



Annual Overview 2018-2019

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Cover Picture: Sishutirtha Prathamik Vidyalaya - Chetla, Kolkata. A Government Primary School under HOPE's Holistic Education Project.

All names have been changed in "Story of Change"

From The Founder Director

Firstly, I want to thank you most sincerely for your incredible generosity in supporting HOPE over the past 20 years. Your support enables us to continue our invaluable work with the most vulnerable children and communities living on the streets and the slums of Kolkata and build sustainable futures for entire communities.

HOPE's reach to date has been 3 million people, directly and indirectly, and we endeavour to continue our work in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, and HOPE's Strategic Plan. Over 66,000 children have benefited from educational support through HOPE crèches, Nabo Asha projects, educational sponsorship and our Holistic Education Programme working with Government schools. Nearly 10,000 children have been protected from abuse and neglect by our Protection Homes, Child Watch and Anti-Trafficking Programmes. Since opening its doors in 2008, HOPE Hospital has treated over 111,000 patients and its current expansion project will allow us to treat many more. We are proud of these achievements but there is so much more to do.



A world without compassion is a world without love. No matter how rich we are, if we have no compassion towards others, then our lives become empty and meaningless. To give to those in need is its own reward - "no one has ever become poor by giving" (Anne Frank).

Every child in the world is entitled to the love, care and protection that a family can provide. However, children will not be free from exploitation until all levels of society, from the immediate family to broader international community, work together. The family is a child's first line of protection; having no parental protection can expose vulnerable children to all forms of mistreatment and abuse. It is of primary importance to HOPE to try and reunite abandoned children with their families and communities.

Children do not choose the circumstances into which they are born and those of us who are blessed to be born into privileged lives have an obligation to redress this imbalance. It is our role to provide a bridge between those who can help and those who need our help the most.

Addressing the struggles and challenges faced by the thousands of street children in Kolkata may seem overwhelming to many of us. By raising the awareness of people in Ireland, India and internationally, about the hardships faced by the children, HOPE wishes to affirm the sanctity of each child. Our mission to work towards "a world where it should never hurt to be a child" is at the heart of all our work.

We sincerely thank and acknowledge you for your incredible generosity and ongoing support over the last 20 years. We hope you continue to support our work and vision and look forward to working and engaging with you, our supporters, again in 2020.

Maureen Forrest Honorary Director

From The Director

Finance & Administration



The Hope Foundation has been working for vulnerable people from the streets and slums of Kolkata and adjacent areas for the past 20 years. Since inception HOPE has reached out to thousands of people and helped them improve their quality of life in the areas of protection, education, health, livelihood and social entitlement.

Children are gifts of God. Sadly, in many circumstances, they are the victims of violence, abuse and neglect. At their tender age when they are expected to play with their toys, paper and pencils and engage with their peers, in reality, they suffer from malnutrition, poverty and illiteracy. HOPE's key focus has always been to protect such children and to provide them with everything that they most desperately need.

This year HOPE has initiated collaborative projects with different government departments. We are supporting the Directorate of ICDS (Integrated Child Development Scheme) to refurbish their selected centres. We are also collaborating with the Department of Education to facilitate therapeutic

support for the children with special needs in government resource centres. We are also facilitating other educational activities in government schools.

We are delighted to share that HOPE's Founder & Honorary Director Ms. Maureen Forrest won the 2019 Charity Leader Award at the Graham Norton Inspiring Award ceremony as one of Ireland's most inspiring women in 2019. She was shortlisted for a Global Citizen award by Dóchas for her tireless efforts to eradicate global poverty and inequality.

I would like to thank Ms. Jenny Browne, Overseas Director, and Ms. Annemarie Murray, Assistant Overseas Director for their constant support. HOPE is forever indebted to them for their inexhaustible dedication and service since 1999. I would also like to extend my gratitude towards the staff of The Hope Foundation, Hope Kolkata Foundation and all our partner-organisations. Their contribution over the last 20 years has changed countless vulnerable lives.

Development is an ongoing process and it is only possible when each individual contributes their own share of positive change. We are grateful to our donors, volunteers and well-wishers from all over the globe that support us in creating better lives for those who live on the fringes of our society.

Sachidananda Das

Director of Finance & Administration

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From Hope Kolkata Foundation's Desk

Dear Friends,

Hope Kolkata Foundation has successfully stepped into the twentieth year. I met Maureen Forrest when she came to Kolkata in the early 1990's. We both shared the same vision which turned into a reality in 1999 when the Hope Kolkata Foundation was founded in India and The Hope Foundation in Ireland which is committed to support the vulnerable people of Kolkata. We started with 14 children and it gives us great pleasure to share the life changing experiences achieved for the thousands of street connected children through Holistic Education, Health Care and Protection, Vocational Skill based programmes and Disaster Management.

HOPE continues to see positive changes among children, who were illiterate, runaways, abused, exploited and denied their fundamental rights. Through our present endeavours we have been able to transform these children into educated, self-reliant individuals thus securing their future. At the end of the year, as we reflect back, along with all our success, we also see the unresolved challenges that need to be taken care of. There are still thousands of children who are abandoned, uncared for, exploited and do not have a support system



to lean on. Our on-going commitment to Health, Education, Protection and Skill enhancement programmes for children is paramount in breaking this cycle of poverty.

HOPE puts a special emphasis on girl children and women. We have always believed that education is and has always been considered as the key to economic freedom and path to success and independence. From a society in which women are not usually educated, we have been able to enrol a lot of girls in school and later in vocational trainings through education sponsorship support. This will help our graduates to make informed decisions, realise their full potential, get employed and be successful at managing their families and subsequently develop the society and country as a whole.

Fundraising through annual events and activities in sensitizing the people to make the earth a better place for children is a constant effort from our end. Hope is a source of light to thousands of children living in difficult circumstances and this would not be possible without the wonderful support of people who have generously raised funds for the children in various projects.

The organisation is forever grateful to The Hope Foundation Ireland for their continuous support since the inception for the disadvantaged children and people in Kolkata, India. The organisation would also like to express our gratitude to the communities we serve, donors, volunteers, Friends of Hope, and schools, colleges and government institutions. Companies have helped immensely in funding projects as part of their corporate social responsibility activity. We want to thank all the corporate houses for their heartfelt contribution and expect them to continue this in the future. I would also like to thank individuals, staff and Board members for their dedication towards the organisation.

Finally, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the entire HOPE team for their passion towards the work, continuing efforts and dedication in the field of social development sector.

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Geeta Venkadakrishnan
Director, Hope Kolkata Foundation

About Our Organisation

The Hope Foundation is a development organisation that advances children's rights and equality in West Bengal, India.

The power and potential of a child is often suppressed by poverty, discrimination and violence but in today's world every child should have the right to be healthy, educated, protected and valued in their own family and society. We support children so that they can access their rights and build on the knowledge attained as they grow up so that they can break the cycle of poverty. To create long-lasting change, we also empower the children, their families and their communities.

Since 1999, The Hope Foundation has been building a strong partnership with children, families, government departments and civil society organisations fighting for the rights of children via 60 projects supported by more than 500 members of staff.

OUR VISION: 'A world where it should never hurt to be a child'. Restoring childhoods to children and sustainability to individuals and communities.

OUR MISSION: To improve the quality of life for the most marginalised street and slum connected children and communities, 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 COREVALUES

Accountability

We are accountable. We believe in transparency and in making ourselves accountable to all of our donors, supporters and beneficiaries. We are committed to the highest standards of governance and best practice in all areas of our work.

Collaboration

We collaborate. Communities are at the heart of our work, we believe in building and fostering partnerships at different levels at home and abroad, in order to leverage local, regional and global strength for sustainable development.

Equality

We treat one another equally. We are committed to promoting equality by removing barriers that stop

full participation of every individual, group or community in public or political life. We believe in and promote inclusivity and diversity inside and outside of our workplace.

Innovation

We are innovative. We believe in the power of great ideas. We are always open to accepting and developing new and creative ideas, which will enhance systematic change for sustainable solutions.

Integrity

We have integrity. We aspire to the highest standards of honesty and encourage critical thinking for further development. We never compromise on quality and act in the best interests of those with whom we work with.

Respect

We are respectful. We respect the people we work for and on behalf of, we respect ourselves, we respect our colleagues and our community. We have fostered an organisation that enables and encourages respect.

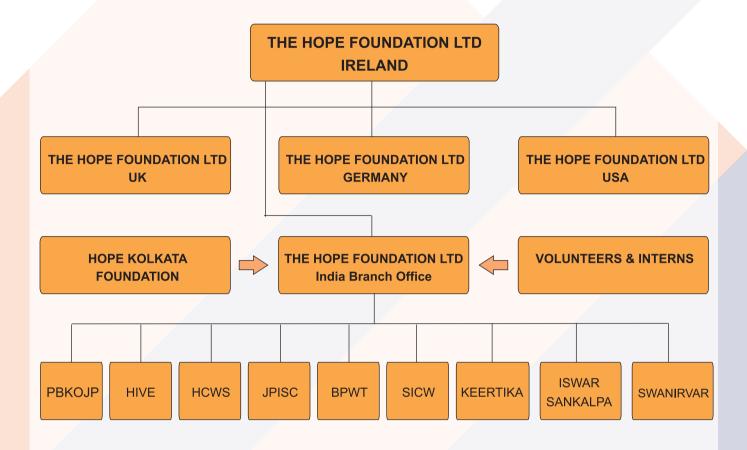
Caring for the environment

We are responsible. We are responsible for our contributions to the organisation's value for saving the planet. We must act decisively and responsibly to protect the environment and give back to the health of our environment. We must aim towards creating a clean and green environment and reducing carbon footprint.

OUR GLOBAL STRATEGIES:

- Improve the healthcare status of underprivileged and/or marginalised communities, with particular attention to maternal health, child mortality and combating RTI/STI and HIV/AIDS
- Improve learning outcomes and educational attainment of children and raising the quality of learning environments in formal schools
- Provide home-based and family-based care and protection for children to combat child labour, abuse, exploitation and deprivation
- Empower marginalised youth and women to increase their skill capacity to secure sustainable livelihoods

Structure of HOPE



Major Achievements from 1999

2.8 million individuals across

Kolkata have been direct and indirect beneficiaries of HOPE healthcare programmes and interventions in 35 slum communities, including over 111,000 that have been treated in HOPE's Hospital.

children have
received
educational
support through HOPE
crèches, Nabo Asha
projects, educational
sponsorship and our
Holistic Education
Programme.

Over 66,000

Over **9,900**children have
been **protected**from abuse and
neglect by our
Protection Homes,
Child Watch and
Anti-Trafficking
Programmes.

Over **8,000**young women and men have engaged in HOPE's **vocational training, skills enhancement and income generation**programmes to
provide sustainable
pathways out of
poverty.

^{*}All numbers are based on total direct and indirect beneficiaries per financial year.

Our Implementing Agency and Local Partners

HOPE's implementing agency in Kolkata is the Hope Kolkata Foundation. Alongside HKF, HOPE works with 9 local partners, whose ethos and dedication to reduce poverty are in line with that of The Hope Foundation and assist HOPE in the delivery of our programmatic approaches.

Hope Kolkata Foundation (HKF)



Our implementation agency, HKF, was set up in 1999 to improve the lives of children surviving the difficult circumstances they faced on the streets of Kolkata. For the protection and development of these

disadvantaged children, HKF manages 4 protection homes, 2 crisis intervention centres, mother and child care unit, a rehabilitation home and provides early adulthood support, a Holistic Education Programme in 22 schools, 5 Nabo Asha education centres, Early Childhood Care & Education Programme in collaboration with the Integrated Child Development Scheme in 18 centres, Child Watch, Life-Skills Training, a hospital, pharmacy, Night Round Mobile Medical Team, Early Childhood Blindness Eradication project and a Sponsorship Programme.

The organization works for the improvement of street and slum connected communities in Kolkata and Howrah, making these communities sustainable and restoring lost childhoods to their children. HKF has been working with the disadvantaged and vulnerable children and their families for more than 20 years. The target children fall under the category of street and slum dwellers, working children, children of sex workers, child beggars, orphan and abandoned children, trafficked and missing children.



Paschim Banga Krira-o-Jana Kalyan Parishad (PBKOJP)

PBKOJP has been striving to provide opportunities for

socio-economic and spiritual development of vulnerable sections of society since 1999 with special emphasis on working and street connected children, sex workers and their children, platform children and children from other marginalised sections of society. HOPE partners with PBKO|P to run "Prerona" Protection Home, set up in 2003 for the children of commercial sex workers, to ensure their overall development and integration into society and giving them opportunities so that they do not enter prostitution. HOPE also directs their Early Childhood Care & Education Programme in collaboration with Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in 10 centers, Holistic Education Programme in 15 schools, Sponsorship Programme and a Vocational Training Unit.

