

**Seeking Financial Assistance**  
**for**  
**School BUILDING RENNOVATION**  
**(Westside Classrooms)**  
**BTS-PathBhavan-Sunderban**



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## PROJECT PROPOSAL ON School Building Renovation BTS-PathBhavan

### Background : Initiatives

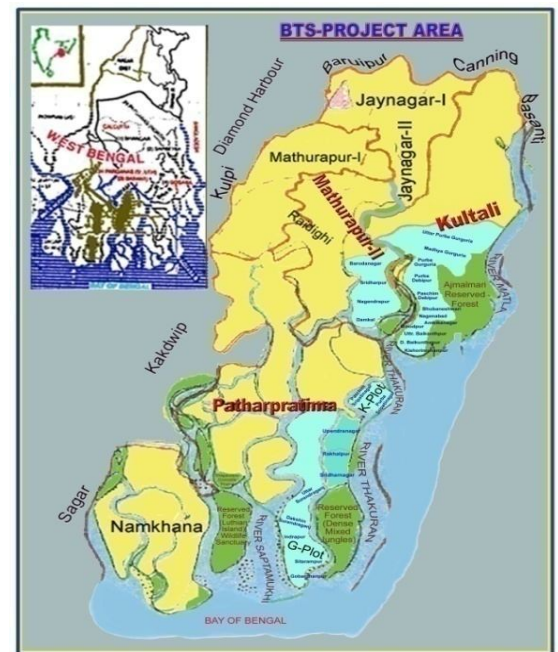
**Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS)** is a grassroots-level Community Based Organisation (CBO) Working in the riverine Coastal areas of Sunderban under Bio-sphere Reserve and the World Heritage Site as declared by UNESCO.

It has been serving the Core neighbouring areas of Tiger Reserve Forest and providing development services to the poor & the marginalized;vulnerable & the needy forest & fishermen community people , especially the malnourished Women & Child, in their acute need of care and concern without discriminating caste & creed; religious & political interest.

It is geographically located in a hard-to-reach remote rural Indian village Baikunthapur under the Community Development Block Kultali , 120 KM away from Kolkata and 25 KM away from the Bay of Bengal.

It is a not-for-profit; non-religious and non-political humanitarian organization to make a difference and scoring against malnutrition, women & Child Abuse.

BTS is registered under the Society Registration Act, 1961 Govt . of West Bengal;Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 and U/S 12A & 80G(Exemption) of Income Tax Act, 1961 Govt of India.



### Vision Mission of the Organisation

#### **Vision:**

*BTS dreams of an enriched society where each and every neighbour will live respectfully with equal rights and enjoy equal opportunities without discrimination of their caste & creed; political or religious interest.*

#### **Mission:**

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

## BTS Intervention in brief

Its scope of relief includes quality basic education, basic health care, the utilization of renewable energy (solar) and organic and biofarming to ensure secure food sources .

A rural community hospital offers safe delivery options for pregnant women, and strives to reduce the morbidity and mortality rate of mother and child by eradicating unhygienic conditions for those delivering at home. The government of West Bengal works in tandem with BTS, a collaboration that has resulted in more than 922+ safe deliveries to date.

Besides school education, BTS has been serving the community in providing Care & protection of 3-6 agegroup 800+ children through its Pre-School Centres & ICDS Children /Creche Units supported by Vibha-USA and Central Social Welfare Board, under the auspices of Deptt. of Women & Child Development(WCD), Govt. of India respectively. 100 Child sponsorship, especially girl children in vulnerable situation, 12689 small & marginal farmers for bio-farming alongwith Livelihood opportunities for 451 tiger & crocodile widows in miserable condition.

## Focus /Thrust Areas

- Sustainable Agriculture Project(Organic/Bio-Farming) in 12 coastal island villages with 12689 farmers
- Basic Community Healthcare including Maternal Child Health(to address malnutrition)
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (covering 4700 school girls with Solar & LED Lamps)
- Bio-diversity & Environment Conservation through Green Rhynos Program with 8 schools children
- Climate Change Adaptation & CMDRR (Community managed Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Women Empowerment & Child Protection
- Livelihood Development through Project Jiban-Jiveeka with 451 widows in vulnerable situation.

## BTS-PathBhavan: the Model School initiatives

***BTS-PathBhavan*** is a school in the middle of the remote village and it has 201 poor children from the vulnerable families of rural working mothers , forest-fringe people(collecting woods, NTFPs like Honey from the mouth of the Royal Bengal Tiger) & Fishermen communities...Almost all the parents are unfortunate and helpless to continue bearing their children's educational expenses and thus causing drop-outs and sending them to work physically in place of sending them school for their childhood protection and Care.



