CR.

The knowledge obtained by the 2019 multidimensional poverty (MPI) study has led to targeted interventions addressing the sanitary needs of slum residents in Dakshineswar (by the installment of toilets and washing stations), and the sexual and reproductive health needs of people living in Nimtala (by health education sessions addressing this topic by the outreach team).

The next round of the MPI is scheduled early 2024 and the preparations for this large research project is now in full swing. The 2024 MPI version will be complemented with a few questions about diseases and healthcare use.

Research has also been carried out in the context of the gender equality program. This program, which focusses at the improvement of gender equality in adolescent boys and girls is evaluated annually by means of standardized questionnaires addressing gender attitudes and norms, attitudes towards- and experience with gender-based violence, gender related behavior and well-being.

VOLUNTEERS

The FY22-23 saw the very welcome return of physical volunteers to Kolkata, following the two-year pandemic.

Calcutta Rescue received medical students from Solidar India, a France based organisation and CR's long-term partner. They volunteered in CR's medical projects.

In August 2022, Calcutta Rescue received two long-term volunteers, one doctor and an auditor, from the UK.

Juliet Evans

Edward Blake

Doctor Juliet Evans volunteered to assist the medical team in reviewing CR's HIV project. She helped identify gaps and provided suggestions for improvement, contributing to the development of health strategies.

While volunteering with Calcutta Rescue, I honed my communication and problem-solving abilities in demanding situations.

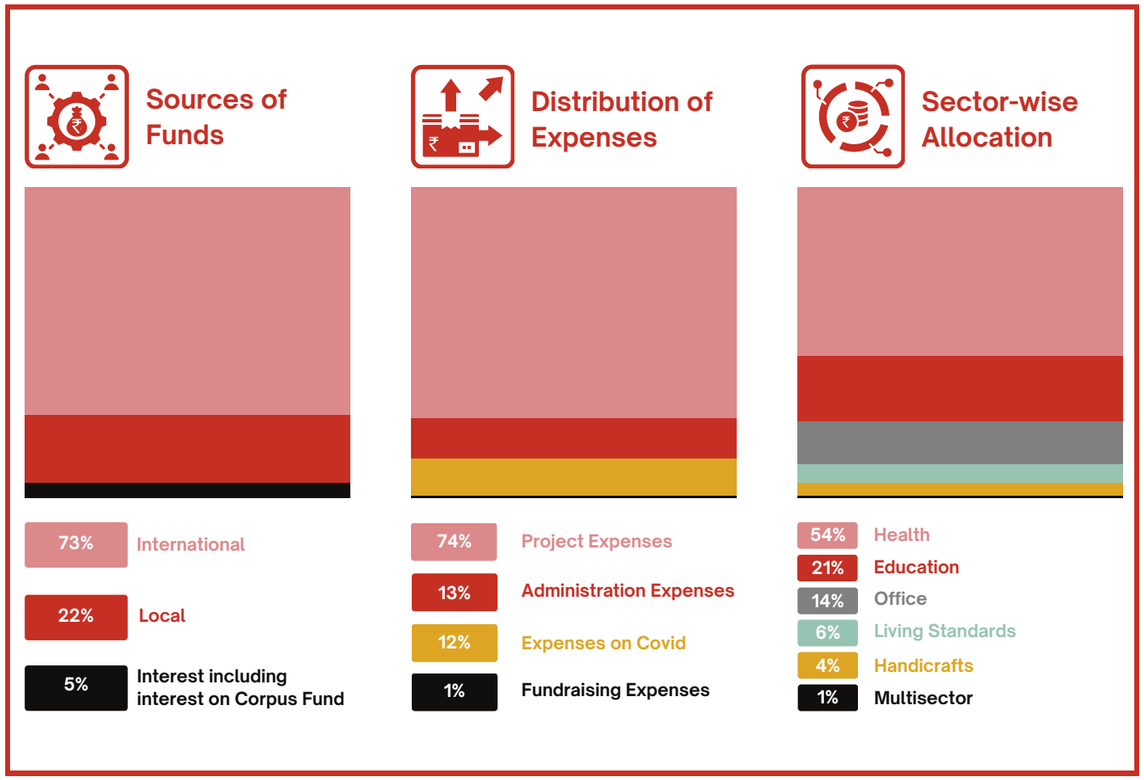
Edward Blake is an auditor by profession who helped CR's finance, IT and HR & Admin departments with updating policies and helped in developing the organisation's risk management manual.

