



Annual Overview 2024-2025

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Cover Picture: Children of HOPE's Protection Programme

All names have been changed in "Story of Change"

From The Founding President

Dear Friends of HOPE,

As we reflect on the past year, we acknowledge that the success of our programmes could not have been achieved without the incredible support of our donors and supporters. Your contributions have had a profound impact, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity.

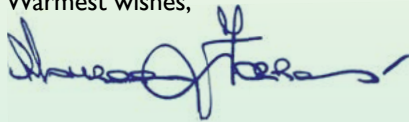
Thanks to your support, we have been able to continue delivering services to some of the most vulnerable communities in Kolkata and across West Bengal. From access to education, healthcare, nutrition, and shelter to the empowerment of women and children, your contributions have created a real, significant impact. Every milestone we reached this year was made possible by your trust in our mission.

Our achievements are a testament to the dedication of an incredible team in India, led by Mr. Sachidananda Das. Their compassion, resilience, and tireless work bring our programmes to life each day.

To our staff, volunteers, students, teachers, patrons, board members and donors from Ireland, the UK, the USA, India, Germany, Italy, Spain and all over the world, your generosity never fails to astound us, and you are the reason we can keep HOPE alive.

Our mission to work towards a “world where it should never hurt to be a child” is at the heart of our work. HOPE is a source of light to thousands of children and their communities, enabling and empowering them to build a brighter future for themselves and their future generations. We are proud of the progress we have made together, but we know there is still much more to do. With your continued support, we will continue to work to bring HOPE where it's needed most.

Warmest wishes,



Maureen Forrest
Founding President





From The Director of Finance & Administration

As we step into our 26th year of service, it gives me immense pride to look back on our journey. Over the years, we have expanded our projects to foster “a world where it should never hurt to be a child.” Seeing how our community has grown has been a truly heart-warming experience. We continue to work with the same excitement and eagerness.

I am truly grateful to all our colleagues for their incredible hard work and sustained efforts. Their dedication ensures that our community has access to quality education, protection, health, and livelihood. To all our international and national donors, our work here would not have been possible without your continuous generosity and support.

I express my sincere gratitude to Ms Maureen Forrest and Ms Jenny Browne for their guidance. To the late Ms Geeta Venkadakrishnan, who founded Hope Kolkata Foundation, we remain eternally grateful. Her vision and dreams for HOPE continue to inspire us to do better every day. I am sincerely thankful to all the board members of HOPE UK, Ireland, USA, and Germany, and the Governing Body of Hope Kolkata Foundation. Their encouragement has been crucial to all our work in and around Kolkata.

Lastly, to all our community members and children, it has been a genuine honour to connect with each one of you. As we step into yet another year, we at HOPE look forward to expanding our community even more.

Thank you all once again.

Sachidananda Das.

Sachidananda Das

About Us

The Hope Foundation (HOPE) is a development organisation working to provide sustainable pathways out of poverty and advocate for the rights and equal treatment of vulnerable children and communities in West Bengal, India.

The power and potential of a child are often suppressed by poverty, discrimination, and violence. However, in today's world, every child should have the right to be healthy, educated, protected, and valued in their own family and society. To create long-lasting change, we empower the children, their families, and their communities to access their rights and break free of the cycle of poverty.

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. In 2024-2025, HOPE implemented 58 projects supported by 527 members of staff to achieve this mission.

OUR VISION: A world where it should never hurt to be a child: A world free from poverty, inequalities, and injustices. Ensuring every child, and adult, has the opportunity to thrive with equal opportunities, contributing to long-term local sustainability, empowerment and system strengthening.

OUR MISSION: To improve the quality of life for the most marginalised people, primarily in India. Ensuring their basic rights and enhancing their dignity of life through protection, health, education, and economic development in a sustainable life-cycle approach. Achieving these missions through fundraising activities, awareness raising, and sensitisation initiatives.

OUR GOALS

- Right to better health and access to affordable and accessible healthcare services for all.
- Holistic and inclusive education for all.
- Children will be in safe, protected, and clean environments and can enjoy right to learn, develop, and participate.
- Enabling sustainable livelihoods through inclusive skill-based programmes for improved socio-economic conditions.
- Create an enabling environment for the children, by the children, to voice their rights.
- Strengthen and increase engagement with fundraising events across the international offices.
- Enhance and strengthen marketing and communications messaging HOPE at national and international levels.
- Re-engagement and redesign of volunteer and school programming across the international HOPE offices.

OUR CORE VALUES

Accountability: We believe in transparency and in ensuring we are accountable to all donors, supporters, and individuals in receipt of our support. We are committed to the highest standards of governance and best practices in all areas of our work.

Collaboration: Communities are at the heart of our work, we believe in building and fostering partnerships at different levels in Ireland and abroad, in order to leverage local, regional and global change for sustainable development.

Sustainability: As all HOPE projects stem from the communities in which they serve, the demand for the services and local ownership over these services is high. Projects investment in households and communities, offering multi-layered interventions that bring real, transformative and sustainable change, lifting people out of poverty, permanently.

Equality: We are committed to promoting equality by removing barriers that stop full participation of every individual, group or community in their own development. We believe in and promote inclusivity and diversity inside and outside

our organisation.

Gender Equality: HOPE programmes do not discriminate on the grounds of gender, or disability, instead ensuring all-inclusive projects are operational. Thus, ensuring that those individuals often left on society's margins are empowered to avail of supports. Although HOPE values and includes individuals across the gender continuum, it continues to place emphasis on the rights and entitlements of women and girls, who continue to be treated as inferior in India's society, as seen in high levels of early marriage, violence and assault and trafficking. Those living with a disability are often hidden, with high levels of stigma associated with any form of disability, and therefore HOPE operates both specialised projects for those living with a disability and ensures their full participating across HOPE's programming.

Safeguarding: HOPE places the safety of the children, and vulnerable adults, in which it serves as paramount importance across all its programming, also heightening local and staff awareness to this crucial human right regularly.

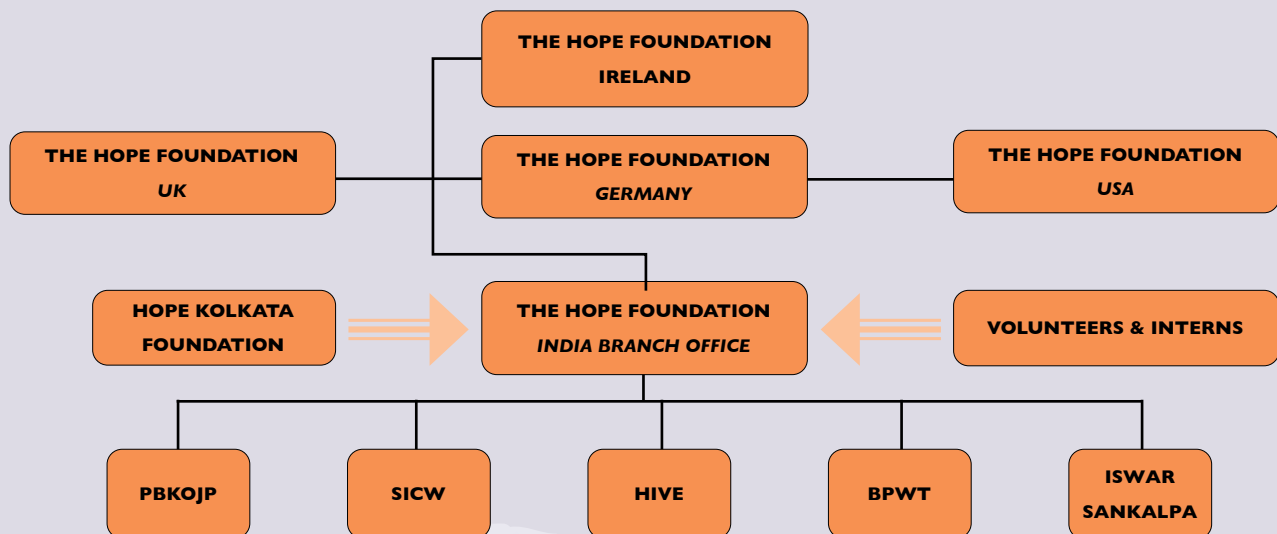
Innovation: We believe in the power of great ideas. We are always open to accepting and developing new and creative ideas, which will enhance systematic change for sustainable solutions, with a focus on those ideas stemming from local communities and organisations.

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

Respect: We respect the people we work for and on behalf of, we respect ourselves, our colleagues, and our community. We have fostered an organisation that enables and encourages respect and ensures that all our activities and interventions are delivered in a non-discriminatory nature.

Caring for the Environment: We must act decisively and responsibly to identify and acknowledge our part in aiding climate change, and implement mitigation plans to protect the environment. We aim to assist in a clean and green environment and reduce and compensate for our carbon footprint.

Structure of HOPE



Implementing Partner



Hope Kolkata Foundation (HKF)

Hope Kolkata Foundation was set up in 1999 to improve the lives of children living in the street-connected and slum-dwelling communities of Kolkata amid vulnerable circumstances. To ensure the protection and development of these underprivileged children, Hope Kolkata Foundation implements 4 Residential Child Care Centres, 2 Crisis Intervention Centres, a rehabilitation centre for addicted boys, Mother & Child Care Unit, 2 Aftercare units for young adults to provide early adulthood support, Child Watch, a quality and inclusive education programme in government schools, 8 Naboasha education centres, 5 crèches, 3 resource centres for children with special needs, a mobile education centre (Education on Wheels), a Vocational Training Centre, HOPE Hospital, pharmacy, health clinic, Night Round Mobile Medical Unit, Mobile Dental Ambulance, Blindness Eradication Programme, and an Education Sponsorship Programme.

Our Local Partners



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

HOPE partnered with PBKOJP at the time of its inception in 1999 and collaborated with the organisation in various interventions such as education, vocational training and early childhood care and education. Currently, HOPE supports Prerona Residential Child Care Centre for girls, which was set up in 2003 for children in need of care and protection, including children of sex workers.



HIVE India

HOPE has partnered with HIVE India since 2006 to support the Emergency Response Unit, set up to rescue any person at risk on the streets, involved in accidents, suffering from physical or mental illnesses, victimised by harassment or abuse, child labour and domestic violence.



Society for Indian Children's Welfare (SICW)

Since 2005, with the support of HOPE, the UMEED project worked with children with special needs to ensure their development and to reintegrate them into mainstream society. HOPE also partners with SICW to support the Education Sponsorship Programme.



Iswar Sankalpa (IS)

HOPE has supported the Naya Daur outreach programme since 2007, a city-wide community-based programme providing treatment and support to address the needs of homeless people with psychosocial disorders on the streets of Kolkata.



Bhoruka Public Welfare Trust (BPWT)

Snehneer Residential Child Care Centre was established in 2005 in partnership with HOPE. Snehneer ensures the holistic development of children affected and infected with HIV/AIDS through the provision of protection, healthcare, nutrition, education, and recreation in a loving and caring family environment.

Good Governance

The Hope Foundation recognises our responsibility to those whom we support and to donors, sponsors and fundraisers who support us. HOPE, therefore, insists on transparent operations in all activities in Ireland, our international satellite offices, and in India. This is highlighted through HOPE's membership of Dóchas, Comhlámh (signatory with a high level of compliance to the Code of Good Practice), The Wheel, IDEA (Code signatory and compliance to) and the Consortium

for Street Children.

