

# Annual Overview 2015 - 2016



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# FROM THE FOUNDER-DIRECTOR

Dear Supporters,

I would like to firstly thank you most sincerely for your incredible generosity in supporting the work of HOPE as we thrive to enrich the lives of children and communities living in abject poverty across the city of Kolkata. To have achieved so much, reaching over 2.3 million individuals in 17 years, is a true testament to the dedication, hard work and passion of our HOPE teams; staff, volunteers, loyal donors and corporates, dedicated students, local supporters and well-wishers. Without your selfless contributions and time, our outreach to those most in need would simply not be possible.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your loyal support to HOPE over the past years. Charities in Ireland are going through a particularly hard time for all the wrong reasons.

The Hope Foundation and its implementing partner organisations continue to alleviate extreme poverty across the city of Kolkata, Howrah and neighbouring districts of West Bengal. HOPE works to build sustainable future's for whole communities, by empowering and enabling street and slum dwellers with knowledge, access and services, so they can become their own drivers of real and long-term change.

Despite our reach and success to date, 42% of the Indian population remains forced to survive below the international poverty line, resulting in one third of the world's poor now calling India their home. HOPE endeavours to continue its development work, in line with the new Sustainable Development Goals, to reduce this staggering statistic.

I am delighted to share with you HOPE's progress in raising increasing in-country funding for HOPE projects in India, which in turn will ensure the sustainability of our work. This will place a greater emphasis on local Indian donors and Government departments to take greater responsibility and a more active role in the development of their nation, at each societal level.

We have introduced a new Results-Based Management system for each of our projects in India. This system continues to ensure that each of our projects are working to provide the utmost of care to each individual beneficiary and to ensure that potential challenges faced are addressed. This system also ensures project outcomes are being achieved in line with HOPE's overall strategic mission and ensures that the most cost-effective and impactful methods of service delivery continue to be utilised.

We do hope you continue to support our work and vision in which '*It should never hurt to be a child*' and look forward to working and engaging with you, our supporters, again in 2017.

Every Blessing and Good Wishes to you all,

**Maureen Forrest**  
*Honorary Director*





# FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR



In India, a crime against the girl child starts even before she is born. Gender based violence continues throughout the life cycle –

**Prenatal Phase:** Battering during pregnancy (emotional and physical effects on the

woman; effects on birth); coerced pregnancy; deprivation of food and liquids; sex selective abortion

**Infancy:** Female infanticide; emotional and physical abuse; differential access to food and medical care for girl infants.

**Childhood:** Child marriage; sexual abuse by family members and strangers; differential access to food and medical care; child prostitution.

**Adolescence:** Rape and marital rape; sexual assault; forced prostitution; trafficking in women; courtship violence; economically coerced sex; sexual abuse in the workplace.

**Reproductive Age:** Abuse of women by intimate partners; marital rape; dowry abuse and murders; partner homicide; psychological abuse; sexual abuse in the workplace; sexual harassment; rape; abuse of women with disabilities; legal discrimination.

**Old-age:** Abuse and exploitation of widows.<sup>i</sup>

Child Sex ratio has been on the decline since 1991 and now worst since independence - from 945 for 1000 boys in 1991 to 918 in 2011. According to the World Health Organization, biologically normal child sex ratio ranges from 102 to 106 male per 100 females. Converting it to Indian terms would be 943-980 females per every 1000 males. The accepted reason behind this is sex selective abortion and infanticide. This anti-female bias is not only in rural India but very much observed in Urban India also.

In India over 325,000 children went missing between 2011 and June 2014, an average of nearly 100,000 children goes missing every year (Missing children data presented in Parliament by MHA in August 2014).

Among states, the highest number of untraced cases was reported from West Bengal 7,984, followed by Maharashtra, 5226 and Delhi, 3223. (Provisional data of June 2014 released by MHA). Authentic data on missing children in India is limited and inconsistent but indicates that the numbers are alarming and many such children neither return nor are ever located. The above figures are just tip of the iceberg as countless number of cases goes unreported.

Out of 160,000 children, who were registered missing in West Bengal over the past two years, 15 per cent are found to be male children (preferred for camel jockeying in the UAE).<sup>ii</sup> 70 per cent of 160,000 children going missing were found to have been trafficked into flesh trade.

UNICEF, in a 2011 report, painted a grim picture. It said more than half of children aged five to nine fail to complete their primary education. Both child marriage and child labour discourage girls' education. By age 15, one girl out of every five in West Bengal is married. In contrast, one boy out of 100 is married by this age. More than one quarter of girls are married to men who are ten or more years older. Almost half of female teens are pregnant by age 19. About 1.2 million children aged five to 14 years are working illegally, and represent almost five per cent of the state's total child population.

According to DLHS - 3 (2007-08), West Bengal shows the fifth highest prevalence of child marriage amongst all the states with 54.7% currently married women (age 20-24) being married before 18. The incidence is even higher in rural areas (57.9%). In the high prevalence child marriage districts of West Bengal - Murshidabad (61.04%), Birbhum (58.03%), Malda (56.07%) and Purulia (54.03%) - every second girl is married off before they reach 18, the legal age for girls to get wedded.<sup>iii</sup>

Girls are missing out on the education they need. India is no more considered a poor country and yet many children do not receive quality education. Going to school, as those monitoring progress on the millennium development goal of achieving universal primary education have increasingly realised, is one thing: the quality of the education you get is another. Within government schools pupils face

numerous challenges - Overcrowded classrooms, absent teachers and unsanitary conditions. It is girls, and marginalised groups such as the very poor and the disabled, who are often left behind.

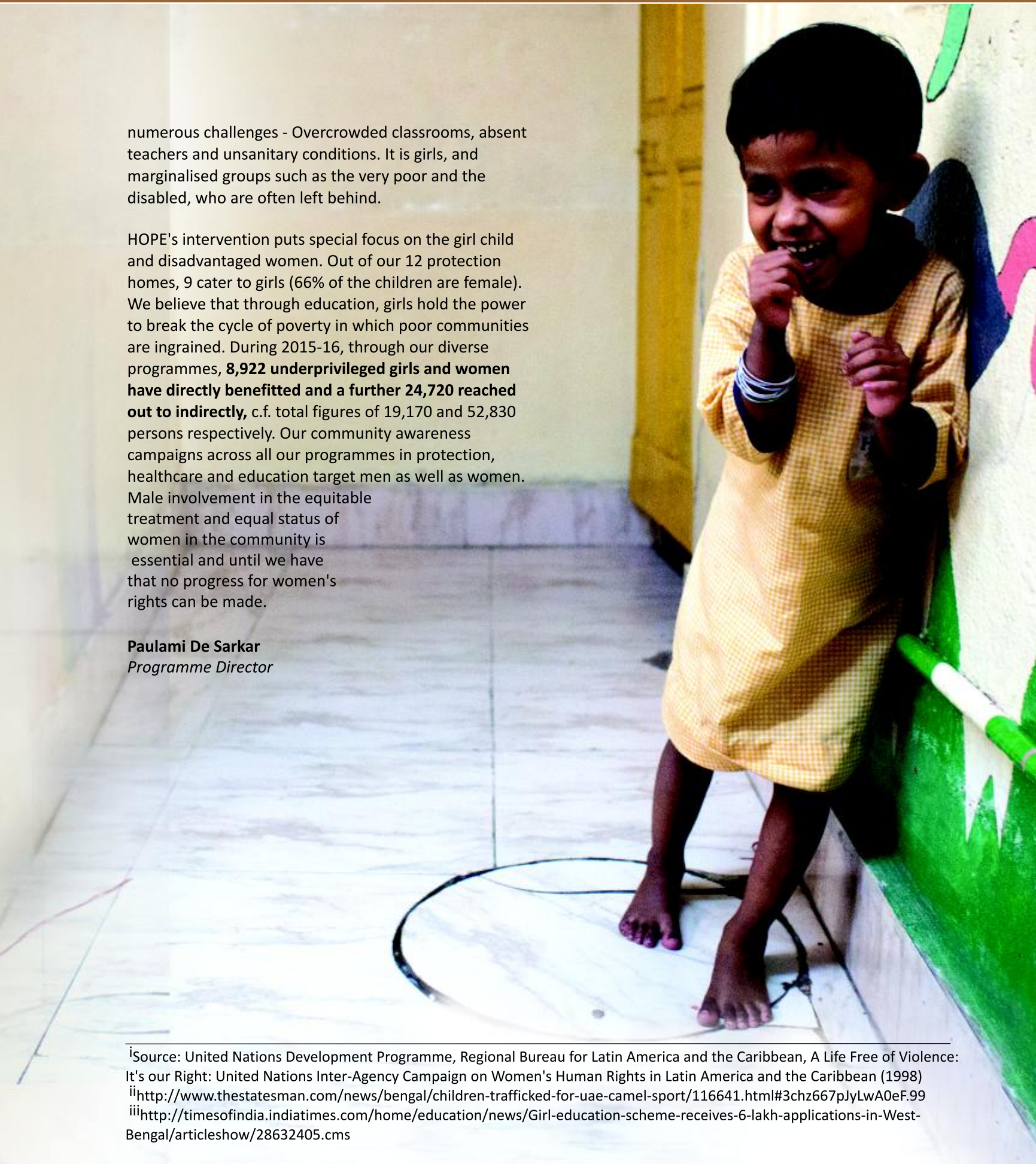
HOPE's intervention puts special focus on the girl child and disadvantaged women. Out of our 12 protection homes, 9 cater to girls (66% of the children are female). We believe that through education, girls hold the power to break the cycle of poverty in which poor communities are ingrained. During 2015-16, through our diverse programmes, **8,922 underprivileged girls and women have directly benefitted and a further 24,720 reached out to indirectly**, c.f. total figures of 19,170 and 52,830 persons respectively. Our community awareness campaigns across all our programmes in protection, healthcare and education target men as well as women. Male involvement in the equitable treatment and equal status of women in the community is essential and until we have that no progress for women's rights can be made.