Calcutta Rescue provided valuable experiences for my future career as I plan to shift to nonprofit sector when I return to London

FINANCIALS

To ensure statutory compliance and reporting to donor agencies, the Annual Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the relevant accounting standards.

We are grateful for the support provided by all our stakeholders, especially donors and partner organisations, who provided the resources necessary to further our work. Across India, finance teams worked together to improve processes and practices and enhance efficiency and productivity.



A summary of the financials is presented below. Specific reports are prepared as per the requirements of the donors and funding agencies. All items of income and expenditure have been accounted for on an accrual basis.

INCOME	2022-2023			2021-2022		
	INR	€	*% of Total*	INR	€	*% of Total*
Donations and Grants		**1€=INR 88**			**1€=INR 88**	
Local	3,20,79,007	3,64,534	22%	2,48,21,214	2,82,059	20%
Local -in Kind	3,99,519	4,540	-	38,00,649	43,189	3%
International	10,41,38,689	11,83,394	73%	8,91,49,246	10,13,060	71%
International-in Kind		-		33,73,204	38,332	3%
Earned/Self-Generated Income		-				
Sale of Handicrafts	5,29,872	6,022	-	79,515	904	
Interest including interest on Corpus Fund	63,66,338	72,345	5%	42,39,133	48,172	3%
Other Income	1,39,673	1,587	-	1,64,190	1,866	
TOTAL INCOME	**14,36,53,098**	**16,32,422**	**100**	**12,56,27,151**	**14,27,582**	**100%**
EXPENDITURE					-	
Programme	8,55,73,467	9,72,426	74%	8,22,37,233	9,34,514	71%
Expenses on Covid -19	1,31,78,393	1,49,754	12%	1,96,22,416	2,22,982	17%
Fund Raising	10,93,891	12,431	1%	3,64,660	4,144	
Management Administration(Office)	1,54,29,934	1,75,340	13%	1,42,16,736	1,61,554	12%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**11,52,75,685**	**13,09,951**	**100**	**11,64,41,045**	13,23,194	**100%**
SURPLUS	**2,83,77,413**	**3,22,471**		**91,86,106**	1,04,388	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 31-3-23

Building Funds

Particulars	INR	€ INR 88
Opening balance as on 1-4-2022	**60,14,345**	**68,345**
Add		
Bank Interest earned during the year	3,00,717	**3,417**
Donation received during the year	76,40,000	**86,818**
Less		
Utilised during the year	50,42,000	**57,295**
Unspent balance as on 31-3-2023	**89,13,062**	**1,01,285**

Investments as on 31-3-23

Particulars	31.3.2023	31.3.2023	31.3.2022	31.3.2022
	INR	€ =INR 88	INR	€ =INR 88
Fixed deposits with Banks & 8% Government Bonds	9,02,44,458	10,25,505	7,19,29,350	8,17,379
Dr Jack's Benevolent Fund - Corpus (including bank interest earned)	2,61,96,423	2,97,687	2,54,21,531	2,88,881
Total	**11,64,40,881**	**13,23,192**	**9,73,50,881**	**11,06,260**

