



Our Vision

Calcutta Rescue will continue and develop its 32 year program of essential help to people living in the harsh conditions of poverty in Kolkata and other areas of West Bengal. We will provide free health care, education and ways of combating poverty until people who are disadvantaged and neglected achieve universal and best possible healthcare together with full educational opportunities for their children.

Our Mission

Calcutta Rescue provides all services free of cost to the neediest people of Kolkata and Rural West Bengal through Health Clinics, Schools, Vocational Training and Preventive Health Programs. We aim to improve levels of health education and earning opportunities for current and new service users.

We will continue to

- Provide a 'Health Plus' and 'Education Plus' service which not only offers medicine and education but also nutrition and other necessities for healthy living, information to maintain health and literacy as well as numeric skills.
- Monitor the impact of our services and respond to changing and new needs.

Our Values

- All people have equal rights to health, education and hope.
- All people have strengths and assets.
- It is possible to make a positive difference in the lives of poor people and their children.
- A well-trained and motivated staff makes a difference in the lives of the poor people.

This means that Calcutta Rescue:

- Treats all our service users with respect and as equals.
- Offers services to people irrespective of age, gender, caste, creed or religion.
- Always provides services free of cost.
- Empowers our services users to effectively manage their health and general well being.
- Treats the whole person with our 'Health Plus' and 'Education Plus' services.
- Works to fill gaps without duplicating services offered by others.
- Demonstrates compassion, support and concern for our service users and their families.
- Aims for the highest level of integrity in all its activities.
- Aims to provide services of the highest possible quality on which service users can rely.

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A letter from Calcutta Rescue's CEO

Jaydeep Chakraborty



Dear Friends,

Despite India's economic growth, the country is still languishing at the bottom of the Human Development Index and Social Progress Index. These indices measure the capacity of a society to meet the basic human needs of its citizens and looks at factors such as health, shelter, sanitation, education, equality and inclusion. Within the Indian context, West Bengal is far behind more advanced states like Kerala, Goa and Delhi.

Calcutta Rescue's resolve to serving the poorest of the poor and improving their lives is stronger than ever. In the financial year FY16-17, we served almost **14,000 patients** in healthcare, over **600 children** in our schools and over **1,500 poor families** were able to access clean drinking water through our arsenic-free filters.

Key accomplishments in the year include:

- Launch of a second street mobile clinic in Feb 2017, which is already regularly traveling to 8 new and desperate communities across the city
- Systematic surveys of the people living in the bustees where our street mobile clinic visits. CR shall use this information to better target our intervention and measure our impact over time
- Increase in the number of days serving HIV patients
- First ever international meeting in Kolkata with 27 foreign delegates from 8 countries discussing strategy and performance with CR's management and India-based trustees

As far as financial highlights are concerned, it was another year of well funded donations from our international support groups of Rs. 505 lakhs, an increase of 12% from the previous year. Local donations were Rs. 65L, an increase of 11% on the previous year. The increase in donations was to serve an increase in programme costs of 10%, which was due to the higher costs of providing medical treatment and nutritional support to cancer, renal care and HIV patients; extension of the street medicine programme; increased intake of boarding students at our schools project; and the replacement of water filters.

In the coming year, our specific targets are (i) a renewed focus on improving learning outcomes for our children and a new, child-friendly school building, (ii) consolidation and better management of our safe drinking water project, (iii) solid execution of our 2nd street mobile clinic, (iv) raising more donations in India and (v) improved communication among all stakeholders.

Dr. Jack says, "*the most important aspect of our work is continuity – that those we help know we continue to be there for them*". I and our hugely dedicated and committed team in Kolkata hope you will carry on the support of this vital work. With determination and spirit, please continue the awareness drives, the fundraising campaigns and the volunteering – in the pursuit of a poverty-free Kolkata.

Thank you.

Jaydeep Chakraborty
CEO

Health Project

Medical care and much more



Calcutta Rescue's Health Programme aims to help the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Kolkata and rural West Bengal to get the medical treatment they desperately need.

We have three clinics providing treatment and medicine, and a Street Medicine Programme, which gives treatment on Kolkata's streets to the most needy.

We provide free medicine, including medicines not available at the government hospitals. We always aim to anticipate the needs of the slum communities we serve and to eliminate the barriers to their access to treatment and medicine. We also run specialist HIV and Leprosy clinics. This is all provided free of charge.

In the last year, our Health Programmes have helped 14,000 people directly, and positively touched the lives of many more – the families and communities of our patients.

7,865

The number of times patients were treated by our street ambulance this year

54%

The increase in new patients needing our street ambulance

14,131

The total number of patients treated this year

3,096

The number of wound dressings performed - 11 per day on average

Talapark Clinic

2,844 patients this year

Talapark, situated in north Kolkata, is the biggest of our clinics and operates 6 days a week. Patients come to our Talapark Clinic not just from Kolkata but from all over West Bengal, many of them travelling great distances to receive treatment. The clinic provides screening of new patients referred from Government Hospitals, treatment of a wide variety of conditions, wound dressing and health education.

With the improvement of government health care facilities the number of general patient numbers and number of patients in the Mother and Child Health program have declined. However patients seeking support for special ailments like Chronic Kidney diseases, Chronic Myeloid Leukemia and HIV are increasing. In FY16-17, Tala Park clinic treated around 84 adults and children per day compared with an average of 78 per day in FY 15-16.

Nimtala Clinic

2,729 patients this year

The clinic was inaugurated in 2015 to meet the growing need for quality medical care for the destitute living in Nimtala ghat slum. Even by Kolkata's standards, these people are really the poorest of the poor. The lucky ones live in one of the tiny huts cobbled together from dirty plastic sheets and packing cases which stretch alongside the railway tracks, right behind the clinic, as far as the eye can see.

The even less fortunate are among the hundreds who sleep in the open each night on a concrete slab beside the burning ghat on the banks of the Hooghly River. They are rickshaw pullers, day labourers and beggars, and life is so relentlessly hard here that many seek temporary escape in drink and drugs - which bring their own miseries and health issues.

With one dedicated doctor and six trained staff, the Nimtala Clinic provides treatment to around 27 patients each day, six days per week. This is down from the figure of 32 patients per day last year due to increasing availability of health facilities from the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. However, wound care is not adequately treated in local government hospitals and patients with chronic maggot-infested wounds are often neglected by them altogether. In this year, 2,729 patients visited a total of 7,934 times. On 1212 occasions, patients were referred to Government hospital for appropriate management. The majority of our patients come to us for regular wound dressing and follow up treatment. We also treat other common medical problems like tuberculosis, vitamin deficiency and severe burns.

Sadly 7 new leprosy patients were found and referred to our specialized leprosy clinic at Chitpur.

Chitpur Clinic

162 patients this year

With 60% of the world's cases, India is the global leprosy capital. Leprosy still strikes fear into society. It is a disfiguring, contagious and stigmatizing disease that affects the poor to a much greater extent because of their social and economic vulnerability. The stigma attached to leprosy leads to loss of employment even before manual labor becomes more difficult due to disability, which often results from late or no treatment. It also leads to exclusion from society and even from the family, causing physical and emotional distress.

Calcutta Rescue has been helping the poorest people affected by leprosy for 32 years, and have had a specialist leprosy clinic since 1993. This year, our Chitpur Clinic has provided treatment to 162 leprosy patients, with around 15 – 20 coming to us for treatment each day. We anticipate the range of needs our patients

have and provide treatment and support accordingly. We diagnose new leprosy cases, treat symptoms, dress wounds and provide medication.

In addition, we support leprosy patients who suffer stigmatization, marginalization and loss of employment. This year 14 new leprosy cases were identified, six have been cured and seven have been referred to the Government hospital for treatment. Our clinic continues to support these patients with medicine, wound dressing and nutritional support. 85 patients received new pair of shoes and 69 pairs of shoes were repaired from the Footwear Project.

In India's Finance Budget of 2017 in February of this year, the central government declared that it would aim to eradicate leprosy by 2018. In the same month, one of world's leading economist's, Amartya Sen, said India's healthcare system was broken. Despite the government's good willed intent, there is much for them to do. Until that time Calcutta Rescue's services are very much required by those in West Bengal afflicted with Hansen's Disease.