HIVE India



HOPE has partnered with HIVE India to support the Emergency Response

Unit, set up to rescue any person at risk on the streets (APAROS), involved in accidents, physical or mental illness, harassment or abuse, or cases of child labour and domestic violence. This unique service, the first initiative of its kind in Kolkata, responds to distress calls and emergency situations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Emergency Response Unit works closely with the police headquarters and the Community Police Wing (Civic Police) of the Kolkata Police to respond to any emergency within 20 minutes. Medical first-aid and psychological support are provided, as well as hospitalisation and treatment in the case of poor and homeless people and repatriation of the rescued victims and subsequent follow-up. The ERU is also involved in rescue work in the event of accidents or disasters in Kolkata in collaboration with the Kolkata Police, Fire and **Emergency Departments.**

Society for Indian Children's Welfare (SICW)



SICW is dedicated to the betterment and rehabilitation of children. It has served destitute, abandoned, orphaned and children with special

needs since 1979, providing education sponsorship and medical assistance to underprivileged communities as well as special projects concerning heart, eye and Thalassemia. The organisation, one of the nation's experienced adoption agencies under Indian Government's Central Adoption Resource Agency, has placed more than 3,000 children in loving homes across the world.

The UMEED Special Needs Unit was set up in August 2005 with the support of HOPE and professional guidance from the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy. The project currently works with children with special needs to ensure their development and to bring them into the mainstream of society. HOPE also partners with SICW to support the Education Sponsorship Programme.

Iswar Sankalpa (IS)



Iswar Sankalpa has been working in the field of mental health since 2007, reaching

out to homeless people with psycho-social disabilities abandoned on the streets. The organisation provides specialised guidance and ensures sensible and sensitive services for the needs of mental illnesses. HOPE supports its outreach programme, Naya Daur, a city-wide community-based programme providing treatment and support towards the needs of homeless people who are mentally ill on the streets itself. IS has developed networks with community-based organisations, NGOs, the police and administration, educational institutions as well as among the medical facilities throughout Kolkata and its suburbs to raise awareness and gather support for the help and treatment of the mentally ill.

Bhoruka Public Welfare Trust (BPWT)



BPWT has been working in the area of health since 1982, initially with a mission to create an uninterrupted blood supply for the under-served people who are HIV positive. The organisation has gradually

flourished and now focuses on an integrated approach to support people who are HIV positive through various programmes focussing on community care, intervention with truck drivers to prevent HIV and AIDS, care for children infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, reproductive child health, anti trafficking, capacity building and research.

"Snehneer" Protection Home, in partnership with HOPE, ensures the holistic development of children affected and infected with HIV/AIDS, through protection, health care, nutrition, education and recreation in a family environment with love and care for their overall development.

Jayaprakash Institute of Social Change (JPISC)



JPISC is an academic organisation founded in 1973 which is actively engaged in framing various child protection policies in

the state of West Bengal. The organisation has been working with institutionalised children and played a major role in building capacities of the caregivers working at various levels. For the last eleven years, HOPE has supported JPISC in implementing education projects in three homes managed by the government.

Apart from mainstreaming the children to the formal education system and subsequently improving their performances in schools, the education programme has also played a great role in imparting life-skills education. Counselling services brought about positive changes in their mental, psychological and emotional circumstances. Play and recreational activities are also organised for the children to rebuild their self-esteem and self-confidence.

Behala Keertika



Behala Keertika was established in 1961 to protect and guide women and children, through providing legal awareness and assistance, focussing on girls who have faced abuse, child marriage, child labour, violence

or sexual harassment or those who are survivors of trafficking. With HOPE's support, "Keertika" Protection Home provides destitute girls with protection, education and healthcare support, counselling, nutrition and recreation activities, to enable them to flourish into independent and empowered women.

Halderchak Chetana Welfare Society (HCWS)



HCWS, registered in 1993, has been working on various issues such as education, disaster preparedness and rights to food, health and finance.

HOPE has been working with HCWS since 2006 to implement a community based anti-trafficking programme with particular focus on women and children in the area. To prevent further trafficking, the programme covers 56 impoverished villages and is implemented by generating awareness in local communities and local government departments about the root causes, consequences and solutions to trafficking.

SWANIRVAR



Swanirvar is a non-governmental organisation working in the rural areas of North 24 Parganas since 1989. Their projects include rural healthcare, education, sustainable livelihood generation and development. Their

education programme covers 180 primary schools, 60 Sishu Siksha Kendra (Child Education Center), 20 high schools in North 24 Parganas. Over the last 3 years, they have also implemented an education programmes in 3 juvenile prisons.

HOPE collaborated with Swanirvar in 2018 to support its socio economic empowerment project for survivors of trafficking.

Our Strategic Partners

Froebel HOPE Education Partnership



Maynooth University National University of Ireland Maynooth Since 2008, Froebel College of Education in Dublin has worked in partnership with

The Hope Foundation in Kolkata. In June 2018, 38 Froebel College students along with their lecturers travelled to India to engage in HOPE's education programmes. With an immense amount of knowledge, skills and resources, these students embarked on what can only be described as a life-changing experience. A week of workshops, delivered by Laura Thornton, for HOPE teachers was held in January 2019.

Froebel College is conducting a 10 years impact

assessment on the use of Froebel Methodology in Indian context.

Addressing the Unaddressed (ATU) is a



non-profit organization in Ireland founded by Alex Pigot and Tina Roche in 2013. The organisation believes

that having an address is fundamental to citizenship and aims to provide a unique Plus Code address to people living in slums and unplanned settlements.

Plus Code has helped the HOPE team conducts a social survey to assess development needs of the marginalised people. This data has been used by the Hope Kolkata Foundation and other partner organizations to ensure that deprived families are linked with appropriate services.

Good Governance

As an organisation, The Hope Foundation is open and transparent. HOPE implements international best practice in governance.

We recognise our responsibility to you, our donors, sponsors, volunteers and fundraisers.

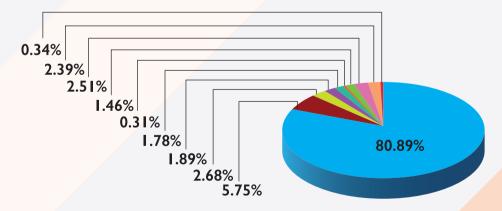
HOPE is committed to safeguarding children. We implement best practice guidelines and provide child protection training and capacity building for all staff who work directly with children and vulnerable adults.

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 Comhlámh 'Code of Good Practice for Volunteer Sending Organisations'. Comhlámh is Irish for solidarity, and is a member and supporter organisation for those working for social justice, human rights and global development

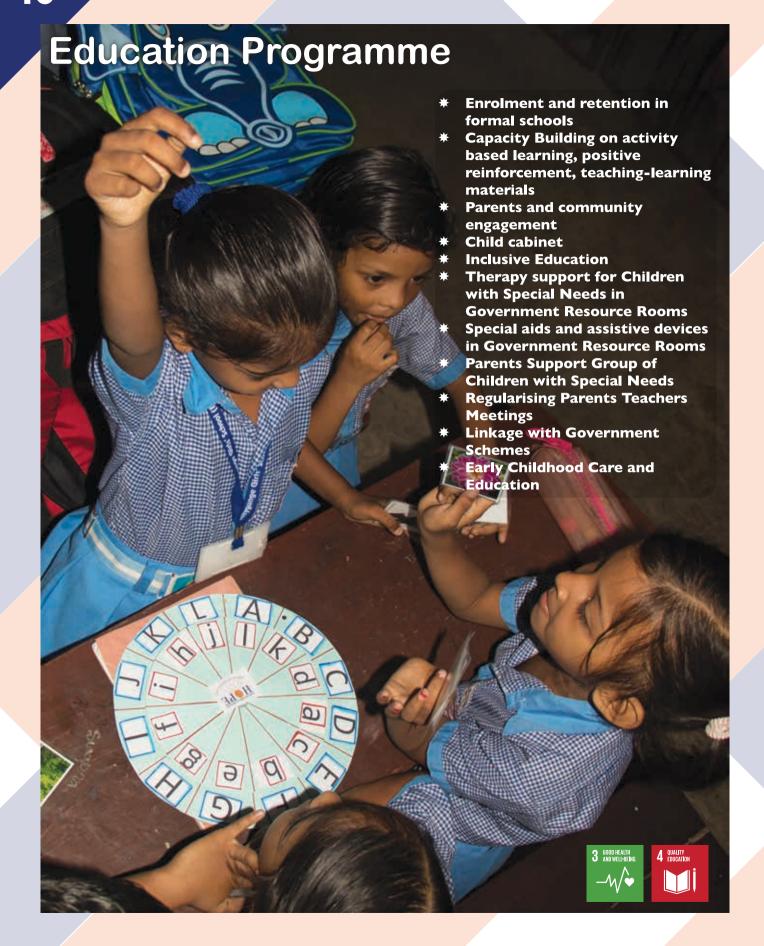
- HOPE is a member of Dóchas, the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations, and subscribes to its 'Code of Conduct on Images and Messages'
- HOPE is a member of The Wheel, a leading support and representative network for the community and voluntary sector in Ireland
- HOPE is fully compliant with The Governance Code, a Code of Practice for good governance of community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Ireland
- HOPE is a member of the Charities Institute Ireland, the body formed from the merger of ICTR and Fundraising Ireland in 2016 and adheres and implements the ICTR 'Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising'. We have been awarded 'Triple Lock' membership by the Cii, demonstrating our commitment to best practice in all aspects of transparent reporting, ethical fundraising and governance
- HOPE's Directors' Report and Financial Statements are presented in a form which complies with the Companies Act 2014, and as far as possible with the New Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP) and are published on our website

Fund Allocation To Partners Of Financial Year 2018-19



- HOPE KOLKATA FOUNDATION (HKF)
- PASCHIM BANGA KRIRA-O-JANAKALYAN PARISHAD (PBKOJP)
- HIVE INDIA
- SOCIETY FOR INDIAN

- CHILDREN'S WELFARE (SICW)
- ISWAR SANKALPA
- HALDERCHAK CHETANA WELFARE SOCIETY(HCWS)
- JAYAPRAKASH INSTITUTE OF
- SOCIAL CHANGES (JPISC)
- BHORUKA PUBLIC WELFARE TRUST (BPWT)
- **BEHALA KEERTIKA**
- **SWANIRVAR**



Education Programme

Integration of Quality Education to Ensure Improved Learning in Government Primary Schools

In 2017, HOPE conducted a situational study in 78 government schools of Kolkata and Howrah to understand the status of Right to Education Act implementation and the current situation of Children with Special Needs (CWSN) and their inclusion. The study included the learning gaps for CWSN and children with learning difficulties, teaching methodologies practiced in schools, school infrastructure and other relevant activities to ensure a joyful learning environment.

Following Phase I (2015-2018) of HOPE's intervention, it was noted that a joyful learning approach helped to improve the learning ability of children and ensured that they remained in school. Without good quality primary education, the foundation of education becomes weak and children fail to move towards higher level of thought and cannot cope with secondary level education.

In 2018, HOPE initiated Phase 2 of the education project which aims to ensure quality education at primary level. HOPE is working directly with the schools so that children can develop a strong education base and continue on to secondary level education. A series of capacity building programmes were also organised for government school teachers to teach them about activity-based learning, teaching learning materials (TLMs) and the use of positive reinforcement in the classroom. The teachers were also motivated to hold parent-teacher meetings so that parents could become involved in their child's education.

9 government resource rooms were also provided with essential aids and equipment and therapy support to all CWSN who attend. These children have also been linked with government entitlements.

As a result of continuous advocacy and networking HOPE successfully collaborated with Samagra Shikha Mission, State Education Department and project implementation began from August 2018.

Impact

4224 children are enrolled in schools and are accessing quality education from the teachers capacitated by HOPE

56 children with special needs have made progress

253 teachers are using activity-based learning methods for children with learning gaps

575 children with learning gaps have made progress

293 individual child's progress was discussed in141 parent-teacher meetings

189 children received therapies (physiotherapy, occupational, speech) in **9** resource rooms

58 children with special needs were linked with government entitlements

A Milestone for Children with learning gaps and special needs

Amar Bondhu (My Friend)

Based on experience, the Hope Kolkata Foundation education team designed a **workbook** called "Amar Bondhu" (My Friend). The workbook is based on the Froebel methodology for children with learning gaps and children with special needs, who are in primary school. The worksheets are focused on 3 subjects - English, Bengali and Mathematics - to help children reach basic competency level. The book has been designed to identify what children know and what they want to learn about.