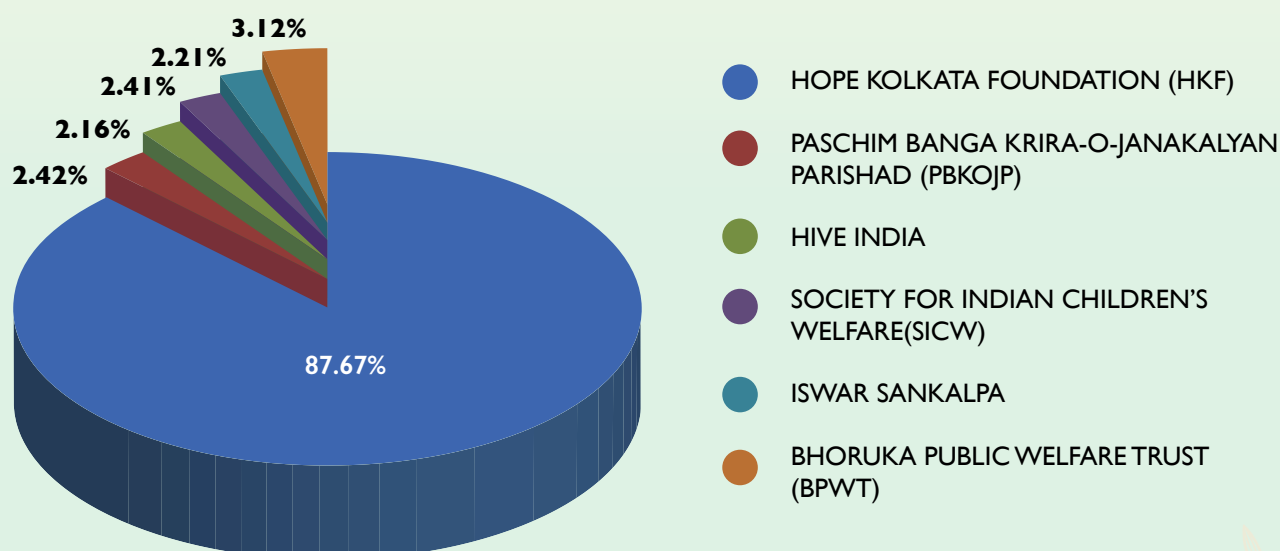
HOPE ensures that transparency and compliance with governance best practices are at the forefront of all our operations, and therefore, are fully compliant and collaborate closely with the Governance Code, Charity Regulatory Authority, Credibility Alliance, and Charities Institute Ireland (CII).

HOPE also has a Due Diligence Policy in place for its partner organisations and projects, ensuring the effective delivery of services in a transparent and accountable manner. HOPE has Triple Lock certification, which is the highest standard awarded by the Charities Institute Ireland, reflecting excellent and ethical fundraising practices, financial reporting and Governance.

2024-2025 Major Achievements

- **46,733** individuals across Kolkata have been direct beneficiaries of HOPE **healthcare programmes** and interventions in street-connected and slum communities, including over **15,819** who have been treated in Hope Hospital's Inpatient and Outpatient Departments.
- **9,078** children have received **educational support** through HOPE crèches, Naboasha centres, special education projects, educational sponsorship, and our Quality and Inclusive Education Programme.
- **1,579** children and adults have been **protected** from abuse and neglect by our Residential Child Care Programme and Child Watch.
- **880** young women and men have engaged in HOPE's **vocational training, skills enhancement, and income generation** programmes to provide sustainable pathways out of poverty.

Fund Allocation to Partners of Financial Year : 2024- 25



HOPE through its programmes works towards achieving the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



HEALTH PROGRAMME



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Sustainable Development Goal 3

HOPE's health programmes serve children, women, older adults, and individuals with psychosocial disabilities—particularly those living on the streets of Kolkata, in rural underserved areas, or in rehabilitation and after-care services.

Throughout the year, HOPE and its partner organisations implemented a range of healthcare interventions. Services were delivered both through institutional healthcare facilities, Mobile Dental Clinic and Night Round Mobile Medical Unit, ensuring reach to even the most remote and inaccessible populations.

Access to safe and affordable medicines, regular health check-ups, and timely referrals to secondary or tertiary care formed the backbone of these initiatives.

A key pillar of HOPE's health strategy remains community awareness and participation. Awareness sessions focused on the importance of early diagnosis, treatment adherence, and preventive health measures. Communities were sensitised on issues such as hygiene, nutrition, prevention of infectious diseases like Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, and reducing stigma associated with mental illness and chronic conditions. These efforts played a vital role in enabling social reintegration and preventing long-term exclusion.

Hope Hospital also continued to extend nursing training. The Blindness Eradication Programme provided Optometric Training to young adults. Both of these initiatives promoted education and employment among the youth.

Hope Kolkata Foundation

Hope Hospital

Hope Hospital is committed to providing holistic healthcare to the underserved communities in and around Kolkata. HOPE Hospital's facilities include outpatient and inpatient departments, a surgery department, a diagnostic and pathological lab, dialysis, and a pharmacy. Additionally, the hospital has four outreach units: Mobile Dental Clinic, Chitpur Community Clinic, Blindness Eradication Programme, and Night Round Mobile Medical Unit, providing healthcare services to those without direct access to facilities.

Hope Hospital is grateful to all international and local donors including CSR partners for their generosity and support. Their encouragement is crucial to enable the services offered to the most vulnerable communities and individuals.

Hope Hospital has been recognised for its efforts across these fields by several esteemed bodies, including the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). It has also been awarded the "Joyee 2024" award for two consecutive years.



Impact

- **13,564** patients received medical consultations in the outpatient department at a subsidised cost.
- **2,255** patients received secondary medical treatment, medication, and nutrition in the inpatient department.
- **928** patients underwent surgeries.
- **18,480** pathological tests were carried out.
- **1,027** dialysis sessions were conducted for **177** patients.

Story of Change

Anjali, a 5-year-old girl, comes from a rural village in Birbhum, where there is a serious lack of health care facilities. Anjali met with a serious accident, which resulted in 65% burns. Despite trying, her parents could not access a bed in a government hospital. Moreover, due to financial struggles, Anjali's parents could not afford her treatment in other hospitals. Once the family found out about HOPE Hospital, they went to Kolkata, and Anjali was admitted to HOPE Hospital. After carrying out all the necessary medical tests, she underwent plastic surgery and the required post-operative care and treatment, and made a good recovery.

Blindness Eradication Programme

The Blindness Eradication Programme aims to promote eye health and eradicate preventable blindness. Community-based eye screening camps are organised throughout the year across urban slum areas of Kolkata and remote rural areas in various districts of West Bengal, in government schools, residential care centres for children and adults. Additionally, prescription glasses are also provided to those who need them. Individuals requiring advanced care are referred to the Specialised Eye Clinic at Hope Hospital. Furthermore, young adults from these communities are sponsored to become optometrists to ensure financial independence.

Impact

- **9,007** patients (**3,094** children and **5,913** adults) benefited through free eye camps.
- **3,444** patients (**1,441** children and **3,033** adults) benefited through specialised eye clinics.
- **446** eye surgeries were done in the Hope Hospital Eye Operation Theatre for adults and children.
- **5,810** glasses were provided.



Story of Change

Born into a tribal family in remote Birbhum, Parvati showed visible eye abnormalities just two months after birth. Her parents, with no access to specialised care, feared for her future. Through a local charity referral, Parvati was brought to the Eye Department at HOPE Hospital. A detailed eye check-up revealed signs of ophthalmia neonatorum and structural issues, with a suspected case of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP), a condition that can cause permanent blindness. Under general anaesthesia, the child underwent advanced diagnostics, including A-Scan and B-Scan imaging. ROP was ruled out after the procedures, and her condition was deemed treatable. Accordingly, she received the treatment and is now under medical supervision and follow-up visits.

Night Round Mobile Medical Unit

The initiative addresses street-connected individuals, often daily wage earners who lack the time, awareness, or necessary identity documents to access government healthcare. As a result, minor ailments frequently lead to chronic conditions. The Night Round Mobile Medical Unit provides timely healthcare and medical treatment to these communities. Additionally, health awareness camps are organised. The Night Round team also serves as an emergency response unit, assisting unattended and unwell individuals found on the streets.

Impact

- **12,304** patients received primary healthcare support.
- **12,254** patients received free medicine for their treatment.
- **263** cases of wound dressings were carried out during field visits.
- **625** patients were referred to the government hospitals, whereas **134** patients were referred to Hope Hospital for secondary treatment.
- **34** community awareness sessions were conducted, among which **7** were on HIV awareness campaign, **6** on the impacts of child marriage on girls' health, and the rest on Dengue, Malaria, health, and hygiene, and against Tobacco consumption.
- **51** Hepatitis B vaccines were administered.
- **604** patients underwent diabetes monitoring.



Story of Change

Dola is a 6-year-old girl from an economically weaker family living on the streets of Kolkata. Her parents could barely ensure their daily needs, let alone afford healthcare. Tragedy struck when Dola accidentally touched an open electric wire, severely injuring her right hand. The injury led to finger contracture, leaving her unable to use her hand. Her parents were heartbroken but helpless, unable to secure treatment in either private or government hospitals.

During a routine visit, the Night Round Mobile Medical Unit identified Dola and arranged her admission to HOPE Hospital. After evaluation by a Plastic Surgeon, she underwent successful reconstructive surgery. Dola continued to recover well, regaining finger movement under close post-operative care.

Chitpur Community Clinic

The Chitpur Community Clinic runs weekly in Chitpur, a slum-connected locality. It caters to the medical needs of the entire slum-connected community with special emphasis on children,

pregnant and lactating mothers, adolescent youths and older adults. Patients treated at the Clinic are also linked to primary healthcare services for appropriate immunisation and family planning.

Patients requiring further health care are referred to the Local Government hospitals and HOPE Hospital.

The Clinic also intervenes in child protection issues and conducts WHO dance movement therapy on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Awareness for adolescent girls of the community.



Impact

- **2,236** patients received health check-ups and medicines in **48** clinics.
- **15** adolescent girls continued WHO approved Dance Movement Therapy.

Story of Change

11-year-old Amina came to the Chitpur Clinic with severe pain and an infected wound on her right knee. Her family, unaware of the risks and lacking access to healthcare, delayed seeking treatment, and Amina's wound turned concerning. The clinic's team immediately intervened, cleaned the wound, and applied sterile dressing. She was then provided with antibiotics and painkillers, and her family was scheduled for regular follow-up visits.

Through these interventions, Amina gradually recovered, and a major health risk was avoided.

Mobile Dental Clinic

The Mobile Dental Clinic extends quality oral healthcare support to urban street-connected and slum-dwelling communities and rural areas outside Kolkata. Through a well-equipped ambulance (that operates thrice a week), several dental procedures are provided to patients. In critical cases, the patients are referred to the Specialised Dental Clinic at Hope Hospital for further evaluation.

