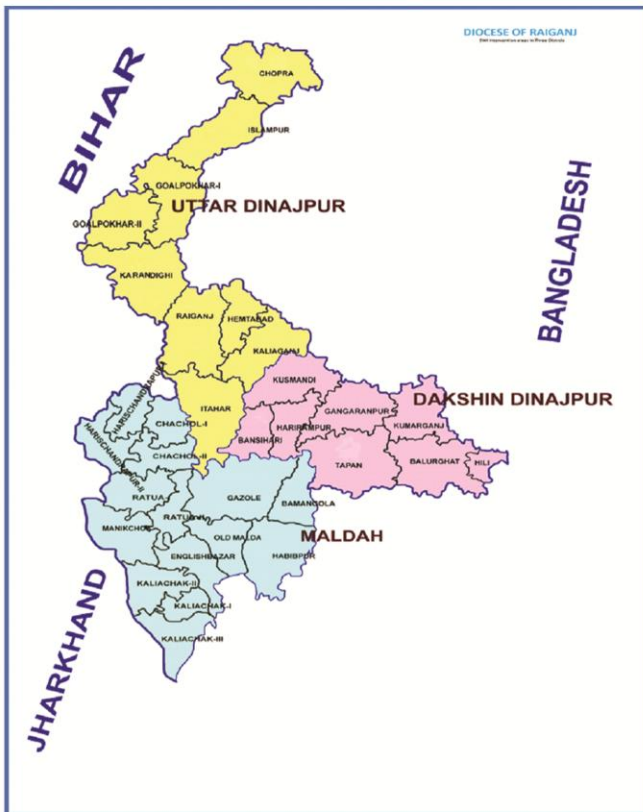




# Annual Report 2020-21



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### Vision

For a just society based on Gospel values where love, peace and equality are lived and nurtured.

### Mission

To restore human dignity among the poor and marginalized through the process of empowerment.

### Policies of SWI

- Human Resource
- Finance
- Gender
- Child Protection
- Anti Sexual Harassment
- Travelling Manual

## Legal Compliance

Establishment in.....1971

Registered under West Bengal Societies Registration Act XXVI of 1961. Registration No. S/13846. Date of Registration- 12th December of 1973.

Exempted under Section 80G (5) (V) of the Income Tax Act, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India. Under this Act all donations to social Welfare Institute shall qualify for exemption of Income Tax.

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## Message from President

This annual report of the various activities of the Institute will definitely give an idea to all those are associated with Social Welfare Institute, the various programs and activities taken up by the institute for the welfare of the marginalized section of the society.

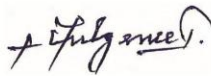
I would like to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to all the members of the institute (SWI) who work tirelessly to achieve the Vision and the Mission of the organization to establish sustainable social order, where the gospel values of Love, Peace, Equality and Justice will be lived and nurtured among all respective of caste and creed.

I am reminded of the saying of the great Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh, "Great things are done by series of small things brought together." We may not be able to do great things but we must be ready to do small things with great love, as St. Teresa of Kolkata used to say.

I would like to place on record, the dedicated services of all members of the staff of SWI and all who render their valuable services with present Director Fr. Benedict Toppo and Asst. Director Fr. Simon Hasda.

At the release of annual report 2020-2021 of SWI, I can say that SWI is moving in the right direction in serving the marginalized members of our society. May God continue to guide the members of the institute to work selflessly and move forward in their humanitarian work for the downtrodden!

With the assurance of my prayer, full support and God's blessings, I remain  
Yours Fraternally in our Lord



+Fulgence A. Tigga  
Bishop of Raiganj

### **From the Director's Desk**

Journey in the year of 2020-2021 will always bear the testimony to what difference a single year can bring about in the history of mankind. This year will always be remembered for the COVID-19 and the lockdown that followed. It will be remembered for the death, destruction, hardship and tragedy which clouded the lives of innumerable souls across the world. At the same time it will always be remembered for the courage, faith and sacrifices of innumerable people who helped the world to survive in this challenging time. The year of challenges and opportunities to make us more mature and strong to work in the most dynamic world.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge the services of all the staff of SWI who have been a part of this incredible journey. The presentation of this annual report is an attempt to share the challenges that we have faced in our journey and the success stories of innumerable souls who inspired us to believe in a better tomorrow. I believe the vision, mission and objectives of SWI will continue in its strife to create a just society.