Urban Dots

122 patients this year

Of total 1,810 TB cases enrolled in our Urban DOTS centre since its inception 1999. 98% have completed their treatment and have been cured.

This year our Urban Dots Programme has served 122 patients, a similar figure to last year's 124 patients.

Pharmacy

In October 2016, we got our first qualified and experienced local Pharmacist, Mr Santanu Roy Chowdhury. In the past we have relied on foreign pharmacist volunteers for day-to-day operations.

However volunteers still play an important role. Four volunteers were

with the Pharmacy during the year 2016-17 and all of them gave classes for the medical staff in our clinics and Street Medicine Programme. In addition Thomas Schmid completed a project on "Possible interaction of frequently used medicine in TPC", while Luisa Shehadeh wrote a very useful note on "Patients & how they understand their medicine".

The latter report conveyed good news – that patients, by and large, understand the medicines they're taking, the need for them and the correct dosage.

A New Medicine tender for 2017- 2019 was successfully completed and from 2017 April CR has been receiving medicine according to new tender list. The number of suppliers on the new list is 16.

Pharmacy Donations

Value of donations received from April 2016 to March 2017 is INR 234,513.

Volunteer pharmacists

Marion Schade: *January 2016 – July 2016*

Monika Faißt: *March – August 2016*

Thomas Schmid: *November 2016 – May 2017*

Luisa Shehadeh: *November 2016 – April 2017*



Case Study **SK Ramzaan**

Tala Park Clinic

SK Ramzaan is an 11 year old young boy who came to Calcutta Rescue in early 2016.

He lost his mother when he was very young. His father works as a van puller and earns 100 rupees per day, and his elderly grandfather works as a daily labourer.

SK Ramzaan was referred to Calcutta Rescue clinic by a doctor of Government hospital so that he could be properly monitored. He had a history of convulsions, unconsciousness and inability to stand or speak. Investigations and tests revealed he had OMA syndrome, a rare neurological disorder with unknown causes, affecting one in 10 million people.

As part of his treatment, CR ensured he was given monthly IVIG (Immunoglobulin therapy) injections by the hospital while Calcutta Rescue gave him ACTH (Adrenocorticotrophic hormone) injections for a year on a diminishing dose.

His follow up investigations like CT scan of abdomen and thorax were normal. After 1 year of treatment, in Jan 2017, Ramzaan's health is good and the hospital and CR doctors agreed he should stop taking the injections. As of now, Ramzaan does not have a problem with his speech or walking and is attending school. He is coming to Calcutta Rescue every 3 weeks for a review.



Case Study **Krishna**

Nimtala Clinic

KRISHNA is a 55 year old man who lives near Sovabazar circular railway station on Strand Bank road. He is a van puller by profession earning Rs. 4000 per month he and lives alone.

In September 2016 he had a terrible accident with another vehicle while pulling his van. This caused a chronic wound on his right leg from his thigh to his toes. He managed to receive initial treatment from a Government Hospital but was unable to sustain because he could not afford it. His neighbor brought him to Calcutta Rescue and we immediately facilitated plastic surgery at HOPE Foundation hospital. Following discharge from HOPE, Calcutta Rescue controlled minor reappearances of the wound with continuous dressing and antibiotic medicines.

Street Mobile Clinic

7,865 patients this year

Operating from two mobile clinics, our Street Medicine Program delivers medical and social support to Kolkata's sick and marginalized street dwellers, offering both preventive and curative treatment.

Every mobile clinic consists of a doctor and 8 paramedics, working across 14 different slum areas in Kolkata. This year we have provided treatment to 39 patients every day.

We provide medical treatment, but also have a strong emphasis on health education. While registering families, our staff deliver Education Communication materials to families on deworming, Vitamin-A, lice, Leprosy, Tuberculosis, HIV/Aids, hygiene, Nutrition and Immunization.

The work is very challenging. The conditions are difficult. The people we're treating are often extremely poor and in desperate need. Our team works in 40 degree heat and 70% humidity – and even drinking water is difficult because of limited toilet access.

This year we have focused on immunization, antenatal and postnatal care. If needed, children and pregnant women are referred to our clinics for further treatment.

Patients with general ailments like fever with cough and cold, diarrhoea, minor dental problem, epilepsy are treated from the vehicle. However, patients requiring surgical intervention are referred to hospital for appropriate management.

Case Study

Mobile Clinic patient - Parbati

Parbati is an elderly woman who was suffering from multibacillary leprosy, with wounds on her right hand, both legs and her feet. She had suffered for a long time with no treatment before she came to Calcutta Rescue.

After identifying her as a potential leprosy patient, we took her to a Government Hospital leprosy department, and her diagnosis was confirmed.

She was given medicine but was unwilling to take the drugs. Calcutta Rescue medical staff counseled her regularly and encouraged her to take her medicines, which she is now doing.

Parbati is a slum dweller from the Tangra area, where she lives with her husband and 8 family members including her sons, daughter in law and grandchildren in a small one room house with no proper toilet. Parbati's husband used to work as a sweeper, but is now unemployed and this has made it difficult to lead a proper life and to take proper, adequate food.

“Although I have my own family, they cannot really help me; Calcutta Rescue has brought a new meaning of life.”

Parvati expressed her gratitude to Calcutta Rescue

Thank you, SBI!

Calcutta Rescue's second street mobile clinic hit the road in early 2017 thanks to generous support from the State Bank of India

Thousands of people in slums across Kolkata are set to benefit from the launch of Calcutta Rescue's second street mobile clinic which happened on Friday, February 17.

The Rs16 Lakh vehicle was generously donated by the State Bank of India after seeing the outstanding work done by the NGOs first ambulance in 14 bustees such as Canal East and West where 20,000 people live in appalling conditions next to the canal in North Kolkata.

“SBI, as a corporate citizen, is working for the needy, economically backward & under privileged section of the society for a long time. It is a proud privilege for SBI to have an opportunity to work with such a great organisation such as Calcutta Rescue, which has its footprint across the globe for a noble cause”

Mohan Mitra, AGM (Public Relation & Community Service Banking) of SBI

“Improving the country is the responsibility of all citizens, and when collaborations like the one between SBI and Calcutta Rescue occur, we are able to achieve so much more than what we could achieve alone. We are grateful to SBI, and we look forward to forging deeper ties with them in the quest to serve many of our fellow countrymen and women in Kolkata and West Bengal”.

Jaydeep Chakraborty, CEO of Calcutta Rescue

“Without Calcutta Rescue's Street Medicine programme I would never receive leprosy treatment at this early stages of the disease. We are all illiterate and could never go to school and not aware of the disease”.

Street Ambulance patient



Street Medicine Survey

Calcutta Rescue's street medicine programme provides free medical care to disadvantaged communities in Kolkata. Every month, the doctor and healthcare team visit slums and street dwellers all over the city. The clinics are run from the back of the van, with basic medical equipment and a cabinet of medicines for common conditions. Many of the diseases that we treat are linked to difficult living conditions: a child with diarrhoea in an area without toilets; a woman with lung disease from cooking over a smoky fire indoors. To improve health, we need to tackle the underlying problems. This philosophy is an important part of the street medicine programme.

The street medicine programme doubled its capacity in early 2017, and expanded to new areas of the city. The street medicine survey aims to gather baseline data on the health needs of communities. This information can be used to plan targeted interventions, and to assess their impact in the future.

We started by visiting the communities and talking to residents about their needs. Locals took us around the area, showing us the layout the neighbourhood, and spoke about the problems that they faced. A questionnaire was developed based on their feedback and translated into Bengali. Healthcare workers were trained to deliver the survey: training focussed on ethical issues such as informed consent and confidentiality.

Female healthcare workers interviewed women aged 16-49 in their homes. The questionnaire is used to gather information about their housing conditions, local availability of toilets and drinking water, family planning, antenatal care, child health and knowledge of important health conditions. People are asked to give

their own suggestions for improving the health of their community.