**Paulami De Sarkar**  
*Programme Director*

<sup>i</sup>Source: United Nations Development Programme, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, A Life Free of Violence: It's our Right: United Nations Inter-Agency Campaign on Women's Human Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean (1998)

<sup>ii</sup><http://www.thestatesman.com/news/bengal/children-trafficked-for-uae-camel-sport/116641.html#3chz667pJyLwA0eF.99>

<sup>iii</sup><http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/education/news/Girl-education-scheme-receives-6-lakh-applications-in-West-Bengal/articleshow/28632405.cms>





# ABOUT OUR ORGANISATION

The Hope Foundation aims to restore basic rights for vulnerable children living in extreme poverty in Kolkata, Howrah and rural West Bengal, India. Our main focus is on street and slum children but we also assist other vulnerable individuals and communities living in abject poverty. The organisation provides protection, education, healthcare and the development of livelihood skills to its beneficiaries through 60 projects. We promote sustainable change in the communities by providing sustainable solutions tackling the root causes of poverty among communities, such as education and health services which complement and build the capacity of the Government's services and by advocating with slum communities for improved living conditions such as improvements to water and sanitation facilities. HOPE implements all its projects in a holistic manner and sustainable manner. By maintaining our community links, children and adults in our care are given the best support possible, stretching beyond the delivery of essential services, providing them with a family and friends that are always there to support them in their path out of poverty. HOPE is committed to achieving the highest levels of international best practice in governance, demonstrating our dedication to transparency and accountability.

In the last year, HOPE has implemented the following key projects: A Primary Health Care programme, established in collaboration with Irish Aid, reaching thousands of people in 35 of Kolkata's slums. This project works through awareness – action – access – advocacy measures to ensure enhanced availability of local healthcare services, greater knowledge and education of health concerns and overall improved health of slum dwellers. HOPE's Holistic Education programme reaches marginalised children in 21 slums, working alongside formal schools to improve educational levels of children with learning difficulties and through the provision of extra tuition for first-generation and never been to school children. HOPE also runs 13 residential protection homes for their holistic development of once abused, neglected, abandoned or orphaned children in a loving and caring environment. Every year over 1,000 children and individuals have directly benefitted through these

homes, our Emergency Response Unit and Crisis Intervention Centres. Our Life Skills Training Institute provides vocational training to young people every year with a focus on young women from high risk and vulnerable backgrounds, offering training in catering, tailoring, computing skills, beautician and hairdressing. The HOPE Hospital which has 32 general beds and 4 ICU beds provides medical care through well equipped inpatient and outpatient departments, with a focus on the poorest and most vulnerable population, particularly street and slum children and their families, we are often deprived such quality healthcare or are unable to afford medical treatment. We also implement a Community based anti-trafficking project, to rescue and rehabilitate victims of trafficking and build the capacity of the community, especially its younger members, to prevent this illicit trade.

# OUR AIM

To support the development of underprivileged sections of society through partnership, support and capacity building

# OUR MISSION

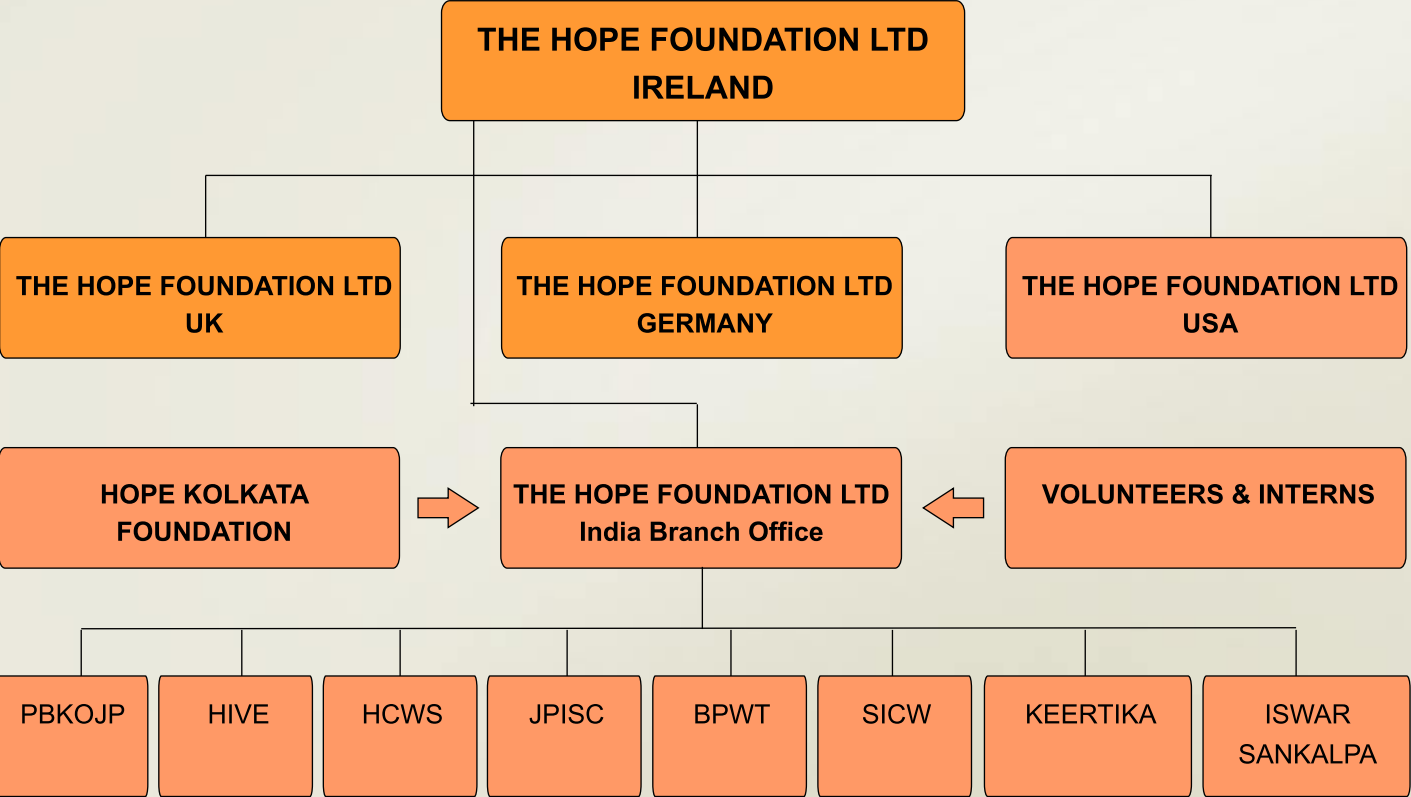
To improve the quality of life for the most marginalised people, primarily in India. Ensuring their basic rights and enhancing their dignity of life, through protection, health, education and economic development in a sustainable life cycle approach. Achieving this mission through fundraising activities and initiatives

# OUR VISION

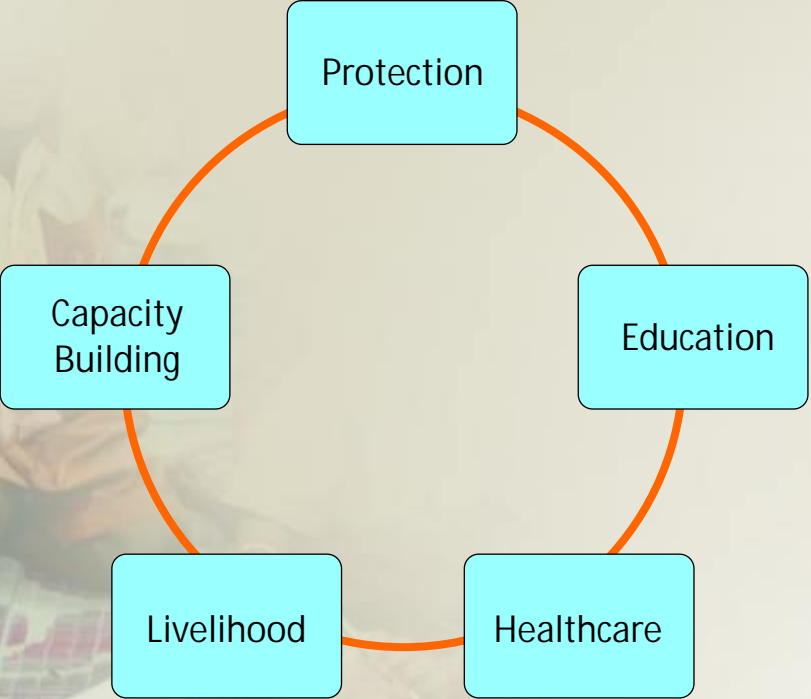
*'A World where it should never hurt to be a child'.*  
Restoring childhoods to children and sustainability to individuals and communities.