Teachers in government schools are promoting our workbook to help teach children with special needs and learning gaps. There is currently a high-demand for our workbooks as they help government teachers simplify tasks for the children.

Story of Change

Aloke, who is 10-years-old and has an intellectual disability and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), was enrolled in a local school. Teachers began to notice that due to his disability, he lacked social interaction and never joined his peer groups. This led to him becoming isolated and inattentive in school.

A HOPE special educator noticed that Aloke was falling behind and suggested suitable teaching

methodologies for the teachers to follow. During a parent-teacher meeting, Aloke's parents informed the teacher that he loved to play the drums and this was incorporated into his learning at school. At the annual cultural programme, Aloke was selected to play the drums and mesmerised the audience. He was highly enthusiastic and gained confidence to participate in more school events. Soon after, Aloke became more active in class and his relationship with his peers grew.

List of Schools and Resource Rooms

Schools

I 5. Saptapradip GSFP School	26. South Subarban School(Main	
16. Nabadwip Roy Smriti Prathamik	Primary)	
Vidyalaya	27. Ramrick Institution (Primary)	
17. Hrishi Bankim Vidyapith (Unit-2)	28. Bakulbagan Primary School	
18. Sarat Chandra Sur Prathamik	29. Kalighat High School (GSFP)	
Vidyalaya	30. Adbhudananda Vidyamandir	
19. Momin High School	31. Sishu Sikshalaya	
20. Baitunmala Girls Primary Unit-2	32. Shishu Sathi Free Primary School	
21.Tribenee Vidyapith		
22. Liluah Shishu Vidyapith	33. Jawharlal Nehru Vidyapith (PS)	
23. Deshpran Birendra Nath	Boys	
Institution	34. Prajapati Vidya Mandir	
24. Bhawanipore Girls Primary	35. Lal Bahadur Shastri Vidyapith	
School	36. CPC Remount Road Institution	
25. Ramesh Mitter Girls Schools	(Primary Section)	
(Primary)	37. Ramkamal Street U.P. School	
	16. Nabadwip Roy Smriti Prathamik Vidyalaya 17. Hrishi Bankim Vidyapith (Unit-2) 18. Sarat Chandra Sur Prathamik Vidyalaya 19. Momin High School 20. Baitunmala Girls Primary Unit-2 21. Tribenee Vidyapith 22. Liluah Shishu Vidyapith 23. Deshpran Birendra Nath Institution 24. Bhawanipore Girls Primary School 25. Ramesh Mitter Girls Schools	

Resource Rooms

1. Mollarhat School	5. Oriental Seminary for Boys	8. Chetla Girls High School
2. Bidyabithi Junior High School	, ,	9. Manmatha Nath Nandan Boys
3. Rani Rashmoni Bazar Vidyatan	7. South Suburban Branch High	and Girls School
4. Nabapally Bidya Niketan	School	

Nabo Asha Educating Children Living on the Streets of Kolkata

HOPE's Nabo Asha programme provides educational support and empowerment to children who call the streets their home. These children are often engaged in child labour or beg for survival. The programme runs 5 centres across Kolkata which provide non-formal and formal educational support, along with nutrition and counselling. The situational analysis conducted by HOPE revealed that 18% of street-connected children are out of school and 92% who are attending school are unable to cope in class as they are first generation learners.

The programme follows a holistic approach from school readiness to school retention. The project identifies children at the age of 6, and offers supplementary education, nutrition, pre-school

Impact

- **343** children received education support from the Nabo Asha centres
- **45** children continued their education from residential schools and protection homes
- 125 children were enrolled in formal school; 37 of these children had dropped out of school and 88 children were enrolled in school for the first time
- 185 fathers are attending parent-teacher meetings in schools, prioritising their children's education and have started saving money in banks and post offices for their children's education
- 178 children were linked with scholarships and social entitlements such as Aadhar cards, Kanyashree Scheme, Minority Scheme and Below Poverty Line card
- **307** children appeared for annual examination in school and had improved their learning ability and were promoted to the next class
- **5** children successfully completed the Madhyamik Examination (Class X) from New Market and Topsia

education, psychological and physical health improvement from early childhood to young adulthood. The children are supported in these centres before and after school through Froebel methodologies and use of Teaching Learning Materials in a joyful learning environment. The children are also linked with government scholarships and schemes to continue their education. Information is also provided on how to access such entitlements and resources for single parents to empower them to take care of their children's education. Emphasis is also placed on creating a safety net within the community for the children through the formation of community support groups who help to identify children who are out of school, encourage parents to send their children to school and encourage fathers to prioritise their children's education. The project also works to advocate and improve the rights and entitlements of vulnerable children in Kolkata.

centres. With the help of Nabo Asha teachers, one boy passed his board exams with grade "A+" in subjects such as geography, history, science and English

Story of Change

Ashima is an 8-year-old girl who lives on the streets near a rail line. Her father is a daily worker and her mother was a domestic worker. When Ashima was 5-months old, her mother left the family. Her father married again but Ashima's stepmother neglected her.

The family did not believe that girls should be educated and Ashima was not sent to school. Instead, she was made to do all the household work at a very young age.

The Nabo Asha teachers identified Ashima while she was working on the streets. When they talked to Ashima she seemed very interested in school but when the teachers tried to talk to her parents, they refused to send Ashima to the Nabo Asha centre. They thought educating girls was an unnecessary burden on the family.

Through counselling, Ashima's stepmother realised the importance of education for girls and she agreed

to send Ashima to the Nabo Asha centre to start her education.

An ASER (Annual Status of Education Report) test was conducted to understand her level of education which showed that she was a beginner and had to be taught English and Bengali alphabets and Maths. The teachers constantly discussed the importance of education with her parents, especially for girls and to enrol her in school. By the time her parents agreed to send her to school, the centre teachers had provided enough coaching support that Ashima was enrolled in school in Class 3.

Today, Ashima attends school and the Nabo Asha centre regularly and is dedicated to her academics. She is an excellent dancer and has also taken part in several dance workshops and has won several prizes. In her free time, she likes to read storybooks which further enhance her vocabulary.

Ashima is extremely happy to get the opportunity to study and is dedicated to working hard. In the future, she wants to become a doctor and help people from underprivileged communities.

Crèche - Facilities for Children Without Parental Supervision

Pre-primary education and supplementary nutrition is provided in 4 crèches run by Hope Kolkata Foundation to children under 6 years of age who are living in slum areas across Kolkata and Howrah and are not able to access pre-primary education due to abject poverty. A study by HOPE revealed that children up to the age of 6 are left alone without parental care while their parents are working, which puts these children in danger and at risk of being abused.

Children who are not accessing pre-primary or other services for early childhood care and education are identified and enrolled in the crèches. The children are encouraged to learn through play and Froebel methodologies. The crèche teachers conduct follow-up visits with the parents to ensure their children regularly attend the crèche and also motivate the parents to practice lessons at home. De-worming, dental and health camps are also conducted to ensure the children's health. Monthly



parent-teacher meetings and orientations are provided to the community to enhance their knowledge for the betterment of their children.

Counselling services are provided to the fathers on the importance of child education and protection and to also encourage them to save money for their children's education.

Impact

- **3 0** children were enrolled in 4 crèches
- **97** children were enrolled in school
- **146** parents understand the importance of finance management, especially for their children's education
- **122** parents improved their knowledge on child education and are supporting their children at home
- 63 parents opened bank accounts

UMEED-A Programme for the Rehabilitation and Integration of Children with Special Needs: Society for Indian Children's Welfare

The UMEED Special Education project is designed to give children with special needs priority and the right to a quality of life with self reliance. Orphaned and abandoned children living within the premises of SICW and children living with their parents from the community are provided with care, education and protection to ensure their physical, social and mental development. The children from the surrounding community who are enrolled in UMEED undergo a medical assessment to identify their needs. These include children with special needs and various forms of disabilities such as Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and physical disabilities.

UMEED classes are designed to develop the children's cognitive, communicative, motor and academic skills through a progressive curriculum

based on milestones. Regular recreational outings are organised every month and great emphasis is placed on social integration. The children also receive physiotherapy, speech therapy, prosthetics and other aids. Counselling support is also provided to parents and care-givers to recognise signs of special needs and to bring their child for rehabilitation as soon as possible. It also enables them to be more sensitive to their child's needs and to take action accordingly.

Impact

- 32 children were supported with special education
- **6** children were adopted and 7 older children were placed in other homes for further support as per Child Welfare Committee order
- **32** children improved their communicative, expressive and receptive language skills and **3** children improved their motor skills





Creating a Better Environment for Children in Three Government-run Child Care Institutions: Jayaprakash Institute of Social Change

The aim of the project is to improve the quality of institutional and alternative care for children in 3 government homes. This project deals with direct care provision for children and HOPE's intervention is to sensitise the management of the homes to ensure a better quality of life for the children. Focus is given on mainstreaming children to formal education and improving their academic performance. The project also provides life-skills training such as personal hygiene and behavioural management. Counselling support is provided to those who were victims of sexual and other forms of abuse. Preparation of an individual care plan is

another important aspect of this project to develop plans for reuniting children with their families and integration into society.

Impact

- **356** children were supported; 325 in formal education and 31 in non-formal education
- 175 children were newly enrolled in remedial coaching classes
- **108** children improved their academic performances in remedial coaching classes
- I I children were restored to their families through the Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit and staff of the homes



Protection Programme

HOPE envisages "A world where it should never hurt to be a child" and where children can access their rights. HOPE constantly works to create an environment where children can grow and develop. Children in need of care and protection are supported through seven protection homes, one rehabilitation centre and two crisis intervention centres during their time of crisis. While the children are under protection and care in our homes, their families are supported so that they can improve their socio-economic status and be reunited with their children.

Our Approach:

Children in need of care and protection are placed in HOPE homes under the protective order of the

Child Welfare Committee (CWC) after a family assessment. This Committee is the government board which is responsible for safety and security of all state children from 0-18 years. The partners of HOPE are accountable to support children through the Child Welfare Committee.

Four protection homes supported by HOPE are registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act 2015, which involves periodic visits by the Government officials from various child protection authorities, conducting Home Management Committee meetings in presence of Government officials and following up to make sure utmost care and protection of the children in lieu with the law of the land. The remaining homes are in process of receiving the license.



Protection homes at a Glance

Protection Homes: The first HOPE protection home was established in 1999, and since then more homes have been established to support children from 6-18 years of age who are in need of care and protection; living a vulnerable life, deprived of their childhood and education. Children staying in these homes are supported with protection, nutrition, formal education, healthcare, co-curricular activities, vocational training, recreation and counselling support for their holistic growth and development in a loving and child friendly environment.

Crisis Intervention Centres

HOPE supports two Crisis Intervention Centres for children on a temporary basis, who were identified in need of care and protection by the Child Welfare Committee through various outreach teams such as Childline and HOPE projects; Child Watch, Night Round Medical Unit and outreach sponsorship. Children can stay in these short stay homes for six months to a year, depending on the rehabilitation plan.

Based on the findings of family assessment, children from the Crisis Intervention Centres are further

placed in other protection homes run by HOPE, with protective order from the Child Welfare Committee to ensure further rehabilitation with protection, care and affection.

Punorjibon Rehabilitation Home for

Boys: Punorjibon Rehabilitation Home for addicted boys was established in 2006 to identify and provide safe shelter and treatment to vulnerable boys who were addicted to substances. The boys have been

abandoned, orphans, or have run-away from home due to abject poverty, neglect and abuse, and found themselves surviving on the railway platforms of Kolkata. Punorjibon Rehabilitation Home was established to rehabilitate these boys with education and healthcare support and become self-sufficient. The project also puts emphasis on linking the boys with social security schemes to ensure the boys can access their basic rights.