Impact

- **6,750** people received treatment and medication for their oral health through **145** dental check-up camps conducted in different locations such as North and South 24 Parganas, Hooghly, Kolkata, Howrah, and Nadia districts in association with other NGOs and organisations through HOPE's extended community network.
- **342** extractions, **1,001** scalings, **301** cavity fillings were conducted inside the dental ambulance at different camps.
- **240** outpatient clinics were conducted in Hope Hospital and **3,652** patients were treated. **991** scalings, **531** extractions, and **740** fillings were conducted at these clinics.



Story of Change

In a remote village of Howrah, a 34-year-old woman experienced a severe toothache for over a week. With no accessible clinics and monsoon-isolated roads, she had to depend on home remedies for relief. Moreover, she had never been to a dentist before and was in the habit of brushing only once daily with a neem stick or a worn-out toothbrush. When the Mobile Dental Clinic team examined her, she had advanced dental caries with a periapical abscess (local infection) in her lower right molar. Under local anaesthesia, the decayed tooth was extracted, and she was prescribed antibiotics and painkillers. Moreover, she also received oral hygiene guidance.

Emergency Relief

The Night Round Mobile Ambulance and Emergency Response Team reached out to the September 2024 flood-affected regions in Udaynarayanpur & Amta Block, Howrah. Essential dry ration, healthcare support, and tarpaulin sheets were extended to ensure the sustenance of the rural population amid the aftermath of the flood.



Iswar Sankalpa

Naya Daur

Naya Daur is a community-based programme that reaches out to Homeless People with Psychosocial Disabilities. The main activity of Naya Daur includes identifying homeless individuals in the areas where they stay. Once a part of Naya Daur, the homeless individuals are provided with complementary medical checkups, counselling, and other basic needs like food, clothes, and sanitary products. Those who recover substantially are then supported with livelihood opportunities. By mobilising and supporting community-based caregivers, these individuals are also supported with community-based care. In cases when the homeless person can remember the details of their native place, Naya Daur takes initiatives to help them return home.

Impact

- **139** Homeless People with Psychosocial Disabilities were supported throughout the year. **33** new clients were enrolled this year.
- **83** clients were assessed through the Life Skill Profile scale. **52** clients showed improvement, **26** remained in a static position, and **5** showed negative improvement.
- **54** clients were earning, including **12** new clients.
- **423** people were addressed through **16** awareness camps to remove social stigma.
- **5** medical camps reached out to **492** members of the community. **16** new clients were enrolled through these medical camps.
- **94** clients were under the care of community-based caregivers

Story of Change

Sixteen years ago, a 55-year-old man was found on the streets of Beniapur in a severely neglected state. Diagnosed with schizophrenia, he was enrolled in Naya Daur in 2008. Through patient intervention by a social worker and active community involvement, the man slowly began to recover. A shopkeeper offered him shelter and later employed him. Regular medical support, counselling, and compassionate care helped him with self-control, social responsiveness, and proper hygiene. The community, who affectionately call him Jainul Bhaijaan, played a vital role in his recovery, inviting him to family functions and helping secure his documents and pension. In April 2025, the community took full responsibility for his care, thereby ensuring his reintegration.



HIVE India

Emergency Response Unit

Emergency Response Unit, equipped with ambulances, responds to any emergency call within 20 minutes. The response unit provides rescue, rehabilitation and restoration to those in crises across Kolkata and neighbouring areas. This programme also comes under the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Police. Additionally, the project aims to rescue unattended, abandoned and vulnerable women and children, accident victims, as well as persons with psychosocial disability. The response unit also extends medical and psychological support to the homeless.

Impact

- **440** people were rescued from different crises.
- **404** cases were registered with the Police, and legal guidance was provided as per the protocol for restoration, and linking with other organisations.
- **15** children were provided with legal support for rescue and restoration.
- **295** of the total rescued persons were hospitalised.
- **142** people were restored to their families.
- **38** persons with psychosocial disability were rehabilitated, and **89** other individuals were linked with different rehabilitation centres.
- **159** of the rescued people received counselling support after treatment and medication.
- **101** families were followed up after reunification to ensure the safety of the restored person.



Story of Change

In February 2025, the Emergency Rescue Unit received a call from Kolkata Police that Raj, aged 47 years, had been involved in an accident while crossing the road. The HIVE team immediately reached the site and found that the man was unable to walk.

The team then administered primary care and first aid to the patient. Thereafter, the team admitted him to a hospital where he had an X-ray scan. The report indicated a broken left knee that needed immediate orthopaedic surgery. Once Raj had undergone surgery, he was discharged from the hospital but still needed post-operative care. Since no beds were available at this hospital, the Emergency Response Unit admitted him to HOPE Hospital, where he recovered gradually with post-operative care and treatment.



Sustainable Development Goal 4

HOPE recognises the importance of education to ensure the holistic growth and development of a child. Through different education projects, HOPE strives to achieve early childhood care and education, school enrollment and retention, mainstreaming and inclusion of all children irrespective of differences.



By collaborating with local and government stakeholders, HOPE works to bring about positive changes. Exemplifying this, HOPE has been one of the main partners of the West Bengal State Commission for Protection of Child Rights in the Community Radio programme since its inception, providing audio lessons on various subjects and classes taught in Government formal schools to street-connected children. The programme has been well received, and Hope Kolkata Foundation has been acknowledged by the West Bengal State Commission for Protection of Child Rights for its continued support and efforts.

HOPE also recognises the role of caregivers in ensuring quality education and care for all children. Upholding this belief, the Parent Support Groups, initially established for parents of children with special needs, have now become independent. These groups now support new parents in accessing government schemes.

Through these diverse programmes, HOPE aims to create a holistic environment for every child to grow and prosper to the best of their ability.

Integration of Quality Education to ensure improved learning in primary schools

HOPE implements this school-based education programme in 48 Government Primary Schools of Kolkata and Howrah and 17 Government Resource Centres in Kolkata. This programme's objective is to ensure quality education at the primary level for all children, including children with special needs.

Impact

- **5,718** children benefitted from joyful activity-based learning.
- **1,585** children were enrolled in schools, and among them, **26** were children with special needs.
- **1,201** children received support from Government Resource Centres, and **1,030** made progress.
- **440** children with learning gaps made progress.
- **104** school children with special needs made progress.
- **280** teachers used activity-based learning methods for children with learning gaps.
- **3,531** parents attended Parent Teacher Meetings, were informed of their children's progress, and used child-centric parenting practices.
- **1,626** community people were sensitised through awareness programmes on child-centric parenting practises with a special focus on children with special needs.
- **775** children with special needs were linked with government schemes and/or disability cards essential to access these government schemes.



Story of Change

Roshan, a Class IV student at a government school, had a significant learning gap. Coming from an economically disadvantaged background and being a first-generation learner, Roshan lacked the necessary support to stay motivated in school.

Based on the result of his ASER test, the HOPE teachers created an individual plan for his development. Interactive and child-friendly teaching and learning materials helped Roshan to understand the concepts. Gradually, Roshan began to enjoy school and classwork. After a year, he showed remarkable interest in learning. Now in Class V, Roshan has achieved the basic proficiency level as per ASER.

Naboasha



The Naboasha programme is dedicated to street-connected and slum-dwelling children aged between 6 and 18 years. Through educational support and extracurricular classes in a child-friendly environment, the children are encouraged to learn, ensuring their holistic growth and development.

Additionally, Community Support Groups and Child Vigilance Groups maintain a 24/7 safety net for the protection of child rights and to ensure no child falls victim to the violation of child rights. Currently, there are 8 Naboasha Centres across Kolkata.

Impact

- **597** children received educational support along with supplementary nutrition.
- **425** parents encouraged their children to study and are more involved in their children's education.
- **550** children were promoted to the next class.
- **259** children were linked with different Government schemes.
- **458** children were linked with social entitlements.
- **437** community people were addressed in awareness programmes.

Story of Change

Sunanda, a 14-year-old girl, struggled with behavioural issues and low self-esteem. She was also withdrawn from studies because of many family struggles. Due to her behaviour in school, Sunanda faced the risk of suspension. At this point, the Naboasha Centre intervened through counselling, play therapy, dance movement therapy, and cognitive behavioural therapy. With personalised support and emotional regulation techniques, Sunanda gradually opened up. Within Naboasha's nurturing environment, Sunanda began engaging in class; her behaviour improved, and she built peer relationships. Her academic performance and self-confidence improved notably. Now, in Class VIII, Sunanda is also an active and responsible member of the Child Vigilance Group.

Crèche Facilities for Children Without Parental Supervision

Hope Kolkata Foundation runs 5 crèche centres across Kolkata (Chitpur, Panditya and Kasba) and Howrah (Bhagar). These crèches provide a safe space for children of working parents living in slum areas who often lack parental care for extended periods. The project provides early childhood education and supplementary nutrition to children aged 2-5 years.

Additionally, the crèches encourage parents and caregivers to educate their children. Formal school enrollment is also an integral activity of this project. These measures aim to establish a solid foundation for lifelong learning and well-being.



Impact

- **263** children were supported throughout the year.
- **88** children were enrolled in formal schools.
- **248** parents have improved knowledge on child education and the importance of financial management.
- **1,204** community people were informed on child rights and child development through **32** community awareness programmes.
- **152** parents gained financial literacy and started saving money for their children's future education costs, either in a savings account or Sukanya Samridhi Scheme (for girls).

Story of Change

Ruhan is a 3-year-old boy from Bhagar. He lives with his single mother, who was unable to look after him properly because she had to take on many jobs to earn a living. As a result, Ruhan was neglected and often went hours without food and care. After the crèche teachers identified Ruhan, they counselled his mother to send him to the crèche.

Once Ruhan joined the crèche, he showed visible signs of improvement. Slowly, with food, nourishment, and care, Ruhan started getting along with others. He now enjoys going to the crèche.

Brian's Way Resource Centre

The Brian's Way Resource Centres offer various therapies and special education to children with special needs, aiming to improve their quality of life. Currently, there are three resource centres throughout Kolkata and Howrah.

To create a barrier-free centre, a disability-friendly customised bus service and a Toto transport service are provided for the children in two of the centres. Additionally, preliminary counselling guidance is provided to parents and caregivers to support their children at home.



Impact

- **237** children with special needs benefited through the project.
- **219** children progressed through functional therapies.
- **145** children with special needs progressed in special education.
- **52** children progressed after attending functional skill development sessions.
- **35** children were linked with government entitlements.
- **453** community people were sensitised on disability, social inclusion and government schemes and facilities for children with special needs and their families.
- **8** children with special needs were identified through community awareness and enrolled in Government Primary Schools.
- **30** children with special needs received grocery support.
- **10** children with special needs received grocery and medical support.

Story of Change

Roop is a 14-year-old boy with cerebral palsy. His family struggled to afford his care and therapies. Upon learning about the resource centre from another parent whose child was enrolled in the centre, they too brought Roop to Brian's Way.

After Roop was enrolled at Brian's Way, he underwent a thorough assessment to determine the therapies that would help him lead an improved quality of life. Accordingly, he started attending physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and dance movement therapy. He also attended special education classes and functional skill development classes.

Now, Roop has shown remarkable improvement. He can now construct sentences, communicate with others, and walk with far better control. Moreover, he has also learned basic monetary transactions, grocery packing, and t-shirt block printing, skills that are both functional and important.