# ORGANOGRAM



# OUR PROGRAMMES IN WEST BENGAL



# OUR IMPLEMENTING AGENCY & PARTNERS



## 1. Hope Kolkata Foundation (HKF)

HKF, our Indian implementation agency was established in February 1999 for the protection and development of children surviving on Kolkata's streets and in difficult circumstances. HKF runs 9 Protection units, Education projects in 14 slums; 4 Nabadisha projects with the Community wing of Kolkata Police; Primary Health projects in 21 slums; a Hospital & Pharmacy and a Life Skills Training Institute. More than 800 children come under HKF's sponsorship programme also. HKF strives to create a just and equitable society where people can live a quality life with dignity. HKF works for the holistic development of street children and street and slum communities by providing shelter, nutrition, education, medical and health services, counselling, community awareness, life skills training and recreational activities to children and adolescents under its care and protection.

## 2. Paschim Banga Krira-o-Jana Kalyan Parishad (PBKOJP)

PBKOJP started its activities in the urban pockets of Kolkata in 1999 with a special emphasis on street and working children, sex workers and their children, railway children and children of other marginalized sections of Indian society. Since inception, PBKOJP has initiated programmes in health, income oriented vocational training, counselling, medical support, cricket coaching, relief and rehabilitation of adolescents and children. HOPE partners with PBKOJP in running a Protection Home; Education projects in 3 slums; Primary Health projects in 13 slums and a Vocational Training and Enhanced Skill Development Programme.

## 3. HIVE

The Emergency Response Unit (ERU) is a project delivered by HOPE and HIVE India, a unique service which is the very first initiative of its kind in Kolkata. The Unit reaches out to children primarily, who are underprivileged, and are living alone, fending for themselves on the streets of Kolkata. The ERU also works with trafficked children or women, people who have had an accident on the road and mentally ill people on the streets. The service functions 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, acting as a gateway of relief and source of care for people in crisis and in need of any kind of physical and psychological emergency support. HIVE works closely with the police headquarters at Lalbazar and the Community Police Wing (Civil Police) of Kolkata Police and the service aims to reach the distressed within 20 minutes of receiving a call.





#### 4. Society for Indian Children Welfare (SICW)

SICW is a visionary movement dedicated to the betterment and rehabilitation of children and young adults. It has served destitute, abandoned, orphaned and special needs children for over thirty five years, during which time it has placed more than three thousand children in loving homes across the world, in collaboration with the Central Agency for Resource and Adoption of India.

The Special Needs Unit in collaboration with HOPE was set up in August 2005. The project works with 15 children experiencing special needs, believing this disadvantaged group of children have a right to a quality life of self reliance, independence and specialised support.

A separate unit was set up for our in-house abandoned and orphaned children with varying degrees of Cerebral Palsy, Autism, intellectual and physical disabilities and Down Syndrome.

#### 5. Iswar Sankalpa

Iswar Sankalpa is a non-profit organization which began in 2007 with the hope of reaching out to homeless people with psychosocial disabilities on the streets of Kolkata. With the support of The Hope Foundation's Project Naya Daur, Iswar Sankalpa's flagship programme, is a community based care and support programme for these vulnerable people, who have little services beyond Naya Daur for care and treatment. In the past year Naya Daur ensured 159 clients received treatment, care and support.

#### 6. Bhoruka Public Welfare Trust (BPWT)

BPWT has worked in the area of health since 1979, focusing on blood safety and STD, HIV and AIDS intervention programmes for different vulnerable groups.

"Snehneer" Protection Home is implemented in partnership with HOPE, targeting both infected and affected children of HIV. The children are provided with holistic care (nutritional, educational, psychological, health, protection and care). The home began as a short stay home for children aged 4-12 years, however since April 2016, the home has transformed to a home for girls infected and affected with HIV, up to the age of 18, as per the need at the field level. The home currently caters for 25 girls, 11 of whom have been diagnosed with HIV. Many of the girls are also orphans due to this deadly disease.

#### 7. Jayaprakash Institute of Social Change (JPISC)

JPISC is an academic organization founded in 1973, actively engaging in framing various child protection policies across the state. JPISC also works with children in Government-run protection homes, through the capacity building of care givers for their holistic development. HOPE partners with JPISC in

implementing an education programme in three Government-run homes, primarily providing remedial coaching support to the children. Beyond mainstreaming children to formal schools and working to improve their academic performances, these projects provide counselling and supportive services to assist the children to deal with past traumas and bring about positive changes in their mental, psychological and emotional circumstances.

#### 8. Behala Keertika

Behala Keertika is a non-profit, non-political, non-government organization serving to protect and guide women and children, through the provision of legal awareness and assistance, particularly focusing on those who have experienced abuse, violence or sexual harassment or those who have become victims of trafficking, child marriage or child labour. Keertika home provides girls with a safe refuge from the threats they previously faced and provides each girl with a holistic and sustainable pathway out of harm through the delivery of healthcare, counselling, education, nutrition and recreational activities.

#### 9. Halderchak Chetna Welfare Society (HCWS)

HCWS, registered in 1993, has been working in North and South 24 Parganas of West Bengal, focusing on education, disaster management, the right to food, community health, livelihood, micro-finance and self-help groups and capacity building of local community based organizations. HOPE has been supporting its community based initiative to protect women and children from trafficking since 2006. Amongst the 2 districts of North and South 24 Parganas, the project is implemented across 56 villages and works with the community to prevent future trafficking of girls and women through awareness generation, information dissemination and rescue operations.

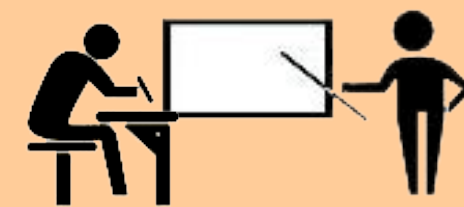
#### 10 Mohammad Bazar Backward Classes Society (MBBCDS)

Founded in 2001, MBBCDS works with marginalized Muslim and tribal women and children in populations which are highly susceptible to sex trafficking and domestic violence. Through education, vocational training and counselling, the organisation empowers women to combat violence and sexual assault, discrimination, demands of high dowry, lack of education for girls and lack of access to systems of employment and public health. The Hope Foundation worked in partnership with MBBCDS from 2005 to 2015. The Education project was formulated through the PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) organized in a Tribal and Muslim community named Kandighi and Sawpara in the district of Birbhum.





# EDUCATION & ADVOCACY



38,198

children have directly  
received educational  
support since 1999.

We worked with

152,792

people indirectly

In 2015 - 16, we gave  
educational support to

7,745

children



#### A. STRENGTHENING RIGHT TO EDUCATION

HOPE does not replicate existing Government services.

HOPE works with formal schools to empower them and their local communities to invest in their children's education.

## 61

Parent-teacher meetings were conducted in formal government schools with 1,362 parents.

## 125

Awareness camps were held to raise awareness about corporal punishment to 4,784 people.

## 75

Formal school teachers are using positive reinforcement methods in classes.

## 73

Formal school teachers use interesting teaching learning materials.

## 29

Formal school teachers use special teaching aids for children with special needs.

## 132

Networking visits and advocacy meetings were conducted with Government Departments to provide teaching aids, disability cards and other supports for special needs children.

## 11

Schools were supported in creating a learning friendly environment by setting up libraries.

## 1,350

These libraries are accessed by over 1,350 students.

#### B. EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE EDUCATION

Providing holistic growth for children between 2-6 years old, in a child friendly environment.

## 3

HOPE runs 3 crèches in Kolkata.

## 115

Vulnerable children were provided with quality pre-primary education.

## 42

Children have enrolled in formal education.

## 78%

of children aged 3-5 years in HOPE's operational areas are attending pre primary education centres.