Name of the Home	Age Group in Years	Number of in house children	Home Based Support	Placed/ Restored in other organisation, family, Hope Hostel or protection home	Total	
Ashar Alo Home for Girls	13-18	37	37	36	110	
Kasba Home for Girls	5-12	53	14	8	75	
Female Crisis Intervention Centre	Above 6	2	4	30	36	
Bekind Home for Boys	5-10	25	I	0	26	
Ashirbad Home for Boys	10-18	50	23	2	75	
Male Crisis Intervention Centre	Above 6	14	4	33	51	
Punorjibon Rehabilitation Home for Boys	6-18	24	2	9	35	
Prerona Home for Girls	6-18	16	I	I	18	
Snehneer Home for HIV infected and affected children	6-18	24	13	0	37	
Keertika Home for Girls	6-18	25	0	2	27	

Mother and Child Care Unit

Number of Children	Number of Mothers	Girls Above 18 years	Total
23	11	2	36

Impact

- **24** children with disabilities have access to healthcare and entitlements
- **35** boys with history of addiction have been rehabilitated
- **483** children have access to education, nutrition, health care, and skill and knowledge development trainings
- **159** families have access to government entitlements for shelter, health care, food security, safe drinking water, sanitation, electricity etc.
- **50** children were freed from child labour and begging on the road and enrolled in school
- **40** children without parents have access to their rights of protection and care

During the process of Family Strengthening, families have been supported with counselling; guidance to link with social security schemes to improve their economic status; trainings & workshops; and regular home visits to help families develop their views and behaviour towards Child Rights, child protection and child rearing practices.

Story of Change

Rima used to live with her father, grandmother and sisters at South 24 Parganas. Her mother died while giving birth to her younger sister. Her father was a farmer, but his income was not enough to feed two children and their grandmother. They used to live in a small home made of mud without clean drinking water, proper sanitation or a toilet.

Rima's grandmother was also unable to take care of Rima and her two sisters. Meanwhile her father remarried but their stepmother left the family due to poverty.

Since then it was obvious that the children spent their days in starvation, uncared and unattended. As he was unable to provide enough food for his daughter, her grandmother decided to hand over the children to the Government for care and protection.

In 2008, Rima and one of her sisters came under HOPE's support when she was 6 years of age and they were placed in Kasba Girls Home.

After being placed in Kasba Home for Girls, the girls were supported with shelter, nutrition, education and co-curricular activities support, health care and also counselling support. Rima was enrolled in primary school and after finishing Class V from the local high school, she was enrolled in another school. Strategies were also followed to create a safety net in the community and strengthen the family through motivation to accept Rima in the family before and after her restoration.

Her family was also linked with several government schemes and entitlements such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana which is a Government of India scheme to construct homes for people from economically weaker sections of the society. The family was also linked with Ujjwala Yojana health scheme whereby gas connections are provided for cooking instead of impure fossil fuels which cause respiratory illnesses. Her father is also receiving the Nirman Shramik pension scheme and is now able and willing to take care of his daughters and give them a secure life.

In 2017, Rima was restored to her family. She successfully completed secondary level education in 2018. After completing Class X, she took admission in Class XI in a residential school. Rima is now residing in the school hostel under home-based education sponsorship support. She is driven when it comes to her academic pursuits.

Mother and Child Care Unit

Violence against women in India is an ever-increasing problem. Over the past 10 years, cases of marital violence in West Bengal have increased by 235% against the 110% increase nationally. Of the 337,922 incidents of crime against women in the country, West Bengal accounted for 38,299 cases. These include dowry related harassments including death, wife-battering, marital rape, and sexual abuse of girl children and women, deprivation of sufficient food to female members, committing incestuous offences and forcing female members of the family to resort to sex-trade.

A study was conducted by HOPE in 2017 with 19 mothers and 25 children. The study stated that incidents of violence in the home are largely affecting the mental and physical state of any child. One of the common forms of abuse and violence on mothers is separating their children from them and forcing them to leave home. Out of 19 mothers who participated in the study, 84% had left their home as consequences of domestic violence perpetrated by their husbands and in-laws. 21% of the mothers were forced to leave their other children at home with their husband and in-laws.

Through the Mother and Child Care Unit (MCCU) HOPE aims to re-establish the rights of survival and protection of these mothers and children. Mothers who ran away from home, abandoned by their family or experienced domestic violence from their husbands and in-laws, and were staying on the pavements and platforms of Kolkata are supported through this project.

The mothers can stay for a short period of time in MCCU from I month to 6 months which can be extended further based on their rehabilitation plan, with access to protection, nutrition, elementary education for their children, health care, recreation and counselling support. The mothers are also supported to build their knowledge and skills and learn to be self-dependent.

Impact

Mental and physical wellbeing supports were provided to mothers and 20 children staying in MCCU

- **6** lactating and pregnant mothers have been linked with ICDS and access to health care provisions
- mothers have been linked with social security schemes and entitlements

Story of Change

Anita, aged 25, is from Jharkhand. She was married to a man in Chakradharpur who was married once before. However, orphan Anita was married before she reached puberty. By the age of 19 years Anita had become a mother to Riya who is now 6 years old.

Anita had to stay with her in-laws, husband and his other wife. It was never a peaceful relationship between her and her in-laws; Anita was a victim of domestic violence perpetrated by her in-laws and husband. She was even deprived of food and other basic necessities for days. In order to become free from all the torture one day Anita left the home and went to her brother and decided to end the marriage. She started working in a brick kiln in Jharkhand and later moved to another brick kiln in Howrah for better income. There she started living a peaceful life with the help of a local man whom she later married and gave birth to Diya.

After a few days, she went to visit her family but got lost on the way back to her husband. Anita was rescued by the railway police with her two children. Unable to remember the address of her residence and the workplace she was handed over to Bhawanipore Police and from there she was placed in MCCU.

After being placed in MCCU efforts were also taken to find her husband. Networking was established with police stations of Howrah and with brick kilns based on the information Anita could remember during counselling.

After many attempts to find the address and establish a network with the local people, the address of her husband was found after five moths and she was restored back to her husband. Now Anita and her two children are under follow up support by MCCU.

Reuniting with the families:

Along with holistic development for the children, reuniting children with their families is another aim of the project. Thus soon after the children are placed in the homes, strategies are undertaken to strengthen the families and create a child friendly atmosphere for successful restoration of children to their families. During the year, 28 children from the 11 protection homes/centres have been reunited with their families.

Hostel Support Programme:

HOPE runs a special programme for young adults who were raised in HOPE homes until their adulthood. This project provides accommodation, education and nutrition support for boys and girls over 18 years of age and continuing their education or vocational training to become self-sufficient.

Impact

- **26** girls were supported through HOPE Hostel Project
- **9** boys were supported through Halfway Home Project

Child Watch

Creating a Protective and Learning Environment for Street Connected Children in Kolkata

Child Watch is a unique project centred on the care and protection of vulnerable children and building a strong bond between communities and education, protection and healthcare systems. A situational analysis was conducted by HOPE in 2017 which highlighted challenges faced by street connected children to access education, vocational training and protection.

The project's focus is to ensure that all children between 6-14 years of age who are not in school are not denied admission to formal school following the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009. Families and children are also motivated to ensure children have a regular attendance in school. Child Watch works with the community to ensure that street connected children are protected. This includes working with shop keepers and employers of child labour to prevent the selling of addictive substances to children and the recruitment of child labour.

The Child Watch team also works with the parents, especially fathers, to increase their involvement in their children's lives and encouraging children to ensure retention in school. Vocational training support is provided to teenagers and young adults

for skill-building and better employment opportunities. Child Vigilance Groups have been set up who motivate other children and raise awareness on issues such as education and protection.

12 Community Watch Groups have also been established with active volunteers from the community to create a safety net within the community for the children. The project also provides necessary support for children in need of care and protection.

Child Watch also works in collaboration with the Night Round Mobile Medical Unit by informing the team of anyone in need of medical support and follows up the cases.

Impact

- **102** children were enrolled in school and **94** children were regularly attending school
- **8** children were enrolled in Life Skills Computer Training Unit of Hope Kolkata Foundation
- **24** children identified in need of care and protection were provided with support for safe shelter, education, recreation and other child right
- 4 children were provided with medical support from HOPE's Night Round Medical Unit and 12 children were admitted in HOPE Hospital
- **3** children were linked with the HOPE Sponsorship programme. **2** orphan children were linked with outreach sponsorship of Hope Kolkata Foundation and placed in residential school
- **25** fathers have been motivated by **12** Community Watch Groups to prioritize their children's education and reduce their addiction
- 9 children(of single parents) were linked with Government Scholarship Program
- 4 child marriage cases were prevented with direct involvement of Child Vigilance Groups, local police and Child Welfare Committee

25 child labour cases were identified and prevented. **8** child addiction cases were identified and **6** were prevented. **2** children are being motivated to overcome their addiction



Story of Change

Anwar, a 10 year old boy, is from another state far from West Bengal. He lost both of his parents when he was very young. His mother committed suicide which stemmed from trauma created by domestic violence. Anwar and his father then moved to Delhi where they both worked in a tea stall. However, his father soon passed away after suffering from a disease.

Anwar took a train to find his uncle, hoping to have a family again. However, he did not know his uncle's address and landed at Howrah railway station. He was alone and didn't know what to do. He eventually came across a woman, who lived on the street and stayed with her.

Shortly the Child Watch team found Anwar who was living in one of the communities the project works with. The social worker spoke to the woman who shared that Anwar needed both protection and education supports which she cannot provide. Child Watch provided counselling for Anwar and initially he was afraid and reluctant to speak or provide information but the team reassured him that they will help him and encouraged him not to feel afraid. Anwar began to talk to the social worker and then Child Watch lodged a General Diary in the police station about Anwar's case and then to the Child

Welfare Committee.

The Child Welfare Committee gave the order to Child Watch to place Anwar in HOPE's Male Crisis Intervention Centre. Anwar has settled into the home where he is supported with the love and care from the caregivers and has made friends with the other boys and loves to play sports.

Community Based Anti-Trafficking Project: HCWS

Since 2006, HOPE has been supporting community-based anti-trafficking programmes implemented by the Halderchak Chetana Welfare Society (HCWS) in 3 blocks of West Bengal.

The project aims to rescue trafficked girls and to work with the community to prevent further trafficking.

In local areas, community watch groups were formed to prevent trafficking at village level. These groups are comprised of local shopkeepers, teachers and ICDS workers. These groups play an important role in initiating legal proceedings and informing relevant agencies. They also help to prevent child marriages in their communities.

Our Approach:

- Rescue Operation
- Rehabilitation & Reintegration with Families
- Strengthening Community Watch groups & Community Awareness

Impact:

5 trafficked girls from West Bengal and 11 trafficked girls outside the State were rescued

6 child marriages were prevented

7 victims were re-integrated with their families

13 families of rescued victims were linked with the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana, a government housing scheme

5 victims and their families were linked with income generation schemes.

8 workshops were conducted on trafficking and networking. **4 I 4** government representatives and officials including Block level Asha workers, ICDS Supervisors, Health workers, Panchayat Pradhan and Sanchalak attended the workshops

Story of Change

Archana and her family depend on begging in order to survive. The family were begging at Gangasagar Mela (fair) when a man approached Archana's father and introduced himself as Laltu Thakur from Bihar. Laltu told Archana's father that he had a lot of land and money and that he wanted Archana to marry his son. Her father said that he would verify the details that he was given and would make a decision.

However, unknown to her father, Laltu managed to get Archana's phone number and she began communicating with Laltu's son Balram. Soon after, Archana fell in love with Balram, unaware that it was a trap.

One day, Balram met Archana on her way to school and they ran away. When her family realised that she was gone, they filed a report at the police station and contacted HCWS. An investigation was opened, and it was revealed that he was using a fake name and that he didn't own any land. The police and HCWS searched the area but they couldn't find them. A local person informed the police that Laltu and his family had left for Nepal with Archana. Then HCWS, with



the help of local and Nepal police rescued Archana and she was reunited with her family.

Socio-Economic Empowerment of Trafficking Survivors in Rural Areas of West Bengal: Swanirvar

In 2018, HOPE started a project alongside Swanirvar for rescued trafficking victims in rural West Bengal. The aim of the project is to provide a sustainable living for victims of trafficking and to help develop their self-esteem. Rescued girls are given training in nursing and healthcare, along with basic computer skills and Spoken English so that they can re-integrate with the community and find employment. Rescued victims who have no formal education are trained on sustainable agriculture.

Impact

- **15** rescued victims have successfully completed basic computer and Spoken English courses
- 15 trainees completed courses on growing vegetables
- rescued victims completed community healthcare course



Story of Change

Monika was living with her parents and two younger sisters in North 24 Parganas when she became a victim of trafficking. Monika's father was a farmer but due to his ill health he could not work every day. This led to Monika dropping out of school when she was young due to her family's poor economic status. In

2017, Monika was trafficked by one of her distant relatives who told the family he had found work for her in the city. Monika was rescued by the police and brought home to her family.

However, when Monika returned home she struggled to re-adjust to family life and couldn't find a job. A representative from Swanirvar visited the family and encouraged Monika to attend agricultural training. Following this, Monika became an expert in building low-cost home kitchen gardens.

