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T****BTS MISSION**

To provide equal opportunities to all sections of rural poor and distressed people for their comprehensive development and self-reliance in a sustainable and participatory approach enhancing special emphasis on cause and care of vulnerable women and their malnourished children in acute need of proper care and concern.

2003 - 2004**BAIKUNTHAPUR TARUN SANGHA**

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Kultali Island, Sunderbans : An Island of Joy... !!!

Since time immemorial, the majestic islands of Sunderbans have been subject to brutal attacks from nature, so much so, that the people have become used to the regular natural exigencies that create havoc in their lives. Hundreds of thousands of people are victimized year after year.... Property worth billions are lost every year... Many a young life has been lost.... Still, the tales of woe and anguish continue in those remote villages cornered by rampaging sea and throbbing rivers....!

The entire Sunderban delta, consisting of 54 big islands, numerous small ones and the landmass arouse a wild romanticism in all and sundry. The welcoming greenery, umpteen rivers and creeks, swaying boat rides, adventurous forest lives, delicate shrimps, mouth watering fish, tiger prawn and the Royal Bengal Tiger – what else do one require to lit fire to their imagination. Sunderbans makes poets out of duds and idiots. For the ordinary people from outside, it is the land of great adventure and leisurely boat rides to lay off from the busy world outside.

But for the estimated 4 million people residing today, Sunderbans is their habitat, the land of their birth, their toil and probably their death. For them, their land has been bestowing misery after misery on those hapless souls... never giving a respite from the dangers of natural disasters. Year after year, the story of tears and toils are repeated. Still, the people go on with their lives – for centuries now – with the eternal hope that one day, their miseries will come to and end and they will lead a happy peaceful life.

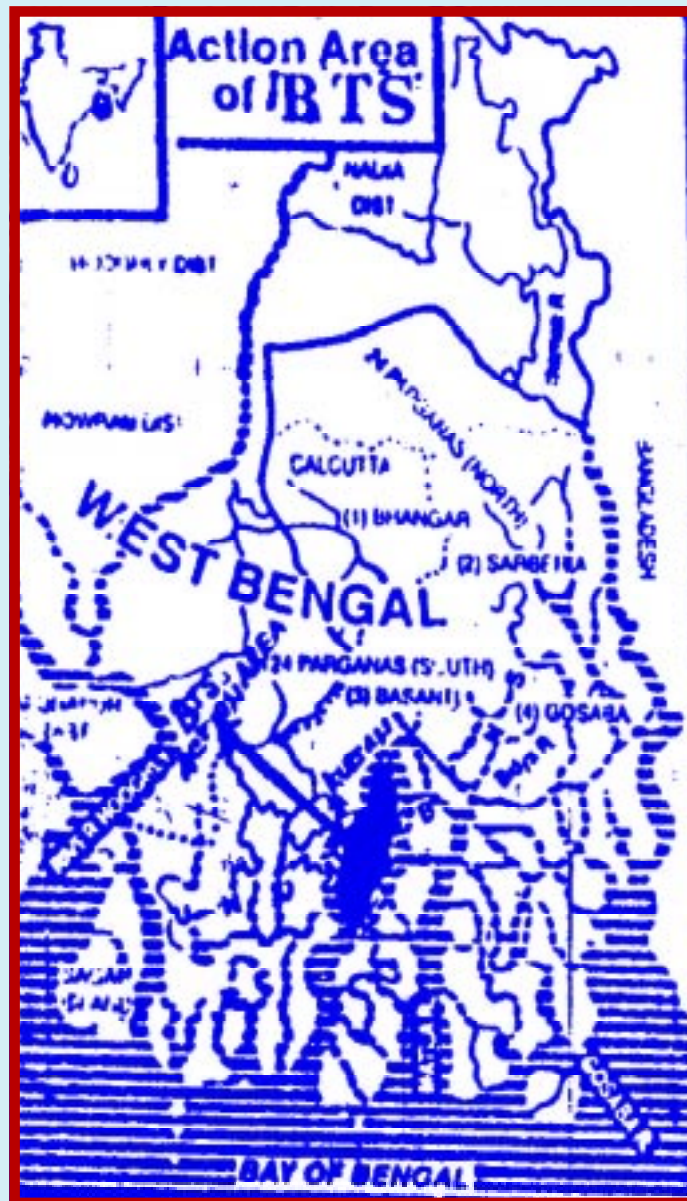
Project Area of BTS : Demography & Situation