Education on Wheels

Education on Wheels is a remedial coaching centre exclusively for street-connected and slum-dwelling children (aged 6-14 years) in Chitpur. This programme identifies cases of child labour, out-of-school children or children who have never been enrolled in school and enrolls them in their age-appropriate class at government schools for formal education.

After enrollment, the team ensures the students' school retention and holistic education and development. Education on Wheels provides counselling through tools like Mandala art therapy.

To reduce its carbon footprint, the Education on Wheels bus utilises solar energy from solar panels installed on its roof to power the fans and lights inside. These green practices also significantly reduce the bus's operational costs.



Impact

- **64** children were supported throughout the year. **4** new children were enrolled in the project.
- **60** children showed improvement in learning and were promoted to the next class.
- **60** children enjoyed and celebrated several cultural events to ensure social inclusion and participation.
- **43** children obtained social entitlements.
- **30** children were linked with Government schemes.
- **44** adults/parents were assisted to link with different social entitlements.

Story of Change

Amit, a 9-year-old boy, grew up in difficult family circumstances. His father was a substance user, and his mother, a daily wage worker, struggled to support the family. Amit grew up isolated and scared amidst this domestic instability. Moreover, he lacked all exposure to education. Identified by the Education on Wheels team, Amit was eventually enrolled in the programme after repeated counselling and discussions with his mother.

Although initially withdrawn, Amit gradually settled in. With sustained counselling and guidance, Amit is now in Class IV and enjoys studying.

SICW

UMEED

Umeed provides special education and therapies to children (2-6 years) with special needs or physical and psychosocial needs from the residential child care unit of Society for Indian Children's Welfare. Classes are conducted by certified special educators and teachers using joyful teaching methods that address the pre-set milestones of each child. Based on their unique needs, each child receives therapy and different aids to improve their quality of life and ensure a more accessible, disability-friendly living.

Impact

- **35** children benefited through this programme, among whom **14** were children with special needs and **21** with learning difficulties.
- **12** children were adopted as per the government guideline and were rehabilitated to new families.
- **6** children were restored to their own family as per the judicial court order.

Story of Change

Paul, a 6-year-old boy, was placed at SICW by the Child Welfare Committee. He exhibited mild right-sided facial deviation, unclear speech and had no prior education.

To support Paul's development, doctors and therapists initiated regular speech therapy and counselling. A special educator designed an Individual Education Plan to support him. Through structured interventions, such as rhymes, music, storytelling, group activities, and regular therapy, Paul's communication, academic, and social skills steadily improved. With constant encouragement, he overcame his shyness and began engaging with peers.

Having made significant emotional, social, and cognitive progress, Paul is now ready to join his adoptive family in the U.S., stepping into a new chapter of his life filled with hope and opportunity.



PROTECTION PROGRAMME



Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13

Child Protection

remains a critical concern even today. Children from street-connected and slum-dwelling communities are still subjected to violence and abuse.

In response to these needs, HOPE significantly strengthened its Child Protection Programme through Residential Child Care Centres and Child Watch, as community-based initiatives to reinforce the child protection system. Additionally, the Mother and Child Care Unit and Aftercare Programme for Young Adults extend the aims of Protection to vulnerable mothers and young adults transitioning to non-institutional care.

Together, these interventions create a safety net that ensures immediate rescue, rehabilitation, and long-term reintegration of vulnerable children. By working closely with families, schools, local stakeholders, and Child Welfare Committees, the programmes promote family and community-based interventions, care, and protection for effective deinstitutionalisation. These measures ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow up in a safe, supportive, and enabling environment.

HKF, PBKOJP, BPWT

Residential Child Care Centres

The Residential Child Care Programme provides a safe, nurturing, and rehabilitative environment for children who are survivors of abuse, neglect, trafficking, child labour, forced begging and abandonment. These child care centres, in alignment with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, ensure comprehensive care and protection through balanced nutrition, structured daily routines, psychosocial counselling, medical support, life skills, education, and family reintegration.

Over the past several years, the Residential Child Care programme has made a significant impact in transforming the lives of hundreds of vulnerable children. The consistent efforts of the trained child care team have resulted in reduced re-victimisation and enhanced resilience among the children.

Furthermore, HOPE has integrated family-tracing, restoration, and reintegration measures into the Residential Child Care Centre framework. Recognising that residential care is not a permanent solution, the organisation works closely with Child Welfare Committees and other stakeholders to explore safe and suitable family-based alternatives such as kinship care, foster care, or legal adoption. Where reintegration is not possible, long-term residential care continues with a strong focus on education and skill-building to ensure that children are eventually equipped to transition into independent adulthood with dignity and resilience. The Hope Foundation remains committed to upholding every child's right to protection, development, and a life free from exploitation and neglect.

Currently, HOPE supports 6 residential child care centres for girls aged 6-18 and 4 residential child care centres for boys aged 6-18.



Impact

- **621** children were supported in the Residential Child Care Programme.
- **285** children were newly identified and placed in the Residential Care Centres according to the order of the Child Welfare Committee.
- **19** children engaged in labour and **52** children engaged in begging were rescued and placed in residential care as per the order of the Child Welfare Committee.

- **27** boys with a history of substance abuse and living at train stations were placed in residential care as per the order of the Child Welfare Committee. They completed the detoxification treatment and other helpful resources.
- **39** orphan and abandoned children were placed in Pre-Adoption Foster Care and were adopted, following the legal process. Among these, **5** children were adopted by international couples under inter-country adoption rules.
- **68** orphan and abandoned children (those remaining), of which **22** were girls and **46** were boys, were supported and referred to be declared as legally free for adoption.
- **195** children were restored to their families. Among them, **90** were girls and **105** were boys.
- **141** children received home-based education support after being restored to their families and are continuing their education.
- **13** girls who were victims of sexual abuse and social stigma received restorative care and legal support.
- **53** missing/run away street-connected children were enrolled in school and improved their physical and psychological states.
- **169** children, including children who dropped out of school and those who had never attended school, were enrolled in school after being placed in HOPE residential child care centres.
- **251** children identified with learning difficulties received special education support and improved their learning level status.
- **9** children (**8** girls and **1** boy) passed Secondary Exams (Class X), and **13** children (**12** girls and **1** boy) passed Higher Secondary Exams (Class XII).
- **234** children were promoted to the next class.
- Children's retention in academics and satisfactory performances have been ensured through regular classes, supplementary tuition and special education classes.
- **136** children above 14 years completed pre-vocational training courses.
- **380** families were informed on how to improve their socio-economic status, childcare and child rights, and families and children were linked with government schemes and entitlements.
- **472** community people and stakeholders were informed on various child protection and child rights issues through **76** awareness sessions conducted in the community.
- **38** families were linked with the social security schemes to access housing, toilets, free drinking water, and acquired citizenship documents, Government subsidies and allowances, health cards, job cards, etc. and improved their socio-economic status.
- **113** children were informed and linked with social security schemes that included education scholarships, Aadhar Card, birth certificates, and disability certificates for stipend and reservation facilities.



Children's Success and Annual Achievements in Sports:

The Hope Foundation continues to promote sports as a vital part of holistic child development, ensuring that every child has access not only to safety and education but also to the joy and freedom of play, expression, and growth through physical activities. Moreover, sports provide a platform for inclusion and equality, where children from diverse social, economic, and emotional backgrounds come together on equal footing. The sense of achievement children gain through tournaments and matches, regardless of the outcome, builds confidence and encourages them to dream bigger.

Impact

- **436** children attended weekly classes in football, karate, taekwondo, cricket, and other sports.
- **8** girls participated in an inter-club football match.
- **6** girls participated in a football tournament held in Behala, organised by Behala Maity Para Naba Tarun Sangha.
- **17** boys participated in a Karate Tournament, and **1** boy won a gold medal and a bronze, **1** boy won **2** bronze medals in the International Karate Championship held at Netaji Indore Stadium in Kolkata.
- **8** children (**4** boys and **4** girls) participated in the Community Cricket Tournament and Workshop organised by Pro Sport Development (PSD) in partnership with the Upamanyu Mallik Initiatives (TUMI) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. **36** teams from different NGOs participated in a capacity-building workshop, aiming to empower young individuals from marginalised communities through cricket, with a focus on health and soft skill development. The children from Hope Kolkata Foundation represented Team India and won the first runner-up position.
- **1** girl participated in the 9-day 'Tejashwini' Self-Defence Workshop, hosted by the South Suburban Division of Kolkata Police in celebration of International Women's Day. She received a medal and certificate for being one of the best trainee participants out of 500 participants. Her prior experience as a skilled Taekwondo player, with multiple medals won at state-level championships, significantly contributed to her success.



Story of Change

Helpless and scared, Sujoy ran away after experiencing abuse from his stepfather. He was rescued from Sealdah Railway Station and placed in a child care centre. He was then placed in one of HOPE's residential child care centres for adoption as per the order of the Child Welfare Committee.

Sujoy received therapy interventions to help him adjust to the new environment. This was crucial to Sujoy's future rehabilitation and care. He was enrolled in school and also attended tuition classes to bridge the gap in his education.

During this time, Sujoy was gradually informed about the adoption process. He was also linked with a Specialised Adoption Agency, and a comprehensive medical report was prepared in accordance with Schedule IV requirements. Eventually, Sujoy was adopted by a loving couple in West Bengal, following all legal procedures.

Post-adoption follow-up reports indicate that Sujoy is adjusting well to his new family. His adoptive parents expressed that he has brought joy to their lives and completes their family. They shared that he is making sincere efforts in academics and is thriving in a safe and nurturing environment.



After Care Programme for Young Adults

The After-Care Programme is a non-institutional care programme designed to support young adults in their transition from institutional to non-institutional care. The primary objective of the programme is to support and prepare young adults to lead independent lives, with access to higher education, career guidance, skill-building courses, and to ensure their financial independence.

HOPE supports two After Care programmes, one for boys and one for girls.

In 2024-2025, 26 young women and 22 young men received after-care support.

Impact

- **6** young men and **10** young women are now working full-time jobs and earning a salary.
- **13** young women completed professional skilled training courses in Graphic Design, Phlebotomy, Business Accounting, etc.
- All young adults in the programme are now

pursuing higher education. Among them, **13** girls are pursuing a Graduation (Bachelor's Degree) in Honours Subjects, **1** girl is pursuing Post Graduation, and **5** girls are pursuing Management studies. **8** boys are pursuing graduation in specialised subjects.

- **13** young women have been regularly depositing money in their savings accounts, **5** young women acquired a PAN card, and **1** young woman acquired a Voter ID card.
- **5** young men and **3** young women successfully transitioned to independent living after securing stable employment and became self-reliant.

Story of Change

Rita grew up in a violent family where her father abused her, her mother, and her sister. Eventually, Rita's mother decided to leave her husband and take shelter with her father.

Rita's mother struggled to raise two children on a low income. Hoping for a better future for Rita, she applied to the Child Welfare Committee to enrol her in a child care centre.

After Rita was placed in one of HOPE's residential child care centres, she was enrolled in school. She also started attending co-curricular classes for her holistic growth and development. Rita excelled in dance, painting, and craftwork. After completing her 18th birthday, Rita was placed in Hope Hostel to continue her higher education.

Rita is now a 22-year-old woman who lives with her mother and younger sister. Currently, she's in her third year of university and also works, earning a salary. She now contributes financially to her family, especially in supporting her sister's education.