After completing the training, she formed a self-help group called "Pabitra Mahila Dal" in her community. She developed her homestead into a small kitchen garden to meet her family's nutritional requirements. Despite overcoming so many challenges, life was not

easy for Monika. After she was rescued, she felt alienated from her community. Her friends no longer spoke to her and she was constantly asked inappropriate questions by older men in her community. Monika's mother called the Swanirvar mentor to visit Monika and he advised her to rise above the abuse and become a strong, independent woman. She was given further counselling on how to re-adjust to her community.

Monika's family has now stopped buying vegetables from the market and excess vegetables are either distributed to the neighbours or sold at the local market. She also rears poultry and her work has motivated the other 13 members of her group to become financially independent.



Community Development Project

In April 2018, HOPE conducted a study among 24 families (67 children and 64 adults) living under Gariahat flyover in Kolkata. The study highlighted that the children were not receiving early childhood education and lacked basic safety and hygiene. It also showed that these families are not accessing ICDS centres; many have never been to school and are engaged in labour, begging and addiction. Furthermore, the families cannot access basic government entitlements to improve their health, social and economic status.

Since May 2018, HOPE has implemented a Community Development Project in order to improve the quality of life for the street dwellers living under Gariahat flyover.

Impact:

24 families are accessing health care support from government health centres

Safe shelter has been ensured for **7** vulnerable children with protective order from the Child Welfare Committee

7 children were freed from Child Labour and placed in residential schools

39 networking meetings were held with Gariahat Hawkers' Union to create a Child Labour Free Zone

10 children and 6 adults were linked with government hospitals for medical support

2 children below 6 years were enrolled in one of HOPE's crèches for early childhood education

8 children were enrolled in Nabo Asha

78 adults and **122** children staying under Gariahat Flyover acquired knowledge on basic health, hygiene, sanitation and protection through 9 awareness programmes

Story of Change

Anushala (11) and Anwesha (7) lived with their three sisters, their mother Anjali and stepfather Lakhan on the street near Golpark. Their step father was a sweet maker and earning just 200 rupees a day. In order to fulfil the growing needs of the family Anjali is also selling incense sticks. The family have a rented room in Piyali, South 24 Parganas, but had to spend their days on the footpath to earn a living which affected their children as they were deprived from their right to survival, health and protection. Anushala and Anwesha dropped out of school and roamed the streets without any supervision during the day.

Anjali's two younger daughters who are I and 4 years old were suffering from malnutrition, breathing difficulties etc. Anjali was also suffering from indigestion and gastritis which she developed due to lack of food.

After HOPE's intervention, Anushala and Anwesha were placed in Kasba Girls' Home by the Child Welfare Committee for shelter, education and nutrition. In June 2018, Anjali and her two younger daughters were admitted to HOPE Hospital.

Anushala and Anwesha are doing well in Kasba Girls' Home, while their family has moved to their native town of Piyali. They are renting a home and their stepfather has a new job which allows him to support his family.





Health Programme

HOPE Hospital

The HOPE Hospital was established in 2008 to provide secondary healthcare to underprivileged people living below the poverty line, who would otherwise be deprived of medical treatment. The majority of the patients are from Kolkata and surrounding states such as Iharkhand, Bihar and Orissa. The hospital works closely with 90 local charities operating in Kolkata and its surrounding districts. It provides quality medical treatment in its 32-bed in-patient department with a 4-bed ICU, outpatient department, diagnostic centre, surgical departments and pharmacy. The hospital extension was inaugurated during 2018-19 and now has an oncology clinic, endoscopy, colonoscopy unit, eye clinic and an OT Complex with recovery room and day care facility.

Impact:

12,785 patients were treated in the outpatient department and 1,303 in the inpatient department

9,770 patients received quality testing in the diagnostic department

730 surgeries were conducted

Story of Change

Sonamoni, a one and half year old girl lives with her family in an interior part of West Bengal, where health services are not available. After Sonamoni was born, her left leg began to swell and she could not stand or walk. Her parents work on a farm and they could not afford to bring her to a hospital for treatment. They have two older daughters, the eldest daughter, Sonali is 12 years old but not going to school and Rupali who is 10 years old goes to school.

They went to an NGO called St. Mary's Mother & Child Care Centre at Bolpur in Birbhum District and was referred to HOPE Hospital.

Sonamoni was admitted to HOPE Hospital. Her C.T. Scan report revealed that she has a Liposarcome tumour. She underwent surgery to remove the tumour. Through post-operative care, Sonamoni recovered and started to walk with the help of physiotherapy. It was a month long procedure and Sonamoni found a new life.

Night Round Mobile Medical Unit

Street dwellers are among the most deprived people in urban areas, in terms of living conditions, access to basic facilities and health services. Overcrowding and unsanitary conditions, lack of access to healthcare or clean water spread airborne and waterborne diseases. Marginalised and vulnerable communities are often the worst affected. They are deprived of information and are unable to afford or access health services that would prevent and treat diseases.

The Night Round Mobile Medical Unit provides primary health care services to street dwelling communities of Kolkata, who would otherwise be deprived of such services while also creating



awareness on health and hygiene practices to prevent illness. In emergency cases, the patients are admitted to HOPE Hospital or government hospitals for treatment. The project also works on the protection of children and women and is always alert to identify signs of vulnerability and take action in collaboration with HOPE's Child Watch team, following legal procedures.

Impact

12,066 children and adults received primary healthcare support

11,796 patients were provided with medicines free of cost and 38 patients received wound dressings

60 patients were admitted to HOPE Hospital for treatment

4 free eye check-up camps were carried out for the street population through the Night Round Medical Team in collaboration with "Specsavers" which treated 303 patients

Blindness Eradication Programme

HOPE's Blindness Eradication Programme operates in Kolkata and surrounding villages throughout West Bengal. Vitamin A deficiency and malnutrition are major causes of corneal scarring among children and underprivileged adults in Kolkata, resulting in blindness. The project is for street and slum connected communities living below the poverty line who have no access to quality healthcare. It works to increase awareness of eye health and the need for check-ups, provides eye-screening and check-up camps for schools and



communities, and provides treatment and surgeries in the Hope Hospital.

Impact

96 free eye check-up camps were conducted and treated 15,631 patients which were supported by Komatsu, Japan and Specsavers, Ireland

5,425 free medicines and 7,564 free glasses were provided

2,444 patients attended the Eye Clinic in the Hope Hospital and 249 eye surgeries were conducted

Chitpur Clinic

In June 2018, a medical clinic was established in Chitpur slum which caters to the medical needs of the community. The clinic has a special emphasis on children, pregnant women and new mothers, adolescents and the elderly. Importance is also placed on improving general health by providing free medication and treatment. Patients are also linked with primary healthcare services for immunisation and family planning support.



Impact

2,37 I patients were treated and **50** children received Vitamin A supplements and de-worming tablets under Vitamin Angel Programme

2 children were admitted to HOPE Hospital for treatment

Emergency Response Unit: HIVE

The Emergency Response Unit delivers a 24 hour, 7 days a week service to rescue abandoned and trafficked women and children, accident victims and those suffering from mental health issues. Medical and psychological support is provided in addition to hospitalisation and treatment in case of poor and homeless people. The unit particularly focuses on children and women living on the streets. Where possible and appropriate, the project reunites the rescued children and adults with their families. Families living below the poverty line are assisted to access medical care and at-risk individuals are placed in appropriate shelters and homes through a strong referral network. The team is equipped with ambulances to respond to any emergency call, including calls from the Kolkata Police and the Fire Department.

Impact

34 I people were rescued in collaboration with Kolkata Police and provided with medical support, food, clothes and legal assistance. **297** were registered with the police for further care and rehabilitation

136 people were restored with their family

25 I people received medical support in different government and private hospitals

36 children were rescued from the streets of Kolkata and produced before the Child Welfare Committee to find their families and suitable protective shelter

I 0 women who were victims of domestic violence were placed in All Bengal Women's Union and Mitali Mahila Samiti for further care and rehabilitation

Story of Change

Kalpana, 70 years old, was found in a lost and distressed situation on the street under the jurisdiction of Beniapukur Police Station in Kolkata on the 25th of February 2019. It was still cold in Kolkata but she had no winter clothes. Moreover, she didn't have much to eat and although people tried to talk to her, she could not answer any questions and looked helpless. She could not tell where she came from or any questions related to her home. Meanwhile, it was almost night and she needed safe shelter. The people of the area informed the local police station about Kalpana, however they did not know what to do and contacted Hive.

The Emergency Response Unit and police found Kalpana in extreme despair. She was admitted to Sambhu Nath Pandit Hospital after providing first aid and humanitarian care. The social workers of Hive India started following up the treatment of the patient and kept in contact with the doctors and nurses. Apart from hospital treatment, Kalpana was also given new clothes, food and basic toiletries.

Every day a representative from Hive visited Kalpana and gradually she began to recover after getting regular medicines and meals.

On the 3rd day, Kalpana recalled the name and address of her family. Accordingly Hive and the concerned police personnel contacted the family who were also desperately looking for their mother since the day she disappeared from home.

On the 28th of February, Kalpana's daughter went to the Hospital to identify her mother. Kalpana



recognised her family and was very happy. Kalpana was discharged by the hospital after completing all legal formalities and returned home with her daughter.

Naya Daur: Community-based Care and Support Programme for Homeless People with Mental Health Illnesses: Iswar Sankalpa

Naya Daur is a community-based project which supports homeless people with mental illnesses through nutrition, health and hygiene, clothing and family restoration. The programme also creates awareness to reduce stigma, with the ultimate aim of improving the social status of people with mental health conditions. The programme has made a significant impact at community level as members of communities are identified to act as caregivers and beneficiaries are being accepted back into the local communities through employment. Advocacy and awareness camps are also conducted to promote social inclusion and to help homeless people with mental health issues obtain government supports. The team also uses community resources such as pharmacies, NGOs, community-based organisations, pharmaceutical companies and members of communities to create a wider support network to form an integrated mental health service model.

Impact

138 beneficiaries were registered, including 48 new beneficiaries

- 46 beneficiaries were engaged in employment
- 6 beneficiaries were restored to their families
- **92** caregivers, including **46** new caregivers, are taking care of **78** beneficiaries

Story of Change

When the Naya Daur team identified Ramesh(30), he was withdrawn, non-communicative and unable to maintain his personal hygiene. A social worker tried to build rapport with Ramesh so that he would take treatment and support. Initially, Ramesh would not cooperate with the social worker but eventually he began to trust the social worker and agreed to get some help.

Ramesh started to receive treatment and after a few days the social worker identified a community-based caregiver for him. The caregiver gave Ramesh food and encouraged him to continue with his treatment. Through Naya Daur's intervention and with support from a caregiver, Ramesh's mental health condition began to improve. After one month, his hygiene also improved and he began communicating with his social worker. One day he told the social worker, "Mai kaam karna chahata hu", which means, "I want to work."

Ramesh began working at his caregiver's restaurant and became a full-time worker. Ramesh also began helping others with mental health illnesses and began identifying people in need to the social workers. Ramesh worked very hard in the restaurant and



deserved a pay increase, but his employer could not increase his pay so another place was found for Ramesh to work.

Ramesh has improved his mental health condition, communicates well, and is working and earning an income. He has a place to stay and his new employer will help to open a bank account for Ramesh along with an Aadhar card and a voter card. Ramesh is also a caregiver for another beneficiaries Kabita and gives her food on a regular basis. With his help, the social workers are able to provide medicine to Kabita every day. Ramesh was acknowledged for all the good work he is doing in the Care Giver's Training and Acknowledgment Programme in March 2019.

Early Childhood Care and Education for underprivileged children in collaboration with Integrated Child Development Scheme, Government of West Bengal

Since 2018, HOPE has collaborated with the Directorate of Integrated Child Development Scheme, Government of West Bengal to ensure quality early childhood care and education in ICDS centres.

The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a flagship programme of the Indian Government and is one of the world's largest early childhood care and education programmes.

With HOPE's support, the ICDS centres were renovated and refurbished to make the centres more child-friendly and to increase the quality of the service.

HOPE also worked with the mothers in the communities to improve their knowledge on maternal and child health. The programme ensures that all pregnant and lactating mothers have access to antenatal and postnatal care and that

children have access to vaccines. Monthly community meetings are also being held in the community to involve parents in their child's education and to encourage parents to take an active role in the running of the centres.

As a result of continuous advocacy and networking HOPE successfully collaborated with the Directorate of ICDS Scheme, Government of West Bengal and project implementation work in ICDS Centres started from September 2018.