Fr. Benedict Toppo  
Director

### **History of the Organization**

Social Welfare Institute is a charitable and Social Service Society of the Diocese of Raiganj and its area of operation include Malda, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur districts of West Bengal. The Institute was established with the aim of bringing about a society where love, peace and equality are lived and experienced by all.

During the Indo – Pak war in 1971, nearly 2 million refugees from Bangladesh landed up in North Bengal for asylum; government machineries were unable to meet the needs of the refugees. Due to heavy influx of refugees, basic needs such as food, shelter and medical care collapsed. People of North Bengal faced innumerable problems. At once, then diocese of Dumka, feeling the dire needs of the people rushed for help; as a result, Social Welfare Institute came into existence and it is presently in Raiganj diocese.

To begin with, it focused its attention on the welfare of the refugees, then after the war, seeing the poverty stricken lives of the poorest and tribal in the area, it continued its services in order to uplift the downtrodden especially the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. Within two years (1973), Social Welfare Institute was registered under the Societies' Registration Act XXVI of 1961. From then on, it has been carrying out various welfare programmes for the weaker sections of society by the help of several donor agencies. Since 1985 the attention shifted to community based programs, especially through integrated approach at the village level.

## SOLAR ENERGY PROMOTION (PHASE-IV)



### Achievements

- 455 families using solar product.
- 345 students study with solar light at night.
- 1 person use solar light at grossery shop.
- 2 persons using it in tea stall & benefited.
- 1 person use solar lantern for sewing clothes.

The objective of solar energy is to promote the use of solar products in rural areas, energy saving, solar utilizes lower powered items such as LED/CFL lamps, lower powered electronics, etc. that do not consume as much power as standard electric systems.



### E-shakti

It is a project under which, the social and financial data of the Self Help Groups and their members in the selected districts are digitized. Digitization brings all the SHGs on to the technology platform and into the fold of Financial Inclusion, thereby helping them to access wider range of financial services. This helps bankers in client appraisal and credit dispensation

### Activities accomplished:

- Training of animators
- SHG data collection
- Data entry
- Data upload





## Wadi

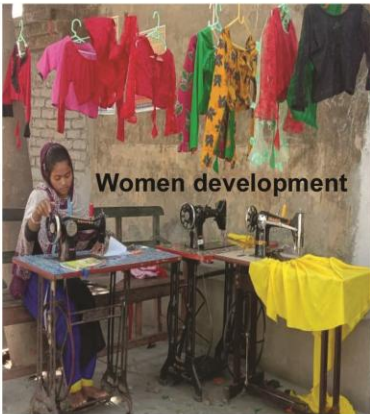
WADI Project is for the development of Tribal Pockets through Sustainable Livelihood Development Programme. The Programme is mostly on Orchard based for Landholding farmers and create income generating activities for land less Farmers & marginal Farmers.



Intercrop

### Main Activities of the Program:

- Plantation of mango, guava and border plant
- Farm implementation
- Training and capacity building for staff and farmers
- Awareness meeting for SHG, VPC and farmers
- Exposure visit for farmers
- Women development programe - IGA



Women development

### Working area

District: Uttar Dinajpur  
Block: Karandighi  
No of GP: 16  
No of Village : 63



### Objectives of the Project:

1. To create replicable models of integrated development of Tribal families on participatory basis, through adaptation of sustainable income generating activities.
2. To build and strengthen Tribal Institutions which would enable the communities to be partners in policy formulation, programme.



Gautam Ghosh, DDM, UttarDinajpur visits Wadi field

### Achievement

- Beneficiaries cultivate intercrope in the orchared.
- Beneficiaries are selling the mango and guava in local market.
- Beneficiaries have kitchen garden.
- The farmers recieved seed, fertilizer and training by ADA office.
- Vermin compost making training had been given to SHG.
- SHG groups are making jewellery items and selling in the market.
- 1 SHG is cultivating mushroom.
- 4 SHGs are making mango and olives pickle and sale in villages.
- Karandighi Farmers Society (FPO) increases its capital by doing business.

## Surokhit Shaisav - Protecting and reclaiming Childhood



The project Surakhit Shaisav – Protecting and reclaiming Childhood ensures that every children are given opportunities and facilities to develop in a healthy manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity and that childhood and youth are protected against exploitation and against moral and material abandonment. To address these issues we create awareness in the villages, students of primary and high schools. We also form school level committee to reach the message to the every guardian on child Rights through School level awareness meeting, Village level meeting, and help desk.

