



Calcutta Rescue

Caring for the underprivileged



Corporate Presentation



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delivers free
healthcare,
education and
support to the most
underprivileged
people of Kolkata
and West Bengal**



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Calcutta Rescue is a non-governmental charitable organisation operating in Kolkata and rural Bengal, providing free medical care, education and development support to the region's poorest and most disadvantaged people – irrespective of gender, age, caste or religion.

Although India is a rising superpower, 4 million people in Kolkata live below the poverty line, and some 2.5 million people live on the city's streets and slums. Calcutta Rescue was created to meet the most basic needs of these poor and destitute people.

Today, Calcutta Rescue's infrastructure encompasses:

- four urban outpatient clinics offering primary healthcare as well as specialist medical programmes
- rural clinics
- outreach programmes (mobile clinics, street medicine and health education)
- two schools educating over 500 children
- a safe drinking water programme
- a vocational training programme creating sustainable employment
- a Fair Trade certified handicrafts workshop

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History

In 1979, British doctor Jack Preger MBE started offering free medical treatment to the poor of Kolkata in an informal clinic set up on the pavement.

Over the years, with the help of support groups across Europe and the USA, the pioneering humanitarian work of Dr. Jack has evolved into a large and successful NGO.

Today, Calcutta Rescue operates four clinics, two schools and several health and development programmes to enhance the living conditions and lives of thousands of people.

Governance Structure

Calcutta Rescue currently employs approximately 170 staff, operating under the auspices of a supervising Governing Council and Consultative Board.

Our management comprises of a CEO, Medical Director and Project Supervisors from our three main project areas: Healthcare, Education and Development.

We also benefit from the expertise of western volunteer professionals who come to Kolkata to support our work.

Calcutta Rescue is registered under the West Bengal Societies Act 1961 (Registration number S/67495 (91-92), and under the Foreign Contributions Regulations Act (FCRA Registration number: 147120588).



Calcutta Rescue provides diagnosis, medication, health education and support for people without access to medical services.




Healthcare is at the core of Calcutta Rescue's activities. Our outpatient clinics complement public medical services by offering diagnosis, treatment and health education to people who cannot afford medicine or operations and those whose conditions need careful follow up.

Calcutta Rescue provides free treatment for people suffering from a wide range of chronic and acute diseases and conditions, including leukaemia, tuberculosis, diabetes, cancer, thalassemia, heart disease, HIV / AIDS, malnutrition, wounds, infections and disabilities.

If a patient needs surgery or medication, Calcutta Rescue liaises with local hospitals or private clinics to obtain appropriate, high quality treatment, and meets the expenses (sometimes by finding specific sponsorship).

Calcutta Rescue's healthcare services include:

- Four outpatient clinics (Tala Park, Belgachia, Chitpur and Sealdah)
- A pharmacy and supply store providing our clinics with pharmaceuticals and nutritional supplies
- Mobile clinics in Kolkata and in rural areas of West Bengal, as well as patient transport services
- Rural and urban tuberculosis treatment centers operating under WHO guidelines of the Direct Observation Treatment – Short Course (DOTS) initiative



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In addition to providing general medical care, Calcutta Rescue runs a number of specific medical programmes, working hand in hand with Indian government health programmes as a trusted service provider.

Street medicine

Our street medicine programme takes Calcutta Rescue's medical and social services beyond our network of clinics and onto the streets. Operating from an ambulance, a team of doctors and nurses provide primary curative and preventive treatment, with a special emphasis on health education. Patients with common ailments are referred to Calcutta Rescue's clinics or to government facilities.

HIV / AIDS

Calcutta Rescue operates one of the very few facilities in the country supplying second-line anti-retroviral treatment to HIV patients. This treatment is life saving for those who have developed resistance to first-line treatment. The programme currently offers free treatment to some 80 people.

Our HIV clinic, primarily a treatment clinic, also provides hepatitis B vaccination as well as treatment for HIV-related conditions. All necessary medical investigations are arranged and funded by Calcutta Rescue at government or private facilities, as appropriate.

