

Behala Keertika

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Behala Keertika is a non-profit, non-political, non-government organization, registered under W.B. Societies Registration Act, 1961, serving to protect and guide susceptible women and children, through protection, self awareness, empowerment, establish Rights & Entitlements, legal awareness and assistance, counseling, vocational training and rehabilitation and restoration.

Ms. Sutapa Chakraborty, founder director of the organisation, has started this journey of Keertika with the assistance of few dedicated well-wishers Behala Keertika is providing justice to the most underprivileged, downtrodden and vulnerable section of the society. Mrs. Sutapa Chakraborty had herself worked for the women inmates including non-criminal lunatics of correctional homes, with the purpose of establishing their rights and entitlements. She has been fighting since decades to provide legal aid and rights to the victims of domestic violence (mental and physical), sexual abuses, assaults and harassment. She has been instrumental in ensuring legal rights and protection to physically challenged individuals ,to the victims who have been deprived of property , (specially among differently able women and girls) as well as in ensuring right to save environment and right to information.

She has also been instrumental in coordinating inter-NGO interactions and liaison-building procedures between Government, various ngos, autonomous and constituted bodies/agencies since more than two decades. She is involved in close handling of various state-level projects and programme-related matters concerning the following departments: Department of Social and Family Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal; the Directorate of Correctional Services, Govt. of West Bengal; West Bengal Commission for Women; Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of West Bengal. She is also responsible for the administration and supervision of short-stay shelters for abused and trafficked children and for women in difficult circumstances.

VISION

Behala Keertika visualizes a world where peace, cooperation and dignity prevail for the women and the children and a world free from violence and discrimination.

MISSION

- To promote the rights of women and girls.
- To empower adolescent girls.
- To ensure child rights, gender equity and sustainable development.
- To protect, promote and ensure the rights of backward communities and physically challenged people.
- To build up the decision making power among the vulnerable section.
- To build up active citizenship among the students.

OBJECTIVES

- Providing legal aid services to the victims of Domestic Violence.
- Empowering the girls & women to raise their voice against all sorts of abuse and negligence.
- Providing counselling services to the distressed women and girls.
- Ensuring proper implementation of the Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act (2005) in the target area.
- Preventing child trafficking and protecting the children from trafficking by bringing them out from red light area through rescue operation and by providing them a safer & secure environment.
- Ensuring proper implementation of Right to Education Act & conducting study on Active Citizenship.

TARGET GROUP

- Any distressed women, who are trafficked, prone to trafficking, abused, prone to being abused, and victims of domestic violence and other legal disputes .
- Any vulnerable person who needs legal aid due to the legal disputes they are facing.
- Any vulnerable person who needs counselling services from Keertika.
- Teachers, Student, Parents and Educational Institutes, Voluntary Organization & NGOs.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF WORK

The stakeholders/target communities of Keertika are the residents of both urban and rural areas, in and around Kolkata and West Bengal.

STRATEGIES:

- People's Organisation/Institution building
- Capacity Enhancement
- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Counseling
- Advocacy , Networking and Alliances Building
- Study & Research

ACTIVITIES:

- Formation of People's Organisation
- Awareness Generation (Legal Awareness)
- Providing legal assistance to victims of domestic violence and other legal disputes
- Organizing legal aid campaign to sensitize the Civil Society on various legal issues
- Organizing workshops and seminar
- Providing legal and psychological counseling
- Conducting study & research
- Rehabilitation of socially stigmatized ex-prisoners, trafficked girls and distressed children in a short-stay shelter home (run by Behala Keertika).

PUBLIC LITIGATION SUPPORT

Behala Keertika is a collective of social workers and lawyers, established in the year 1993 and since then the organization is working for the needy people.

It is providing legal assistance to the victim of domestic violence, trafficked, raped victims and needy people and organizing legal awareness camps. We also provide legal support during the transitional process from trial court to high court. Apart from these legal cases Behala Keertika also provides pre-litigational and psychological counseling to of several victims.