Garden Reach and Mayukh Bhavan on Kolkata are two of the new communities. Immunisation is a big problem there. Many children don't have immunisation cards; over one third have never been immunised. Over half the children with immunisation cards were behind schedule. This puts them at risk of serious preventable infections. The street medicine team have planned interventions to improve immunisation rates: community education sessions to raise awareness, and immunisation camps.

Immunisation is just one of many problems we've picked up. Many communities have problems with sanitation: in Garden Reach, the only toilets are pay-to-use, and children go outside. People queue over an hour a day to get drinking water. Pregnant women are not getting the medical care that they need. Children drop out of school young; some are never enrolled at all. People don't know much about serious health problems like TB: they may have heard of it, but they don't know the symptoms.

These issues are complex and difficult to address. Calcutta Rescue is uniquely placed to support communities, using our own expertise, and working with government departments and other NGOs to coordinate efforts in these areas.





India, over the past 20 years, still have no electricity, no clean water, and no proper toilets. Around 70% of children had not been properly immunized.

But Calcutta Rescue is looking to change that. In conjunction with the local councilor, CR has built a concrete box to house an electricity meter and has facilitated the fitting of the meter. In May 2017, electricity finally entered their homes.

Calcutta Rescue will also power a filtered tube well that is going to be sunk next to the current open well and which will at last provide safe drinking water on site.

Look down into the existing well and you see a pool of dirty grey liquid surrounded by mud. You wouldn't wash your feet in it, but the women here use it to wash vegetables and clean out their plates and cooking pots.

It is a Monday but there are lots of friendly children playing in the dirt among the goats, chickens and crows, or standing gazing in wonder at the charity's mobile clinic and the several dozen people queuing to see the doctor.

They should be in school, learning the lessons they will need if they are to build a better life for themselves. But they aren't.

Which is why Calcutta Rescue plans to build a small school here for them, on an area of hardstanding currently covered by sacks of rubbish.

Calcutta Rescue organized bus trips to take children to the Tala Park clinic

for immunizations. From September-16 to March-17, 90 children (67%) were registered in Talapark clinic for immunizations.

Under the awning behind the ambulance a staff member is holding up a folder illustrating a selection of vegetables, and telling the waiting patients what they should feed their children to prevent the damage Vitamin A deficiency can do to their eyes.

She asks them if their children find it hard to see at night - a good indicator of Vitamin A deficiency.

An elderly lady wearing dark glasses had an operation on her cataracts a few weeks ago organised by the CR team and says here sight is a lot better now.

Down below, in the settlement, health workers are going door to door, ensuring patients with conditions such as TB are taking their medicine, and that people who need treatment today get to see the doctor.

Mums carrying tiny babies on their hips, leave the ambulance carrying medicine, soap, food supplements and maybe a blanket or a dress.

Up until now parents here have relied on the amulets tied with string around their children's necks and arms to protect them.

But now, thanks to the holistic work of Calcutta Rescue, these people will no longer be denied the basic services that the rest of us take for granted and the safety and security that they bring.

A close-up look at a slum where Calcutta Rescue operates

Dakineshwar - where children risk their lives to get clean water

by Sean Duggan (UK Supporter)

There is no better way to understand the harsh realities of life in this slum than to go with some of the children to fetch drinking water.

To do this they dodge their way across a busy road carrying an assortment of plastic jars and then abseil 20ft down a steep concrete embankment using ropes

knotted together.

Once they have filled their jars from a standpipe they then have to carry them back up the embankment and across the road.

It is dangerous by day, but much more so at night. It comes as no surprise that several have been knocked down by passing Lorries and trucks.

On the other side of the settlement in Dakineshwar, on the northern outskirts of Kolkata, is the main toilet - the railway line. A youngster was struck by a train here just a few weeks ago.

Between the road and the railway line stands the settlement of 182 shacks that Calcutta Rescue started supporting six months ago.

The families here, who mainly arrived from Bihar, one of the poorest states in



HIV Project

409 patients this year

Calcutta Rescue HIV Project – providing treatment, medicine and so much more to our vulnerable patients.

The total number of people living with HIV in India was estimated at 21.17 lakhs in 2015. Every year, around 86,000 new HIV infections are diagnosed, and around 67,600 people die of AIDS-related causes. Of the new HIV infections each year, a report in 2014 by the Union Health Ministry stated that as much as 8% of the country's new infections were in WestBengal .

We know how to combat this problem - and all these numbers are declining, driven by expansion of identification, access to antiretroviral drugs and health education. Towards the end of the financial year, the government passed a long-awaited bill banning discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS. But progress is slow, and it is the poorest and most vulnerable in society that are most likely to go undiagnosed and least likely to be able to access the help they need.

For this reason, Calcutta Rescue's HIV Project helps the poorest people living with HIV/AIDS with a combination of diagnosis, treatment, medication, health education, counselling other support.

At Calcutta Rescue, our focus on service provision allows us to run our high-quality projects at minimal cost. For the financial year 2016-17, it costs just Rs. RS. 49 lacs to run our HIV Project, during which time we helped over 409 people in desperate need.

Our patient numbers are growing as demand for our vital service grows – attendance at our clinic increased from 68 patients per day to 74 till December 2016. As a result, it was decided to add an increase the number of days when HIV clients could be served. Since February, CR operationalised HIV clinics on two Saturdays per month in addition to every

Thursday. The Saturday clinics mainly provide nutritional support. More patients is a good sign – it means more are being diagnosed and more are getting the help they need – but more funding is needed to keep up with this demand.

Our Clinic

Calcutta Rescue works with the School of Tropical Medicine, which refers patients to us. While the government is beginning to provide first and some second line antiretroviral drugs, they refer patients to Calcutta Rescue for drugs which are not available in the hospital, some second and third line HIV-drugs, medicines to treat Hepatitis B positive patients or patients suffering from opportunistic infections.

As with all our services, our HIV project anticipates the needs of the people we help. In addition to medical treatment, we also offer vital health education and counselling to our patients.

Recognising the financial and employment problems that often go hand in hand with HIV, as well as the vital role that good nutrition plays in treatment, we also support our patients and their families with financial and nutritional help.

Last year, we gave out an average of 137 welfare packs per week that include food and other basic items. We also provide money for bananas (a vital food for HIV patients) and other vegetables to ensure that our patients have a good diet.

Disability

Poverty is hard on everyone who lives in it, but for people with disability it is much worse. India has a staggering 60 million people living with a disability, almost equivalent to the entire population of the United Kingdom. High poverty levels, low literacy, few jobs and widespread social stigma make disabled people among the most excluded in India.

Over the years ,the Disability Department (DD) at Calcutta Rescue has provided an integrated range of services, educational, therapeutic and rehabilitative covering all disability groups. The Disability Department budget has a wider sphere-of-activity for targeting services it perceives as fundamental to increasing disabled peoples potential quality of life.

From our small beginnings we have grown rapidly realising some hopes, strengthening our foundations, expanding our services and maintaining quality rehabilitation facility for the persons with special needs.

Participation of children with disabilities in sports and recreational activities promotes reconditioning, optimizes physical functioning, and enhances overall well-being. Therefore, during this year, implementing gaming activities has been CR's most prominent and prime focus in addition to the medical, nutritional, educational and therapeutic support. On 16th February, 56 children took part in a CR's first ever Specially-Abled Sports Day. In addition to sports, CR organized a theatre workshop, drawing and painting sessions, and dance classes for it specially-abled students.

On 18th May 2017, CR's Speical School celebrated its 2nd birthday. In order to improve learning outcomes of its 29 children children, CR has expanded the Special School to two days per week instead of the previous one. Two special chairs designed for hyperactive children

were purchased using donations received from Sarah Grant of the UK.

In order to help mothers help their children, CR started a new project from April "Mothers' Literacy Program" on Thursdays. The project is aimed at improving the literacy levels of these women, so that they are better placed to function in the world, and ultimately help their children.

Case study

The Winter Olympic gold medalist who was once a Calcutta Rescue patient

Rabiul has come a long way since he first arrived at our clinic at age 5, suffering from seizures, learning delay and hyperactivity.