Tuberculosis

Since 1999, Calcutta Rescue has been a partner in the Indian government's tuberculosis (TB) control programme, which uses the WHO recommended protocol DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment – Short Course). The government provides the necessary medication and our role is to provide the infrastructure and medical personnel in order to diagnose and observe TB patients, and ensure that they complete their treatment course.





Our disability programme assists 120 adults and children with learning, mental, visual, hearing or speaking disabilities.



Leprosy

Calcutta Rescue's clinic in Chitpur serves leprosy patients. Our services include diagnosis and multi-drug therapy following WHO guidelines. We also provide physiotherapy, foot washing and wound dressing by a trained wound care nurse; specialist orthopaedic footwear; health education; and other non-medical support according to the patient's needs.

Working with the Calcutta Municipal Corporation under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), Chitpur clinic provides treatment to between 15 and 20 patients daily, mainly long-term sufferers from leprosy and its ongoing effects.

Disability

Calcutta Rescue's Disability Project began in 2006 as a Learning Disability Project, but its remit has grown in response to the growing demand for its services. Today, the programme attends to 120 adults and children with learning, mental, visual, hearing or speaking disabilities.

For each patient, the aim of the project is to improve physical, social, educational, economic and mental well being, decreasing levels of disability while raising functional ability.

Mother and Child Health

The Calcutt Rescue Mother and Child Health programme is run by a health assistant and a fully trained overseas volunteer midwife.

The programme offers pregnant women and mothers of young children antenatal and postnatal care, immunisations, special feeding for malnourished babies as well as family planning and health education services.



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Many children in Kolkata's slums and on its streets never go to school. When they do, they often lack access to the appropriate conditions – material and social – to study properly. Without an education these children have little hope of escaping the poverty trap.

Calcutta Rescue's programmes do not aim to replace the existing education system, but to support children throughout their studies, by giving them an appropriate environment for learning. Among other things, we provides all pupils with two meals a day, healthcare, clothing and support from social workers.

Pre-School Programme

Calcutta Rescue's schools provide education to children who have not yet attended a formal school, giving them a strong base before they start their formal studies. The youngest ones learn the alphabet, maths and elementary hygiene, while older children are taught to read and write in Hindi and Bengali, maths, general knowledge and basic English. All pupils get the chance to experience non-academic activities, such as music, dance, art, sports or yoga.

Mainstream School Programme

When they are right age, and depending on their abilities, children receive full support from Calcutta Rescue in joining formal private or government schools. We cover the costs of attendance fees, school uniforms, books, school bags, extra tuition and travel allowances.

The children remain linked to Calcutta Rescue and our teachers continue to monitor their progress. They return to our schools or coaching centres to do their homework, have extra tuition, computer lessons or English conversation classes.



At the start of the 2009 /10 academic year, Calcutta Rescue is responsible for the education of over 500 children.

Further Education

After graduation (Class XII), our senior students receive career advice and may choose either to work or to study further. Because the children come to us from very disadvantaged backgrounds, we are extremely proud of our highly motivated students who want to take their education to a further level. At this stage, it is felt that the students should be ready to take responsibility for themselves and, with our guidance, find a way to finance their own further education if that is their choice. A Further Education Fund (FEF) is being launched this year that will provide repayable loans for these bright and hopeful students.

Boarding Students

Certain children's home environment is such that they are unable to find space to study in appropriate conditions. Sometimes, after careful monitoring and discussion, the school principal and psychologist recommend placing the student in a boarding school where he or she can study properly. If the parent and child decide to accept this offer, Calcutta Rescue funds the boarding school place. We currently have 40 students in boarding schools, with strong demand for further places.





Our development programmes look beyond basic healthcare and education, providing skills and sustainable employment.



Looking beyond health and education, Calcutta Rescue has a number of development programmes that aim to enhance the lives and opportunities of those we serve.