Impact

1379 children, 85 pregnant and 102 lactating women are enrolled and accessing services from the ICDS Centres

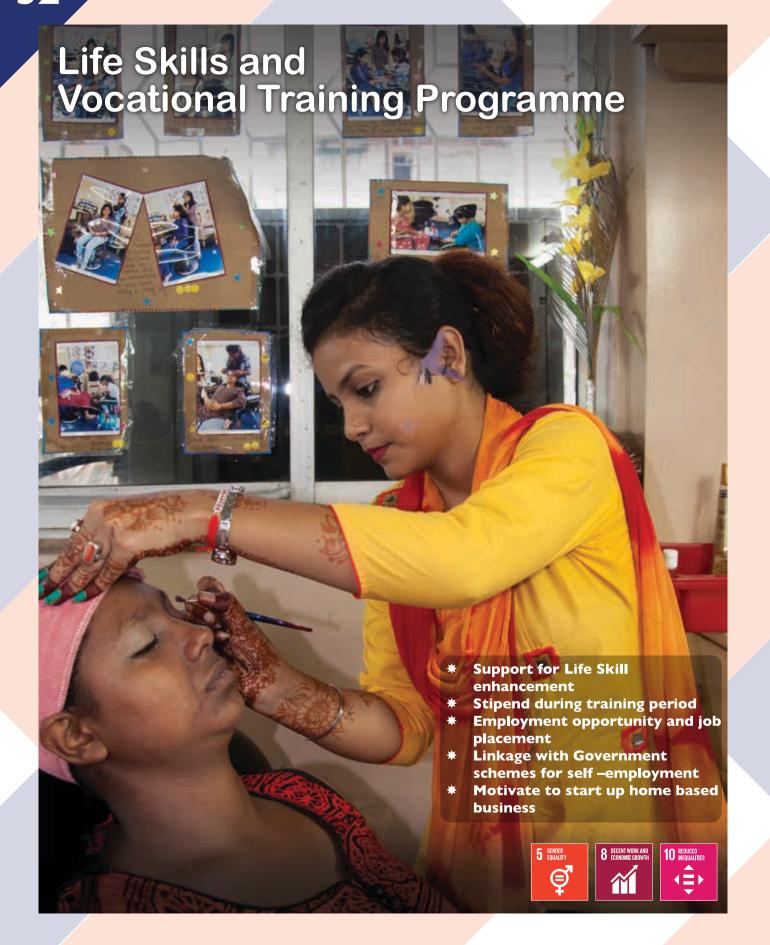
18 government ICDS centres were refurbished to make them child-friendly

15 pregnant/ lactating women and adolescent girls were linked with the ICDS centres

99 community meetings were conducted and reached out to **905** community members

58 events were conducted by community volunteers and ICDS workers which were attended by **1,106** people





Life Skills and Vocational Training Programme

Life Skills Training Centre Developing the Skills of Youth and Women to Enable Independent Living

The Life Skills Training Centre provides inexpensive, high-quality vocational training to those who are unable to avail of such services elsewhere due to financial constraints or because of the educational prerequisites set by other institutes or universities. Professionally designed training courses are tailored to suit the capabilities of the trainees. A one-to-one intensive learning programme provides each trainee with a marketable skill in tailoring, cooking, beauty and computer applications. All courses are run under one roof and the students get a certificate and job placement following completion of the courses. Some of them opt to work independently or set up home based businesses.

HOPE's Life Skills Centre places an emphasis on



adolescent girls and young women from marginalised section of the society as they face discrimination across Kolkata, and are often dependent on male members of their family for financial support. The aim of the project is to empower underprivileged women to financially contribute to their family's income.

Restaurant Training Unit:



The six months course aims to provide better livelihood opportunities by providing training on Indian traditional dishes as well as baking and cooking dishes from different countries.

Tailoring Unit:



The unique feature of this six months course on tailoring is it provides complete knowledge on cutting, stitching, designing, embroidery and use of high speed commercial sewing machine.

Beautician Training Unit:

Underprivileged young women receive a four month long quality skills training in Beautician and Hair

Dressing along with personality development for a better future.



Computer Training Units:



A yearlong computer training course is run in this unit which starts from basics to web designing. An advance course on financial package is also conducted for people aiming to set their career in Accounts. HOPE runs 3 other computer units in Kolkata and Howrah which are all funded by CSR.

Impact

- **2** I youth were trained in the food and beverage couse in the HOPE Cafe. **9** trainees were placed in jobs
- **37** out of **41** trainees successfully completed the tailoring course and 16 have been placed in different boutiques and production houses. The rest are working from home
- 46 out of 59 trainees from the beautician course completed and successfully passed the exam. 30 are working from home or as a freelancer. 3 trainee are working in different salons and beauty parlours

Story of Change

Sabita and her husband have a son; they live with her in-laws. Her husband is a daily wage worker and his income is unreliable and inconsistent. Sabita began to find it difficult to feed and clothe her family and was very concerned about the well-being of her young son.

Sabita heard about HOPE's tailoring course offered in the Life Skills Centre and signed up for the programme in the hope of making some extra money for her family.

Joining HOPE's tailoring course proved to be a turning point in her life. In the first 5 months she learned many new technical skills from the faculty, local and international volunteers. Sabita showed excellent progress and bought a second-hand manual sewing machine to start making local orders at home.

Before long, Sabita was able to purchase shoes for her son so he could participate in a school sports competition. Sabita was extremely proud that she could do this for her child and it motivated her to improve her skills further.

Sabita organised for her relatives to mind her young son so that she could attend and finish the HOPE training and soon she finished the course. Sabita has become an entrepreneur as she now works as a tailor and is earning an income for her family. Her dream is to provide her son with a quality education.



Vocational Training Unit - PBKOJP

The Vocational Training Unit was set up by HOPE's local partner PBKOJP in 2009 to train women who are living below the poverty line in Khidderpore and Kalighat, two of the most congested slum areas of Kolkata with the latter being a red light area.

This project trains and assists unemployed, illiterate or poor women to develop their skills to become self-employed or get a job and contribute to the family income. It facilitates better livelihoods, improve their status in the family, support their children's education and give them a good quality of life. Training is provided in tailoring and crafts to equip the trainees to start their own business or gain employment after completing the course.

Impact

18 out of 20 trainees completed a one year tailoring training course and received certificates

5 out of 7 trainees completed the handicraft course and received certificates

The trainees are now working from their homes to earn an income

Story of Change

25 years old Rubi lives with her mother and younger brother. Her father passed away 5 years ago. Her brother is working in a private organization and earning Rs.8000/- (€116) per month. Rubi's mother



sells saris and earns Rs.2000/- (€29) per month. They live in a rented house, and most of their earnings are spent on rent.

Rubi wanted to find a way to increase their family income but she had no idea about how to do that. One day while she was passing PBKOJP's office, she noticed the advertisement regarding the Vocational Training Unit. The next day she came and took admission in the tailoring class. She was very enthusiastic about it and successfully completed the Tailoring course.

Now she is able to make salwar, kamij, night suit, churidar, tops and blouses. She makes clothes for her family and other relatives too. One day during class she told the trainer, "Ma'am at last I am on my mission and I must accomplish it. I will be successful one day and help my family." Now Rubi is getting orders and earning about Rs.2500 INR (€36) per month. She is expecting that within another six months she will be able to earn 5000 INR (€72) per month.



The Achiever

Hi, my name is Meherun Khatun and I am studying B.A. General in Deshbandhu College for Girls, Kolkata. I was selected for an exchange programme in the USA called the "Community College Initiative Programme", a programme funded by the United States, and I was placed at a community college in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania called "Northampton Community College". I majored in Web/ Application Programming.

A part of me was frightened but I knew it was going to be one of the most wonderful years of my life. I lived in a small town in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and at first it was a big culture shock. I was lucky to have a great coordinator who helped me from day one and I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. It was fun when we were together because we saw how language, skin colour or height didn't matter. We were all the same. We even got to bond right away because we were all going through the same thing as exchange students, so we talked about the differences at home, school, and home countries.



During the programme, I also got to travel to more than 10 US states and studied modules in English and computing. I was in college's Dean List and had a GPA of 3.7 and above in both Fall and Spring semester.

I also attended a leadership seminar and completed two internships. I was also required to complete 100 hours of volunteering, but I completed more than 130 hours of volunteering in different places. I think it's a good way to give back to a community and make a difference.

The best day of my life was my graduation day when I successfully completed the exchange programme. Being away from home and living alone in a completely different world has taught me a lot of things. I have grown and my perspective has changed in ways I never would have imagined.

I now can say that I am independent and more open to new ideas, and more confident about myself. Having my own adventure has proven to me that anything is possible and that I can do anything. It was the best time of my life and I will always remember how choosing to go out and discover what the world has in store for me was life-changing and will be something I will always cherish.

I am so grateful to The Hope Foundation and the US Embassy for their support and for this opportunity.

Meherun Khatun

I am Pooja Das, a beneficiary of the Girl2B Foundation under Hope Kolkata Foundation. Currently, I am studying an English honours degree from Syama Prasad College under Calcutta University. In 2017, I applied for an exchange programme called the Global Ugrad which provides one semester of full-time study in the United States and was overjoyed to have been accepted into the programme.

When I travelled to America in August 2018, it was my first time on an airplane and my first time away from my family. My nine-month temporary address became St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa - a small private Catholic University that welcomes international students.

In the first week, I signed up for five different clubs; International Student Organisation, Multicultural and Affairs Club, Black Student Union, Arts and Craft club and Ambrose Peace and Justice Club. I actively participated in the meetings every week and I often took part in multicultural clubs to represent India. On the first Friday of every month, one club used to organise free food, and I cooked some local Bengali dishes. On Holi and during the Diwali festival I performed with the Indian Americans of Quad City.

During the fall semester, I was in Linguistic, INTERLINK language programme which prepared international students to study in a regular American University. In this class, I had Reading and Writing, Communication Skills class and I made friends from seven different countries. Our classroom was very diverse and we helped each other to learn and live in a foreign country.

During the winter and spring break, I got the opportunity to explore the different parts of the country. I went to New York, New Jersey, Boston, Maine, Texas, New Mexico, Iowa, Washington DC, California and Chicago. Each city lived its own life and each city was very different from the other. When I was bored with the countryside's cold chilly weather, I travelled to California and New Mexico. I wanted to see the great Christmas tree so I travelled to New York. I discovered America and the more I travelled, the more I learned how America was large and diverse. I fell in love with this beautiful, clean country.

The spring semester was hard as I took 300 level classes. I took American Literature, English Composition, and Introduction to Social Work, Child and Adolescent Studies and piano class. It was difficult in the beginning but slowly I became familiar with the digital classroom and the loads of assignments, readings, late night studies in the library and Blackboard. In the beginning, I was struggling with my assignments but organisation and time management helped me to cope with my courses. I loved attending all my classes and I enjoyed the group studies, presentations and projects.

I also completed 70 hours of community service in different humanity projects and completed a three months internship in an aftercare programme called 'Hope at the Brick House'. At the end of the

semester, I worked hard and scored 3.7 GPA. At the end of our programme, we attended a four-day workshop in Washington DC, where more than 200 student leaders from 60 countries gathered to exchange knowledge about their cultures. I was chosen as the speaker on the first day of the workshop because of my academic and cultural excellence. It was a great honour to speak in front of the U.S Department of State's representative about my journey and my experience as an international student.

Living in a foreign country was challenging, but travelling alone to a different city allowed me to grow and develop as a person. Today I am confident, persistent, organised and self-determined. Through this experience, I gained interpersonal skills, self-aspiration and self-reliance. This would have not been possible without the never-ending support and guidance of The Hope Foundation and Girl2B.

Pooja Das





Sponsorship Programme

The Sponsorship Programme was established in 2000 with the aim of making education accessible to children and young adults in and around Kolkata who belong to families from vulnerable socio-economic conditions, or those suffering from chronic diseases.

For many families from marginalized communities in Kolkata and its surrounding areas, education is a luxury which they cannot afford. They live on the streets; hence their children have no safe shelter and are at the risk of trafficking. There are many who cannot pay their children's high school fees owing to sudden financial crisis. Moreover, continuing higher studies is a consistent problem among young adults.



The Sponsorship Programme provides support and care to these children lacking the basic necessities in life and provides opportunity to build sustainable futures. It ensures that children go to school and remain in school.

The Programme also focuses on two communities in Bhagar and Chitpur which can be considered two of the most vulnerable communities in Kolkata and Howrah. HOPE runs two coaching centres in these areas for children who are left alone in dangerous environment while their parents are working. The project also reaches out to their parents and creates awareness regarding Child Rights, child abuse, child labour, child trafficking, health and hygiene, food habits and overall personality development.

At present, 1034 sponsors from Ireland, UK, India,

USA, Germany and Japan are supporting 1233 children in need through HOPE's Sponsorship Programme.

