

## **SATHI FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT**



### **Present Status**

*Implemented by*  
**Hijli INSPIRATION**  
*Supported by*

**Asha for Education, Georgia**

### **Fact Sheet**

Name of our Programme	:	SATHI for Education Support
A Joint Programme of	:	Hijli INSPIRATION & Asha for Education
Project Area	:	Kamarhati Municipality, Barrackpore Sub-division, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India
No. of Children	:	106 (hundred)
No. of Centre	:	4 (four)
Medium of instruction	:	Bengali (3) & Urdu (1)
Period	:	June 2011 to June 2012

## Introduction

*Sathi* a project for back up support aimed at retention of children in the formal school system, is operational since the last two years at two locations under Kamarhati Municipality. INSPIRATION being the implementing agency of the project intends to achieve the best through its limited scope. It is indeed true that mainstreaming in formal school at present is relatively straight forward especially after the enactment of RTE Act throughout the country. But the major challenge is retention of the children within the environment of education, particularly from backward section who are faced with different socio-economic constraints.

This programme has been able to make children more or less regular in schools by inculcating the school going habit among them as well as through academic preparedness. For this, the organization has undertaken an intensive backup support programme in line with the school curriculum as well as counseling of children. Back up support helps the children to cope with classroom teaching.

## Centre running

4 centres are operational catering to around 106 children. The centre specific number of children has been provided below:

Centre no	Location	No. of Children	Name of the volunteer
1	Israel Colony	28	Rita Banerjee
2	Israel Colony	25	Tamali Das
3	Cryag Row Youth Club	28	Aasia Khatoon
4	Cryag Row Youth Club	25	Namita Majumder

## Current status of Children

Out of 106 children maximum number of the students are in class III & IV. However students from all classes - I-VIII -are present in the Centres. The following table shows the class wise distribution of children.

Class	2nd year
Class - I	4
Class - II	18
Class - III	22
Class - IV	31
Class - V	12
Class - VI	13
Class - VII	5
Class - VIII	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>

## Attendance and performance of Children

Interactions with schools have indicated that a large majority of the children are regular in schools and in general are performing well. They are equally regular in the centres which are indicative of their retention within the education system.

## Others Activities

Along with the regular educational back up activities children are made to participate in different programmes for an exposure as well as for cognitive development

### *Nicco Park Visit*

Children of ASHA centers were brought to Nicco Park, Salt Lake to take part in the Annual Children's treat organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta in November 2011. About 1200 children from different organizations participated of which forty children were from ASHA centre. It was a day of fun and frolic – with food and different kinds of entertainments and joyrides.

### *Book Fair Visit*

Children of the centre enjoyed the Children's Day this year through a visit to a Book Fare at Kamarhati Chhai Moidan. INSPIRATION organized such a visit for them not only for entertainment but also for an exposure to the word of books. . The visit of this nature was the first time that they experienced in their life.. There were several stalls for children's book. They had a glimpse of the books. Volunteers and project staff also accompanied them. It was a novel experience for the child.



## Annual Sports

INSPIRATION organized the Annual Sports Programme on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 at Bibekananda Play Ground (River side) of Kamarhati. Almost all the children took part in several events spontaneously. There were 10 events like Sprint, Orange race, Sum race and Memory game. etc. The Sishumitas trained the children during the whole month before the particular day. The children who got the positions like 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each event were awarded with gifts but Consolation Prizes for all students were given to cheer them up.

Community participation was spontaneous. Councilor of ward no.1, parents, some respectable persons and other children of community were present in the programme.

Prize giving ceremony was held after sports on that day. Local stakeholders and project staff gave away the prizes to the children. Besides breakfast, a lunch box was given to each and every student.