Project : Keertika Protection Home for Girls

Keertika, the Child Care Unit for girls of 6 to 18 years was established in 2003 to provide a safe and discrimination free environment for girls who are victims of abuse, abject poverty and at risk of trafficking. The girls have been placed in Keertika Home after being identified as a Child in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) by the Child Welfare Committee, the board responsible for child protection in the state.

During 2020-2021, 22 girls were provided with protective shelter, nutrition, health care and treatment, formal education and recreational activities for holistic growth and development. Among these girls, 19 girls are currently staying in Keertika Home and 3 girls have been restored in family. 3 girls have been receiving home based follow up support after being placed in their families.

The project strategies and activities have been designed to create a safe and protective environment for girls who were deprived of their basic rights, protection, education, love and care. Keertika Home, through its holistic approach ensures the girls access protection, education, health care, counselling, and recreational support to ensure advanced development during all ages, enhance their life skills and ability to overcome challenges in their life. The project aims to turn these young girls into a “Self-reliant, Confident and Self-Sustainable Woman” and preventing them from becoming trapped in the vicious cycle of poverty so that they can ensure a rightful and create a violence and discrimination free society for the next generation.

Strengthening the socio economic condition of the families and creating a safety net in the community is an important activity of the project so that the children can be reunited with their families, where possible. Focus is also placed on promoting Empowerment of Girls by encouraging them to continue on to higher studies, acquiring vocational and personality development skills such as decision making, social communication, public speaking, technology etc. during their adolescence, so that they can be financially independent and participate in the workforce of India without getting into low skill labour with low wages.

The project aims to “**Improve the status of girls in the community**” by protecting their rights of Education, Protection and holistic development which helps them to grow independently.

Outcomes:

- **CNCP girls will be ensured their Right to Protection:** 22 girls who have been identified and placed in Keertika Home by the Child Welfare Committee have access to quality nutrition, health, counselling, recreation, vocational and co-curricular and life skill supports with care and protection.
- **CNCP girls will be ensured their Right to Education:** Complete free and quality education has been ensured for 21 girls. Supplementary educational support has been ensured by private tutors to ensure retention in school. The remaining 1 girl is above 16 years old and was never enrolled in school, therefore she was enrolled in Vocational Training to acquire livelihood skills.
- **22 girls were also provided with vocational training to acquire skills** in computer, crafts, painting, and embroidery etc.
- **21 girls received supplementary education support to ensure retention in school.** 1 girl received functional education support from the Special Educator.

Outputs:

- 22 girls below 18 years in difficult circumstances have access to safe protective shelter.
- 3 girls have been accepted by their own parents and were restored in families.
- The girls and families have been linked with Government schemes and entitlements to create and strengthen the community safety net.
- 14 parents have been sensitized and have become empowered to provide services for the girls.
- 22 girls are being supported with regular schooling and supplementary education support to ensure retention in their school.
- 1 girl (above 16 years) has enrolled in Vocational training. She has enrolled in certification course of stitching course for 6 months.

Project Activities and Achievements:

The following strategies have been enacted throughout the year to achieve the result and ensure best quality service for the girls for their holistic growth and development:

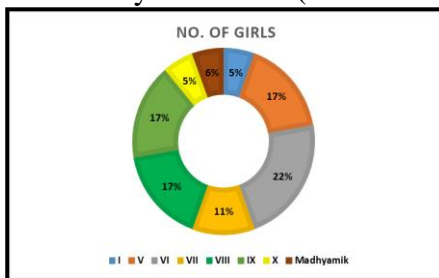
Protection: Protection and care of children is one of the fundamental objectives of Keertika. Keertika endeavour to create a temporary protective shelter for high-risk girls who are 6 to 18 years old and in need of care and protection. All the activities, planning and adopted strategies are made in compliance with the Child Protection

Policy and Child Safe Guarding to ensure a loving, caring and safe environment where every child can learn and grow into independent, successful and happy young adults.