Outreach Education:

Outreach Education support is provided to children staying at home with their families. They receive financial aid for school fees, non-formal tuitions and other educational materials. 85 I children from different parts of Kolkata, Bhagar, HOPE's Nabo Asha centres and crèches and HOPE partner SICW.

Protection Home Based:

224 vulnerable children placed in HOPE Protection Homes for their holistic development are also provided with sponsorship support.

Children reunited to families:

70 children, who were once under Protection Home care but are now restored to their families, are now receiving Sponsorship Educational Support and/or health support directly while staying with their own families.

Boarding and Education Support:

We have collaborated with boarding schools and hostels in Kolkata for 64 vulnerable children who are deprived of the necessary resources or accommodation facilities to continue their studies and are placed in boarding schools and hostels.

Medical and Nutrition Support:

HOPE also supports children who are malnourished or are suffering from various diseases but are unable to afford the medical costs. 24 children are receiving medical and nutrition sponsorship support.

The Sponsorship Programme seeks to empower marginalized children to grow into adults who are employable and are able to provide for themselves and their family, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty. It works towards making a lasting difference in the lives of children and the holistic development of society by addressing some of the key features of the Sustainable Development Goals.





The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development clearly recognises volunteers as stakeholders to achieve the 17 goals.

The Hope Foundation started with the support of volunteer services from a few Irish nationals and in

the past few years, HOPE has successfully engaged with more than 200 citizens every year from India, Ireland and the UK as volunteers and interns. In 2018-2019, HOPE hosted 218 Indian interns and 38 Indian volunteers as well as 34 international volunteers and 5 international interns.

List of Schools/Colleges/Universities -Indian Interns and Volunteers

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Adamas University	Jadavpur University	Sree Sankarachayra University of
Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Pune	Jyotirmoy School of Law	Sanskrit, Trichur
Amity University, Kolkata	KIIT Law School	Sri Shikshayatan College
Amity University, Noida	KIIT School of Electronics	St. Xavier's University, Kolkata
Amrita Viswavidyapeetham	Engineering	Subharti University of Distance
Ashoka University	KLE Society Law College	Education
Assam university, Silchar	La Martiniere for Girls School	Sushila Birla Girls School
Aziz Premji University	Loreto College Kolkata	Symbiosis Centre for Media and
Ballygunge Science College	Loreto School	Communication
Barking College of Technology, UK	M.G.U Open University	Symbiosis Institute of Business
Bhawanipur Education College	M.S Ramaial College of Law,	Management, Pune
BITS, Pilani	Bangalore	Symbiosis Law School, Pune
Calcutta Council of Homeopathic	Marian College Kuttikanam, Kerala	Symbiosis School for Liberal Art
Medicine	O P Jindal Global Law University,	Symbiosis School of Economics,
Calcutta International School	Sonpat	Pune
Calcutta University	Maulana Azad College	Tata institute of Social Science,
Central University of Karnataka	Meghnad Saha Institute of	Guwahati
Christ Academy Institute of Law	Technology	The Bhawanipur Gujrati Education
Christ University, Bangalore	Midnapore Law College	Society College
Columbia university & Sciences	Mizoram University	The Hong Kong University Of
PO	Modern High School for Girls	Science and Technology
Damodaram Sanjivayya National	MS Ramiah College of Law	The Oxford College of Science,
Law University, Vishakhapatnam	National University of Study and	Bangalore
Deoghar College	Research in Law, Ranchi	University of British Columbia,
Flame University, Pune	Netaji Subhash Open University	Vancouver
Future Institute of Engineering &	NIT, Durgapur	University of Hyderabad
Management	NMIMS, Sarla Anil Modi School of	Vidyasagar School of Social Work
Gokhle Memorial Girls College	Economics, Mumbai	Visva Bharati University
Gujrat National Law University	NSHM	West Bengal University of
ICFAI University, Dehradun	Police University, Jodhpur	Technology
ICFAI University, MIZORAM	Pondicherry University	West Bengal National University
IEM, Kolkata	Rabindra Bharati university	of Juridical Scien <mark>ce</mark>
IIT Delhi	Ramiah Institute of Legal Studies	Xavier's Institute of
IIT-Roorkee	Rani Birla Girl's College	Communication
Indira Gandhi National Open	Rehabilitation Council of India	XIME, Bangalore
University	Savitribai Phule Pune University	XIME, Kochi
Indore School of Social Work	Simon Day School	XIME, Chennai
Institute of Law, NIRMA University	Singapore Management University	
J.D Birla Institute of Management	SOA National Institute of Law	

My Time in Kolkata with The Hope Foundation

It is now four months since my return from Kolkata, and I still feel as though I have not had enough time to process all that I experienced throughout my voluntary placement.

The intensity of Kolkata cannot be fully explained (certainly not by me!) but my overall impressions include; traffic, noise, pollution, gratitude, people, food, litter, colour, laundry, community spirit, kindness, respect, secure/safe, appreciated and spiritual. Everything is lived and experienced to the full.

My two months were spent visiting patients in HOPE Hospital, teaching English to 22 boys in a protection home and assisting in SICW special education project. I am very grateful to Jhulan for sourcing and organising these placements. Each establishment provided me with memories that open my heart and fill me with joy. I was welcomed by the staff and the residents/children/patients.

Prior to my placements, the induction period provided the opportunity to visit many other HOPE



projects. Alongside the Child Watch team, we visited the railway slum and observed a talk to interested mothers about child labour. We visited children who lived near the dump and interacted with them as they had their educational lessons. The far-reaching scale of The Hope Foundation projects exceeded my expectations and the above examples do not cover half of the projects that I visited. I will finish on the night ambulance experience, another amazing out-reach project funded by The Hope Foundation.

In summary, I can wholeheartedly say that all the people supported by The Hope Foundation are truly blessed. The staff is excellent and there is care, love and guidance for everyone. Within the residential homes and for those who live on the streets or in slums, education is recognised as being paramount. Each child is proud to wear their uniform and they welcome the opportunity to attend school and aim for a better life.

Finally, none of this would have been possible without Volunteer Coordinator and Hospitality Manager. I cannot imagine how I would have managed with my initial anxieties without the Volunteer Coordinator's support and understanding.

Ps. My weekends off were filled with visiting amazing temples, restaurants and short breaks away.

Maria Van Kleef, UK

Best Thing I Have Done in My Life

Volunteering! Something you hope to give to others but gain a lot in return. I am a strong believer that kids all over the world should have equal chances of living to their full potential. One of the charities that provide that is The Hope Foundation. Volunteering with them in Kolkata was the best thing I have done in my life. The Foundation stands for everything that I do. The HOPE staff are amazing and were very helpful, I would be lost and confused without them. They really helped give me the best introduction to Kolkata and the foundation's projects. Work that I chose to help with was the English classes, crèche, hospital, photography classes and helping girls with the self-defence. The best part was learning a lot from every project that I helped in and laughing and smiling with the kids. I will never forget the kids'



bright smiles and happy faces that have taught me so much about life.

My heart broke every time I witnessed the hardships or the conditions that the kids and adults are facing daily. During the first week, I felt helpless and upset, but then I remembered that I was part of something that was making a massive difference in their lives. The more time I spent with the kids, the more passionate I became about the job that I was doing. Their curiosity and dreams were enough to make me want to fight for them. Witnessing all the projects allowed me to understand the important work that the foundation does in the 'City of Joy' and what a huge impact it has on the life of an individual and the whole society.

Roksana Bulawa, Ireland

My Long Term Relationship with HOPE

I have had a long relationship with The Hope Foundation as I grew up in Tollygunge near some of the HOPE protection homes. As some of the children were my age, I grew up playing with them. As I grew up, I realised that despite the difficulties the children faced, they were also so happy. In my final year of college, I decided to apply for the volunteering programme with HOPE and it was a life-changing decision for me. For a year, I taught the



children English, maths and played sports with them. I would encourage anyone to volunteer with The Hope Foundation as giving back is what matters. Happiness is always the key to life and I found that at The Hope Foundation.

Debmalya Dutta, India



In 2018-19, Hope Kolkata Foundation was supported by several Indian Companies as well as International Corporates operating in India.

Komatsu



Komatsu has generously continued to support 4 of HKF's projects in 2018-19. Ashar Alo

Girls Home and Ashirbad Boys Home were supported by Komatsu through their effective involvement in their academics and recreational activities which has helped to develop their skills. The Childhood Blindness Eradication Programme and the Night Round Mobile Medical Unit were also supported by Komatsu to ensure quality healthcare services.

HSBC



HSBC supported development of 26 young adult

girls who are staying in HOPE Hostel for educational and vocational training support.

Born Learning Campaign by United





Way of Bengaluru Child-friendly infrastructure has been developed for 10 ICDS Centres in Kolkata

and Howrah. In this programme, HOPE successfully collaborated with the Directorate of Integrated Child Development Scheme, Government of West Bengal. 276 children aged between 3-6 years have been supported through this project. 19 ICDS workers and helpers from 10 centres and 1000 mothers were directly and indirectly supported in Kolkata and Howrah. 100 Bal Vikas Samiti members (child development committee) were also directly and indirectly supported.

Caring Hand

Caring Hand continued to support the Nabo Asha education Caring Hand for Children

centres in Topsia

and Gariahat. At present, 122 children supported by Caring Hand are attending formal schools run by the government and are also attending the programme at the Nabo Asha centre after school hours so that they can receive extra educational coaching.

Oxford University Press



The learning initiative by Oxford University Press has supported the learning needs and

skill training of 100 underprivileged girls from 5 to 18 years through Computer Applications, Spoken English and Personality Development sessions. Regular computer classes have been initiated using 10 computers (9 desktops and I laptop at Kasba Girls Home). Regular Spoken English and Personality Development sessions have also been initiated for the girls. 100 girls (40 girls from Kasba Protection Home from 5-12 years and 60 girls from Ashar Alo Protection Home from 12-18 years) have been reached through this initiative.

Cheviot



Holistic care, protection and nutrition were provided to 5 mothers and II children in our Mother and Child Care Unit and Crisis Unit for Girls with support from Cheviot. Two free eye

check-up camps were organised in association with Cheviot where we have been able to reach out to 433 children and adults.

Tractor India Limited



25 pairs of new shoes were purchased for

the boys from Bekind Home. New dresses, accessories, shoes and bags were also purchased for 52 girls from Kasba Home. 52 girls and 25 boys also received necessary toiletries from Tractor India Limited.

Orion Foundation has supported 55

children in Chetla Crèche and Coaching Centre in the age group of 2-14 years.



NIIT has supported the sponsorship of 9

adolescent youths
- educational
expenses and
vocational training
support.

Computer Skill Unit - HOPE runs four

BLUE DART

computer training units in Kolkata and Howrah.

The computer programme has improved the socio-economic status for 326 adolescents who completed the course (105 adolescents supported by Blue Dart, 169 adolescents supported by Harris Freeman Foundation and 52 trainees supported by Varosha). 90 trainees participated in the exposure visit to Toyota India. 99 trainees received job placement during 2018-19.



99 trainees were able to support their families

financially, such as helping with their educational expenses, educational expenses of their siblings, buying medicines for families and paying the rent.



326 trainees improved their confidence through E-literacy and Spoken English & Personality Development sessions. 68 students

improved their knowledge in Goods and Services Tax after completing a course in Financial Accounting with Tally.

Girl2B



Through the empowerment of education, Girl2B Foundation works to give every girl a chance to reach her full potential, breaking free from the cycle of poverty, and making her an agent of change. 26 girls over 18 years of age were supported

through the Empowerment Project; 14 of these girls are working along with their studies. Another project supported by Girl2B is the Girl2B Education Support Unit. The objective of this project is to ensure quality education for school children up to 18 years of age, to improve their skills in English and mathematics and improved progress in school. 30 girls from nursery to class IX were supported for their holistic development.



International Activities and Events

Ireland News and Events SPECSAVERS



Our incredible partnership with Specsavers Ireland was shortlisted for the Charities Institute Ireland "Charities Excellence Award 2019", in the category of Best Corporate Partnership. These awards aim to highlight and reward excellence within the charity sector.

YOGA FOR HOPE 2018



In October 2018, a group of 10 yogis from Ireland and the UK came together after months of fundraising to share their gift of yoga and witness their fundraising in action

by visiting HOPE's projects.

This was the 9th year of Yoga for HOPE, which has gone from strength to strength since it's inception in 2009 by yoga teacher and dedicated supporter of HOPE, Mella Murphy. The group was guided through the expert support of Gillian Houlihan, Joe Faulkner and Jean 'Jyanti' Noonan and it was a transformative experience for those involved. Thank you for your continuous support.