Mother and Child Care Unit

The Mother and Child Care Unit is dedicated to vulnerable and homeless mothers who have experienced domestic violence, abandonment, or mental health challenges. These women and their children are placed in the Unit through police intervention and rescue operations carried out by outreach teams, including Child Watch, HIVE India, and other HOPE partners.

The average stay for these mothers is short-term, but may be extended based on individualised rehabilitation plans. During their stay, mothers and their children are given access to a wide range of services, including protection and shelter, nutritious food, healthcare, psychosocial counselling, early childhood education, and recreational activities. Thus, this unit provides a supportive space that addresses both immediate needs and empowers mothers with tools for long-term resilience, independence, and reintegration into society.

Additionally, this unit focuses on mother-child bonding and responsive caregiving. These interventions help children feel secure and supported, allowing them to meet key developmental milestones. Through these interventions, this unit aims to break the cycle of vulnerabilities.

Impact

- **27** mothers and **25** children were supported at the unit.
- **27** mothers and their **11** children were reunited with their families in rural and urban West Bengal and other native villages with the support of the police.
- **4** mothers and their **8** children received home-based support for their children after being restored to their families.
- **8** mothers with psychosocial illness improved their overall psychological well-being with changes in daily habits and child-rearing activities
- **13** children with low weight improved their weight status and achieved their developmental milestones.
- **1** newborn child was referred for adoption, as per the legal process and consent of the mother.
- **6** mothers acquired livelihood skills after attending a six-month vocational training course.
- **10** mothers were sensitised on various socio-economic entitlements and schemes and improved their child-rearing practices before being restored to their families. Of these, **5** mothers were linked with economic and health schemes.

Story of Change

Shyambai, a 25-year-old woman, was rescued by Childline and the railway police. She was placed in the Mother and Child Care Unit, along with her 2-year-old daughter, Ekta.

Initially, Shyambai was aggressive and displayed violent tendencies towards others. After receiving appropriate treatment, Shyambai showed significant improvement.

After a few months of counselling, she finally remembered her address. She also informed that her husband is a mason. The project staff contacted the local police station, and after networking with the police, her address was verified.

Meanwhile, Shyambai actively participated in vocational training classes and engaged in in-house activities. Through counselling and communications with the family, Shyambai was reunited with them.

Child Watch

Child Watch is a community-based outreach programme to support street-connected and slum-dwelling children and their immediate communities. Child Watch recognises the need to maintain a 24/7 safety network to prevent and report various child rights violations. And to achieve this, Child Watch maintains Child Vigilance Groups and Community Watch Groups.

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the programme's effectiveness, a project impact assessment was conducted. The study was designed to assess the programme's outreach, awareness, and behavioural change among children and the community, as well as the overall impact of the interventions on community members, particularly vulnerable children and families.

The key findings are as follows:

- Parents of street-connected children are aware of the importance of formal education, but due to financial struggles, they cannot prioritise education.
- Older street-connected children do not feel included socially, and they tend to discontinue school.
- Older children are more attracted towards addiction and entertainment; they stop studying and opt for a job so that they can have money.
- Older children tend to elope and get married early.
- Street-connected communities are aware of health issues and avail of Government health care facilities.
- Community members are aware of social entitlements.



In 2024-2025, the Child Watch project was implemented in 7 street-connected areas of urban Kolkata and initiated a survey to identify new communities to implement similar interventions.

In addition to its regular activities, the team provided 30 tarpaulins, 136 dresses for children, and 171 blankets as needed to street-connected communities.

Impact

- **784** children and **346** families were supported through this project from seven street-connected communities in Kolkata.
- **113** children were enrolled in formal school.
- **10** child addiction cases and **7** child labour cases were identified and mainstreamed.
- **119** children and **129** adults were referred to local Government Hospitals for treatment.



Story of Change

15-year-old Khushi, one of five siblings, had dropped out of school after Class 4 due to financial hardship. With her family struggling to make ends meet, Khushi was often found begging on the streets instead of attending school. Gradually, she lost all interest in returning to school.

Soon, a member of the Child Vigilance Group identified Khushi as a school dropout and informed the Child Watch Team. The team visited her family, counselled Khushi and her parents on the importance of education. Their guidance motivated Khushi, and she was eager to return to school. With the support of the team and her parents, Khushi was successfully re-enrolled in Class 5.

Today, Khushi attends school and is serious about her studies. She also receives academic support from a local NGO and is no longer seen begging on the streets.



LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME



5

GENDER
EQUALITY

8

DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH**Sustainable Development
Goals 5, 8**

The Livelihood Programme aims to financially empower the youth and adults from underserved and marginalised communities. Very often, youth and adults are forced to drop out of school or college or are deprived of these educational opportunities due to many challenges.

The Livelihood projects aim to bridge this learning gap by extending vocational courses that can help these individuals gain employment opportunities and, thus, financial independence.

Inclusive and accessible, these courses prepare participants for the professional world through a blend of technical and soft skills. Job fairs, company visits, and networking with potential employers provide students with valuable exposure. At the end of the training, students are empowered through formal job placements and self-employment.

Currently, HOPE supports 4 Computer Skill Units, 1 Beauty and Hairstyling Unit, 1 Tailoring Unit, and the HOPE Café. Across these different units, the programme is open to those between 14 and 35 years of age.

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HOPE Computer Unit

HOPE's Computer Units offer two courses, each 6 months, for those between 18 and 30 years of age. These 2 courses comprise Computer Application and Financial Accounting, including Tally and GST. Additionally, the unit provides digital literacy classes to children (under 17 years of age) of various Hope Kolkata Foundation projects.

A key feature of this course is its inclusive design, focusing on individuals who have either dropped out of school or college or have the minimum educational qualification. These skill-building opportunities, therefore, help students achieve employment and self-sufficiency.

Impact

- **608** students were enrolled in the course from the **4** Skill Units.
- **479** students enhanced their skills to acquire jobs, and **249** students got salaried jobs in different companies in Kolkata. The remaining students are pursuing higher education.
- **111** students completed the digital literacy course.

Story of Change

Bishnu, 20 years old, lives with his mother and younger sister in a small rented house. After his father passed away, Bishnu started supporting his family by helping in his mother's tea stall and taking on catering jobs. Meanwhile, he also finished school.

Realising the need for technical skills to build a sustainable career, Bishnu enrolled in the Advanced Computer Applications course. Soon, he became proficient in Data Entry, Excel, and Windows OS. Upon completing the course, Bishnu secured a job at Technocon Services as an OMCR Tracking Executive. He now supports his family financially and is continuing his higher studies through an open university.



HOPE Café

HOPE Café offers a comprehensive 6-month course on Food and Beverage service. There is no educational barrier for this course; trainees have to be at least 17 years of age.

Upon completing this course, students are placed in various cafes and restaurants. Additionally, the customer interactions at HOPE Café and the communication skills acquired during training provide students with firsthand exposure to the professional world.

Impact

- **9** trainees received training at the HOPE cafe.
- **8** trainees finished the training in **2024-2025** and were placed in different restaurants and cafés.



Story of Change

Rupa was placed in a residential child care centre when she was 6 years old. Here, she completed her education, and at the age of 18, she went to HOPE Hostel to pursue higher education.

Once Rupa secured a job, she was reintegrated into her family. However, she wanted a better job, so she enrolled in the Food and Beverage course to acquire new skills. At HOPE Café, she was a diligent trainee. She quickly learned all that was taught to her.

Once Rupa completed the course, she got a job at a well-known café, just like she had hoped. She is now self-reliant.

Tailoring Unit

The Tailoring Unit offers a 6-month course to girls and women aged between 18 and 35 years without any educational bar.

Industrial garment construction, combined with hands-on training on industrial and general machines, equips students with a range of skills. During the course itself, students are encouraged to start working to gain insight into the industry. These experiences also help these students secure formal employment or self-employment at the end of the course.

Impact

- **80** students completed the course.
- **80** students started earning after completing the course.



Story of Change

Shweta, 26 years old, was always interested in designing. She was also very excited to do something on her own. Moreover, she also wanted to support her family financially.

Shweta had heard about HOPE's Tailoring Unit from an ex-participant. Excited, she too joined the course. During the training, Shweta learned the essential skills to master tailoring. Gradually, she started taking on minor alteration projects, and soon began making garments on order. Eventually, Shweta secured a job in a fashion house based in Murshidabad, a district in West Bengal.

She is happy and successful, just like she had wanted before joining HOPE's Tailoring Unit.

Beauty Unit



HOPE's Beauty Unit offers professional hairstyling and aesthetician courses to girls and women aged 17 to 40 years. Through this intensive 4-month course, which focuses on hands-on experience, students are encouraged to learn and practise. They are also encouraged to seek professional opportunities during this time to complement their training and enhance their skills.

After completing the course, students are provided with beauty kits to help them launch their careers in the field.

Impact

- **153** students completed the course
- **144** students were linked with employment opportunities.

Story of Change

Tumpa comes from a low-income background, with her father being the only earning member of the family. Tumpa was aware of the financial difficulties of her family and wanted to help them. Makeup and Beauty were always her passion, so when she came to know about HOPE's Beauty Unit, she quickly enrolled in the course. By the time the course was over, Tumpa had gradually transformed into a skilled artist. Today, she works as a freelancer, earning an income that not only benefits her but also supports her family.



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



**Sustainable
Development
Goals 5, 8**

The Education Sponsorship Programme reaches out to marginalised communities in Kolkata and surrounding areas, including the rural Sundarbans. These communities face harsh socio-economic and health challenges. As a result, children are often left out and deprived of quality education, basic nutrition, and holistic care. Recognising these challenges, HOPE reaches out to these children and their families by supporting educational and nutritional needs and providing medical assistance as required.

The Sponsorship Programme also operates coaching centres in Bhagar and Chitpur, two of the most densely populated slum areas in Kolkata and Howrah. These coaching centres provide more than just tuition support. Through extra-curricular activities, awareness programmes for children and their caregivers, teachers ensure that children do not fall victim to child rights abuses such as child labour or child marriage. Additionally, the team help families access government facilities.

For young adults and those enrolled in college, Sponsorship also encourages financial independence. Vocational training courses, skill-building opportunities, and guidance help many young students pave their way, effectively breaking a cycle of deprivation and other forms of neglect.

Impact

- **2,168** children received support from **1,142** sponsors from across the world, including Ireland, the United Kingdom, India, the USA, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Japan.
- **1,351** children and their families living in Kolkata and surrounding areas, including Sundarbans, were supported through Outreach Education
- **592** children attended Bhagar and Chitpur Coaching Centres.
- **150** children from HOPE residential child care centres received education support and essential resources.
- **75** children restored to families from residential child care centres, were supported to ensure their transition from residential to home-based care.



Sponsor Testimonial: “I have been associated with HOPE for nearly 14 years. During this time, my relatives and I have had the privilege of sponsoring several children. It has been a deeply moving experience to witness the positive impact of our support. Many of these children have completed their education and are now leading stable, fulfilling lives. I am sincerely grateful to HOPE. It has been an honour to be part of this journey of transformation and hope.”