Nine years on, he has represented India in Floorball at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

Rabiul's family is very poor. His mother is the only bread-winner, and his health problems put an extra strain on the family – but Calcutta Rescue was there to help.

When he came to our clinic, he was given the right drugs, and his condition soon improved. The frequency of his fits decreased and he stopped having seizures.

Despite the two hour journey, to he started coming to Calcutta Rescue's special school for children with disabilities, where he was given speech therapy.

Rabiul loved sport and won prizes in a number of local competitions. As a result, he was selected to compete in state-level special games. He is so good that he was selected for the squad to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria.

The India team - Rabiul and his 5 team members - defeated promising international teams like Mexico, Indonesia, Sri Lanka to reach the final. There, they defeated Nigeria to win gold.

Rabiul never thought that he could achieve so much in his life, he constantly expressed his gratitude to Calcutta Rescue and his mother who was the biggest inspiration of his success. He is now preparing himself for this amazing adventure in many other sports in future so that he can make his mother proud



Health Education - specific days

Health education is an integral part of the patient management system of Calcutta Rescue.

Like previous years the health education unit was involved in many awareness activities and celebrated many national and international health days throughout the year.

- World Health Day (7th. April)
- World Thalassaemia Day (8th. May)
- World No Tobacco Day (31st. May)
- World Blood Donors Day (14th. June)
- World Breast Feeding week (1st. to 7th. Aug.)
- World Hepatitis Day
- World Heart Day (29th. Sept.)
- Breast Cancer awareness month was observed in clinic in October
- World Diabetes Day (14th. Nov.)
- World AIDS Day (1st. Dec.)
- World Leprosy Day (29th. Jan.)
- World Cancer Day (4th. February)
- International Woman's Day – an awareness program and free blood check-up camp conducted for our school students' mother and sponsored by SBI
- World Tuberculosis Day (24th March).
- Many thanks to MSD Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd for sponsoring some of the health awareness programs!



Education Project

Learning and much more



Most children living in the slums and on the streets of Kolkata do not go to school. When they do, they often lack access to the material and social conditions to successfully continue their studies. Many live in environments where alcohol, drugs and physical abuse are commonplace. Without education, these children have little hope of escaping the poverty trap.

Calcutta Rescue is working to change that. We run two schools in Kolkata, providing tuition and a safe learning environment to over 600 children aged four to 18.

In addition we provide financial support and facilitate admissions for those who wish to go onto higher education and attain college degrees.

At our schools we do more than just teach. We know that in order to learn, children must be well fed, healthy, active and have the appropriate clothing and equipment – we try to provide everything the children need that they are not able to get at home.

The dropout rates for our non-formal or pre-school children has decreased from 11% last year to 7% this year, while the figure for formal, school-going children increased marginally from 9% to 10%.

At boarding school, we are pleased to report that all of the 22 children who were admitted to our partner schools completed the academic year. Three additional children were admitted, making a total of 25.

During FY17-18, CR plans to analyse the reasons for drop out more closely and implement actions to reduce these figures.

While dropout is a cause for concern, for those students managing to get to the higher grades, they score well. During 2016, 7 out of 9 students passed their grade 10 exams and 3 out of 4 passed grade 12. With CR's support, these 3 students will all go on to study for university degrees in Statistics, Commerce and Accountancy.

\$20

the cost of supporting one child at Calcutta Rescue for one month

Our Schools

Calcutta Rescue operates two schools - School Number 1 and Talapark School, providing education for over 600 children. We run our two schools for just Rs.1 Cr per year, which is only USD 20 per month per child. This cost is comparable to many low-cost private schools operating in India who's target segment is India's poor population.

Our programme aims to support children throughout their studies, by giving them an appropriate environment for learning. We provide 8-10 hours of tuition per week to each student in a safe, caring and loving learning environment, as well as classes in art, dance and sports. The Calcutta Rescue environment allows them to pursue their education free from the hardship and adversity of their broken family homes.

Our students are passed on to formal schools and are completely supported by Calcutta Rescue throughout their academic life. They return to our schools to do their homework, have extra tuition, computer lessons, English conversation classes and extracurricular activities. The children remain linked to Calcutta Rescue and our teachers continue to monitor their progress.

In addition to tuition, our cooks prepare two nutritious meals a day for the children. We provide all the students with textbooks, note books, school bags, school uniforms (which are made by our Handicrafts Project) and shoes. We monitor their health with six monthly health screening. We provide medical treatment and counselling if necessary. We provide funds for transportation so they can get to school. And we put on

extra tuition and computer classes for those who need them. By doing this we remove the barriers to learning that underprivileged children face.

Land Ahoy!

Calcutta Rescue has been searching for a new school building for around 18 months. During the latter half of the 2016-17 financial year, we had a breakthrough.

In November 2016, we approached the West Bengal Ministry for a long strip of land beside the canal in Baghbazaar, an area where many of our No.1 school students actually live. After gaining approval from The Ministry of Irrigation and Waterways, our proposal is now with the Department of Land and Land Reforms where the final sanction will be given.

The land is over 7,500 square feet and it has the capacity to cater to around 400 children over two shifts. It would be a huge improvement over the current cramped conditions of No. 1 School allowing for better facilities, spacious classrooms, homogenous classes and areas for recreation and play.

Calcutta Rescue's Annual Day

On our School Annual Day, 21st January 2017, Calcutta Rescue was lucky enough to be graced with the presence of Dr. Shashi Panja, West Bengal Minister of Women Development & Social Welfare, Child Development.

Dr. Panja spoke of the need of collaboration between NGOs and government to decelerate poverty, increase education for girls and removal of abuse from our society.

Dr. Shashi Panja – Minister of Women Development & Social Welfare, Child Development





Success Story - Rohit

Rohit scored 72% on his grade 12 exams and will now study BSc (Hons) in Statistics at Calcutta University.

He is living in Bustee area with other three family members. His younger brother is also our student.

His father is working as a class-D staff in a small private company. His monthly income is Rs. 6,000 and mother is home maker.

Vocational Skills

Calcutta Rescue since inception identified that Education is the key way of improving the future and socio economic background of the under of the under privileged and through its two non formal school is supporting more than 300 children from the bustees, slums and pavements from different areas of north and central Kolkata. During the course of time it was observed that some students were dropping out for reasons varying from no aptitude for studies to circumstances prevailing in the family forcing them to earn a living.

CR intends to provide such vocational training to its eligible beneficiaries (dropout school students, patients and their child) to make them self – sustainable and thereby improve the quality of their life and family. In general India is hugely under-skilled (only 2.3% have undergone formal skill training compared to 68% in the UK), implementation is tremendously difficult.

And to add to that - Calcutta Rescue was not able to provide sufficient attention to this project during 2016. In part, this was due to the departure of the former CEO in August 2016 who had championed this program. As a result, our numbers reflect poor performance in this area with only 5 students getting training:

Part of the problem with CR's vocational training project has been that we have not been able to find avenues to employment for the student following their training. In FY17-18, CR is building a new Vocational Training plan and shall seek out training partners that have a government regulated mandate (National Skills Development Council registration) to ensure employment for the trainees. While these partners will be more expensive for CR, they will also be more effective.

Course	Number of students attending
Driving Training	2
Diploma in Fashion Designing	1
Certificate in Financial Account	2



Rugby with Jungle Crows

Calcutta Rescue has teamed up with the Jungle Crows team to bring rugby to the children at our Tala Park School.

Sport has so much to teach and gives so many benefits, but many children lack access to these activities. At our schools, we aim to provide much more than just tuition – and we believe that many important lessons can be taught through sport.

In June 2017, Jungle Crows coaches came to Tala Park School to introduce a new sport to the students – rugby.

For many of the 25 boys and girls who came to the pilot session, this was their first experience with the oval shaped ball, but they took to it quickly and greatly enjoyed the experience.

The coaches quickly whipped them up into a frenzy of excitement and

competition with races and some short games. But they weren't just learning about how to throw an odd-shaped ball – lessons about teamwork, fair play and the importance of education were all weaved into the fun.