Handicrafts Unit

Many of Kolkata's poorest people have few skills with which to earn a decent living. Calcutta Rescue's handicrafts unit employs former patients and pupils, widows, women deserted by their husbands and those whose husbands are sick or unemployed. The project offers them a route out of poverty by training them in a wide variety of skills including sewing, embroidery and woodwork. The result is a range of Fairtrade certified handicrafts that are sold both locally and abroad. The project also makes clothing for pupils at our schools and patients of our clinics.


Weaving Workshop

Calcutta Rescue's two weaving centres in South 24 Parganas, a rural area south of Kolkata with high unemployment, provide training in basic weaving and employment for local youth as well as ex-students from our schools. In addition to the weaving training, our trainees receive basic education in Bengali, English and maths.

The weavers make bandages for our clinics, as well as cloth for our handicrafts project.

Vocational Training

Unemployed young people and our less academic students are offered vocational training to equip them with the skills to earn an independent living. Our trainees have gone on to become taxi drivers, tailors and beauticians with the support of Calcutta Rescue.



**Calcutta Rescue's
anti-arsenic filters
provide 1,250 litres
of safe drinking
water every day**

Clean Drinking Water

In parts of rural West Bengal, arsenic occurs naturally in high concentrations in wells and ground water, causing serious long-term health problems. Some of the effects of arsenic poisoning (arsenicosis) include skin and internal cancers, liver damage, skin lesions, hypertension as well as cardiovascular, pulmonary and peripheral vascular problems.

In August 2003, Calcutta Rescue started a pilot water filtration project – installing 4 filters and tubewells in the Malda area some 300 km north of Kolkata. With the support of the Panchayat Raj (the village council) and local organizations, Calcutta Rescue carried out extensive research into water quality and quantity, robustness, operational ease and safety, reliability, ecological effects of use, convenience, social acceptability, and the stability of the new filters, before starting operations.

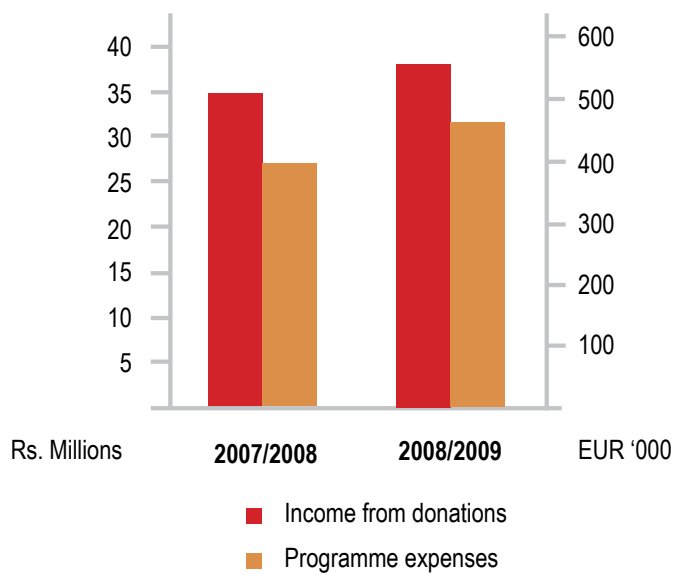
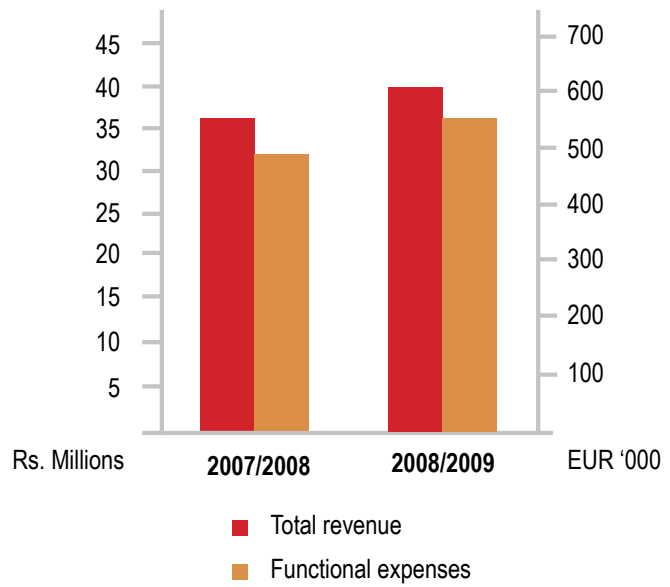
Calcutta Rescue has now trained local villagers in the proper use and maintenance of these filters to ensure their long-term sustainability. The success of this first filtration project has meant that we are now supervising the installation of a further 4 filters in the area.