BTS is currently working in 6 villages under one G.P. of Kultali block, Sunderbans. All the villages are riverine, highly remote and underdeveloped with no infrastructure whatsoever. The demographic profile of the villages are given below :

BTS PROJECT-AREA : DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF KULTALI PROJECT							
Village Name	No. of Households	Population				Literate	SC/ST
		Male	Female	Total	Children		
Baikunthapur (N) (S)	900	3,195	2,995	6,190	1,118	2,134	1,295
Kishorimohanpur	645	2,388	2,185	4,573	945	1,378	1,375
Ambikanagar	45	122	130	252	64	66	153
Binodpur	656	2,199	2,073	4,272	812	1,556	678
Nagenabad	585	2,037	1,934	3,971	1,231	1,578	1,582
Project Area Total	2831	9,941	9,317	19,258	4,176	6,712	5,083
Kultali Block Total	25,843	80,516	75,934	156,450	36,927	11,452	80,034

All the villages are riverine, with the only existing communication between the mainland being through river boats. Within the villages too, there are no proper roads and walking is the only mode of transport for the villagers. Diamond Harbour is about 80 kms and Calcutta is about 125 kms from Kultali.

Additionally in the year 2003-04, BTS has initiated post-



flood relief measures alongwith other development efforts in the second island block area-Pathar Pratima which is one of the neighbouring block-areas of BTS. Only two villages - Purba Sripatinagar and Paschim Sripatinagar in the Pathar Pratima delta have been included into the project area. Most of the people (85%) are below the poverty line and from the minorities. Prawn-Seed collection from the rivers and tributaries, fishing and netting in the rivers fully infested with Crocodiles, collection of Non-Timber Forest Produces (NTFPs) from the reserved forest areas full of man-eating Royal Bengal Tigers, Vending and Van (Three Wheelers) pulling for carriage of vegetables and others domestic goods. A good number of poor dailywage labourers are being migrated to the urban areas for search of livelihood sources.

BTS PROJECT-AREA : DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF PATHARPRATIMA PROJECT							
Village Name	No. of Households	Population				Literate	SC/ST
		Male	Female	Total	Children		
Sripatinagar (East)	926	3,500	3,000	6,500	1,300	2,420	1,500
Sripatinagar (West)	1,300	3,900	3,500	7,400	1,480	2,816	1,700
Project Area Total	2,226	7,400	6,500	13,900	2,780	5,236	3,200
Patharpratima Total							