Sangeeta Bajoria, Sponsor from India

Story of Change

Simran comes from a middle-class family with one earning member. While Simran and her family struggled financially, COVID-19 made matters significantly worse. Unable to sustain her education, Simran contacted HOPE's Sponsorship team. With their help, Simran continued her education with the aim of pursuing a Master's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Understanding the importance of financial independence, Simran also started working in a small private company while pursuing her studies. She gradually acquired skills highly sought after in the professional environment. Eventually, Simran received and excelled with an all-round holistic development, thanks to the timely help provided by the Sponsorship programme.

ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME



**Sustainable
Development Goals 5,
8**

HOPE believes that children are our future. HOPE also recognises the importance of environmental consciousness, conservation, and sustainable living. Combining these two core beliefs, HOPE ensures best practices that promise a greener future for all children and the community.

Impact and Activities

- **3,359** young people were informed on environmental consciousness and sustainable living through different celebrations and awareness programmes.
- **43** government schools maintained Green Corners, eco-friendly spaces fostered by the schools' Child Cabinet Members. Each plant was named after the child who cared for it.
- **5** schools of Bhagar celebrated Nirmal Vidyalaya Abhiyan (cleanliness drive in schools). **655** students participated.
- **75** children and their parents participated in the Waste Management Workshop conducted in collaboration with the Howrah Municipal Corporation, Government of West Bengal. After the workshop, the community requested that the Corporation clear the accumulating waste in front of one of the creches in Bhagar. HOPE also facilitated this process of advocacy. As a result, the Howrah Municipal Corporation arranged for the cleaning of the dump site once a week.
- World Environment Day was celebrated across all projects.
- **72** children and **15** guardians participated in an exhibition organised by Bhagar Creche on World Environment Day.
- **5** fans and **5** lights (approximately) on the Education on Wheels bus were run on the electricity generated by the solar panels installed on the roof of the bus.
- **595** children of Naboasha and **60** children of Education on Wheels learned to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste material in their art and craft classes.
- **25** children from Child Watch organised a rally to create awareness of a plastic-free environment.
- Children from residential child care centres planted saplings to practise green habits.



The Indian Internship and Volunteering Programme

HOPE's Internship and Volunteering Programme allows students and professionals to engage with the extended HOPE community through different activities. Together, interns and volunteers come together to build "a world where it should never hurt to be a child," HOPE's mission.

This year 86 interns and volunteers from India contributed 9052 hours in different activities across HOPE initiatives. These participants actively contributed to documentation, making Teaching and Learning materials, and awareness programmes.

Students from the following colleges and universities participated in the programme:

Amity University Kolkata	SDA Bocconi Asia Centre
Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana	Singapore Management University
Basanti Devi College	Sister Nivedita University
Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore	SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur
FLAME University	St Xavier's University
Gujrat National Law University	St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
IGNOU	Symbiosis International University
Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management	T.A. Pai Management Institute, Bangalore
KIIT University, Bhubaneswar	The Neotia University
Loreto College	University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Dehradun (UPES)
Lovely Professional University	Vidyasagar College for Women
Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai	Vidyasagar School of Social Work
NEF College, Guwahati	WMO Arts and Science College Muttill, Wayanad, Kerala
Netaji Subhas Open University	Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Chennai
OP Jindal Global University	Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Kochi
Rabindra Bharati University	
Ram Krishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI)	

Intern Testimonial

I am honoured to share my experience working with Hope Foundation Kolkata under the Karl Kübel Stiftung (KKS) project, improving educational opportunities for slum children with learning difficulties in 43 government primary schools and 10 resource centres in Kolkata.



This journey has been one of the most formative and inspiring chapters of my life, giving me profound insights into the realities of children living in urban slums and the transformative power of inclusive education.

Throughout my tenure, Mr. Salil Dhara's mentorship stood out as a cornerstone of my professional and personal growth. His comprehensive knowledge of inclusive education practices, combined with his passion for empowering marginalised children, was a constant source of inspiration.

Under his leadership, I was encouraged to take initiative, think critically, and develop solutions that could make a tangible difference in the lives of the children and families we served. His team's dedication and collaborative spirit created an environment where I felt both supported and challenged to excel.

This experience has left an indelible mark on me. I have gained invaluable skills in survey design, educational material development, data analysis, and creative communication. More importantly,

I have developed a deeper understanding of the systemic barriers faced by children with learning difficulties in underprivileged communities and the importance of holistic, community-centered interventions.

By Shreyasi Majumdar

International Volunteer Programme

The Hope Foundation

In the past, interested volunteers were selected through a rigorous application process based on their skill sets and interest in working in a multicultural environment under the supervision of the local staff for a period of one month. From April 2024 to March 2025, two volunteers participated in the Volunteer Programme. Currently, HOPE is not recruiting volunteers under this programme.

Hope Kolkata Foundation

Two German volunteers through Karl Kübel Stiftung volunteered in HOPE's Education programme for 8 months from September 2024 to



March 2025. They were involved in teaching German language classes, developing teaching and learning materials for school children including for children with learning gap and children with special needs. They visited our communities for enrollment camps, participated in awareness programs with Hope Kolkata Foundation staff and implemented methods of activity-based learning among school children.

SCHOOL IMMERSION PROGRAMME

Our Schools Immersion Programme continues to grow, reaching more young people each year and strengthening connections across Ireland and beyond. By coming together in Kolkata, students not only support HOPE's work but also build lasting friendships, learn from one another, and experience what it means to be true global citizens.

Here are some quotes from the recent trips:

"100% would recommend all schools to take part in this programme. The entire programme, from learning how to fundraise, getting involved with the local community, travelling to a new country and embracing a new culture to the educational benefits it brings, this programme is fantastic for students. I will be encouraging all students I teach to help make the world a place where it should not hurt to be a child" - Chaperoning Teacher 2025

"This whole experience has been nothing short of incredibly moving. I enjoyed every single moment, and really would love to go back one day, especially through The Hope Foundation " - Riona Hickey, Student from Cork

"An absolutely life changing experience. An amazing way to experience a new culture, make new friends and see the world through different eyes." - Grace Keogh Loreto Navan

List of schools that participated in the programme (54 schools and 360 students across seven trips!)

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| 1. Scoil Chriost Rí | 17. St. Anne's Secondary School |
| 2. Alexandra College | 18. Ballincollig Community School |
| 3. Presentation College Carlow | 19. Christ King Secondary School |
| 4. Muckross Park College | 20. Midleton College |
| 5. Borris College | 21. Millstreet Community School |
| 6. Oatlands College | 22. St Francis College Rochestown |
| 7. Loreto Secondary School | 23. St. Mary's High School Midleton |
| 8. Gonzaga College | 24. Bandon Grammar School |
| 9. Scoil Mhuire Community School | 25. Colaiste Fionnchua |
| 10. St Mary's CBS | 26. St. Colmans Community College |
| 11. Our Lady's Grove Secondary School | 27. Kinsale Community School |
| 12. Bruce College | 28. Meánscoil San Nioclás |
| 13. Dunamase College | 29. Loreto Secondary School Fermoy |
| 14. St. Angelas College | 30. St. Mary's Secondary School, Newport |
| 15. Rockwell College | 31. Boherbue Comprehensive School |
| 16. Coláiste an Chraoibhín | 32. Coachford College |

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| 33. Colaiste Mhuire Askeaton | 44. Presentation Secondary School Thurles |
| 34. Colaiste Treasa Kanturk | 45. Regina Mundi College |
| 35. Ennistymon Community School | 46. Scoil Mhuire gan Smál |
| 36. Laurel Hill Colaiste | 47. St. Aloysius' College, Carrigtwohill |
| 37. Patrician Academy | 48. Meánscoil Iognáid Rís, Naas |
| 38. St Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point | 49. Clongowes Wood College SJ |
| 39. Colaiste Mhuire Buttevant | 50. Loreto Catholic Girl's Secondary School |
| 40. Davis College | 51. Newbridge College |
| 41. Gaelcholaiste Luimingh | 52. Presentation Secondary School Ballingarry |
| 42. Laurel Hill Secondary | 53. Scoil Mhuire Community School |
| 43. Pobalscoil na Tríonoide | 54. St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School, Macroom |

Schools who engaged in our GCE workshops

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| 1. Castleisland Presentation Secondary School | 4. St Angelas Cork City |
| 2. Boherbue Comprehensive School | 5. Colaiste Treasa Kanturk |
| 3. Regina Mundi College | |



The Achiever: Abhishek Singh

Life is full of challenges, but every struggle I have faced has shaped me into the person I am today. My journey—from working small jobs in Kolkata to entering the corporate world, traveling internationally, and then studying in the USA—has been one of perseverance, self-belief, and the relentless pursuit of my dreams.

One of my life-changing opportunities arrived in late 2024 when Prashant Sir from HOPE's Computer Unit introduced me to the Community College Initiative Program (CCIP), which offers international students a chance to study in the USA. I began preparing for the TOEIC exam under the guidance of my mentor, Ramanika Ma'am. In December 2024, I scored 850 out of 900, and got placed among the top 12 candidates from India. However, another challenge emerged during my medical screening, when my Mantoux test returned positive. However, eventually I received medical clearance.



My visa was approved in July 2024, and on August 5, I boarded a flight to the United States, beginning a new and transformative chapter in my life. I arrived in Orlando, Florida, to study Business Administration at Valencia College.

Adapting to the new environment was not easy. Understanding fast-paced lectures posed a challenge, so I began recording classes and reviewing them later. I also noticed stark cultural differences—people in the U.S. planned everything in advance and highly valued punctuality. Slowly, I adjusted, made friends from different countries, and explored American culture.

During my time in the U.S., I visited several iconic places: SeaWorld, Disney Springs, Universal Studios, Busch Gardens, Kennedy Space Centre, Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, and historic sites in Philadelphia. I also participated in the Pathway to Success Program in Cincinnati, where I met 130 international students. This let me expand my global network.

My academic journey continued. By the end of my first semester, I achieved a 4.0 GPA and was named in the Presidential List. In January 2025, I began an internship as a Project Manager at Indienomicon Ltd., where I managed client relationships and solved problems.

As part of the Community College Initiative Program, I also launched a Community Impact Project on waste management. Working with Orange County and Keep Orlando Beautiful, I developed initiatives that I planned to implement in India upon my return by

collaborating with corporations and NGOs.

Looking ahead, I now plan to start my own business in India. I believe my experience in the U.S. have equipped me with vital skills—leadership, time management, problem-solving, and global awareness. I hope to use these skills to create meaningful change in my homeland.

I'd like to end my story with a heartfelt gratitude to those who have supported me. My father, mentor Prashant Sir, guide Ramanika Ma'am, all my managers from Tradebulls, my place of work, and all my program leaders in the U.S.

Partnership Spotlight - Specsavers

The Blindness Eradication Programme was established to provide vital eye care services to street-connected, slum-dwelling and marginalised communities who do not have access to affordable healthcare. It aims to raise awareness of eye health and the importance of regular check-ups. Eye-screening and check-up camps are held in schools and communities, with treatment provided in Hope Hospitals as necessary.

HOPE's relationship with Specsavers was spearheaded by store partner Lisa Walsh. Lisa then travelled to Kolkata in 2017 along with three other Specsavers colleagues to support the eye clinic. On her return, Lisa spoke to the stores about the work she had done, and Specsavers committed to HOPE as a charity partner, initially signing up for a three-year relationship. The Specsavers marketing team also came on board by part-funding the running of the eye clinic.