### Objectives-

Abolition of child labor in all forms in the State of West Bengal establishing effective child protection systems and promoting children's rights to education, inclusive development and social participation.



### Major Activities

- Create awareness on Child Rights among children and parents.
- Legal action against the exploitation of child labour is initiated by the police in cooperation with state authorities and Child Protection Systems
- Multi-stakeholder coordination developed and functioning and institutionally anchored between school administrations, state administration, police, and focal points for victims of child labor and abuse (Child Line), political bodies, and children's rights groups
- Improved implementation of the "National Child Labor Project" in the state, with state authorities assisted in developing better rehabilitation programs for children.

### Achievements

- 5 children rescued from child labor in the intervention area
- 3 POCSO casereported- Status of the Case: FIR, 164 Statements
- 9 Child marriages stopped,
- 1 child helped with medical support
- Stopped card playing with children
- 19 children helped to get caste Certificate
- 13 Child marriage case reported through community Help Desks
- 19 dropout children (14-18 Years) enrolled in open/regular school





## Uttoran-II

The project's aim is to Empower communities' foster climate adaptive agriculture and livelihood practices and secure adequate nutritious food and to increase social and economic status. It builds bridge between traditional and innovative agriculture technologies. It is a path to impart knowledge through good linkage and resource generation by leveraging resources from NABARD, KVK, Agriculture Development Office, District Horticulture Office, Banks.



### Objectives

- Awareness on government scheme so the community accesses their entitlement.
- Increase income through climate adaptive agriculture and diversified livelihood practices
- Strengthen CBOs to access Govt. scheme and flow towards climate adaptive agriculture and livelihood practice.

### Outcome

- 110 people were given nutrition plants in the village.
- 3 SHGs were given brinjal plants.
- 50 people applied for new job card.
- 2 SHGs have received loan Rs/- 500,000.
- 30 farmers have received Krishak Bandhu schemes
- 5 SHG members have enrolled in SSY.





## Sustainable Socio – economic Empowerment of the Socio-economically excluded community

### Goal of the Project:

Sustainable Socio – economic Empowerment of the Schedule Tribe and Schedule Caste communities (Socio-economically excluded) for increase of their livelihood options through access to Rights & entitlements of different Government Schemes in 4 GPs of Uttar Dinajpur, WB



Awaerenss on Govt. Schemes



Tution centre at Baje Bindale

### Objective of the project

- To ensure access of the community to the existing Government's Livelihood Schemes.
- To enhance social and economic status of SHGs women through income generation activities.
- To enhance the health & Nutrition status of women & children of the community.
- To ensure the community and the CBOs/Local Bodies participation in village development processes.

### Major outcomes & achievements

- 20 farmers received Kisan Credit card
- 30 person received paddy seed from Agriculture Development.
- 5 differently able persons enlisted and referred to district hospital for health check up.
- 1 lapse disability card has been renewed
- 24 widows have received widow pension.
- 48 new SHGs are formed,
- 80 women received 20 each chicks for income generation program



Sumi Murmu recieves Govt. Assistant from Officers

## Fight against pandemic covid 19



Social welfare institute worked on covid 19 according to its capacity. It was a hard time to be with people. Since the disease is new to us as well as to the people we carefully delivered the message of covid 19. We organized awareness meeting on covid 19, visiting the quarantine centre, distribution of food commodity and hygienic kits, counseling people and helping them to inculcate in them the cleanliness, hand wash with soap, sanitize the hand, keep physical distance

### Services provided

1. Organize awareness programs on covid-19 pandemic.
2. Distributed masks & hygienic kits.
3. Visited quarantine centres.
4. Distributed ration to the needy.
5. Opened safe tuition centre in Baje Bindole village.
6. Distributed vegetable seeds to women farmers.



## Children Immunization Programme



Social Welfare Institute, Raiganj operates a self supported immunization centre since 2005. Subsequently it has been rendering services to the people. The camp functions for three days in a week (Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday). Its availability and regularity has been good service to the people



**Immense gratituted to all the Donors  
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3	Sr. Indra Mary	Accountant
4	Ms. Bimala Baru	Staff

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