Individual Case Management: Individual Care plans are prepared for each girl and all aspects of Child Protection Policy (developed in line with UNCRC) are maintained. The need of the children and their family has been identified through periodic assessment and the Care Plans of each in-house child. The plans have been developed by involving the parents, case workers, school teachers and house mothers. The core elements of case management include assessment, case planning, implementation (service delivery), monitoring and review.

Healthcare & Nutrition: The focus is always given on maintaining the health of each child. The girls are provided with a healthy nutritious diet, quarterly weight and height assessments, health check-ups (including eye and dental) etc to identify the developmental gaps and provide care accordingly.

Education: Children staying in Keertika home and staying with families are enrolled in mainstream schools affiliated by the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) and West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE). The girls have been enrolled in local schools and medium of learning has been



chosen as per their learning level and capability. Supplementary support is provided to the girls by private tutors to ensure their retention in school. Girls with learning difficulties are supported by a special educator to bridge their gap and improve their scholastic ability with the help of special education using tools, audio visual class, participatory sessions etc. The progress of the girls' academic performance is reviewed and monitored in every quarter and lesson plans are developed accordingly.

Counselling Support & Life Skill Enhancement: In order to address the behavioural changes and promote value education, the girls are provided with individual and group counselling sessions, team building workshops, life skill trainings etc. The sessions are conducted by applying therapies such as play, dance and movement, recreation, reinforcement etc. The sessions enhance the children's ability to overcome stress, anxiety, low mood, improve scholastic performance and develop decision making, problem solving, interpersonal relationships, social communication skills.

Recreation, Sports & Participation: To promote the Right to Play and Right to Participation, the girls are provided with co-curricular activities (like dance, drawing, paintings, music etc) and indoor and outdoor sports. The girls are encouraged to participate in various states and national level competitions and events to disseminate their skills in dance, yoga and other arts. The girls also participate in educational tours, workshops and trainings and cultural events organized by Behala Keertika, The Hope Foundation, Schools, District Child Protection Unit and local stakeholders.

Committees in Protection Home: To ensure the safety and a child friendly environment in Keertika Home, quarterly Safe Guard Committee meetings, monthly Child Committee meetings and Half-Yearly Home Management Committee are held to discuss the placement of children in other institutions, enactment of Child Protection Policy to improve safety and security measures in the home, improving conditions of the home and reviewing the standards through periodic assessment, developing educational, vocational and recreation plans for the children.

Trainings for Staff, Children and Parents: Quarterly trainings have been conducted for the staff to equip them with knowledge and techniques for better child handling and case management. Regular training are conducted for the staff and children to improve their knowledge on Child Rights, protection, adolescent health and hygiene, and gender equality. Trainings have been organized for the parents on child protection, laws protecting children's rights, entitlements and schemes they can avail from the government.

Stories of Change

Bright star in the night sky

Puja (11 years) and Mukta (10 years) are two sisters and were placed in Keertika Home in 2016. They were very young at the time and had suffered abuse and were deprived of food, education, care and protection. Puja, Mukta and their younger brother were abused by their father and step mother. After losing their mother, the children were dependent on their father who was unable to provide security, care and protection to his children. They have three other siblings who are married, living in another place and unable to take any responsibility of the children. Due to the torture and abuse, Puja and Mukta lost their younger brother in an accident. After that incident Puja's father and her step mother ran away with one of their children. The murder case was filed against the couple and Puja and Mukta were placed in HOPE's Crisis Intervention Centre after being rescued by Childline and with protective order from the Child Welfare Committee. The two sisters were later placed in Keertika Home for further care and protection.

After many years, Puja and Mukta have overcome the trauma and have flourished. They have learnt co-curricular skills, improved their knowledge and understanding on various issues and current affairs. They have shown significant progress in their academics. Currently they are studying in Class VI and V.