For the girls, this session was particularly important as they are often denied access to activities and sport. It was a great opportunity to run around freely and play alongside the boys, with two female coaches from the Jungle Crows women's team there to encourage them.

This pilot session was so successful that the Jungle Crows team has been coming back every Friday for a regular rugby session with around 25 boys and girls of all ages.

Jungle Crows is a Kolkata NGO and successful rugby team focussed on the growth and development of young people in particular through the use of sport. They work in many communities and at the heart of what we do is making sporting opportunity more accessible to as wider range of people as we are able.





Handicrafts and Weaving Project



Calcutta Rescue's Handicrafts unit has had a good year, despite the resignation of the previous CEO who was spearheading the project. The Unit was able to end the year in profit, which is extremely positive. It indicates that the project can be financially self-sustainable.

	Income	Expense	Profit
2015-16	1,474,199	1,709,134	-234,935
2016-17	1,862,964	1,843,343	19,621

* All amount in Indian Rupees. Income includes non-operational income also, e.g. bank interest.

Marketing of Handicraft Items

This year, our Handicraft Project tried hard to promote its products in Indian market and overseas too with the help of Mr. William Mason, a UK volunteer. The Handicraft Project has made its new leaflet to boost sales and publicity, and already has succeeded in resuming a regular order from Oberoi Grand.

Training workshop

The Handicraft Project arranged a training workshop for recycled newspaper bag making. We gave the training to 20 Dutch Students who visited Kolkata with C.R's ex-volunteer Ludovic Wallaart.

Volunteers

Clara Jackson taught the staff how to make cat and dog collars from recycled silk.

Mr. William Mason help us on many fronts - he tried hard to promote handicrafts in local market and abroad also. He is still trying to get WFTO member ship. This membership should open up increased market opportunities both at home and overseas.

Developments

Several new products have been

introduced to meet the buyers' requirements.

We are seeking new opportunities in local market and overseas as well. Efforts are on to open up Oxfam market in the UK. The UK Support group is helping us to achieve this.

We have all had a very positive year with the support of our all well wishers, visitors, volunteers and customers. We fully expect next year will be even better.

Weaving

Our project in Tamuldah remained closed during the 2016-17 financial year as negotiation with the weavers was unsuccessful. In the following financial year, CR will decide on a course of action for the Tamuldah site.

While Tamuldah remained closed, weaving in Shantipur continued with up to 10 women using their own handlooms in their homes to produce all types of handloom fabric including fine cloth. Unfortunately, due to various reasons, including the departure of the previous CEO leading to a management vacuum, the Weaving Project was unable to make a profit and made significant losses of Rs. 10.5 lakhs.



Safe Drinking Water



Around 14 districts in West Bengal suffer from high levels of arsenic in the ground water. Arsenic is a naturally occurring and very toxic substance found in high concentrations in the ground water around the Ganges delta. Ground water is the major source of drinking water for most people in the rural area, which is generally used for drinking and cooking, thus causing a public health problem.

Constant use of arsenic contaminated water often leads to arsenic poisoning, which causes skin cancers, skin lesions, internal cancers, hypertension and cardiovascular disease, pulmonary disease, peripheral vascular disease and can also be life threatening.

Therefore the main aim of our Arsenic Project is to provide safe drinking water in some of worst affected villages in West Bengal and to generate awareness amongst the people on dangers of arsenic poisoning.

To date we have installed 12 filters and tube wells in the Malda area, a district, 300km North of Kolkata. The existing filters currently provide over 20,000 litres of uncontaminated drinking water per day.

Nearly 1,500 families access these filters. Recently the pumps have been electrified, and this has led to an exponential increase in the usage and quality of the water from these filters.

Local households were requested to give a nominal fee of 10 Rs. per family per month, but only 20-30% of households are contributing.

The government has provided water filters in some neighboring districts without charging residents, although these filters are not maintained and many are now broken, and this makes local families unwilling to pay. This is an issue that we will work with local people to address moving forwards.

At the time of writing this, in June 2017, Calcutta Rescue has met and been in discussions with the West Bengal government about a collaboration. Given CR's relationships with filter experts in Malda, we see an opportunity to help the government in maintaining their filters. Discussions are at a very preliminary stage but ongoing.

In FY 2016-17, we replaced five of our old filters, and, according to treated water lab results all the filters are running successfully.

Volunteer Stories



Amy
Clinical Fellow in Global Health and Leadership

I am a London based GP trainee. I moved to Kolkata in August to take up a newly created voluntary role at Calcutta Rescue - Clinical Fellow in Global Health and Leadership.

My clinical work has largely been in Nimtala Clinic and with the Street Medicine programme. Both these projects serve very deprived communities, often living in desperately difficult conditions. Single mothers, physically disabled people unable to walk, and old people without family support are often reduced to begging on the streets for survival. Daily labourers struggle to come for regular follow up as a morning in the clinic means the loss of half a day's wages.

The illnesses we see are often similar to those I see in general practice in the UK: coughs, colds, chest infections, diarrhoea, skin disease, even TB. But the context is hugely different. Malnutrition, a lack of health education and living conditions at home affect the care we can give and the outcomes. The staff at Calcutta Rescue work incredibly hard and with real humanity to serve these people. I am sure that the very fact of being treated decently and recognised as a fellow human being is crucial in this context.

After several months observing and a steep learning curve, I am working on patient safety and clinical governance improvements, such as sharps safety and needle stick injury management, and emergency medical provisions and training.

Public health is another crucial part of Calcutta Rescue's work. Our street medicine programme is expanding to cover new slum areas. I have written a household survey to identify the key health needs of the inhabitants. We can then target our programme to meet the most urgent needs of the community, such as clean water, sanitation, immunisation for children, etc. I am very grateful to the support of all the staff in enabling these projects.

We are lucky to have some very dedicated volunteers with us at the moment. As clinical volunteer coordinator, it has been a pleasure to support their work as best as I can. I work with our various teams to try to find a role that best fits the volunteer, and support them in the process of preparing to come to Kolkata.

It's hard to pick out the highlights of my time in Kolkata because there have been so many! The connections I have made with people: colleagues, patients, friends outside Calcutta Rescue – these have sustained me when work has been overwhelming. Other things, to mention only a few: Durga Puja, the beautiful but challenging Bengali language, the food (especially alu posto), Kumartuli, walking around neighbourhoods in the north of the city, Darjeeling tea, singing in the Cathedral choir on Christmas Eve (thanks to Subhashis). I know I won't want to go back to London!

International Volunteering

Calcutta Rescue has had some amazing volunteers this year. We have really benefitted from their expertise and support. Here are some of the achievements of volunteers over the past year:

Pharmacy

Marion, Monica, Thomas and Luisa. Projects included: funding AC for the pharmacy to ensure safe drug storage, teaching sessions for pharmacy staff and doctors, supporting the medicines tender process, recruitment of a permanent local pharmacist at Calcutta Rescue, surveys to assess patient knowledge of their medications, supporting pharmacy staff to manage donations, updating the donation request list.

Handicrafts

William, Clara, Harriet, Geoff. Projects included: development of handicrafts brochure, building relationships with local hotels to boost sales, handicraft promotion at the international meeting, feedback form, development of new handicrafts designs.

Doctors

Nozomi and Amy. Projects included: Projects included: wound care quality improvement project at Chitpur and Nimtala clinics, developing a baseline survey with the street medicine programme to identify key community needs prior to starting work, training sessions for clinic staff and doctors, school screening, working with doctors to reduce inappropriate antibiotic prescribing in diarrhoea and upper respiratory tract infection, sourcing and promoting the use of zinc in children with diarrhoea, provision of emergency boxes to all clinics.

Schools

Karyn, Karin and Matt all took on school nurse role. William, teacher. Arpita,

medical/public health student, is doing a very useful project assessing attendance in Calcutta Rescue's schools. She is examining the factors contributing to this, including the child's social background, family, and their perception of the school environment.

Office

Reena, Matthew and Matt. Projects included: improving communications including reformatting the newsletter, helping with compile the annual report, fundraising proposals, assessment of the vocational training programme, liaison with local NGOs including the Jungle Crows rugby programme.