Specsavers have also fundraised to purchase much-needed optical equipment for the eye clinic and eye surgery department at HOPE Hospital, which has allowed the programme to expand its services and continue to provide quality eye care and treatment. In 2020, Specsavers further showed its commitment to HOPE and the eye clinic by funding the education and living expenses of students undertaking a two-year Optometry Diploma course.

Specsavers have visited Kolkata to see the impact of the Blindness Eradication Programme and meet with project staff to understand the need and progress of the programme.

We are very proud that our incredible partnership with Specsavers has won The Corporate Charity Partnership of the Year Award at the Charities Institute Ireland "Charity Excellence Awards 2024". This recognition underscores the impact we are making together in the fight against blindness.

Together, we've been able to provide free eye tests, prescription glasses, treatments, and surgeries, transforming lives by restoring sight, independence, and dignity. The impact goes beyond vision; it improves education outcomes, employment opportunities, and overall quality of life.

We are proud to work alongside a partner who not only shares our mission but enhances it through action, compassion, and a deep sense of responsibility toward equity in healthcare. Your contribution reminds us of what's possible when we work together towards a common goal.

Story of Change

Sanoula is a homeless rickshaw puller in Kolkata. As a cataract developed in his right eye, threatening both his vision and his means of income, he became increasingly worried and vulnerable. Alone and without support, he was helpless until he was referred to HOPE Hospital.

At the hospital, a thorough eye examination confirmed that Sanoula required urgent cataract surgery. Pre-operative tests were conducted, and Sanoula underwent the surgery, completely free of cost.

Post-surgery, Hope Hospital ensured his continued care, along with a free pair of glasses. Without this timely intervention, Sanoula would have faced permanent blindness and lost his source of income.



Collaboration Projects



BeesTreesWater, a New York based NGO under Mr. Spicer Khakoo, has been collaborating with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City since 2019, to support WaSH programmes and improve sanitation facilities in several slum communities.

This year, the eight community WaSH projects already completed under BeesTreesWater and Rotary during 2020-23 were revisited to assess present requirements in terms of repairs and maintenance. Necessary renovations and replacement of pumps were carried out; cleaning supplies are being handed over to the women in the community, known as Water Sisters, in charge of the facilities, every month for one year from October 2024. Two government schools in Kolkata were also covered by the WaSH programme to improve their sanitation facilities through toilet renovations, new toilets for use by children with special needs, and installation of water filtration systems to ensure access to potable water for the children. Over 5,700 community persons and more than 500 school children have benefitted through these endeavours.



New toilet at school for children with special needs





25 YEARS OF HOPE EVENTS



25 Years of HOPE Events

HOPE extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported its mission over the last 25 years. HOPE's journey is a testament to the commitment and dedication of each supporter and well-wisher. As we look back on the last year, we look back fondly on all the events that commemorated these 25 years of service.



Dental Camp

On 21 and 22 May 2024, Hope Kolkata Foundation organised a Dental Camp for its community members in and around Kolkata. HOPE expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Colores de Calcuta for supporting the event and Mr Antonio Mesas Garcia, Director of Colores de Calcuta, for his presence.



Felicitation Ceremony of High school Students

On 24 May 2024, a felicitation ceremony was held for all students from various HOPE projects who had completed their Class X and Class XII examinations. Mrs Sangeeta Tandon, Principal of Shri Shikshayatan School, graced the event as the Chief Guest. A huge congratulations to all the students who passed these exams with flying colours.



Sit and Draw Competition

On 31 July 2024, a Sit and Draw competition was organised for children from all the HOPE programmes. Mr. Bijan Lal Mukherjee was the Chief Guest, and the event was judged by Mrs. Sangeeta Bajoriya and Mr. Amitava Basu. A hearty congratulations to all the participants, staff members, volunteers, and donors for their support and cooperation.



Mental Health Awareness Session

On 3 August 2024, in collaboration with Medica Superspeciality Hospital, a mental health awareness session was organised for the primary caregivers of HOPE programmes. Dr. Sohini Saha, consultant psychologist at Medica, conducted the session. We extend our gratitude to Dr Saha and Ms. Soma Chakroborty, Vice President of Corporate Communications, Medica Superspeciality Hospital, for their presence and encouragement.



Fort William Visit

On 16 August 2024, children of Hope Kolkata Foundation visited the War Memorial and Museum at Fort William. It was an insightful and engaging session for the children. HOPE thanks The Eastern Army Headquarters, Fort William, for the invitation and the welcoming experience.



25th Foundation Day 2025

On 9 November 2024, HOPE celebrated its 25th Foundation Day. Ms Alokanda Roy graced the event as the chief guest. Several national and international dignitaries, government officials, and renowned personalities joined us in the celebration. The HOPE children also staged a cultural programme, "Unity in Diversity". Famed musician Holly Riva also performed at the event. Thank you to each and every one who supported the event and made it a grand success.





EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES in Ireland



The Annual Cork Lunch was held on April 19th 2024 at The Maryborough House Hotel in Cork, Ireland. The event was MC'd by Sean Buckley with special guests including The Lord Mayor, The Chief Superintendent, Rachel Allen and our ambassadors Jeremy Irons and Jasmine Gerhardt.



Calcutta Run Cork Cheque Presentation – November 2024

Southern Law Association (SLA) formally presented their cheque for their generous donation of €12,465 from Cork's own Calcutta Run.



Calcutta Run Dublin Cheque Presentation – December 16th 2024

The Law Society of Ireland formally presented their cheque for their incredibly generous donation of €160,000 to HOPE at The President's Hall, Blackhall Place, Dublin.



The Calcutta Run Raffle was held at the Irish Law Awards on Friday 14th June at the Convention Centre, Dublin. In excess of €9,760 was raised via the raffle which formed part of total funds raised by Calcutta Run 2024.



HOPE's partnership with Specsavers Ireland won The Corporate Charity Partnership of the Year Award at the **Charities Institute of Ireland 'Charity Excellence Awards'** on October 3rd 2024.

Specsavers support HOPE's Blindness Eradication Programme in Kolkata across street-connected and slum-dwelling communities and schools through community based camps and special eye clinics in our HOPE Hospital.



HOPE's **Corporate Christmas Jumper Day** event took place on December 12th and included the teams from O'Flynn, Eurofins Cork, Qualcomm, Icon, Aon Cork, Conack, Specsavers Dungarvan, Newtown School, Humphrey Lynch LTD, Ballymakeera, Reliance & Pipe Life Ireland.



The Dublin Calcutta Run took place on May 24th 2024, in the Law Library in Blackhall Place in Dublin, with over 1,600 participants completing the 6KM and 10KM routes. HOPE is incredibly grateful to be a partner of the Calcutta Run, and to benefit so much from this annual fundraising event.



HOPE's **25th Anniversary Silver Gala Ball** took place on September 21st 2024 at Inter Continental Hotel. Special guests included Master of Ceremonies Mary Kennedy, auctioneer Sean Buckley and HOPE Ambassadors Reza Beyad and Miss Ireland, Jasmine Gerhardt.



HOPE's second annual **Ladies Lunch and Fashion Show** took place on the 7th March 2025, in Lawlor's Hotel in Naas, Kildare, and was sponsored by Diamond and Pearls Boutique and Catwalk Model Agency.



The **2024 Golf Classic** took place on Friday August 23rd at The Lee Valley Golf Club and was sponsored by Réalta Technologies.



The **HOPE Himalayan Walkers** travelled to India in November 2024 to walk in the majestic Himalayan foothills in the north of India in the state of Sikkim.



The **HOPE Reunion** took place on September 7th 2024 in celebration of HOPE's 25th anniversary with past Immersion Programme chaperones and participants, past volunteers, past staff members and donors and supporters.



Many yoga studios and teachers across Ireland supported our **"Yoga for HOPE"** campaign during the month of June, when **International Yoga Day** is celebrated. Vital funds were donated by yoga class participants and awareness about HOPE was also raised at yoga classes.



The incredible group of participants who formed the **2024 Kolkata Experience**, travelled to Kolkata from the 5th to the 11th of November, where they visited HOPE projects and experienced the culture and heritage of Kolkata. The group raised significant funds for and awareness about the work of HOPE, and they have memories that they will cherish for a lifetime.



Mogeely Vintage Club hosted their Tillage Working Day on September 28th 2024 in aid of HOPE, raising €8,375.



The incredible **“Pranic Healing for HOPE”** group had a wonderful visit to Kolkata in April 2024. Eleven members of Pranic Healing for HOPE, visited HOPE programmes and saw first-hand how their significant funds are, in particular, supporting PBK Residential Child Care Centre for girls, and HOPE's Mobile Medical Night Round services. HOPE Kolkata looks forward to welcoming Pranic Healing for HOPE members to visit again soon.



The 16th annual **Santa Splash**, organised by supporter, Aine Bonass, took place on December 1st 2024. Aine has raised over 50,000 EUR for HOPE with the annual Santa Splashes.



The **Slievenamon Mountain Challenge** took place on July 7th 2024.



Our annual **“Week of HOPE”** took place across various locations in Dublin, Kildare, Galway and Cork from October 11th until October 18th 2024, where HOPE staff, secondary school students and volunteers again sold Butler's Chocolate Bars in shopping centres and in key city street locations, raising incredible funds for HOPE's work in Kolkata.



Activities in Germany

HOPE Germany is in its 19th year, as it was registered as a charity in Germany in July 2006. Currently, HOPE Germany has 12 members - 3 of whom are members of the Board of HOPE Germany, i.e. Anke Frank (Chair), Nina Mueller, and Bettina von Oertzen (Treasurer). HOPE Germany fundraises annually from the HOPE community in Germany, to generously support HOPE's **Crisis Intervention Centre for Girls**.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES in the UK

It has been a year of incredible support in the UK. The Hope Foundation for Street Children (HOPE UK) is deeply grateful for the generosity shown by our supporters, partners, and donors over the past year.



This year, there were many Team HOPE Challenges. Five amazing supporters ran the **London Landmarks Half Marathon**, raising £5,557. Child sponsor, Ian Bush, completed the **London Marathon** and raised £1,000, while Trustee Brendan Mackinney cycled 100 miles in **Ride London-Essex** raising over £3,000.



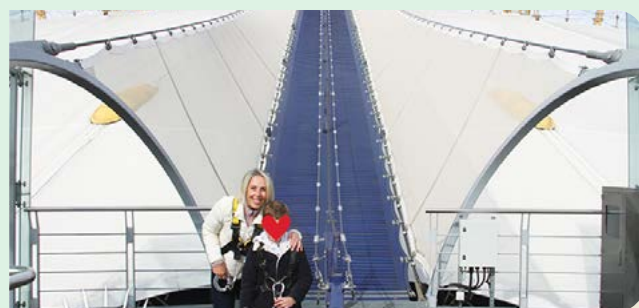
The most successful **Big Give Challenge** to date raised an incredible £55,763 for girls' empowerment programmes in Kolkata, thanks to generous supporters in the UK and our champion funder, Coles-Medlock Foundation.



As part of the annual **Footsteps for HOPE** campaign, supporters walked 10,000 steps a day for 30 days, raising £6,157 for education programmes. Other inspiring fundraising walks included supporters' **Sharon, Leah and Kim's 20-mile walk** in October, and Bradley Williams' 26-mile **London Winter Walk** in January.