#### C. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

HOPE's Holistic Education Programme began in 2008 to ensure the basic educational rights of poor children between the ages of 6-18 years old.

This programme is run by HOPE's implementing organisations in Kolkata and Howrah through Hope Kolkata Foundation and PBKOJP.

## 1,515

Children from slum communities are enrolled in formal government schools.

## 96%

of children age 6-14 years in HOPE's operational areas, are attending school.

## 75%

of children age 15-17 years old, are attending school, due to HOPE's intervention.

## 476

Students have improved their learning ability with HOPE's intervention.

## 284

Girls are receiving educational sponsorship.

## 194

Boys are receiving educational sponsorship.

## 143

Students are receiving educational sponsorship through HOPE's Holistic Education project.







## A. CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

HOPE is supporting government schools to educate children with learning difficulties and special needs in a learning friendly environment.

59

Children with special needs are supported through HOPE.

27

Children with special needs within HOPE's operational areas and formal schools have been linked with relevant schools.

32

Girls are receiving Special Educational Needs sponsorship.

74

Boys are receiving Special Educational Needs sponsorship.

4

Schools have become an inclusive environment for children with Special Needs.

29

Formal school teachers are using special teaching aids in 6 formal schools to teach children with Special Educational Needs.

SICW has a special unit for children with varying degrees of Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Down syndrome and intellectual and physical disabilities.

## B. DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

School immersion programme has been running since 2003.

Programme helps build considerate, strong social citizens for the future.

50

Secondary schools from Ireland have visited Hope Projects.

400

Almost 400 students participated in Development Education School Immersion Programme.



## CASE STUDY 1



Indrajit is 3 years old. When he came to Kasba Crèche at the beginning of the year, Indrajit would not talk or maintain eye contact or respond to the Crèche caregivers. Young Indrajit was nervous as this was his first exposure to life outside his family home. In the last six months Indrajit has shown real improvements and now has become much more responsive to the caregivers. With help from his teacher, he is able to say rhymes, the alphabet, numbers and name the days of the week. He has opened up to become a jolly little fellow.

## CASE STUDY 2



Anita is a 10 year old girl who is diagnosed with cerebral palsy, accompanied with seizures and mild developmental delay. She was abandoned by her unmarried mother who lived in abject poverty, as she was afraid of the social stigma associated with having a child out of wedlock, particularly one with special needs. Anita has been with SICW since she was just two days old. Anita is enrolled in the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy where she continues her studies and is a keen music lover! Last year, Anita won the Junior Academics Best Singer's prize from the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy.



# HEALTH



We have directly worked with  
**2,563,379**  
people since 1999.

**10,253,516**  
people received treatment, including  
**73,046**  
in Hope Hospital.

This year we have provided medical and health support to  
**20,326**  
people.



## A. HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Accessing health services for those living below the poverty-line in Kolkata remains difficult, with India only spending 4.2% of its national GDP on healthcare services. HKF and PBKOJP have been working in the health sector since 2007, ensuring to fill the gaps in service delivery by the local Government. The organisations have worked in 35 slum communities of Kolkata and Howrah over the past 7 years, focusing on the delivery of primary healthcare to slum dwellers, generating awareness and empowering the communities to access their entitlements and rights.

Community Health Volunteers are the key change makers in the communities. They organise awareness camps to encourage and motivate members of the community to access ICDS services and raise awareness regarding health. There are 587 Community Health Volunteers working in 33 fields.

**50**  
Community Health Volunteers organised an awareness camp regarding the importance of ICDS (Integrated Child Development Scheme) centres which was attended by 50 mothers and their children, along with a health camp which identified 50 underweight children.

**981**  
Community Health Volunteers initiated networking with the ICDS workers and AWW's to motivate the community to avail of the ICDS services. As a result, 981 children have enrolled and availing of ICDS services.

**1,658**  
Individuals are accessing ICDS services across all 33 slums HOPE is working in.

**689**  
Home visits were conducted by the Community Health Volunteers to ensure mothers complete Post Natal Care.

**116**  
Mothers received post natal care from government hospitals.

**99%**  
Community Health Volunteers have encouraged 99% of the mothers in HOPE's operational areas to avail of Ante Natal Checkups..

**18,096**  
Through advocacy by the Community Health Volunteers, 18,096 people have received their entitlements.

**90%**  
Of mothers in HOPE's operational areas are going to hospitals to give birth as a result of motivation and advocacy by the Community Health Volunteers.

**237**  
Meetings were held with government hospitals, doctors and nurses.

**506**  
Counselling services were provided to mothers and family members.





## B. BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE

Due to lack of knowledge and awareness surrounding safe sex practices, stigma associated with such infections and lack of accessible healthcare facilities, a large number of youth and adolescents suffer from RTI/STI symptoms.

515

RTI/STI symptomatic people were identified and referred to government hospitals for testing and treatment

222

People who tested positive successfully recovered after treatment.

295

Networking sessions were conducted with local doctors and clinics to raise awareness on RTI/STI management.

793

Awareness sessions on RTI/STI identification was attended by 6,572 adolescent girls and boys.

43

Community awareness camps were attended by 1,540 individuals.

## C. MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health is the most neglected health concern today in developing nations, afflicting 50 million people throughout India.

34

Naya Daur, outreach programme of Iswar Sankalpa has identified 34 new patients.

137

Patients were provided with medical and counselling support.

41

Individuals who successfully recovered after treatment have attained jobs.

3

Mentally ill people were restored back with their families.

25

Mental health awareness camps were organised and reached out to 960 people.

2

Advocacy meetings on mental health sensitivity were conducted with 171 state officials and members of the media present.

## D. MEDICAL HEALTH

10,528

Patients received health care in HOPE Hospital.

481

Surgeries were performed.

215

Children were immunised.

35%

Increase in patients seeking treatment from HOPE Hospital.



## E. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

HOPE supports The Emergency Response Unit of HIVE India, which offers a variety of rescue, rehabilitation and restoration services.

Responded to the following emergencies and disasters

- A fire that broke out in City Mart, New Market.
- A fire in the slum area of Taratala.
- Collapse of Vivekananda flyover.

361

Individuals were rescued from different crisis situations and received support.

244

Required immediate medical attention.

187

Were admitted to different government hospitals.

57

Were admitted to private nursing homes.

132

People were reunited with their families and restored back to society.

327

People were rescued and admitted to HOPE Hospital by other NGO's.

90

People were rescued and admitted to HOPE Hospital by volunteers.

40

People were rescued and admitted to HOPE Hospital by HIVE/ERU.



CASE STUDY 1



Pia (name changed) was found abandoned in a plastic bag on one of Kolkata's busiest trains entering Kolkata, her future without HOPE's intervention does not bear thinking about. Pia, who suffers from congenital bone disorders since birth was immediately rushed to HOPE hospital for life saving treatment, where she remained for 2 and a half months. With the help of hospital doctors, staff, volunteers and visitors, Pia has transformed into a confident, ever smiling young girl. Earlier this year she was shifted to HOPE's Mother and Child Care Unit for her long term care and protection. Pia is a very curious little girl who loves visitors and has developed a keen interest in art, particularly painting!

CASE STUDY 2



**Success of Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health training:**  
Networking was carried out by local AWW workers to ensure ARSH training for local adolescent girls was being undertaken, focusing on reproductive health. The community were informed about the services provided, free of charge, from local ICDS centres, which they were previously unaware of. Through a meeting by HKF, local AWW workers mobilized adolescents to avail of ICDS services, and conducted the ARSH training successfully,

identifying anyone with symptoms of RTI/STI. The participants also insisted they would inform other local girls of the available training, which will have a ripple effect on generating mass awareness surrounding community health concerns and available medical services.

CASE STUDY 3

**Community Health Volunteers in action:**  
The CHV's organized a community awareness camp in Chelta 113 to generate knowledge and support of the local ICDS centre. The camp also featured a health element (as this was lacking in the local ICDS centre), which weighed 50 children to identify underweight or malnourished children. This demonstrates the CHVs willingness and drive to generate healthcare awareness within their local community, particularly as the camp was organized by the CHVs themselves, as they felt it was a real need in Chetla 113. The CHV's initiated networking with the ICDS workers and AWWs to work in collaboration to motivate the local Chetla 113 community to utilize and avail of the ICDS services on offer. 50 mothers and their children participated in the camp, and an increased enrolment and attendance in the Chetla 113 ICDS centre featured.