Over the years, we have kept expenses consistently below revenues.

Revenue/Expenses Trends

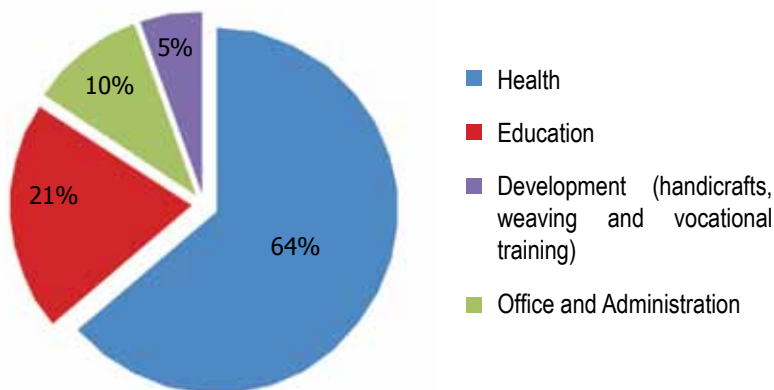




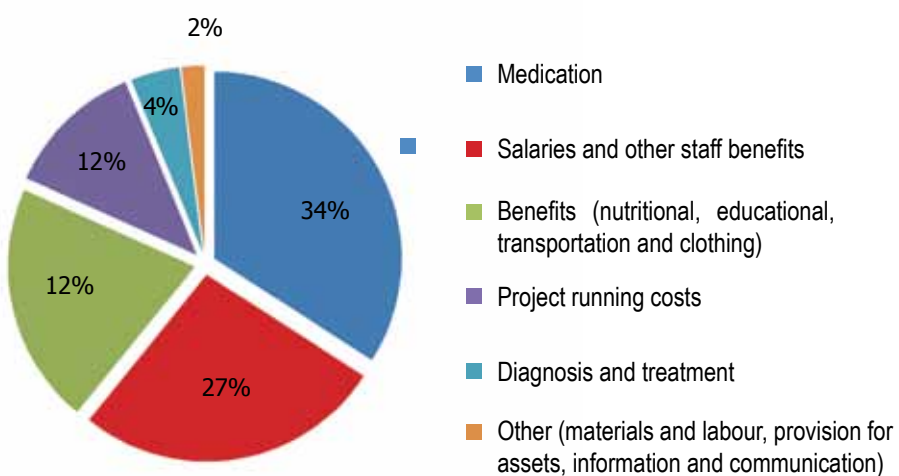
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Budget Breakdown 2009/2010