It was a struggle for them to reach this stage. The initial days in Keertika were not easy for them. They were extremely traumatised and in grief after losing their brother. They were too young to understand what was happening and felt insecure around unknown people.

Keertika has ensured best services, warmth care and protection for them. They have been provided with counselling, healthcare, balanced nutritious food and education. During the initial days of their placement in Keertika Home, they received close attention, support and assessment to identify their needs and requirements. Gradually they have been enrolled in school, started attending co-curricular classes and recreational activities to play and explore. During this journey, Keertika has supported them with counselling, therapeutic sessions and treatment which have improved their physical and psychological wellbeing.

Presently their skill in tailoring has developed impressively. They have developed confidence, self-esteem and capabilities. Puja is attending a certificate course on tailoring from Ramakrishna-Sarada Mission Institute. She is very happy, cheerful and responsible, and is growing up with a positive outlook.

The light of dawn

Putul used to reside with her family at Sealdah Railway Station. Her mother is a vegetable seller while her step father is a luggage helper. Putul was responsible for looking after her younger siblings and had to do all household chores while her parents went to work. Thus, she was deprived of her basic rights of education and a childhood. The area where they lived was not safe for children, especially for girls as the risk of abuse and trafficking is higher.

As Putul was left without protection with her siblings, Railway Children informed Childline. Childline placed her in a short stay home run by CINI. Later with her parents' consent, Putul was placed in Keertika Home with protective order from the Child Welfare Committee Kolkata.

After placement in Keertika Home, her case history and care plan was prepared to identify and assess her requirements. She was provided with support accordingly. She received medical treatment, care and nourishment. Effective counselling support was provided to develop her mental wellbeing, positive outlook, and self-motivation and to reduce negative emotions.

After assessing the improvement in her coping and basic academic skills, she was enrolled in school. Presently she is studying in Class VII and is also receiving in-house vocational training in tailoring. She always has an urge to learn new skills.

As she was staying near Sealdah platform her hygiene and communication skills were poor. Initially she was unable to cope with the daily routine and diet. This has been addressed and improved through counselling, care and warmth given by the Keertika team.

Putul has developed her knowledge and understanding on child rights, life skills, balance diet and nutrition to enhance her knowledge and skills. She actively participates in different festivals, cultural events and recreational activities. Now she knows how to maintain a quality and healthy life. Her performance in tailoring is outstanding and she could earn a livelihood with this skill. Putul also attended dance, drawing and Spoken English classes.

She has a willingness and motivation to a bright future.

Project : Women's Friendly Community

Behala Keertika visualizes a world where peace, cooperation and dignity prevail for the women, children & youth and a world free from violence and discrimination. Behala Keertika is running a project 'WOMEN'S FRIENDLY COMMUNITY' at 20 Wards in Budge Budge and Pujali Municipality. Project ensures a violence free ambience for most vulnerable women who shall enjoy all Rights and Entitlement through awareness generation in the community for future access of justice delivery system and other accountability in need for local stake-holders i.e. municipal councilors, ward committee members, learned community persons, teachers, club members and other youths. Women Group and Stakeholders complementing each other through Concerted Initiatives.

The project is located at Budge Budge area, south 24 parganas district under Alipur Sub Division, West Bengal. 10 wards from Budge Budge Municipality (ward no – 2,4,7,8,9,11,12,13,17,19) and 10 wards from Pujali Municipality (ward no – 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,11,14) have been selected for implement the project.

20 women collectives have been formed with members from among target communities capacitating them to work as CHANGE AGENTS among their respective communities, with focus on WOMEN, with an aim to EMPOWER all women to avail of benefits of Government Scheme/Legislations aimed at ensuring their DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION & SOCIAL SCURETIES. These WOMEN'S COLLECTIVES are provided opportunities of interacting with OTHER STAKE-HOLDER which is included service provider of Government/Non-Government Scheme implementing agencies & Law Enforcement Agencies, with an aim to build a report & working relationship with them.