Child sponsors, **Emily and Greg Elphick**, completed the epic 800km Camino de Santiago in Spain walking for over four weeks. Despite challenging weather, they persevered, and took part in BBC Radio interviews along the way, raising awareness and £2,000 for HOPE.



Monica di Natale of Tecla Languages and her young son climbed the O2 in London, fundraising for Naboasha Newmarket project.



Yoga for HOPE, celebrated International Yoga Day in June, and was supported by HOPE Patron Simon Low, along with 17 inspiring teachers, including Zephyr Wildman, and over 170 participants signed up to a class. The campaign raised £4,596 and featured in Yoga Magazine and OM Yoga Magazine. Notable classes included a riverside class in Henley led by Ulla Vogl and a Summer Solstice class hosted by Jan May and Debi Henderson.



It was a year of recognition for HOPE in the UK. Our Founder, Maureen Forrest, was honoured as **Women Entrepreneur of the Year** at the Bengal's Pride Awards at the House of Commons in London. In October, HOPE UK was voted **Favourite Yoga Charity** at the OM Yoga Awards — a wonderful acknowledgement of the growing impact of the Yoga for HOPE campaign. Juliette Whittaker, Head of Fundraising, proudly accepted the award alongside a group of dedicated HOPE Yoga Supporters.



In Bedford, our dedicated volunteer group organised a range of events. Trustee and volunteer Seema Grantham held a **fundraiser** at her home, while the wider group organised a **film screening at the Quarry Theatre**; and a **stargazing event** at Bedford School's planetarium with drinks hosted by Poonam and Bali Chand. There was also a successful annual golf day in September, organised by Jagtar Singh CBE, raising £2,500 for Hope Hospital.



In May, **Christopher Biggins**, HOPE Ambassador, hosted the winners' of an 'exclusive lunch with Biggins' prize auctioned at the Henley Dinner in 2023.



A special thank you goes to **Reza Beyad**, businessman, philanthropist and HOPE's Global Ambassador, for his unwavering commitment and generosity — both personally and through Britannia Tea. In November, Reza spent time in Kolkata visiting HOPE's projects, alongside Maura Lennon CEO International Operations, and attending HOPE's 25th Anniversary Foundation Day celebrations.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES in the USA



Beauty with a Purpose - from NYC to Kolkata

Boom Boom Brow Bar in New York City is making a difference for HOPE, one brow and lash service at a time! HOPE USA sincerely thanks the incredible Malynda Vigliotti, who is the owner of Boom Boom Brow Bar, and is a Director of HOPE USA, for partnering with HOPE USA in 2024 and 2025. For every brow and lash service provided in the salon - Boom Boom donates \$1 to HOPE USA. These funds enrich and support HOPE's Beautician Vocational Training program in Kolkata.



Celebrating International Day of the Street Child

On April 12, HOPE USA hosted an event to highlight the International Day of the Street Child, and to raise awareness about the disadvantaged and vulnerable circumstances that street connected children face. The event was graciously sponsored by Alice O'Brien Bermejo and her husband Valentino Bermejo at their beautiful new restaurant, The Beer Garden, in Yonkers NY. Guests were entertained by the music of Susan and Gerard, and the generous attendees donated to HOPE through entry fee and raffle on the night.



Friends of Bangla School

On June 8th, Anushka Chakraborty and June Biswas, HOPE USA youth volunteers - represented HOPE at a local Bengali event hosted by the organization: "Friends of Bangla School." The event was called "Boshonto Utsab" translated as "Spring Festival". It was held in an outdoor pavilion in Wilson Farm Park in Pennsylvania. Friends of Bangla School kindly allowed the volunteers to use the venue and event as an opportunity to raise funds for and awareness about HOPE. As many of the attendees were from Kolkata, Anushka and June successfully used this platform to provide information about HOPE to this very interested audience.



International Yoga Day

To celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21st, Hot Yoga Rockaway held a special yoga class to raise funds for HOPE's vital programs. The generosity of this group of yogis helped raised over \$1,200! We are so grateful to those who attended and donated to HOPE USA on the day.



Rutgers Bengali Student Association

HOPE USA is extremely grateful to the Rutgers Bengali Student Association for honoring HOPE at their Annual Charity Formal on February 15, 2025. Thanks to their generosity, the Bengali Student Association raised an incredible \$1,859 which will directly fund HOPE's Mother and Child Care Unit in Kolkata. HOPE USA extends heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Bengali Student Association for organizing this event and for choosing HOPE as their charity - their passion, dedication and kindness is inspirational.



DonorSee Engagement

HOPE USA grew its engagement on DonorSee - an online giving platform where new and existing supporters can donate to specific HOPE projects. This past year, HOPE USA was able to raise funds for our Night Round Mobile Medical Unit, our New Market Naboasha Education Centre, our Naya Daur Program, HOPE Life Skills Training Centre, and our Child Watch program. DonorSee provides an excellent opportunity to expand HOPE's network and allow donors to choose which HOPE project they want to support.



HOPE USA Welcomes New Board Members

HOPE USA is delighted to welcome three new Board members this year, Greg Zlevor, Lene Andersen, and Malynnda Vigliotti. We know that they will make a lasting positive difference with their enthusiasm, support and co-operation.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES in India



Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Children from HOPE's residential child care centres displayed their arts and crafts in the annual exhibition. The HOPE community is grateful to all well-wishers and supporters for encouraging the children and their talents.



Summer Camp

Children from different HOPE projects participated in summer camps throughout the summer months. There were pool parties, art competitions, visits to the park, and many more fun activities.



International Day Against Tobacco Use

On 31st May, World No Tobacco Day, different HOPE projects generated awareness among children and the community through awareness camps.



International Day Against Child Labour

Children from HOPE's residential child care centre participated and performed the inaugural dance at the West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights on International Day Against Child Labour.



International Day Against Drug Abuse

Children from the Bhagar community participated in a Drug Awareness Rally organised by Liluah Police Station in collaboration with Shishu Vidyapith School.



Disability Day 3rd December

Children from HOPE projects celebrated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with a fun-filled and educational visit to Science City.

HOPE sincerely thanks Dr. R. K. Sharma, Director of Science City, and Ms. Maureen Forrest, Founding President of The Hope Foundation, for inaugurating the event and celebrating the day with the children.

Awards and Recognition 2024-2025



Hope Hospital received the Joyee 2024 Award by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with the Indian Women Network (IWN). The award recognised Hope Hospital's dedicated service and continued commitment to the community.



Hope Kolkata Foundation received the **West Bengal Federation of United Nations Associations Award 2024** for its impactful work in supporting street connected children through protection, education, healthcare, skill training, and recreational initiatives.

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Silverdale Grove, Ballinlough, Cork, Eircode T12 E974,
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Direct Debit Donation Application Form

The HOPE Foundation for Street Children UK



Date:.....

To The Donor's Bank Account

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Please Pay THE HOPE FOUNDATION FOR
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Donation amount:

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Date:.....

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The Hope Foundation USA
1350 Avenue of the Americas,
Floor 2, Suite 266,
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Voices from Our Partners



Bhoruka Public Welfare Trust

It has been a prestigious collaboration between HOPE and Bhoruka Public Welfare Trust. Reaching out to children and families affected with HIV has been an enriching and enlightening experience. Seeing the community define themselves with pride and create their own identities has been a distinguishing honour.



HIVE INDIA

At the very outset, I am immensely grateful and extremely delighted to get this opportunity to express myself about my most cherished association with The Hope Foundation.

My heartiest congratulations to the entire team of The Hope Foundation on completing 25 remarkable years! This milestone is a true testament to the organisation's visionary leadership, resilience, and enduring impact, powered by the unwavering dedication of its team members and volunteers across the globe.

At HIVE India, our humanitarian and emergency response services for the homeless have grown tremendously with the Foundation's constant support. Our volunteers and staff have evolved both professionally and personally, gaining invaluable experience through this association.

I fondly recall our sleepless nights during the Bhuj earthquake and Tsunami relief operations—times that shaped my journey of service and compassion. The partnership has brought enriching learnings, lifelong memories, and a shared commitment to humanity.

Together, we continue to serve tirelessly, with our focus always on those who need us the most.

Today the HOPE family and myself along with my organisation HIVE India, still serve with the same passion and it warms my heart to see the light of hope in the eyes of the people who walk through our doors daily.

I seek your Blessings, and Prayers for this mission to continue.

With best wishes and deepest regards,

Nitaidas Mukherjee, Co-Founder & Secretary, HIVE INDIA, KOLKATA



Hope Kolkata Foundation

It has been an incredible journey working with The Hope Foundation since it was founded in 1999. Today as HOPE completes 26 years, I can only look back fondly on all the early years of the organisation. Our Protection Programme- the initiative that started this entire endeavour has since reached out to many, many children. Education, a key theme of our work, has been instrumental in shaping lives and futures. In the same manner, Health and Emergency Relief have been a crucial part of our mission since its very inception to even now. Livelihood, too, has transformed lives bringing in employment opportunities for the youth. Through all these different projects, the HOPE community has continued to grow and expand.

This has been an incredible humbling experience.

On behalf of HOPE, I express my sincerest gratitude to Maureen and Jenny and Late Geeta for their dedication and commitment.

As we step into another year, we continue our mission, looking forward to “A World Where It Should Never Hurt To Be A Child.”

Pushpa Basu, Hope Kolkata Foundation, Programme Manager, Protection Homes and Governing Body Member



Iswar Sankalpa

My enduring association with HOPE started in 2003. Through all their partners, I have seen HOPE grow and expand their many communities. In 2007 when I founded Iswar Sankalpa, Maureen's support was instrumental. I am grateful to both Maureen and Jenny for their encouragement and support.

Ms. Sarbani Das Roy, Secretary and Co-founder of Iswar Sankalpa

Paschim Banga Krira-o-Janakalyan Parishad

We started working with HOPE since its inception in 1999. Working with Maureen, Jenny, and Late Geeta Venkadakrishnan especially during the Gujarat earthquake and the Tamil Nadu Tsunami was a memorable experience.

Through HOPE we have enriched our understanding of our staff which has helped us in our efforts to work with women and families. These efforts have encouraged education that in turn has led to employment opportunities for those who most need it.

In conclusion, on behalf of Paschim Banga Krira-o-Janakalyan Parishad, I'd like to thank the entire HOPE family for supporting us to serve the people of India.

Dipak Biswas, Chief functionary, Paschim Banga Krira-o-Janakalyan Parishad



Society For Indian Children's Welfare

It is with utmost pride and humility that I get down to penning the fulfilling journey that the Society for Indian Children's Welfare shares with The Hope Foundation.

This synergistic partnership began on the 15th of August 2005 at our UMEED program. Over the past 20 years, we have been able to provide intervention and rehabilitation to 136 orphan and abandoned children aged 2–6 years, by providing holistic residential care, targeted therapy interventions, and opportunities for social integration. Through structured support, children have been empowered to overcome developmental challenges and move toward independent, dignified living and get mainstreamed.

We sincerely thank Maureen Forrest, Founding President and The Hope Foundation family for their unwavering support to us over the past 20 years and look forward to further strengthening this precious relationship.

Warm Regards

Sarita Dhir, Board Member and Program Administrator, Society For Indian Children's Welfare

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