BTS EFFORTS : A GLIMPSE ON THE PAST

- 1982-1983 Registration of Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS).
- 1983-1984 Only the Mud Built community Centre was given a new shape constructed and donated by LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE (LWS), KULTALI PROJECT - where a Pre-Primary School (for the poor community students from poor peasants groups and scheduled caste families) was set up.
- 1984-1985 A Feeding Centre was run by the kind support from LWS, Kultali Project. Poor children under acute malnutrition and hunger came from the most helpless families.
- 1986-1988 A Sports Club was established for initiating the physical exercise and sports culture among the rural youth stars.
- 1989-1991 A cultural unit Sunderban Sangeet-O-Sanskriti Parishad under the auspices of cultural affairs of BTS and A Music college SUR-O-BANI MUSIC COLLEGE started to promote cultural aspects among rural people, especially among rural youths-boys and girls.
- 1993-1994 National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC) was organised on waste management. Sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.
- 1994-1995 Awareness Generation Project (AGP) Among Rural Poor Women sponsored by the Central Social Welfare Board was organised alongwith the NEAC on Joint Forest Management.
- Grain Bank for poor farmers set up to give grain support in their harder days.
- 1995-1996 Regional Resource Agency (NEAC) under the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India certified our organisation as First Splendid Implementor of NEAC Project on the national theme on "Women and Environmnet" in West Bengal region.
- 1996-1997 Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India offered our FCR Registration 1996 to receive Foreign supports for welfare & development concerns.
- Science Seminar on "Environmental Preservation," Sponsored by the Deptt. of Science & Technology, Govt. of West Bengal was organised. Women participants from NGO levels, Mahila Mandals, Gram Panchayat were present to decide future actions relating to Environment Preservation.
- A Training-cum-production Centre 'SWANIRVAR' was set up. 15 rural poor women have taken sole initiative as a Self-Help Group (SHG) initially to promote its activities for women's self-reliance. Group Savings is under processing stage to be undertaken soon.
- 1997-1998 A Children's Park- "Children's Paradise," has been established with financial assistance of SAHAY, Kolkata through BSSK.
- 1998-1999 A Collaborating project on Sustainable Agriculture (Nutritional Gardening by village Housewives) has been initiated in close collaboration with Development Research Communication & Services Centre (DRCSC) with Funds from Christian Aid (UK)
- Performed as First among the NEAC - 1998 - 99 implementing organisation in 24 pgs(s) district in West Bengal under "National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) 1998-99" Sponsored by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India.
- 1999-2000 A Child Care Centre, Sishutirtha for 25 infants of rural working mothers was established with financial aid from Central Social Selfare Board (CSWB) through W.B.Social Welfare Advisory Board.
- 2000-2001 Another child centre, Green Buds for 25 infants established with assistance from CSWB.
- A Condensed Course of Education for Rural Dropout Girls initiated with aid from CSWB, New Delhi.
- The Cyclone-affected school building of BTS-Path Bhavan (Basic education Prog.) was constructed with financial support from Irish Aid, Embassy of Ireland.
- 2001-2002 Asha for Education (Seattle Chapter-USA) extended their supports towards Promotion of Basic Education for rural children in need.
- An Agro-Equipment-Support Service (AES) Program funded by PPI, USA was initiated for small farmers.
- 2002-2003 MIVA-Holland has extended their kind support for purchasing a Mobile Medical Boat-SEVABRATI for patients' transportation.
- Embassy of Ireland, New Delhi has funded for starting an Agro-Resource Centre (ARC-Vikalper Sandhane).
- Asha For Education (Cornell, Berkeley, St. Louis), USA has supported for smooth running the basic school, BTS-Path Bhavan, an innovative school on Joyful Learning Process (JLP).
- Community Healthcare Project (CHP)-SAMBHAB promoting both preventive and curative services for poor suffering people in Sundarban with supports from AID-Austin-USA and ICA-USA.
- Innitiation of Mid-day Meal Program for Malnourished Children in Sundarban through Food for Education and Food for Savings Scheme of Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, Mumbai.
- Ekjut, USA has supported transportation Cost of some serious patients in acute need.
- 2003-2004 MIVA-Holland has extended their kind support for an Ambulance-SAMABYATHEE for patients' transportation.
- Embassy of Ireland has aided a partly cost for a Rural Community Hospital (RCH)-BTS Hospital to serve the rural suffering people in acute need.
- VIBHA-USA has supported BTS to start 2 Child Care Centres for poor working children at high risk.
- A special project for the victimized by the attack of Tigers & Crocodiles has been launched wih assistance from Tiger Widows Organisation (TWO)-Ireland.

**“Sambhab” – Community Health Care Project (CHP)**

Healthcare services are the most needed support to the people in Kultali and Patharpratima Development Block. With no health facilities available, it has become an extremely important for the project areas to initiate integrated health care services to reduce over dependence on superstitions and religious practices. Unfortunately, despite its great efforts and keenness, BTS has not been able to do much in the health care sector for want of support and aid. **The activities implemented till date has been restricted to Preventive and little bit of Curative services. Pulse-Polio Immunization camps** were organized in collaboration with the BMOH of Kultali under the National Pulse Polio Immunization Program.

Last year BTS had an opportunity to start with Villagelevel Clinics on Curative services having funding support from **Indians for Collective Action (ICA)-USA**. ICA has extended their kind support to equip the **BTS-Clinic** on a small scale basis and AID(USA)supported for initiating a **Revolving Medicine Bank (RMB)**-Jeevan Daan, some Medical Equipments, Doctor & the VHWs support etc. and continuing their financial support till date with a promise to serve the suffering humanity in the island of South Sundarban. **MIVA-Holland** has gifted an **Ambulance-SAMABYATHEE** which has been decided to be used in the field of serious patients' emergency transportation to the urban hospital or conducting Mobile Medical Camps in and around the different island areas of Sunderban.

Indians for Collective Action (ICA)-USA has continued their kind support to take a drive on Community Healthcare in the project area of BTS. Ekjut (USA), L & PND Memorial Trust (Kolkata) and Mr. Anil Chandra (U.P.) have kindly extended their humanitarian supports for the medical care of suffering people.

PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE : AWARENESS & TRAINING

Programmes	Trainer/Educator	Unit	Participants	No. Attn.
TBA Training on Safe Motherhood	Dr. R. P. Chatterjee	2	VHWs	6
Preparation towards safe-Delivery	Dr. P. Naiya	2	VHWs	6
TBA Training(Dai Training)-followup	Dr. R. P. Chatterjee	2	PSS Leaders	18
Food & Low Cost Nutrition Camp	Dr. P. Naiya	6	SHGs	90
O.R.S. Preparation (Demonstration)	Dr. A. Halder	6	VHWs & PSS	56
Common & Communicable Disease	Dr. P. Naiya	10	VHWs	6
Sanitation & Common Diseases	Dr. R. P. Chatterjee	8	VHWs	6
Safe Water for Drinking	Dr. R. P. Chatterjee	4	VHWs	6
Proper Way of Using Presticide	Mr. S. Giri	3	VHWs	6
Washing & Maintenance of Tubewells	Mr. S. Giri	2	PSSs	101
Positive Use of Garbage & Proper way of its disposal	Dr. R. P. Chatterjee	3	PSSs	56
Importance & Use of Latrins	Dr. K. Barman	4	PSSs	101
Society, Superstition & Health (FP & PC, MCH Care)	Mr. S. Giri Dr. R. P. Chatterjee	6	SHG Women	90

BTS-CLINIC : PATIENTS VISITED (APRIL 2003 - MARCH 2004)

VILLAGE	VHW	Patients Visited				TOTAL		Grand Total
		Homoeo		Allopath		Hom	Allo	
		FHC	OPD	FHC	OPD			
North Baikunthapur	C. Maity	798	389	156	280	1187	436	1623
South Baikunthapur	P. Giri	251	225	46	87	476	133	609
Binodpur	R. Naiya	21	52	29	66	73	95	168
B./Ambikanagar	T. Das	45	43	33	70	88	103	191
Kishorimohanpur	L. Kayal	52	114	3	37	166	40	206
Neighbouring Villages	P. Duari	—	130	—	73	130	73	203
TOTAL		1167	953	267	613	2120	880	3000

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE : MOBILE MEDICAL CAMPS & MEDICAL AID TO POOR

ACTIVITIES	Unit	Benifited Units	Villages Covered
Mobile Medical Camps	14	699	8
Medical Aid to Poor	6	6	5
Special Eye Camps	6	423	8
Eye Screening Camps	2	365	8
Blindness Prevention Supports	350	350	6

**Islands of Joy**

Kultali is the largest island in Sunderbans, the world famous mangrove delta formed by the distributories of river Ganges. Today, Sunderbans is basking in the glory of its new status as an International Heritage Site. The world over, people know Sunderbans as the habitat of the Royal Bengal Tiger, a haven of flora and fauna... where nature has poured out its best of creative abilities in abundance. The land of rivers, islands and unlimited adventure and joy...

The frustration on life in general in Kultali is writ on the people's face. Youngsters are becoming more and more intolerant of the society and its systems. Superstition and irrational practices like religious healing etc. are becoming more and more popular. Between those dark village alleys, people move with fear and suspicion. Somehow, we have managed to slowly degenerate a great society in Sunderbans.

This year BTS has adopted a new project area comprising of two villages, mostly with minority population, in Patharpratima Development Block which is one of the neighbouring island nearer to Kultali. The flooding situation in the island so badly hit the hearts of our volunteers during the flood relief that BTS Authority tried their best to hear the tragedy of the people and their helplessness for which BTS newly explored the scope of post flood support to the flood-victims. Since BTS has been rendering different types of development supports like Pre-School Education, Homoeo Clinic and Mobile Medical Camps to serve the suffering humanity of this island.

Though Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha - BTS - has been working in Kultali island for more than twenty one (21) years and Kultali block is considered to be the most underdeveloped blocks of Sunderbans, both the islands are remote and spread out making transport and communication difficult. The excuse of their difficult geographic positioning has become bane to Kultali and Patharpratima's development. As a development organization, we in BTS are very concerned about the state of affairs.

That is why, we still have a dream.....!!!