CASE STUDY 4

**HIVE India:**  
In June 2015, the ERU received a phone call from Bowbazar Police station seeking immediate assistance for the treatment of an elderly woman homeless on the streets of Kolkata. When the ERU responded, they discovered Lila (name changed), aged 71, lying unconscious and in disarray. The team provided primary care to Lila immediately and provided her with fresh, clean clothes. The ERU brought Lila to a local Medical College and Hospital once she gained conscience. The doctor revealed that Lila was severely malnourished and on the brink of death. Lila was admitted to the hospital for her care. Within a week, Lila's health improved and ERU social workers counselled and worked with her to discover her original home. The ERU team contacted the Nadia District Police, the village Lila was from, requesting them to file a missing persons report on behalf of Lila. The following day, Lila's family came to learn, to their sheer relief and delight, as they had

been working hard on finding her, that she was safe in a Kolkatan hospital. The ERU team spoke with her family and organized for her daughter-in-law to visit the hospital and claim Lila's custody. In June 2015, the ERU made all the necessary arrangements for Lila to return home to her family.

CASE STUDY 5

Manoj (name changed) was referred to Naya Daur by his community caregiver in March 2015, as he was unable to communicate with others and was often seen muttering and talking to himself. The medical team of Naya Daur diagnosed him with psychosis NOS, and have provided him with the necessary medication and continued counselling support to work with him for his successful reintegration back to



society. Manoj's caregiver saw the progress he made with Naya Daur's intervention and provided him with a job at his local food stall at Sealdah Railway station. Manoj loves his job, and now enjoys interacting with the customers, something he was unable to do a year ago. Manoj lives with his caregiver, and is treated like a brother within this loving environment. At present, Manoj is in a stable physical and mental state and has opted to continue his counselling with Naya Daur, while his new family provide him with protective shelter, food, clothes and support.



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“I have planned to buy a Toto (electric rickshaw) from my bank loan. I am very happy and want to thank Iswar Sankalpa for making this possible”. Words of thanks from Piyush last year, a once lost man living on the streets of Kolkata with severe mental health issues, now an income earner of his family.





# CHILD RIGHTS & PROTECTION



10,454

People have directly received protection

41,816

People have indirectly received support.

664

In 2015-16 we have provided 664 people with protection support.

## A. HOLISTIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF MARGINALISED CHILDREN.

373

Children directly benefitted through our 12 Protection Homes and 2 Crisis Intervention Centres.

296

Children from our 12 Protection Homes and 2 Crisis Intervention centres are attending school.

32

Are enrolled in non-formal education.

25

Are enrolled in vocational training.

Children's Committee Meetings held monthly in each protection home.

Regular annual excursions and an annual holiday.

Medical and healthcare support is provided.

196

Children were enrolled in formal school.

70

Children were enrolled in non-formal education.

16

Education awareness programmes held with 712 participants.

12

Children completed their Madhyamik Examinations.

2

Children completed the Higher Secondary Examinations.

40

Children placed in hostel care support.

## B. ENROLMENT & EDUCATION OF STREET CHILDREN

In partnership with Kolkata Police, the Nabadisha centres provide education to children who call the streets their homes, are victims of abuse, neglect and severe deprivation, are engaged in child labour and are child beggars.

4

Nabadisha Education Centres

267

Children were supported through the Nabadisha programme to ensure school enrolment and retention.

## C. ADVOCACY BUILDING TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & LABOUR

37

Community Awareness meetings.

16

Stakeholder advocacy meetings were held.





#### D. EMPOWERING CHILDREN AND WOMEN

15

Women Support Groups were formed to combat incidences of domestic abuse.

14

Child Vigilance Groups were formed to ensure child safety, security and empower street children to stand against violence.

1,830

Home visits to highlight the importance of education and child rights.

42

Awareness camps on child rights.

6

Stakeholder meetings focusing on domestic abuse, child addiction and child labour.

Regular trainings on lifeskills, protection, child rights and the importance of education were held in the protection homes.

1,810

Stakeholder meetings focusing on domestic abuse, child addiction and child labour.

#### E. REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN ADDICTED TO SOLVENTS

6

Boys from Kolkata's railway stations underwent detoxification and were placed in Punarjiban Rehabilitation Home.

15

Boys are supported in Punarjiban.

7

Of these boys are enrolled in school.

4

Are receiving non formal education.

4

Are receiving vocational training.

#### F. HIV/AIDS AFFECTED AND INFECTED

Bhoruka Public Welfare Trust focuses on blood safety, STI, HIV and AIDs.

Snehaneer Home supports children who are affected and infected with HIV.

25

Girls are provided with nutritional, educational, psychological and health care and protection.

#### CASE STUDIES

##### Kasba Girls Protection Home:

**Madhumita** first came to Kasba 2 years ago, at the age of 6. Her father committed suicide when she was only a baby and her mother, who suffered from heart disease, deteriorated quickly, leaving young **Madhumita** alone to fend for herself. **Madhumita** was very shy when she first came to Kasba, but has since flourished! Through intensive play therapies and counselling, **Madhumita** is now attending school and has made friends with everyone in Kasba home. She loves to sing and draw. **Madhumita** started in class KG last year in a local English medium school and has excelled in her studies at a young age. **Madhumita** recently participated in a debating competition in her school, receiving first prize for her argument and confidence. We look forward to see young **Madhumita** progress through Kasba's interventions.

##### Keertika Girls Protection Home:

**Nitu**, aged 13, entered Keertika protection home in August 2012. **Nitu** comes from a poor family. Her father has been missing for the last 15 years. Her father left them as her mother gave birth to a female child. **Nitu's** mother suffered from a cardiac abnormality and died in August last year. **Nitu** has only one older sister, aged 16 years. Her sister resides in another protection home. Immediately after losing her mother, **Nitu** broke down and felt very depressed. She could understandably not concentrate on her studies and her daily activities were affected. To help her through this difficult time, she was given counselling support as well as close supervision and intensive care from the caregivers. She was also given behavioural therapy and coping strategies, particularly to help control her anger. Recently, positive changes have been observed but she still needs time.

##### CIC Male Unit:

**Rajiv** entered HOPE's CIC Male home in July 2015, after Childline discovered him living on the streets of Kolkata, with little care, leaving him at high-risk of ill-health, neglect and all sorts of abuse. **Rajiv** lived with his father and grandmother, who were forced to beg to sustain the family. As **Rajiv** suffers from multiple disabilities, the family could not afford his medical treatment, and this is when he was encountered by Childline. In the home, **Rajiv** received health and medical support alongside play therapy and counseling sessions. CIC Male staff have also worked with **Rajiv's** family to highlight the importance of providing care and protection to **Rajiv**. After home assessments and checks were conducted, **Rajiv's** new family living and situation was deemed safe for his restoration home. **Rajiv** continues to receive home-based education support from CIC Male and through networking and advocacy work, he has received a Disability Certificate, which has enabled him to enrol in Government-run vocational training and has opened up many Government schemes and entitlements for him, and his family.



# ECONOMIC SECURITY



2,357  
people have directly  
received support since  
1999.

9,428  
people have indirectly  
received support.

156  
In 2015-16, we  
supported 156 people.



## A. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### Food and beverage section

14  
Trainees enrolled in the course.

292  
Practical classes were conducted.



### Garment section

35  
Trainees completed the course.

241  
Tailoring classes were held.



7  
Bag making classes were organised for 7 trainees.

6  
Networking visits with outside organisations were conducted  
for placement of trainees.

### Computer Training Course

241  
Computer classes were held.



52  
Trainees completed the computer course and also attended  
English classes.

18  
Networking visits with organisations and companies for  
successful placement of trainees.

### PBKOJP Vocational Training Unit

Builds the skills of women living below the poverty line in slums  
and red light district areas.

Provides training in tailoring, craft and office administration.

18  
Women and adolescent girls received tailoring skills training.

9  
Developed craft making skills.



**B. INCOME GENERATION**

5

Trainees successfully completed the course and attained jobs in the food and beverage industry.

INR 1,919,482

INR 1,919,482 (Euro 29,530) was the total income generated in the café.

21

Trainees attained employment after completing the tailoring course.



**CASE STUDIES**

**Tailoring Unit:**

Geeta is 32 years old, and has two young children. Geeta studied up to Higher Secondary level in school but dropped out to look after her children, as her husband worked in a local canteen. Geeta's neighbour informed her of HOPE's Tailoring Unit within the Lifeskill Institute and Geeta immediately applied for a trainee position as she had great desire to learn tailoring.



Geeta received excellent marks in her tailoring exams and was a keen student in both her Math and English classes. Geeta gained employment in Nirmal Nahata's Boutique after course completion, which has allowed her to significantly increase her family's income. Geeta envisages putting this additional income towards her son's education, as he is just entering formal education.

**Computer unit:**

Vikash Prasad, student of B.Com (1st year) of Calcutta University, was one of the most promising trainees of the Computer Unit (2015-16 session). He lives with his younger brother and his mother, as his father passed away when he was very young. His mother struggled a lot to financially support her two children. Facing difficulties from childhood, Vikash was determined to learn computers so he could help support his family's livelihood and joined the Computer Centre as soon as he was eligible. After he completed the course, he gained employment in Marve Solutions as an assistant to the Head Executive. Vikash is now in a position to pay for all the costs associated with his continued education, and continues to study hard to become a Chartered Accountant in the future. With the extended support of the training unit, Vikash has been empowered to fulfil his dream.