Photography

Some of our long and short term volunteers have taken some great photos that really capture the spirit of Calcutta Rescue's work (see our facebook page)

Short term volunteers

Provided helpful feedback to our teams on their observations in physiotherapy, speech therapy, wound care, and the schools. Suggested ideas for research projects at Calcutta Rescue.

Recruitment

CR has made some changes to volunteer recruitment to streamline the process including an official classroom induction by the CEO, volunteer coordinator and HR, clinic tour and smoother referencing process.

In future, CR is keen to recruit volunteers with research / development / project management experience to help with data analysis and quality improvement projects.

Volunteer Summary

Position	Swiss	Espoir	USA	UK	NZ	Denmark	Germany	AUS
Physiotherapist (Student)					1			
Pharmacist	1				2			
Photography					1			
Teachers		1	1				1	
Nurse		1	1	1				
Doctor		1	1			1		
Local Students								12
Urban DOTS							1	
Handicraft			2				1	
Psychology								
Osteopath	1							
Fund Raising			1	1				
Total (30)								



Doctor Jack Film

“This film is not about what Dr Jack has done, but about overwhelming need. The film shows how much more needs to be done.”

Those were the typically modest words of Dr Jack Preger after a screening of a new multi-award winning documentary film about his life, Doctor Jack, at Alliance Francaise in Kolkata.

The powerful film follows Dr Jack from his time as a hill farmer in Wales to working as a doctor with traumatized refugees in Bangladesh and then through his time in Kolkata where over the past 35 years the charity he founded, Calcutta Rescue, has provided free healthcare, education and other support to half a

million of the city’s poorest people.

The film was awarded the best documentary-Jury in the 5th Mumbai Shorts International Film Festival – 2016 and the best film public award 52nd Jornees De Soleure, Switzerland 2016

Addressing a select audience of 60 journalists and guests, Dr Jack said people in the city saw desperate poverty every day of their lives, but most did nothing about it.

He said it required a *“change of conscience from the top to the bottom”* of society for the needs of the very poor to be addressed properly.

But he paid tribute to the *“tremendous progress made in Kolkata and West Bengal in terms of medical care.”*

Dr Jack said treatment of diseases like TB and leprosy had been revolutionized

here in recent years, but warned that a huge effort was now needed to prevent drug resistant strains from spreading through the population.

The film’s maker, Swiss photo-journalist Benoit Lange, who has supported Dr Jack’s work for three decades, described Calcutta Rescue as *“a great Indian project.”*

“What Dr Jack has done is something very great; everybody living in Kolkata can see the result.”

He urged people in the city to throw their support behind the charity which has until now had to rely on financial support from a dwindling number of people in Western countries.

Calcutta Rescue’s new chief executive, Jaydeep Chakraborty, said the work the charity did with slum dwellers was very challenging and described its 150 staff as: *“tough people working on the ground with passion, heart and soul.”*

The film was shown at Alliance Francaise in Feb 2017, as well as at the Priya Cinema, a well-known movie theatre in South Kolkata, over a weekend in Feb to members of the public

Benoit Lange Photo Exhibition

Some of the most iconic and powerful photographs taken of Kolkata went on display at Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) from 19th to 22nd February.

Renowned Swiss photographer and CR supporter, Benoit Lange, has been capturing life in the city through his black and white images for almost three decades.

He has carried out photographic assignments all over the world, and his work has been shown at numerous exhibitions and in books.

It was his deep connection with this city and its people, and his desire to publicize the work of Dr Jack Preger, which started

him off on his life-long journey as a photographer.

So coming back to Kolkata to stage a photographic exhibition entitled With Love From Calcutta his photographs of the city is particularly close to his heart.

In addition to Benoit’s work, a number of portraits by children supported by Calcutta Rescue, were also exhibited and the talented young artists were there each day painting portraits on the spot of people who attend the exhibition.

A big thank you to:

Stephane Amalir, Director at Alliance Francaise Kolkata

Thanks to Arijit Dutta, owner Priya Cinema

Mr. Gautam De, Director at Indian Council for Cultural Relations

GuideStar Award

During the financial year 2016-17, Calcutta Rescue was awarded the Platinum rating by Guidestar India, the highest level of recognition for its transparency and public accountability. GuideStar India is India's largest and most reliable online information repository with 7600 NGOs. We have been awarded the prestigious GuideStar India Champion level - Platinum Seal award for 2017 and have joined India's largest pool of credible NGOs after undergoing a rigorous due diligence process.

Platinum Certification is the Champion Level Certification indicating that comprehensive transparency, accountability and good governance procedures are adopted by the organisation with exemplary level of public disclosure.



Dr. Jack's Asian Awards

Dr Jack Preger MBE was named Philanthropist of the Year at a star-studded Asian Awards ceremony in London (Friday, May 5 2017).

The award recognises his extraordinary contribution to helping the poorest of the poor in Kolkata for the past 38 years.

It is the first time a living person not of Asian origin has been honoured at the awards, though Mother Teresa received a posthumous award last year.

During the presentation at the Park Lane Hilton by actor and comedian Sanjeev

Bhaskar, Dr Jack, as he is known, was described as: "truly an outstanding individual who defines the meaning of philanthropy."

Dr Jack told the audience, which included cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar and London's mayor Sadiq Khan plus a host of other celebrities: *"This is an incredible honour for me. This award gives my organisation, Calcutta Rescue, street med cred - and that's a great help in this country for our support groups raising funds. It's a great help in Kolkata. Financially it really is so difficult to keep an organisation going nowadays.*

The fact that I'm not Asian makes it even more impressive for me receiving it. I am, in fact, just a nice Yiddisher boy from Manchester."

Jaydeep Chakraborty, chief executive of Calcutta Rescue, said: *"Dr Jack has selflessly and quietly gone about his work of serving some of the poorest citizens in the world. He leads an almost monastic existence.*

"The entire team at Calcutta Rescue feels tremendous pride that Dr Jack's work is finally beginning to be recognised."

Now 86, Dr Jack still lives in Kolkata helping run Calcutta Rescue, motivating staff, caring for patients and continuing to inspire supporters around the globe.



Sister Cyril Hall of Fame award

Sister Cyril, who is the Secretary and one of the Governing Council Member of Calcutta Rescue, was given the first ever The Telegraph She Awards 2016.

The Telegraph felicitated 11 women achievers named as 'Sheroes Hall of Fame' Award. Our Sister Cyril was one of them. Many many congratulations to Sister Cyril from the entire team of Calcutta Rescue.



The International Meeting Kolkata – Feb 2017

The 2017 international meeting was held in Kolkata for the very first time. We had members of our Support group from nine countries taking part.

At the meeting the group reaffirmed CR's commitment to providing the best possible holistic support for the very poorest in society, focusing on groups no one else is reaching and treatment no one else is providing.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the 29 foreign delegates to spend time with Calcutta Rescue's India-based governing council members, staff, volunteers and beneficiaries.

Over the two days the organization's past year's performance and strategy and targets for the forthcoming year were discussed. The contingent visited CR's various projects including the overnight journey to Malda for the arsenic mitigation project.



Financial Summary 2016-2017

As ever, our support group members have been incredibly generous and supportive this year. They have sent their donations as per remittance schedule - some have even sent more than their projections.

To ensure statutory compliance and reporting to our donor agencies, the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the relevant accounting standards.

Specific reports are prepared as per requirement of the donors and funding agencies. All items of income and expenditure have been accounted for on accrual basis.