Our dream is to take back Kultali and Patharpratima to their past glory, when nature sang in tune with the people. People were optimally utilizing whatever resources available in Kultali and Patharpratima, without ever encroaching or exploiting unduly. We want to make sure that every child in Kultali and Patharpratima enjoy their right and freedom as children. We want to ensure that every woman has equal rights and enjoys the same status and privilege as their male counterparts. We want that there is no poverty in Kultali and Patharpratima. We want Kultali and Patharpratima to have best of roads, best of irrigation, best of water systems and best of infrastructure. We want Kultali and Patharpratima to be the Model Islands !! We want this dream to be met with benevolent supports from our as well as from any national & international supporting organisation !

BTS has long struggled since 1983, the day of its inception to set its feet in the development arena today, a young (Tarun) of more than 21 years....!! and provide best of social and economic opportunities to the weaker sections & the marginalized, the depressed and the destitutes with kind supports from CSWB & WBSWAB, Embassy of Ireland(New Delhi), Asha for Education(USA), people for progress in India(USA), L & PN Day Memorial Trust(Kolkata), Miva(Holland), Indians for Collective Action(USA), Association for India's Development(USA), Ekjut(USA), Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust(Mumbai), Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation(Kolkata), Vibha (USA) and so on . We need to have continued your support and cooperation to make our dream come true....!!


(SUSANTA GIRI)
Secretary





Livelihood Sources : People at Risky Hazards

Agriculture and related activities are the major occupation for the villagers. Almost 70 percent of the employed people are engaged in agro-related activities. Despite abundant land and water resource, cultivation is done only once in a year. Many farmers have changed farming tracks to pulses and vegetables from grain. There are 2189 ponds (!) in the project area, a vital aspect of irrigation



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BTS PROJECT - AREA :	
COMPOSITION OF REFERENCE	
KULTALI BLOCK - A DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE (PCA 1991)	
Total Population	156,450
Male Population	80,516
Female Population	75,934
Under 7 yrs. Children	36,927
Female Literacy Rate	21.2%
Female Male Ratio	936
1981-1991 Growth Rate	27.41%
Scheduled Caste Population	75,000
Scheduled Tribe Population	18,000
Unemployed (non-workers)	52,500

and fishery, which has never been put to good use. In addition to farming, fishery, prawn seed collection, daily labor, vending vegetables and fish, paddle rickshaw van (goods carriage) pulling, fishing and netting in the rivers and the seas form the other occupations. Working Children/Domestic Child Labor is very high and the unfortunate, poor families are bound to send their sons & daughters to the urban areas for supplementary income and there repeats the story of frustration and despair. Mainly the girl children get the maximum tragic loss with a heavy heart.

Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha : The Genesis :

In 1978, a group of youngsters, like many other groups elsewhere in the state, started their Club for fun and frolic. The major floods that hit the Kultali island in 1982 made the youngsters to undertake a series of relief measures, physically helping victims to reach safer places, pleading the government and administration for relief support and generally organizing the relief camps. It was the turning point in the history of the Club. The youngsters understood their utility-value to the society and their eyes were opened to the appalling nature of development. They saw poverty in its stark-nudity and total lack of apathy and support from other quarters, including their elected representatives to the government. They resolved then that they will strive to provide better service to their poor brethrens. Thus was Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha born, known in short as BTS. It was registered under the West Bengal Society Registration Act and later received the certification under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Education was the primary weapon to empower people. The groups started to undertake awareness camps and campaigns and soon, a Learning Centre was started in the village of Baikunthapur, which today accommodates about 200 children from nearby villages, and presents a Model School, **BTS-Path Bhavan** on Basic Education.

However, for the past five years or so, BTS has been able to attract funds and support to its philanthropic missions. Today, BTS is providing integrated development support to the poor disadvantaged people from 6 remote villages in Kultali islands and 2 costal villages in Patharpratima island from education to income generation and health care support. BTS nurtures a dream, a dream to convert Kultali and Patharpratima into the Islands of Joy...!! where people usually struggle for their existance in the midst of natural disasters like flood & cyclone which damage a lot and make people helpless so that they are to go to the urban areas in search jobs to earn their daily breads just leaving their near & dear ones in the hearts of tragic-islands.....!!