Charity Leader Award

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our founder and Honorary CEO Maureen Forrest has won The Graham Norton Inspiring Charity Leader Award for 2019! The award recognises Maureen as

one of Ireland's most inspiring women. Everyone at HOPE is incredibly proud!



CRICKET IRELAND CHARITY PARTNERSHIP

The Hope Foundation is extremely proud to be the new charity partner of Cricket Ireland.

Ross McCollum, Chairman of Cricket Ireland, said, "The Hope Foundation, under Maureen's leadership, undertakes remarkable work, and, like the Irish cricket team, have created a cultural and social link between Ireland and India. We are delighted to welcome The Hope Foundation as our official charity partner, and look forward to working with Maureen and her staff in the coming year."



Speaking of the partnership, Maureen Forrest, founder of The Hope Foundation, said:
"We are incredibly proud to be chosen as the charity

partner with Cricket Ireland for this coming year. The story of Cricket Ireland is an inspirational one. Their passion, determination and commitment are values shared by The Hope Foundation. We are grateful for their support and solidarity. I am very much looking forward to working with the wonderful team."

MINI MARATHON



On the scorching June Bank Holiday Sunday, 15 female HOPE supporters donned their running gear for the annual Dublin Women's Mini Marathon. The event was incredible with over 30,000 women running for various causes close to their hearts. Huge thank you and congrats to all our amazing ladies who participated.

PRANIC HEALING FOR HOPE



This year marked the inaugural year of Pranic Healing for HOPE, which saw eight Pranic Healing practitioners from different careers and backgrounds come together to share the gift of Pranic Healing with the staff, children and caregivers in various HOPE protection homes and projects.

Pranic Healing for HOPE was started by Amanda Connell and Joan Hunt and was designed for Irish Pranic Healers to come together and share the priceless benefits of MCKS Pranic Healing. The programme has also nurtured and developed the existing relationships between HOPE and Pranic

Healing in Ireland. The group successfully raised an incredible €30,000 this year and are setting their sights even higher for next year.

MOIRA GEARY EVENTS



HOPE supporter Moira Geary held a series of inspirational workshops across the country entitled "How to Design Your Destiny", all in aid of HOPE. Moira filled rooms in Dublin, Galway, Cork, Tralee and Limerick, raising over €4000. Thank you Moira for your wonderful support!

LIMERICK LUNCH



The 2018 Limerick Lunch, kindly sponsored by Northern Trust, took place in September at the wonderful Savoy Hotel. The lunch was a celebration of resilience, solidarity and of HOPE's work in Kolkata. Special guests on the day included the 2018 Rose of Tralee Kirsten Mate Maher, campaigner Vicky Phelan, Dr. Sinead Kane, Miriam O' Callaghan, Georgia McGurk and All-Ireland winning hurlers Seán Finn and Graeme Mulcahy.

DUBLIN LUNCH

The 17th annual Dublin Lunch held on 17 May again proved to be a hugely supported and successful event. Since its inception, the Dublin Lunch has raised a phenomenal €725,000 for HOPE's Ashar Alo Girls' Protection Home. This year, an incredible €47,430



was raised. With our MC Victoria Mary Clarke, singing from Brian Kennedy, our stalwart auctioneer Sean Buckley and a fantastic room of over 180 guests, the event, which was held in the intercontinental Hotel in Ballsbridge, yet again proved to be a great day out and raised vital funds for Ashar Alo.

CORK LUNCH



The annual Cork Lunch fundraising event was held in the luxurious Maryborough Hotel & Spa in September. We were delighted to welcome over 300 wonderful attendees. Brendan Courtney was a brilliant host, entertaining everyone in the room with his renowned style and good humour.

2018 ROSE OF TRALEE KOLKATA EXPERIENCE

"At the end of October 2018, I had the opportunity to travel to Kolkata, India with Maureen Forrest and so many of the other wonderful, dedicated volunteers. HOPE runs over 60 various projects around Kolkata.

Parts of the trip were challenging as it was difficult to visit the slums on the dump and see such poverty. I got to visit The HOPE Hospital, which was very clean, well run and is very well equipped. The staff were so nice and caring and it struck

me to see so many names of Irish people who had

donated towards the hospital on plaques on the walls. It gave me a lot of hope.

I really enjoyed going out to the slums with the night ambulance as they gave the most vulnerable people of Kolkata a chance to receive healthcare. For a lot of street and slum people in Kolkata, the HOPE ambulance is their primary source of healthcare. I also visited Bhagar dump with Maureen Forrest.

I also visited an unregistered slum on a railway track where thousands of people live in immediate danger. They really have such a love for life and seeing that filled my own heart with joy.



I'd like to sincerely thank The Hope Foundation for giving me this amazing opportunity. The work HOPE does is phenomenal, and I look forward to working with them once again in the future.

Kirsten Mate Maher, 2018 Rose of Tralee

DAY OF HOPE

Day of
HOPE 2018
took place
in cities and
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across
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October
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chocolate
bars were



sold on the streets, in schools and in companies. We are very grateful for the support of everyone who participated in and contributed to this event.

HOPE U Can Paint



This unique trip promises the journey of a lifetime. Participants visit HOPE projects in Kolkata to paint some of the children's crèches and

homes.

Cork Life Centre and Terence MacSwiney
Community College, with the generous support of
Tomar Trust, have been participating in the
programme for the last five years. Pictured below are
the students and teachers who painted bright and
child friendly murals in one of HOPE's crèches and
protection homes.

WORKERS BEER COMPANY



HOPE are delighted to continue to develop our partnership with the Workers Beer Company. This unique partnership raised over €12,000 for HOPE in 2018 and we look forward to our volunteers supporting a wide range of concerts in Dublin in the future.

Himalayan Walk

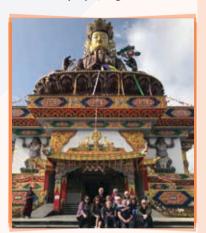
Jacinta Niland travelled to India with HOPE in October 2018 for the Himalayan Walker experience and is planning on returning in 2019.

From witnessing the wonderful work being done so effectively by HOPE on the ground, to getting to know the other walkers in the most epic Himalayan surroundings, and meeting some of the friendliest, most welcoming and resilient people you could imagine, often living in unimaginably difficult and poor conditions, in Kolkata. During our time in Kolkata we visited many of the schools, crèches and homes, as well as HOPE's vocational training centre — all fantastic projects that are changing the lives of many children and young people, visibly lifting them out of poverty through education and opportunity, giving them hope. Wherever we went, we were welcomed with big smiles — it was remarkable to see the impact of HOPE has had on so many young men, women and children.

I took the opportunity to go out with the night ambulance on 2 nights in Kolkata. It was really shocking to see the poverty and vulnerability of so many living in slums and on the streets. At the same time very uplifting to see the

level of consistent dedicated care, support and medical assistance provided by the ambulance team, night after night, to those in need.

HOPE wishes to thank everyone who has participated in this trip.



TAG RUGBY



A huge thanks to the young Solicitors of Ireland who organised a Tag Rugby event in aid of HOPE. Eight teams from eight different law firms participated and raised over €4,000 for HOPE. Well done!

SANTA SPLASH



The annual HOPE Santa Splash took place on December 2nd at Garretstown Beach, Cork. Well done to the 27 brave souls who took the plunge for such a great cause! We're already looking forward to the 2019 Splash!

USA News & Events

This past year we launched our footprint in the USA with a New York City presence. We have a lead HOPE staff person, Mary Reed, an enlarged and energized US board of directors and an active working committee. We are working towards spreading The Hope Foundation message and raising funds in the USA, through Child Sponsorship, the School Immersion Programme in New York schools, direct donor sponsorship of HOPE projects in Kolkata and developing corporate relationships.

On September 26th 2018, The Hope Foundation USA was launched formally in New York City at Gossip Irish Restaurant and Bar.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



On May 1st 2019, we had a fun Trivia Night at The Gael Pub on the upper east side of New York, which raised \$1,090 for HOPE. Many thanks to Gene Lennon, owner of venue, and HOPE USA volunteer

Danny Goold, who organized several teams from MasterCard. Pictured is the winning team led by Ruth Fagan.

A TASTE OF HOPE 2018



On February 27th 2019, we hosted our "Taste of HOPE" event at American Irish Historical Society on 5th Avenue in NYC. This was a combination of Irish and Indian culture represented through the speakers, food and entertainment.

The special guest speakers were Meera Gandhi (Indian/ Irish philanthropist), Richie Mc Carthy (All Ireland-winning Limerick Hurler) and Michael Sheldrick (Global Citizen and Global Director of Policy and Advocacy at the Global Poverty Project).

THE URSULINE SCHOOL NY



The Ursuline School, New Rochelle NY, presented HOPE USA with \$1200 cheque for the education of four children in Kolkata.

This was a Lenten project spearheaded by three students who set out money jars on the lunch tables everyday during lent, for those who gave up coffee. Pictured here are Eileen Davidson, President of The Ursuline School, Kiera, Kate and Zahara, the three students who led the fundraiser, Mary Reed HOPE

USA and Rosemary Beirne, Principal.

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

HOPE USA is working towards sending a group of USA based school children to visit Kolkata as part of HOPE's very popular School Immersion Programme. This will be the first time that HOPE will send students from the USA to India.

UK News & Events BEDFORD HOPE COMMITTEE



The Bedford HOPE committee continues to raise awareness and funds for HOPE under the leadership of Jacqueline Merne and her trusted group of Bedford women and friends who are unfailing in their support to HOPE.

A big thanks to all.

HOPE UK TRUSTEES VISIT TO KOLKATA



In March 2019, UK Trustees Karen Sims, Tim Leahy and Katy Harper visited many of HOPE's programmes in Kolkata. During their trip, they met many wonderful, caring members of staff and of course, the children in their care - who were a

delight. As Katy says, "It was whilst accompanying HOPE's 'Night Run' emergency response ambulance to the flyovers and railway lines in the city, where so many families were forced to live in inhumane conditions, which made the biggest impression. It reinforces how necessary and important HOPE's work on the streets of Kolkata is."

They would like to thank everyone who made this such a magical visit.

DR PIXIE RUNS RGE LONDON MARATHON



On April 28th, Dr. Pixie Mc Kenna pounded the streets of London to raise funds and awareness for the work of The Hope Foundation. Talking about the challenge of running the marathon, Dr. Pixie said, "This marathon isn't about me; it's about all those children in Kolkata who, like my daughter, Darcy, deserve to grow, to dream and to achieve. Children need to be safeguarded against ill health, abuse and poverty. HOPE does this and so much more."

Thank you, Pixie!

HOPE UK TRUSTEE CHANGES

HOPE UK would like to acknowledge and thank Rosie Stroud for her commitment and support over the past 10 years, and to wish her all the best for the future. We will miss you, Rosie!

We also welcome new trustees, Sue Finnegan, Katy Harper and Brendan McKinney and look forward to your fruitful and active engagement with HOPE.

YOGA

A huge thank you to our UK Yoga family who have



organised countless fund raising yoga events for HOPE throughout this year. We would specially like to thank all those who participated in our Yoga Day of HOPE in October 2018.

PIPPA HARMAN AND ROSS JONES



HOPE wishes to thank Pippa and Ross for their incredible generosity in organising a gala fundraising event which raised over £28,000 for Belgachia crèche in Kolkata. Pippa and Ross visited HOPE in Kolkata to see first-hand how HOPE is implementing this and other programmes.

RICHMOND PARK WALK4HOPE



A big thanks to our supporters who walked for HOPE in Richmond Park this year. We are planning

more walks and all are welcome to attend. If you want to organise a WALK4HOPE in your area, please do contact HOPE UK and we would be delighted to assist you with same.

PORTA PIA FOUNDATION



HOPE UK is delighted to thank Porta Pia Foundation for their generous funding this year. Their funds are being used to support HOPE's Punorjibon Rehabilitation Home for Boys.

SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP



HOPE is delighted to be selected as one of the charities that Eton College will be providing financial support to this year. Thanks to Andrea Catherwood, her husband Gray and her wonderful children, Jago, Finn and Ruairi who have made this partnership possible.



International School Immersion Programme

Through Development Education, participants of The HOPE School Immersion Programme are provided with an increased understanding of the world we live in. Along with a comprehensive curriculum in Ireland,



students have the opportunity to travel to Kolkata and immerse themselves in the projects they have helped to fundraise for, and witness first hand that local efforts can lead to global change. A sincere THANK YOU to all our student change



makers and their extended community of family, friends, school, and teachers for all the incredible help and support.

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