Summarized Income and Expenditure Statement

	2016-2017		2015-2016	
INCOME	INR	% of Total	INR	% of Total
Donations *				
Local	4,696,709	8	3,687,579	6
Local - in Kind	260,700	0		
International	50,547,025	82	42,071,017	86
Grants				
Local	30,850	0	220,429	0
Earned/Self Generated Income (interest and sale of handicraft/handloom items)	6,157,990	10	5,217,928	8
Other Income				
Profit on sale of Asset	85,162	0	3,636	0
	33,559	0		
TOTAL INCOME	61,811,995	100	51,200,589	100
EXPENDITURE				
Programme	51,464,123	89	46,452,474	90
Fund Raising	223,010	0	32,822	0
Management & Administration	6,226,738	11	5,113,578	10
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	57,913,871	100	51,598,874	100
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	3,898,124		-398,285	

*Donations :

2015-2016: Excludes international donation for Building Fund & interest thereon Rs. 13,797,470

2016-2017: Excludes local donation of Rs 1,516,925 received from State Bank of India for purchase of vehicle for the street medicine programme, directly capitalized.

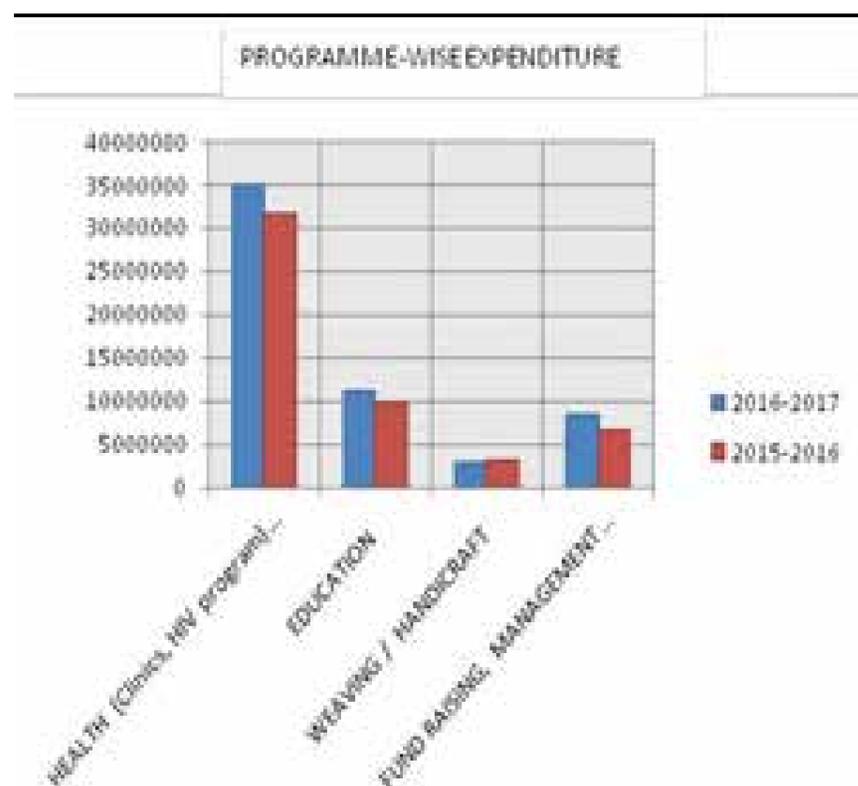
Programme Expenditure

	2016-2017 % of Total	2016-2017 Amount (INR)	2015-2016 % of Total	2015-2016 Amount (INR)
HEALTH (Clinics, HIV program)	48	27,655,648	49	25,222,318
URBAN / RURAL DOTS	1	800,686	1	775,310
STREET MEDICINE, ARSENIC AND DISABILITY	11	6,614,668	11	5,722,384
EDUCATION	20	11,280,607	19	9,798,615
WEAVING	3	1,593,866	4	1,863,132
HANDICRAFT	2	1,415,329	3	1,511,235
FUND RAISING, MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	11	6,449,748	10	5,146,400
MAIN STORE AND PHARMACY	4	2,103,319	3	1,559,482
TOTAL	100	57,913,871	100	51,598,874

UNSPENT BALANCES AS ON 31.03.2017

	INR
Depreciation fund	7,557,134
HIV	1,000,438
MDR TB	807,394
Mother & Child Health	392,500
Medical Project	1,158,670
Handicraft infrastructure	797,319
Renovation fund	268,941
Relocation - poor families	3,188,362
Library	42,582
Computer Training	10,000
Boarding School	303,998
Education Program	686,959
Breast Cancer Project	136,588
Adult literacy Program	16,575
Vocational Training	118,361
TOTAL	16,485,821

Unspent balances in the above projects are earmarked and carried forward to the next FY 2017-2018



Key Financial Highlights

- Another year of well funded donations from our international support groups – contribution increasing from Rs 421 L in 2015-16 to Rs 505 L in 2016-17 – an increase of 12% despite the adverse impact on exchange for some of the European currencies, particularly the British Pound.
- Including the SBI funding for capex, local donation was Rs 65 L in 2016-17, an increase of 76% representing 11.4% of total donations received during the year.
- Programme Costs increased by 10.8% over last year is due to the increased costs of providing medical treatment and nutritional support to cancer, renal care and HIV patients, extension of the street medicine programme, increased intake of boarding students at our schools project and the replacement of 6 water filters for the arsenic project which were damaged beyond economic repairs. Salary revision at the beginning of the year has also impacted the rise in program cost. Our biennial tendering process for medicine procurement helps us to obtain competitive bids – the last tender was called in January 2017.
- Management & Administration Costs at 11% (2016 : 10%), the increase being due to salary revision at the beginning of the financial year, its impact on gratuity funding and initiation of ESI contribution for employees covered under this scheme.
- The FCRA certificate has been renewed for a further period of 5 years wef 01.11.2016.
- The Rural Dots Program has been discontinued as the local government is providing medical treatment in these localities. The Tamuldah weaving unit remains closed since January 2016 and supplies for weaving are done through the Santipur Project.
- The donations to the School Building Fund had been invested in fixed deposits with SBI as required by the Income Tax Act till its ultimate utilisation. All interest accrued on these investments are directly transferred to the Building Fund. Calcutta Rescue remains committed to build/ acquire a premises for the purpose of relocating the School No 1 within the period of 5 years from the year of transfer to the building Fund as allowed u/s 11(2) of the Income Tax Act.
- M/s Bhattacharya, Roychaudhuri & Associates were appointed as statutory auditors for the FY 2016-17. The internal auditors M/s Das Dipak & Company have completed their internal audit and submitted the reports for the FY 2016-17. As they have already involved with Calcutta Rescue for last 4 years, a change in internal auditor was recommended by the Governing Council for the FY 2017-18. The selection is currently being finalised.

Other Matters

- Pursuant to the Finance Act 2017, the 100% tax exemption u/s 35AC of the Income Tax Act has been withdrawn wef 1st April 2017. This may adversely impact our local donations in future. However, 50% tax deduction u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act continues.

SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET

	<i>In INR</i>	
	31.03.2017	31.03.2016
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	11,451,650	10,125,196
Investments	50,125,742	50,236,080
Inventory	1,948,251	2,010,674
Sundry Debtors	341,262	146,342
Cash & Bank Balances	5,877,425	2,581,244
Loans & Advances	1,775,163	2,030,130
Other Assets and Deposits	2,126,874	2,853,404
Total	73,646,367	67,826,054
LIABILITIES		
General Fund	36,974,571	32,719,070
Specific Fund	16,485,821	16,137,679
Building Fund	15,622,731	14,600,683
Current Liabilities & Provisions	4,563,244	4,368,623
Total	73,646,367	67,826,054

Compliance & Governance

Identity

Calcutta Rescue is registered as a society under West Bengal Societies Registration Act 1961.

(Reg. No. S/67495/91-92 on 4th April 1991) with the Register of Societies, West Bengal.

Calcutta Rescue is registered under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act 1961, (Reg.No. DIT ₹/S-78,8E/73/94-95)

Calcutta Rescue is exempted under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961.

Calcutta Rescue is registered under Section 6 (1) (a) of the Foreign Contribution Act 1976 (Reg.No. 147120588).

Memorandum and Articles of Association and Rules available on request.