"BIKALPER SANDHANE" – SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT (SAP)

6 years' before BTS entered into a strategic implementation of Sustainable Agricultural Project (SAP). The major objective of the project is to ensure food security among the poor & the marginalized, minimizing the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and promoting the use of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides under the old agro farming techniques. The project gives emphasis on local natural resource optimization. The project has been launched in two phases: Home/Nutrition Gardening by rural poor widows & housewives and Small Farm Improvement Program for small and marginal farmers in the villages. Through this project, it is expected that the farmers will be able to cultivate fallow lands with residual moisture. Embassy of Ireland, New Delhi has funded the project to make it possible through establishment & promotion of an Agro-Resource Centre (ARC) which has been developed with a workshed alongwith some agro-equipments and a demonstration initiatives for the farmers of this island, Kultali. In the project, some training and sensitization programmes for the Nutritional Gardeners' Clubs (NGCs) and Farma Resource Clubs (FRCs). A Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is there to assist the project people with financial loan assistance which can be revolved for the farmers' Socio Economic Development (SED) efforts. Besides agro-equipments, poor fishermen are being supported with fishing nets. People for Progress in India (PPI), USA is also a part of this project. Poor farmers are being supported with agro-equipments at a very affordable price lower than the on-going local market prices. For this, an Agro-Equipment Support (AES) service unit has been developed under the banner of ARC-Vikalper Sandhane.



ARC ACTIVITIES - 2003 - 2004						
Project Head	Activities	Villages Coverd				Total
		Baikunthapur North	Baikunthapur South	Binodpur	Kishori mohanpu	
1.Campaigning	Walling	10	10	10	NIL	30
	Sensitization	4	4	3	2	13
	Seed Distri.	127	166	132	25	450
2.Trng.on Nutri-tion Gardening (NG& SF)	Orientation	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
	Introductory	1	NIL	NIL	1	2
	Training	1	1	1	NIL	3
3.Field Trials	New Crops	4	11	10	2	27
	Circle Bed	15	15	13	4	47
	Compost	14	12	14	6	46
	Vermi Compost	20	15	18	4	57
	Nursery	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	4
	Seed Loan	40	43	36	20	139
	Mixed Farming	65	55	52	24	196
	Neem Pesticide	70	59	53	22	204
	Case Studies	8	7	6	2	23
4.Group Acti-Vities	Rotational Farming	2	1	5	NIL	8
	Seed Bank	9	5	7	2	23
	Savings Group	8	10	10	3	31
	Grain Bank	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	2
	Exposer Visit	2	NIL	NIL	1	3
5.Individual Efforts	Model Garden	11	6	10	2	29
	Poultry Farming	10	NIL	NIL	NIL	10
	Duckkery	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
	Goatery	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	4
	Rice Making	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	4
6.Medicinal Plants	Integrated Farming	1	1	NIL	NIL	2
	Sensitization	5	7	8	3	23
	Gardening	10	25	20	12	57
	Usage	35	45	25	15	120
	Demonstration	8	12	6	4	30

**"SishuTirtha & Green Buds" – Child Care Centres (CCC)**

SISHUTIRTHA & GREENBUDS are the two Child Care Centers (Creches) for 0-5 age group children under support from **VIBHA (USA) & CSWB** through **West Bengal Social Welfare Advisory Board (WBSWAB)**. Since majority of the women are engaged in daily work, BTS thought it feasible to offer support to the rural working mothers through the creche support. The centers, while taking care of the children, offer nutritional food and immunization support to the children. All the children are given free medical assistance. Four experienced Creche Mother take care of the children while the mothers are away. Currently, the centers support 50 children, 25 infants in each centre. Enrollment is restricted by lack of support. There are over 100 children under wait list to be enrolled in the child care project. We need supports for construction of child care centre Building for children's proper accommodation...

Agro-Equipment Support – Service (AES) project :

People for Progress in India (PPI), U.S.A. extended their kind & benevolent supports by which one Power Tiller, two nos. of Pump sets for irrigation advantage, five paddy threshers have been managed to purchase and thus we have developed an Agro-Equipment Support-service for the promotion of **Farma-Resource-Club (FRC)** activities in the island areas. FRC members are getting Agro-Equipment Supports at a cheaper rate much lower than that of the market. **Embassy of Ireland, New Delhi** has extended their kind support to set up a portion of an Agro-Resource Centre (ARC) along with equipping the Agro Equipment Centre with modern Agro Machineries & a Revolving Fund.