Major successes or victories related to this project

- **20 Women collective** have been formed among the underprivileged and minority community and their motivation and confidence level have grown up considerably. Now they are very much aware about their rights and dignity.
- **Kazi & Maulavi have participated very actively** in informal discussions organized by Keertika. In spite of their conventional attitude they have showed their interest and requested for organizing such events in future.
- Due to the pandemic situation **schools are closed for a long time**. Children are frustrated, pained as they could not able to share their personal feelings, experiences with their friends. **Use of cell phone has been increased** due to their virtual classes and they are addicted to and influenced by social media.

There is **no outdoor activity** which created monotony and disappointment amongst them. In the awareness programme organized by Keertika, these **children shared their mental agony, stress with the Psychologist** and met with their peer groups (wearing their school uniform) and felt overjoyed with the interaction.

- **2 Local Police awareness programme** were conducted with Budge Budge & Maheshtola police station. The liaison and cordial relationship between Keertika & the police personnel has become stronger. We both have shared and exchanged our views with the community at ground level. They are giving the priority to the client sent by Keertika and sent back the cases to us for reconciliation that are / were not willing to go for legal battle.
- **85 cases** were registered in Keertika office in which **legal advice was given to 47 cases** and **11 cases were filed to the court**. Out of these 11 cases, **9 cases have been referred to the DLSA for getting free assistance of Lawyer and court expenses**. **2 cases were sent to the West Bengal Women Commission** for getting immediate support during the lockdown period.
- **Several Orientation / Sensitization/ Legal Awareness Programmes** have been organized along with the local clubs / NGOs, Municipality & Ward Councilors, Parents, ladies passengers in local trains, Kazi & Maulavis to aware all the stakeholders for making a safety net in the community.
- Keertika believes that advocacy & networking are the continuous process and the victims of Domestic violence should always be part of these activities. Women Collective, formed by Keertika, therefore, is playing a significant role to remove this social menace on regular basis in the area.

Challenges related to this project we have face to achieving our goals

- ❖ Throughout the year we faced several difficulties to undertake the project activities due to the unprecedented pandemic situation & declared lockdown in the period. Entire judicial work was stalled and the court was not functioning regularly and all had to wait for their legal settlements. Despite these difficulties we could arrange the project activities including a handful of legal programmes.
- ❖ Due to pandemic situation **Hospitals are becoming quite vulnerable** and the Doctors, Nurses and Staff are very busy to provide utmost service to the covid patient so the orientation programme could not be implemented with them. An **informal meeting** was organized with them which got positive response through the insistence of project workers.
- ❖ In spite the pandemic crisis and assembly election, the Inspectors-in-Charge of Budge Budge & Maheshtola Police Station have **extended their cooperation** for organizing the awareness programme in their police stations. It was a great experience for Keertika to be a part of this.
- ❖ During lock down period Keertika has continued its service and programmes through offline and online including counselling and legal support. **2 PLV Orientation Programmes** (1 offline & 1 in virtual mode) have been done in collaboration with District Legal services Authority, South 24 parganas. Learned District Judge cum Chairperson, Learned Secretary / DLSA, District Social Welfare Officer, Protection Officer of South 24 parganas and Para Legal Volunteers were present and made the programme successful.