Balance Sheet 31-3-23

	31.03.2023	31.03.2023	31.03.2022	31.03.2022
	INR	€	INR	€
ASSETS		**€1= INR 88**		**€1= INR 88**
Fixed Assets	4,17,26,808	4,74,168	3,62,73,827	4,12,203
Investment (including Dr Jacks Benevolent Fund -Corpus)	11,64,40,881	13,23,192	9,73,50,881	11,06,260
Inventory	27,30,247	31,026	36,58,740	41,577
Sundry Debtors	18,000	205	3,565	40
Cash & Bank Balances	2,05,12,908	2,33,101	1,13,63,866	1,29,135
Advances	26,50,631	30,121	22,21,108	25,240
Other Assets and Deposits	29,09,126	33,058	22,17,590	25,200
Total	**18,69,88,601**	**21,24,871**	**15,30,89,577**	**17,39,654**
LIABILITIES				
General Fund	9,05,15,674	10,28,587	7,21,42,818	8,19,805
Building Fund	89,13,062	1,01,285	60,14,345	68,345
Specific Fund	4,67,98,714	5,31,804	3,69,15,351	4,19,493
Dr. Jack's Benevolent Fund - Corpus (including interest)	2,61,96,423	2,97,687	2,54,21,531	2,88,881
Corpus Fund	51,28,240	58,275		
Current Liabilities & Provisions	94,36,488	1,07,233	1,25,95,532	1,43,131
Total	**18,69,88,601**	**21,24,871**	**15,30,89,577**	**17,39,655**

PROGRAM WISE EXPENSES

	2022-2023			2021-2022		
	% Of Total	INR	€ 1= INR 88	% Of Total	INR	€ 1= INR 88
HEALTH (CLINICS, HIV, IMMUNISATION, COVID VACCINATION)	**36%**	4,10,72,115	4,66,729	**41%**	4,75,38,680	5,40,212
URBAN DOTS	**1%**	17,63,667	20,042	**1%**	14,70,101	16,706
STREET MEDICINE, ARSENIC DISABILITY	**13%**	1,49,64,768	1,70,054	**16%**	1,88,20,559	2,13,870
EDUCATION	**16%**	1,79,53,959	2,04,022	**14%**	1,60,58,754	1,82,486
HANDICRAFTS	**4%**	41,59,420	47,266	**3%**	38,19,249	43,401
FUND RAISING, MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION(Office)	**14%**	1,65,23,825	1,87,771	**13%**	14581396	1,65,698
MAIN STORE AND PHARMACY	**3%**	39,17,949	44,522	**3%**	37,47,912	42,590
LIVING STANDARD- CONSTRUCTION OF TOILETS,TEMPORARY DWELLINGS VERMICOMPOSTING,OTHERS	**6%**	66,42,152	75,479	**3%**	36,60,712	41,599
ARPAN DRY RATION DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM	**1%**	9,93,539	11,290	**3%**	36,50,000	41,477
AZIM PREMJI PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVE	**6%**	72,84,291	82,776	**3%**	30,93,682	35,155
TOTAL	**100**	11,52,75,685	13,09,951	**100**	**11,64,41,045**	13,23,194

Unspent Balances 31-3-2023

Program	INR	€1=INR 88
Boarding School	12,47,637	14,178
Computer for Schools	7,87,511	8,949
Depreciation Fund	1,67,69,730	1,90,565
Education Program	17,86,895	20,306
Arsenic Program	4,53,649	5,155
Living Standard	6,62,148	7,524
Street Medicine	18,92,498	21,506
Balrampur Foundation	25,33,065	28,785
Infrastructure cost for Handicraft project	11,20,484	12,733
Direct Relief	1,43,76,037	1,63,364
American Friends of Edelgive Foundation	7,40,651	8,416
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives	37,27,607	42,359
Medical Project	2,50,681	2,849
Solidar India	2,69,660	3,064
Vocational training Urban Kolkata	1,80,315	2,049
Kiran Project (CESC)	146	2
Total	**4,67,98,714**	**5,31,804**

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–Rabindranath Tagore