# ANTI - TRAFFICKING PROGRAMME



349

People have been supported directly since 2006.

We worked with

102,015

people since 2006.

In 2015-16,  
we reached

7,810

people.



## ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROGRAMME

This project was initiated and continues to be implemented through support and guidance of the local communities through community watch groups and community meetings to tackle the issue of trafficking.

97

Watch group meetings were attended by 703 participants.

108

Community awareness generation meetings were held with 2,247 participants from the surrounding localities.

87

Meetings were attended by 1,507 mothers who were informed about different forms of child abuse in schools, clubs and the wider community.

51

Meetings were held with Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and attended by 749 participants to discuss issues related to trafficking.

5

Child parliaments were formed which held 22 meetings and were attended by 447 children. Issues of trafficking in their communities were discussed and measures on how to prevent it.

21

Victims were rescued.

193

Marginalised families benefited through Government schemes.



Chitra (name changed) became friends with Rohan Das chatting through her mobile phone and their friendship gradually grew into a relationship. Chitra arranged to meet Rohan at Kakdwip and travelled there by train. On her way to Kakdwip, she met another passenger, Ms. Anita Das and told her the whole story. Anita had suspicions that this might be a case of trafficking and advised Chitra to come with her, but Chitra refused. Anita gave Chitra her phone number, just in case there were any problems.

Chitra went on to meet Rohan at Kakdwip, who took her to Bakkhali to spend the night. The next day, they took a bus to Diamond Harbour, and on the way Rohan deserted her and took off. Being so far from home, Chitra was frightened and phoned Anita, explaining her predicament. Anita contacted Mr. Golder of HCWS and gave him Chitra's mobile number. Mr. Golder advised Chitra to get off the bus at the next stop, which happened to be his local stop. Mr. Golder brought Chitra to the HCWS office and contacted her parents. He then reunited her with her relatives who live near the HCWS office. Subsequently Chitra went home to her parents.

There was no rehabilitation or follow up of the survivor, as Chitra lives in East Midnapore which is a different district from where the project is being implemented.



Nargis's (name changed) mother worked on a construction site in Pune, leaving Nargis and her brothers alone in their small local village of Swarupnagar. Nargis's mother was forced to find employment outside their village, as local economic opportunities are scarce. The family was struggling to survive on their meagre income, so when a woman approached Nargis and her brothers offering her employment in Kolkata, she excitedly jumped at the chance to improve the livelihoods of her whole family. En route to Kolkata however, young Nargis was sold to a brothel in Pune. For two years, her family searched tirelessly, but there was no trace of Nargis.

In 2015, HCWS conducted a rescue operation for another girl, Zinat, who was trafficked from the area. When Zinat was successfully returned and restored home, she told the HCWS social workers of Nargis who she had met at the brothel she was forced to work in. With the help of local authorities in Pune, HCWS rescued Nargis from the brothel in Pune and she was reunited with her family after 2 years.

## YOUNG AGENTS FOR CHANGE



### Community Video Unit

Produces health and environmental issue based documentaries for the communities.

261

Video screenings reaching out to

8,765 individuals.







## GOOD GOVERNANCE

HOPE implements international best practice in governance. We recognise our responsibility to you, our donors, sponsors, volunteers and fundraisers.

HOPE is committed to safeguarding children. We implement best practice guidelines and provide child protection training and capacity building for all staff who work directly with children and vulnerable adults.

Our membership of representative organisations ensures that we are supported in keeping up-to-date on procedures, legislation and developments that impact on our work.

Some examples of best practice in Governance include:

- Our founder and Honorary Director, Maureen Forrest does not take a salary.
- Modest staff salaries.
- Numerous pro-bono professional service-providers and special rates help to keep administration costs down.
- HOPE is a signatory of the Comhlamh 'Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations'. Comhlamh is Irish for solidarity, and is a member and supporter organisation for those working for social justice, human rights and global development.
- HOPE is a member of Dóchas, the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations, and subscribes to its 'Code of Conduct on Images and Messages'.
- HOPE are members of The Wheel, a leading support and representative network for the community and voluntary sector in Ireland.
- HOPE are members of ICTR, an Irish charities' organisation working for tax relief on charitable donations, and implements the ICTR 'Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising'.

## CSR PROGRAMMES



Hope Kolkata Foundation is implementing several CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) projects which are monitored by The Hope Foundation.

### CESC Limited

#### Muktangan – Remedial Coaching Education Project

Vulnerable children with learning difficulties are facilitated to complete secondary education by strengthening school education system in Titagarh, Pujali and Budge Budge Municipalities. The project, with a special focus on girls, started in September 2015 and seeks to implement the Right to Education Act, 2009.

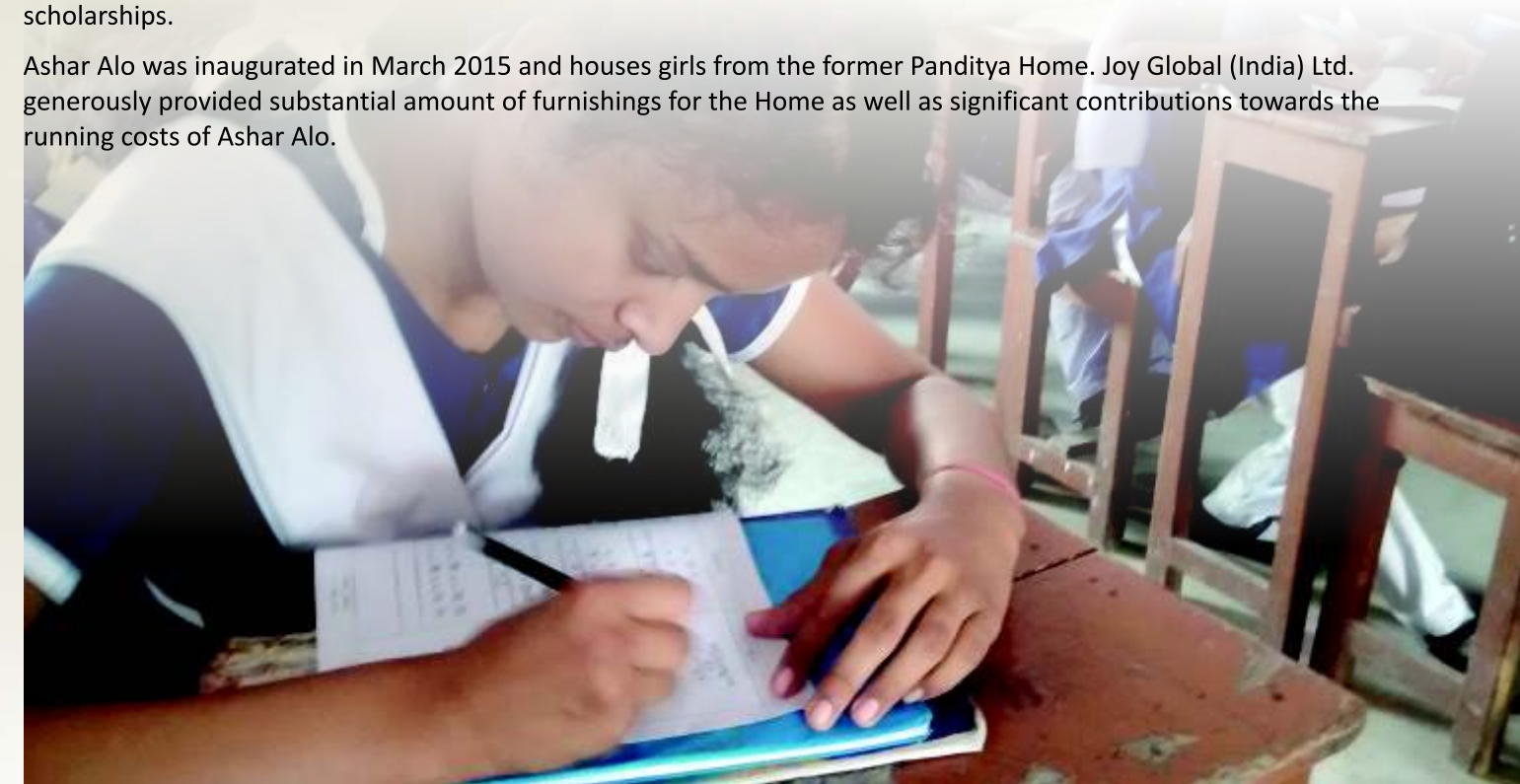
During 2015-16, 754 beneficiaries received after school coaching support in the 3 Coaching Centers, out of which 479 were males and 275 females. The number of indirect beneficiaries of the project were also quite noticeable - 658 including 516 males and 142 females. Several versatile activities were used – Awareness camps, training by peer groups, community & parents committee meetings, etc.