Community Grain Bank (Dharmagola) Program :

The above program is the result of the mutual understanding of our community people so as to combat the hard days, the days of natural calamities like devastating flood and cyclone, which is very common and regular to the islands....!

In this grain bank program, there are enough stocks of paddy as food grains and seed grains what the co-operative members use to take as loans with a condition to repay the same in due date so as to have scope for the next year. Present stock of food grains (Paddy) is 2500 kg. and the number of community members involved is 130.

Jeevan Sanchay Prakash (JSP) : Savings & Micro-Credit Ventures

To empower rural women, particularly the housewives and the unemployed girls, Widows & Tiger Widows, BTS has taken a special initiative towards socio-economic upliftment of women. To relieve the effort BTS has organized till date 54 women groups (SHGs) involving 513 rural women. Monthly savings by the women are being done very enthusiastically for their future. Their using the advantage as they could have from a bank. Their taking loans or making withdrawals to promote their children education, family-health care in acute need and thus they have been treated not as goods but as and valuable assets to their male-counterparts in their families. **Tiger Widows Organisation (TWO)-Ireland** has been supporting the project.

SELF HELP GROUP STATUS 2003-2004

Year	No. of SHG	SHG Women	Total Savings	Total Credit	Loan Repayment	No. of Village	Tiger Widows
2000-01	9	63	8,510	NIL	NIL	5	1
2001-02	9	53	9,640	1,000	NIL	5	1
2002-03	16	130	22,560	4,500	1,583	5	1
2003-04	54	513	62,700	65,500	24,139	6	8

**Computer Literacy Program (CLP) : A Way to Self Reliance**

Computer Literacy is a very important part in life in Rural areas like Sunderban. Most of the places do not have any scope to provide computer learning to the Rural Children & the Youth...that is due to the absence of electricity and absence of proper idea of learning computer and its importance.

This year BTS initiates at its best to make arrangements for setting up a Computer Lab as a BTS has been gifted some used computers from **FOYM - USA**. Having those computers, BTS plans to start a Computer Literacy Program in collaboration with **Asha For Education, USA**. Near about 36 students & youths are there to have weekly classes & demonstration on computer application.

Junior Scholarship Program (JSP) : A Boom to poor brilliant

BTS has started a very popular and needful program for the poor & meritorious students at fourth level. As soon as completing the fourth level of education under West Bengal Primary Education Board, the interested & qualified children are allowed to sit for the scholarship program & awarded a Certificate of Merit along with a trophy & Rs.1,000/- per successful candidates. In the year 2003-2004, BTS has organized the program where 65 brilliant students from 11 Govt. Aided basic schools & 2 private schools including BTS Path Bhavan have participated. Out of 65 only 15 qualified students who secured 70% marks in the competition have been awarded the JSP incentives.

BTS Rural Library : A Community Service in need

There are no Rural Library to serve the community people including the Rural Youths as well as the school goers. BTS was trying to start a Community Library at BTS campus. With supports from Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata under the auspices of Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India BTS has started a Rural Library where can be found some resource books and a reading arrangement with Audio Visual interest. BTS is trying to develop the Rural Library into a Rural Community Resource Centre with supports from **Asha for Education, USA** through WAH-2004.

School Infrastructure Development for Govt. Aided basic schools in one Local Self-Govt. (Panchayat) area in Kultali. 11 schools have been selected as per basic survey and thorough discussion with the donor organization, Asha for Education, USA.

Disaster Mitigation & Emergency Relief Services :

Most of the places of Sunderban are under the prey of natural disaster like Flood & Cyclone. Frequently many parts & portion of this zone are hit by natural calamities which destroy not only the lives of our people but damage the crops and vegetables causing a deplorable situation without food & shelter.

To mitigate the distressing situation of the area, BTS has initiated a need based activity on Disaster Mitigation & Emergency Relief Services to the helpless community in need. Community Sensitization along with emergency services are allowed to go on for the betterment of the coastal people in need.

This year a massive flood & cyclone due to heavy rain damaged a lot including the huts of the poor-the only shelter for their loving ones. **Palli Unnoyan Samiti-Baruipur**, a Christian organization & **Asha for Education** has extended supports for the flood victims who have been provided with Rice, Dal, Cooking Oil, Blankets etc. at an emergency need.