Two specific cases, where we got significant support from DLSA are indicated below:

Case Study 1

Pratima Sardar is a deaf and dumb daughter of Shri Paritosh Jana, the father/ petitioner here. The marriage was held in the year of 2017 between Pratima Sardar and one Debasish Sardar at Buita Gram Panchayet, Sardar Para, Budge Budge, South 24 parganas. Day after marriage her husband and mother-in-law viz, Anima Sardar tortured upon Pratima. At the time of marriage Pratima's father gifted her all Stridhan articles including gold, silver ornaments and furniture. Pratima's father is a daily labour. He did his level best for his daughter. But Pratima's husband and mother-in-law tortured upon her day by day both physically and mentally. On 18.06.2017 Pratima was driven out from her matrimonial home, after this incident the petitioner lodged FIR against the matrimonial home of Pratima. There was a police case under section 498 A of Cr.P.C. but till 2020 she did not receive her stridhan articles. In the year 2020, she along with her father came to our Budge Budge office and lodged a complaint against her matrimonial home for get back her stridhan articles from her matrimonial home. He was advised to submit the letters to the local police station, Commissioner of Police, District Magistrate and Protection Officer of South 24 parganas. After that she was sent to DLSA for getting further free legal aid. One case under section 156 (3) has been filed before the Chief Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Judges court by the help of DLSA. After hearing and taking evidence, the court has been pleased to pass the order to local police for recovery of stridhan articles of Pratima. The local police recovered the stridhan articles on 30.01.2021 from the matrimonial home of said address and handed over those articles to the petitioner and his daughter with due acknowledgement of receipt of same and the case stands disposed of.

Case Study – 2

Srabanti Adak is the petitioner here. Her marriage was held on 07.02.2005 with one Laltu Adak at her parental home at Kalipur, Budge Budge, and South 24 Parganas. After marriage, the complainant went to her matrimonial home at Achipur, Pujali, Budge Budge, South 24 parganas with her husband and they started living together. After some day, her husband started to torture upon her both physically and mentally. Her husband used to consume alcohol every night and started to beat his wife without any reason. When Srabanti became pregnant, then her husband was trying to kill her; then some well-wishers helped her to get out from the matrimonial home. She returned back to her parental home. After returning home she gave birth of one girl child, but her husband did not make any contact with her although she tried to contact him desperately through his family. Then one day, she came at Keertika Budge Budge office and lodged complaint against her husband and was advised to appeal before learned court and also to file a police case. Then she went to the local police station and lodged a FIR under section 498A/406/506/34 of the Cr.P.C. After lodging this case, the police took action but her husband got interim bail. Then we sent the petitioner to DLSA to file Maintenance case to Chief Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court, South 24 parganas and DLSA helped her to file this case with free of cost and also provided an Advocate for her (free of cost). After filing this case, husband appeared before the court for contesting the case. After hearing and taking evidence, the learned Court has been pleased to pass an order for maintenance of Rs. 2000/- per month. Now the complainant has been receiving the said amount in every month through court.

- ❖ Schools are closed due to pandemic crisis. In spite of this, student awareness & non-violent parenting sensitization have been organized in municipal - ward basis and local Councilors helped us significantly in this regard.
- ❖ The source of family income has been considerably reduced making a difficult to run the family smoothly. Besides, rise in market prices of essential commodities made the life the more stressful for most of the mother. During **non-violent parenting sensitization sessions**, they were **appropriately counselled by the Psychologist** for stress free normal life.

Report of activities on - Covid -19 & Amphan relief materials distribution
among the target community

The inhabitants of Kolkata, North & South 24 pgs experienced the devastating effects of COVID-19 pandemic and AMPHAN Super cyclone recently. The COVID-19 pandemic was first confirmed in the Indian state of West Bengal on 17 March 2020 in Kolkata. From 23rd March entire West Bengal was brought under lock down. Kolkata ranks second, after Mumbai, in terms of Indian cities with the highest population densities. This is also one of the reasons why Kolkata has become the epicenter of it in eastern India.