By Project Type



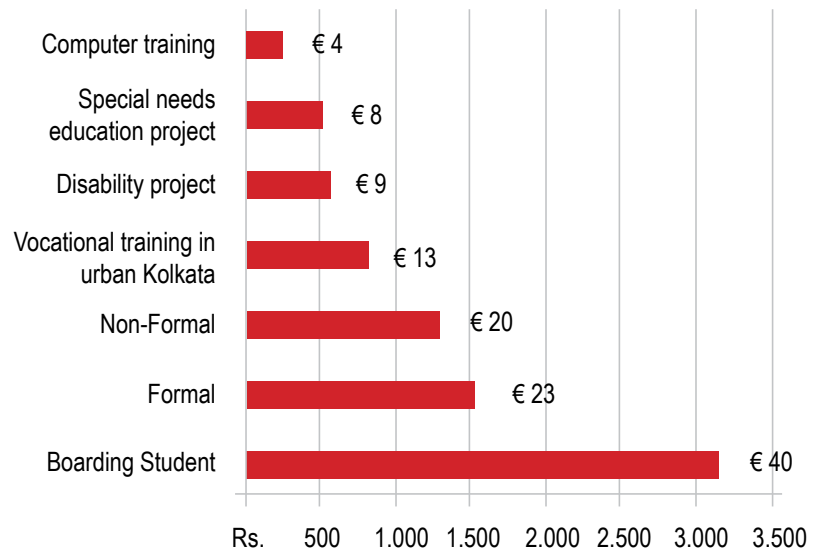
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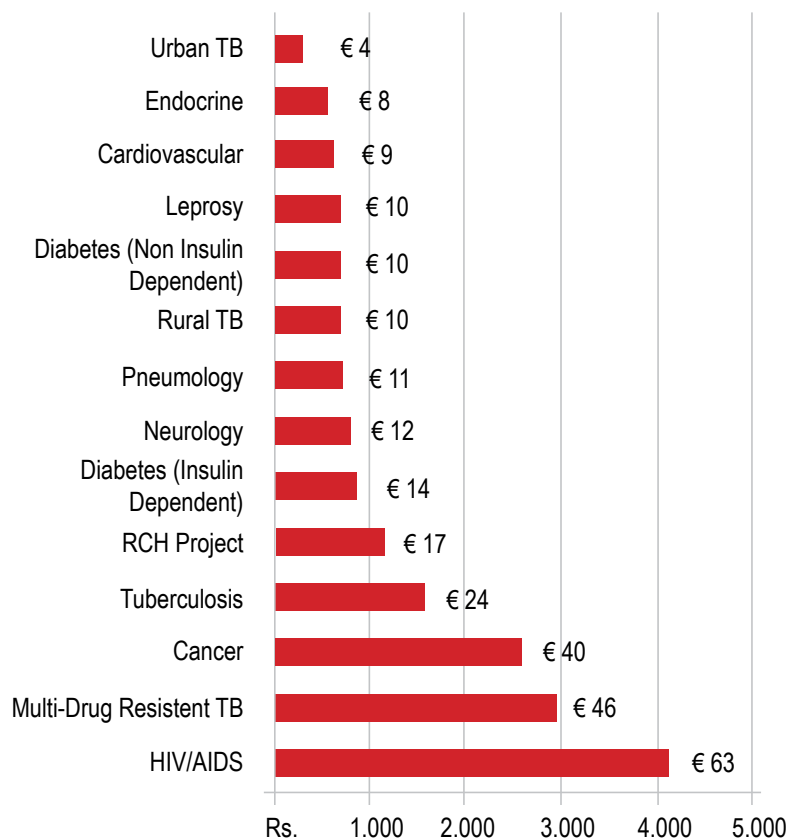


Treatment for a cardiovascular condition costs only € 9 per month.

Educational Programmes Average Monthly Cost per Pupil



Medical Care Average Monthly Cost per Patient





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Calcutta Rescue celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2009. From its origins as an informal street clinic, the organisation has grown into a mature NGO, efficiently and effectively delivering health and education services across a network of clinics, schools, outreach, vocational training and community development programmes.

Over the years, Calcutta Rescue has earned its reputation for the reliability and quality of service it provides its patients and service users. We now work as a trusted service provider for a number of national government health programmes, and other NGOs.

In the next phase of our growth, we aim to reach even more of the poorest people in Kolkata and West Bengal. We want to open new clinics, new schools and development projects in and around the city, building on our established infrastructure, experienced management and dedicated staff.

At present, Calcutta Rescue receives over 95% of its funding from private individual donors, primarily in Europe, organised by a network of volunteer support groups.

In order for our organisation to extend and deepen its reach to those most in need in Kolkata and West Bengal, Calcutta Rescue is seeking corporates and grant-giving foundations as partners to provide sustainable, dependable long-term funding to enable us to build our organisation in the coming decade.



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