### Joy Global (India) Limited

34 girls in **Ashar Alo**, a Protection Home for girls aged 13 years to 18 years, were provided with a safe environment, proper nutrition, basic education and counseling. Of them, 33 of the girls go to formal school and one attends non-formal education. Sixteen girls took up vocational training and 6 girls were restored to their families.

Towards the cost of their education, 19 girls were linked with Government schemes and scholarships, and 4 girls applied for Minority scholarships.

Ashar Alo was inaugurated in March 2015 and houses girls from the former Panditya Home. Joy Global (India) Ltd. generously provided substantial amount of furnishings for the Home as well as significant contributions towards the running costs of Ashar Alo.





### Girl2B Foundation

**Girl 2B Girls Protection Home** has been working to secure basic survival and development rights of girls between 11- 18 years old in association with Girl2B Foundation, USA. The project provided 18 adolescent girls with a safe environment, basic education and mainstreaming to school, and counseling support to allow them to discuss the social, psychological and sexual problems they have faced. Trainings, workshops and recreational activities were conducted on life skills, rights and duties to enabling the girls to express themselves and building their confidence. Regular health check-ups and treatment catered to their physical maladies and when required.

**Girl 2B Empowerment Project** - 22 girls over the age of 18, staying in lodgings, received educational support to reach their full potential, freeing them from the unfair cycle of poverty, and making them their own Agents of Change. 17 of the girls are studying at Calcutta University and 5 girls sat for their Class 12 National Board examinations. Besides this, the girls received training for income generation opportunities, with a view to eventually get suitable jobs. Career counseling and knowledge of their full potential allowed them to make effective career plans.



## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME



**Eithne Walsh**, an Irish teacher, revisited Kolkata this year to volunteer with HOPE for a year. Eithne fully immersed herself in volunteer life with her activities ranging from teaching English, helping with homework, developing assessment modules for students, painting HOPE Protection Homes and assisting with the large groups of international visitors to Kolkata every year. Eithne was an excellent volunteer, who continues to be missed throughout the city.



Volunteers from Ireland and the UK enjoying Indian festival of Colour Holi. During their stay in Kolkata volunteers not only make contributions in the HOPE projects but also embrace Indian culture and customs, providing them with a unique insight into life within the diverse city of Kolkata.



**Eamonn** spent his time volunteering with HOPE in Punorjibon Rehabilitation Home, Crisis Centre and Ashirbad Boy's Home, where he could always be seen laughing and smiling with the children, providing them with great support and attention.



**Jacinta Sutton** a volunteer from the UK spent 9 months volunteering with HOPE Hospital, where she made remarkable contributions and put her professional training as a physiotherapist to tremendous use.



More than 100 secondary school students from Ireland celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Kolkata with the children from HOPE Homes, through a soccer tournament. 4 HOPE Protection homes participated in the event, even getting the opportunity to play against their Irish aunts and uncles!



# INTERSHIP PROGRAMME AT THE HOPE FOUNDATION



Every year, more than 100 students and young professionals join the Hope Internship and Volunteer Programme as a part of their academic curriculum and their willingness to make positive contribution to society. They engage in various activities like teaching children, doing research, skill training, documentation, fund raising and many more.



My experience with The Hope Foundation has been nothing short of enriching. I had the immense pleasure of working with passionate and experienced social workers who not only showed me a life of selfless contribution to society but also helped me grow as a human being and deepen my understanding of true humanity. Working with Hope is

an experience I would cherish for a lifetime and make sure that the true meaning of enriching someone's life through my actions is something I would continue pursuing forever'.

**Meghna Majumdar**, Intern at the Hope Foundation from Christ University, Bangalore.



My internship at The Hope Foundation was the greatest gain and beautiful experience on professional as well as personal levels. The work environment was extremely brilliant as interns were given much liberty and importance when it comes to choosing their preferred slots and areas of interest and the supervisors were very helpful throughout the internship. Overall the internship

experience was great and I am sure that this experience will definitely help me further in future.

**Debopama Bandyopadhyaya**, student of Masters in Social Welfare, Jayprakash Institute of Social Change, Kolkata, India.



# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS IN IRELAND

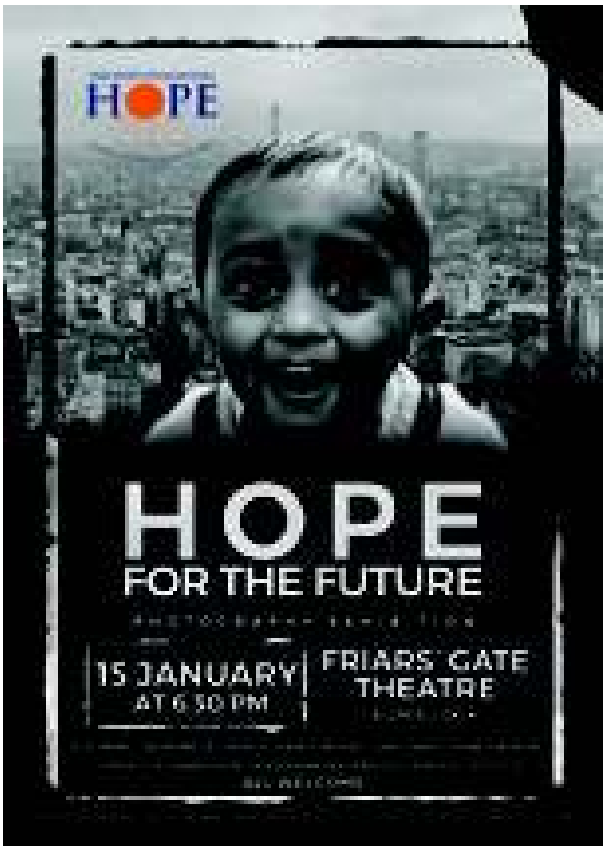


## Day of Hope

Our fifth annual Day of Hope took place across Ireland on October 9th. Over 100 school students as well as independent volunteers donated their time to sell our Butlers HOPE chocolate bars. We would be delighted to hear from any school, organisation, society or individual who would like to be involved in this, or any other future fundraising events.

## Student Photography Exhibition In Kilmallock

A student photography exhibition was launched at Friars Gate Theatre, Kilmallock in January 2016. The exhibition entitled '*HOPE for the Future*' featured works from secondary school students who had recently returned from their HOPE Immersion Programme visits to Kolkata. Students hailed from schools in Limerick, Kilmallock, Abbeyfeale, Kanturk and Charleville. Having captured their experiences on camera, they decided to share these precious memories with those who supported them in preparing for their journey to Kolkata, a life-changing moment for many. The exhibition featured some amazing work and served as a stunning window into the world of Kolkata. Thanks to sponsorship of Siobhan Danaher Photography, the exhibition ran for the month of January.



## Hope Christmas Concert At Fota

HOPE Ambassador and talented opera singer, Amanda Neri, delighted guests as she headlined at the inaugural HOPE Christmas Concert, in the beautiful surroundings of Fota Island Resort in December 2015. The sell-out event raised over €6,500 for HOPE and featured a host of talented performers.





### Santa Splash

On the first Sunday of December 2015, as has been done for the last number of years, over forty mad hatters hit the waves of Garretstown Beach, donned in their finest festive attire. This group, ranging from the young to the not so young, braved the icy waters of the Atlantic, not through a love of submersion in sub-zero temperatures, but to raise money and awareness for HOPE.

In an atmosphere filled with fun and festivities, what better way to begin the Christmas season of giving and love than to give to those less

fortunate - isn't that what Christmas is all about? Hopefully more will join us this December as the Atlantic is big enough for a few more!

### Cork Diwali

Dr. Lekha Memon Margassery and Poonam Gururajan brought the Indian Diwali celebrations to Cork in November 2015. Guests were treated to a feast of flavours with an Indian Buffet along with multicultural entertainment for the afternoon. There was Bollywood fusion, traditional Indian dance and music, not to mention a display of Irish dance as a nod to the festival's host country. The event was sponsored by Asian Foods Cork and Real TV.



### For School Immersion Piece

We are so proud to have had over 50 schools, and almost 400 students, participate in the 2015/2016 Development Education School Immersion Programme. Running since 2003, the programme helps build considerate, strong social citizens for the future. Through fundraising, students help develop imaginative skills, entrepreneurial skills, encourages greater independence and builds confidence. The students then spend a week visiting and interacting with HOPE projects in Kolkata, a memorable social and cultural experience they'll never forget. Importantly, students come back with an understanding of international and domestic development issues and a realisation of their own individual place within the international sphere.