	
<p>Orange Race</p>	<p>Prize given By Uttam Dey</p>
	
<p>Prize given By Babul Ch. Roy</p>	<p>Prize given By Tamali Das &amp; Ruhi</p>
	
<p>Prize given By Rita Banerjee</p>	<p>Prize given By Aasia Khaton</p>



Annual Sports 2012 at Kamarnat  
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Children with Local Ward Councilors



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Prize given By Sarika Devi

## ***Raising Rabindra Chetana (Awareness) among the children***



On the occasion of the 150-birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, INSPIRATION received a grant from the **Raja Rammohan Ray Library Foundation** to raise awareness on the life and works of Rabindranath Tagore among the children in the slums. All the children under the purview of Asha for Education Project were brought under the folds of this programme.

### **The specific programme objectives have been**

1. Literary and cultural orientation of the children on the life and works of Tagore and also to train them in performing arts
2. Sensitization of the parents of the children as well as the larger community on various social issues from Tagore's literary works which are relevant even today

Different activities were conducted by resource persons, which included the following

**Verbal exposition on the different facets of Rabindranath Tagore** covering his family lineage and childhood, his major works including Gitanjali, for which he received the Nobel Prize, his contributions to freedom movement, the background of Jana Gana Mana – the national Anthem, familiarizing children with a set of songs, poems, verses and plays. The sessions were conducted by Kanika Banerjee and Indrani Ghosh, Alumni of Rabindra Bharati University.

**Promoting and nurturing the latent cultural talents of children** by training them on music, dance and dramatics. All children were provided basic training while a better performing set of children were taken through rigorous training workshops to prepare them for public performance. The trainers are all pass outs of Rabindra Bharati University and are pursuing with this as a profession.

**Celebrating Rabindra Jayanti ( the birthday of Rabindranath Tagore ) by staging a cultural Programme** - On the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti of Rabindro Janmo Sardhosatobarsho (151<sup>st</sup> Birthday) on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012 ( 25<sup>th</sup> Baishakh ) a Cultural programme was organized by INSPIRATION on at 'Bhabomoyee Aghormoni' High School, Kamarhati . All local people irrespective of age were present there.

President& Secretary of INSPIRATION, Ward Councilor, and local responsible persons of the community participated in the programme and addressed the children. The children staged Dances, Drama, recitations etc. The performance of children was very impressive and the audience enjoyed it a lot. The programme served multiple objectives of making children confident in presenting Rabindranath Tagore's works and also making the Community aware of it on one hand and also making them realise the inherent talents of children on the other.

**Jorashanko Thakurbari visit was organized** on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June to expose children to the abode of the great poet along with his works through pictures and artifacts. 45 Children, 4 Volunteers and 2 Officials (Programme coordinator and Project Coordinator) spent over three hours in the premise. The children were extremely interested and encouraged to know more and more about the all time great personality. The staff of Rabindra Bharati University escorted the children and took them through a guided educative experience.



## Future Planning

### Academic

- Running backup support centres as per programme design throughout the year

### Extra Academic

- Involving children in different programmes for overall education and exposure.

## Estimated Budget for July 2012 to June 2013

Last year Budget (2011-2012)	Proposed Budget (2012 - 2013)			
Items	Items	Amount (INR)	Monthly	Monthly Per Centre Cost
4Teacher Volunteers For 100 mainstreamed children @ Rs.800.00 per month for each Volunteer	4 Teacher Volunteers For 120 mainstreamed children @ Rs.900.00 per month for each Volunteer	43,200.00	3600.00	900.00
Education material for 100 children @ Rs. 10.00 per month per child	Education material for 120 children @ Rs. 15.00 per month per child	21,600.00	1800.00	450.00
Rent for 4 center @ Rs. 100.00 per month per center	Rent for 4 center @ Rs. 100.00 per month per center	4,800.00	400.00	100.00
Supervision cost @ Rs.1000.00 per month	Supervision cost @ Rs.1000.00 per month	12,000.00	1000.00	250.00
Other incidental expenses @ Rs 400 per month	Other incidental expenses @ Rs 1000 per month	12,000.00	1000.00	250.00
Nutrition support for children @ Rs.4 per day per child (100 children), 2days in a week	Nutrition support for children @ Rs.5 per day per child (120 children), 3 days in a week	21,600.00	1800.00	450.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>115,200.00</b>	<b>9,600.00</b>	<b>2400.00</b>