Despite the inroads being made by the organisation, its resources continue to be limited and the need for assistance is great. The native inhabitants of this area of the Sundarbans are forest and fringe people, fishermen and rural working mothers who do not have the wherewithal to adequately sustain their families.

Therefore, children are forced to engage in physical work rather than attend school, a situation that results in an unbroken circle of poverty and hopelessness. As the world's largest mangrove forest and a UNESCO world heritage site, the Sundarban region of West Bengal is an area of physical significance to humanity's common heritage. It is here, in the coastal areas of this biosphere reserve that the leaders of Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha toil to bring first-world advantages to the poor and marginalized.



The underprivileged school children can do even more, if they are supported with educational requirements like well-equipped classrooms, WaSH facilities, common rooms / Educational materials like Books, Ex. Books, Pen , Pencils, Uniform, Bags, Umbrella for Summer & Rainy days, Educational Exposures/Trips, , Annual Sports & Functions for cultural development alongwith a part of Teacher's Honorarium, Mid-Day Meals , Furnitures & Fixtures, Library Books including E-Learning facilities in the Children's Resource Library , Skill building & etc.



Besides exercise on Joyful Learning Process(JLP), BTS is giving emphasis on propagating TLMs by the trained teachers. Expansion of JLP to local Govt. Primary Schools(6 Units) is a good response and the govt schools are interested to take care of the TLMs to attract the attention of their students with a increased attendance. BTS-PathBhavan is thus entering into a catalyst's role to create a better atmosphere in the field of basic vis-a-vis high school education with parents' interest to allow their children to regular schooling entertaining child rights to quality education and protection. Interactive Teaching-Learning methods with extra-curricular activities are introduced among the children and thus, the children are encouraged to do better results after which they are mainstreamed in local government schools for further study at upper-primay level.



### **Problem:**

BTS-PathBHavan is a school in the middle of the remote village and it has 201 poor underprivileged children from the vulnerable families of rural working mothers , forest-fringe people(collecting woods, NTFPs like Honey from the mouth of the Royal Bengal Tiger) & Fishermen communities.

Almost all the parents are unfortunate and helpless to continue bearing their children's educational expenses and thus causing drop-outs and thus, sending them to work physically in place of sending them to school for their childhood education and stand in life ...!

In addition to basic education on joyful learning , BTS-PathBhavan School is usually trying to provide School Uniforms, School Bags/Books, Education Materials, Mid-day Meals(Nutritional Tiffin type due to cost factor),Health Check up or emergency Healthcare, Child Sponsorship to few of the merited poor school children , mainstreaming supports to poor and drop-out school children etc. towards their better high school education without any hindrance.

Infrastructural deficit for increasing roll-strength is also a crucial problem.

Moreover, proper classroom accommodation alongwith common room, WaSH facilities are the present-challenges for the school. It had a temporary building which was covered by asbestos long years back and almost all the old asbestos were gradually damaged during the 2-3 cyclones with heavy rains here and for safety we removed its cover so as to stop falling down of parts on heads. Last 2-3 years we have been trying ( and even we requested Sanket da (Roy) during his recent visit to BTS ) to make a cover/shed over the Westside building (Photo



attached). The shed was totally damaged during the recent wind-blows of Cyclone-Bulbul on dated Nov09, 2019 caused a huge damaged in many parts of Sunderban. Huts of the poor, pond, vegetables, Crops, Cattles alongwith a huge uprooting of trees in Sunderban hampering the bio-diversity here.

It will help us running classes for children in the proper classrooms rather presently being held in the verandah of the school building and it was used previously for different purposes like running classes for LKG & UKG alongwith 2 Pre-School Centres/Common Meeting/School program/common events, having additional toilets etc.

#### ***BUDGET : ONETIME NEED FOR Emergency renovation towards Temporary Roofing***

For Repairing, refurbishment of toilets(boys & Girls), Way to Ist Floor(Staircases), Inner Ceiling with ply for heat protection, asbestos roofing upperside, flooring & painting ground flooring etc)as given below:

Required funding item/s	Sub -Total	Total
Repairing of Walls, Windows , Doors , Overhead Structures for roofing	250,000.00	
Corrugated Tin Roofing upperside(Top)	150,000.00	
Inner Ceiling structures with Ply for heat protection Etc	150,000.00	
Refurbishment of Toilets & Urinals(Boys & Girls seperately) & Way to Ist Floor Staircases	75,000.00	
Painting & Flooring Ground Floor	150,000.00	
	<b>775,000.00</b>	