It is very rare in the history of modern India that one of the country's largest cities continues to stand in ruins, days after the cyclone. The city of Kolkata cuts a sorry figure with the death toll at 19 due to Cyclone Amphan, on 20 May, 2020. The monstrous cyclone made landfall at around 20 km East of Sagar Island in the Indian Sundarbans in West Bengal. This century's strongest cyclone in the Bay of Bengal wreaked havoc in large parts of the state and devastated Kolkata in a way that was not seen in many decades. On the same day, West Bengal also recorded 3 more COVID-19 deaths and 142 additional positive cases. As thousands of trees were uprooted in the city razing a substantial amount of property to the ground, both physical and virtual connectivity has come to a near standstill in this part of the country due to the joint effect of the cyclone and the ongoing pandemic.

Keertika is running a project namely Women Friendly Community since January, 2019 at 20 municipal wards of Budge Budge & Pujali, south 24 pgs in collaboration with FGHR (Funds for the Global Human Rights). Covid-19 and Amphan equally have brought drastic change in this community. Most of the people are daily wage earner and due to lock down they are becoming jobless and staying at home whole day. They could not afford to run their family. Moreover Amphan Super cyclone added extra burden to them. Several trees were uprooted, electricity and telephone lines brought down and houses flattened. Roads are flooded and its community people without power. Water supply was interrupted in this area. Almost 500 families were unable to meet their basic needs.

In this emergency situation Keertika provided support to the beneficiaries and stakeholders in its target area i.e. 20 wards of Budge Budge and Pujali by conducting awareness programme on COVID pandemic and distributing Tarpaulins, Sanitary napkins, Dry foods, Face musk & Hand sanitizer in collaboration with FGHR. Due to the pandemic situation Keertika couldn't able to continue its project activities from middle of March, 20 although our service remained same virtually. The community people, women collective appealed to Keertika for meet their emergency need and Keertika duly responded to the call. Women collective leaders identified those families who needed the support actually and informed to us. 455 families in 20 wards (Budge Budge & Pujali) got the support in this crisis situation. Keertika felt gratitude to FGHR for extending its support towards the community.

Ward Level Child Protection Unit

The Department of Women and Child Development and Social welfare, Government of West Bengal has laid much emphasis on creating a child safety net and is committed to combat the menaces like trafficking, illegal adoption, and all other issues related to harm the safety and security of the children. Child Protection Committee has been formed in Wards / Blocks / Villages to strengthen and gear up to meet the challenges for creating a protective environment for all the children in need care and protection. Behala Keertika got the responsibility to form Ward Level Child Protection committee (WLCPC) at 125 Ward under Kolkata Municipal Corporation with the cooperation of Councilor, Child Welfare Officer of Thakur Pukur Police station and other members of respective ward.

Awareness / Training / Workshop

Keertika organizes awareness camps in both rural and urban areas on regular basis. Keertika collaborates with other NGOs and regularly conducts workshops and orientation programmes on various issues, with

special focus on Human rights, Women's rights, Child's rights, Gender discrimination, Domestic Violence Act & Sexual Harassment Act at Workplace etc.

Keertika conducts several legal awareness camps in Kolkata, North & South 24 parganas and its adjacent areas in collaboration with DLSA and SLSA, West Bengal.

Keertika conducts training programmes on Gender mainstreaming, Climate Change and its effect on Livelihood and Gender, women & child rights & related acts, life skills and Government schemes & entitlements, Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act in collaboration with Baikunthyopur, Kultoli Block, Vetkipur, Hasnabad, Anchigram, Bhawanipur, Nazat, Ram Ganga, Sandeshkhali, Sundarban, North & South 24 pgs and Church Auxiliary Social Action. The village women and school students were actively participated in this programme and shared their experiences with all.

Keertika facilitated training programmes on Human Rights, Gender Mainstreaming, Equity & Equality, Women & child Rights & it's related laws, PWDV Act, Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place Act, 2013 in many government organization of repute in virtual and offline mode.

Internship Programme

All throughout the year students from all over world come to our organization for their internship programme. Students from Ireland, India of recognized University, different law colleges and psychology students of different Universities come for internship programme. This year also close to 18 students have completed their internship programme from our organization.

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