### HOPE School Immersion Programme

A sincere THANK YOU to all of the students and teachers who represented their schools, communities and families for taking part in HOPE's Development Education and Schools Immersion Programme during the 2015/2016 school year. You have made a difference!

#### Cork

Ashton College  
Ballincollig Community School  
Midleton College  
Bandon Grammar School  
Christ King Girls' Secondary School  
Coláiste an Chroí Naofa, Carraig na bhFear  
Coláiste an Phiarsaigh  
Coláiste Choilm  
Coláiste Mhuire, Cobh  
Coláiste Muire Réalt na Mara, Crosshaven  
Coláiste Treasa Secondary School, Kanturk  
Davis College, Mallow  
Gaelcholáiste Mhuire AG  
Gaelcholáiste Choilm  
Glanmire Community College  
Kinsale Community School

#### Waterford

Blackwater Community School  
Meánscoil san Nioclás  
Newtown School

#### Tipperary

CBS High School Clonmel  
Presentation College Thurles  
Rockwell College  
Scoil Ruáin  
St. Anne's Secondary School  
Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles  
Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore

Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy  
Millstreet Community School  
Mount Mercy College  
Nagle Rice Community School  
Patrician Academy, Mallow  
Pobalscoil na Tríonóide, Youghal  
Regina Mundi College  
Sacred Heart Secondary School Clonakilty  
Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Blarney  
Scoil Mhuire Kanturk  
St. Angela's College  
St. Francis College Rochestown  
St. Mary's Secondary School, Charleville  
St. Mary's Secondary School, Macroom  
St. Mary's Secondary School, Mallow  
St Mary's Secondary School, Midleton

#### Kilkenny

Scoil Mhuire Kilkenny

#### Dublin

Alexandra College Milltown  
Coláiste de hÍde  
Gaelcholáiste Na Mara  
Holy Child School Killiney  
Mount Anville Secondary School  
Muckross Park College  
Newpark Comprehensive School  
Sandford Park  
St. Mary's CBS in Mullingar



**Limerick**

Castletroy College  
Coláiste Íde agus Iosef Abbeyfeale  
Coláiste Iósaef Killmallock  
Coláiste Mhuire Buttevant  
Desmond College  
Gaeilcholáiste Luimnigh

Hazelwood College  
Laurel Hill Secondary School  
Scoil Pól Kilfinane

**Kildare**

Clongowes Wood College

**Kick For Kolkata**

Volunteer teacher Kevin O'Riordan from Killea in Co. Tipperary, challenged himself to kick a point in every GAA club on the island of Ireland to raise funds for HOPE. That's 1,616 clubs! Kevin raised over €10,000 through sponsorship from the clubs, supporters and the public. On St Patricks Day, Kevin was invited to kick the final goal in Croke Park at the All-Ireland Club Finals and was featured on RTE's Six One news, a real highlight of his journey.



**UCC Hope Society**

The University College of Cork(UCC) HOPE Society once again had a wonderful year of events, awareness and fundraising. Events included the Colour Run, table quizzes, swap shops, laughing yoga, bingo nights and open night talent shows. All to raise funds in support of The Hope Foundation and promoting awareness of HOPE's work across the college campus. In summer 2016 twenty UCC students from the Society travelled to Kolkata as volunteers.

**Yoga For HOPE**

Yoga for HOPE is a yoga experience unlike any other. It is a programme designed for yoga enthusiasts and teachers to engage in a spiritual journey of healing, and to share their knowledge, passing on the gift of yoga to the children, and their carer's, in HOPE's protection homes.

Broadcaster, and recently qualified yoga teacher, Sile Seoige joined the 2015 Yoga for HOPE Programme in Kolkata. "We did workshops with the children and helped them to do positions, breathing techniques meditation and chanting. The loved it. It was such a privilege, but really, the children were teaching us. It was beautiful to see how receptive they were to yoga. It was very special and something I will never forget."



**ACTIVITIES  
& EVENTS  
IN UK**



**Mark Seymour Photography workshop**

In November 2015, Nikon UK Ambassador, Mark Seymour led a Street Photography Workshop for 5 days. He was joined by many participants who learned the art of street photography along with visiting many of the HOPE projects. A memorable way to experience the City of Joy!



**London Luncheon**

HOPE Ambassador Christopher Biggins hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual London Luncheon which took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 in the Four Seasons.

There were many paintings and other pieces which were kindly donated for the live auction to raise funds for the children of Kolkata through HOPE.

**The British 10k London Run**

Some of our amazing supporters who ran in the 2015 British 10K London Run on July 12th.







### Yoga Weekend & Garden Party

We are very happy to announce that HOPE, with your incredibly generous help and support, have raised a staggering £20,000 at the Yoga Garden Party on the 1st of August 2015. Simon Low, Principal of 'The Yoga Academy' and co-founder of Triyoga in London, has been teaching yoga internationally for 20 years and is a patron of HOPE UK.

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS IN HOPE USA



The very first New York Luncheon was enjoyed by all in The Malt House, on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.

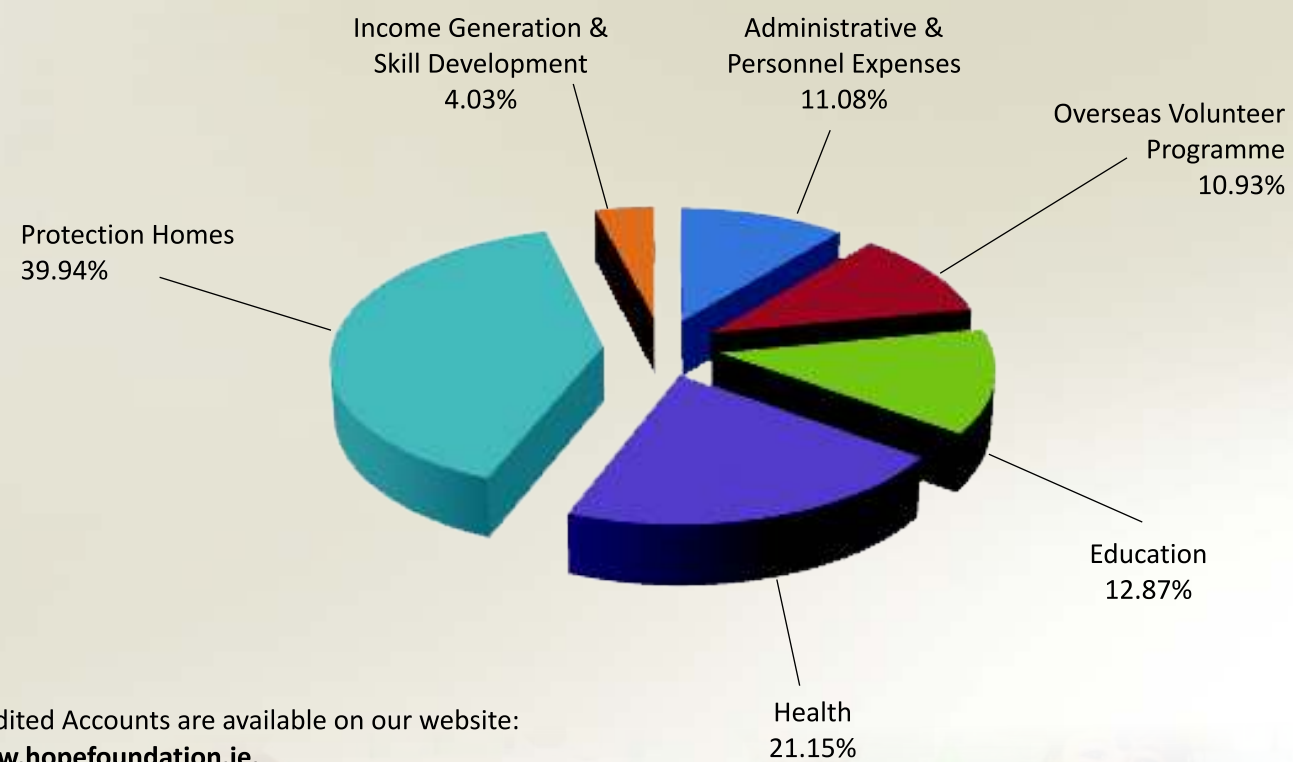
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# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Overview of Accounts 2015 -2016



\*Audited Accounts are available on our website:  
[www.hopefoundation.ie](http://www.hopefoundation.ie).



# PHOTO GALLERY



International Day for Street Children



Outing in Eco Park





Craft Fair at Hope Home



Yoga session at Hope Home



An event in Bhagar



Irish Students in Bhagar



A busy day in Hope Home



Children celebrating Birthday of Hope Home



Opening of Bhagar Creche in March 2016

# Direct Debit Donation Application Form for Hope Kolkata Foundation



Date:.....

To The Donor's Bank Account Manager

Bank Name:.....

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Any INDIAN who want to donate,  
Please Pay HOPE KOLKATA FOUNDATION

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