Name and address of our main bankers

Standard Chartered Bank
SP No. 0103, Floor No. 01,
The Unitech Chambers,
1865, Rajdanga Main Road,
Kolkata-700107

Swift Code: SCBLINBB
IFSC Code: SCBL0036003

State Bank of India,
54 Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road
Kolkata – 700 016

Branch Code: SBIN0001792
MICR Code: 700002032

Name and address of auditors

M/s BHATTACHARYYA ROYCHAUDHURI & ASSOCIATES,
36 Strand Road, First Floor, Room No 13,
Kolkata 700 001

Governance

Calcutta Rescue's Governing Council has supervisory and regulatory responsibility for all Calcutta Rescue's activities. It approves new and existing programmes, budgets, annual activity reports and audited financial statements and ensures

the organization's compliance with laws and regulations.

The Governing Council meets 4 times a year. Minutes of the Board meeting are documented and circulated to all Governing Council members and Support Groups. Members & their details are as below:

Name and position of the members

- Dr. Jack Preger**, Chairman
Medicine and health care
25 years on the board
- Sister M. Cyril**, Secretary
Education
12 years on the board
- Wg.Cdr. Shomir Choudhuri**, Treasurer
Retd. Pilot & IT Business
8 years on the board
- Dr. G. M. Rahaman**, Member
Medicine and health care
2 years on the board
- Shukla Rebeiro**, Member
Education
6 years on the board
- Soumitra Bose**, Member
Finance, Chartered and Management Accountant
1 years on the board
- Amitabha Poddar**, Member
Retd. Army Officer
8 months on the board
- Lionel Elloy**, Member
Electrical Engineering
8 months on the board
- Anup Mundle**, Member
Interior Design
8 months on the board

Human Resources

Training

Keeping in mind the continuous development, we have provided Inventory software operation training for smooth operation of inventory systems in the projects besides the ongoing Health

Education training to relevant health staff members.

Staffing

2nd Street Medicine project (SM II) has started operating from mid February where nine staff members including one Doctor had to be recruited to run the project. Out of nine, we have managed four staff from our existing projects and rest five has been outsourced including a doctor and a supervisor.

Upgraded and promoted four staff member to the next higher grade based on their performance.

Mr Jaydeep Chakraborty has joined as CEO in January replacing Ms. Saira Stephanos who has resigned from our organization.

The Governing Council has reviewed the existing salary scale and the effect of the revision has been given w.e.f April 2016.

As per the statutory law, CR has covered their employees with Employees State Insurance (ESI) from April 2016. The employees drawing upto Rs.21000/- monthly salary are covered under this scheme.

The employees and their dependent family members will get the treatment from the ESI hospital at free of cost. They will also get sickness benefit, disablement benefit, dependent benefit, maternity benefit etc from the ESI department.

Staff strength as on 31.03.2017

Category of staff	No.	%
Full time staff	125	86
Part time staff	20	14
Total	145	100

Category of staff	No.	%
Male	72	50
Female	73	50

Information Technology

During the 2016-17 financial year, Calcutta Rescue began an important digital relationship with an online crowd-funding platform called Small Change.

Small Change is easy to use portal where

members of the public and corporates who are keen to donate to quality Indian charities can find NGOs of their choice. Small Change lists Guidestar affiliated NGOs providing confidence to potential donors as to the quality of those listed.

Calcutta Rescue was able to attract a significant donation from a Delhi based travel company called Heritage Rivers Journeys through Small Change. In addition, many individuals supported focused fundraising campaigns throughout the year, like plastic sheets for the slum dwellers, warm winter clothing for our students and immunization of the children in areas of our Street Medicine Programme. Calcutta Rescue anticipates Small Change paying a significant role in its domestic fundraising efforts over the coming years.

Calcutta Rescue's new website was launched on 26th August. It has been designed to be easily accessible from all modern devices including smart phones and tablets. Novatree-E Solution Pvt Ltd, a web designing company based in Kolkata designed and launched the website for CR without charging.

We are thankful to Novatree for their effort and for producing a quality-looking and functional website.

IT Donations

- Sarah Grant (UK) donated a laptop on 19-04-16 for Talapark School
- Benoit Lange (Switzerland) donated 2 laptops on 28-12-16,
- DHL Express donated 3 desktops on 24-01-17 direct to School – I
- Nadia (Switzerland) donated a laptop on 19-02-17 and it has been re-setup and kept in office.
- Pia Chowdhury (Germany) donated a laptop on 25-02-17 for Handicraft Project

Thank you to Novatree-E-Solution Pvt Ltd. for donating their time to design our new



**Thank
you!**

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- Air Force Association (Ladies Wing)

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- West Bengal Electronic's Industry Development Corporation Limited



Annex

Tala Park Clinic Stats

PATIENT ATTENDANCE

(INCLUDING STREET MEDICINE AND PATIENTS ENROLLED IN DISABILITY DEPARTMENT)

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Total patients attendance	19,665	22,578
No. of working days	266	271
Average patient attendance/day	74	84
New patients attendance	1,271	1,090
Adult	1062	937
Child	209	154
No. of Pts. Getting one time medicine	632	363
Registered General Pts. attendance	1,182	834
Registered Special category Pts. attendance	13,407	16,430
Registered MCH patient attendance	1,144	1,304

NEW PATIENT ENROLLMENT IN TPC IN 2016-17

General Patients	40
Thalassaemia Patients	1
Cardiac Patients	66
Cancer Patients (On Chemo)	20
CML	4
Pneumonology Patients	18
Neurology Patients(excluding DD)	10
Endocrinology Patients	14
MDR/XDR - TB Pts.	2
TB	1
Ante Natal care (ANC)	29
Post Natal care (PNC)	27
Special Feeding Program	12
Diabetes	13
Rheumatology	5
Aplastic Aneamia	1
Wilson	2
Renal	24
Hepatitis – B+ve	3

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN TPC CLINIC

	2016-2017	No./ month
Patient attendance in Physiotherapy department	2841	237
Attendance in Dressing Section	83	7
Attendance in H/E Section	19401	1617
Street Medicine patient attendance	446	37
No. of investigations done	2376	197
No. of fundoscopy done	409	34
Total no. of PFT done	219	18
Total no. of ECG done	271	18
No. of patients getting nutritional benefit (General+ Special+ MCH) given to the patients	14931	1244
No. of special benefit packet given to old aged patient	570	47
No of doses of Vit A given	4	
No of patient attending for Spectacles	31	2.5

Through negotiation with medical partners and because of its brand, Calcutta Rescue is able to get many things done at discounted rate and has saved several lakh rupees in this regard.

Four patients underwent surgery at Government hospital

Notable happenings

- The awareness programme on family planning and cervical cancer was held twice by Parivar Seva during this year at Talapark clinic.
- The clinic had again organized a picnic at Shymali Garden little outskirts of Kolkata on 8th January 17.
- During this period one of our staff James Franklin a very old member of Calcutta Rescue and Talapark clinic had passed away due to colon cancer.
- All the support groups personal came and visited our clinic where the UK support group had sanctioned the false ceiling for Talapark clinic. The clinic staff had given a very big thanks to the support group .
- The clinic heads were invited for a get together with the support groups in the cruise at Babughat.
- The government hospital had pardon the dialysis fee of all patient of Calcutta Rescue doing at government hospital.

Chitpur Clinic Stats

	2015-2016	2016-2017
Working day	266	293
Total patient attendance	3900	3811
Average patient attendance / day	15	13
New patient enrolled	4	5
Adult	4	5
Child	0	0
Registered general patient attendance	1202	1456
Registered special category patient attendance	626	657

New patient enrollment

	2016-2017
New patient enrollment	5
OTM	3
General	2

Activities carried out in Chitpur clinic

	2016- 2017	No./ month
Patient attendance in Dressing Section	2117	176
Patient attendance in Physiotherapy Section	3439	287
No. of Investigations done	105	9
Total no. of Fundoscopy done	2	
Total no. of PFT done	23	2
Total no. of ECG done	3	
Attendance in Health Education Section	3439	287
No. of benefit bags given from the clinic	2152	179
No. of special benefit bag given to old aged patient	692	58

During this year 3 house repair was done and 10 patients received their house rent from Chitpur clinic

2 patients got artificial limb from other NGO (Mahavir Seva Sadan)

18 patients have undergone surgical intervention/ hospitalization out of which 11 patients treated for wound care.

85 Patients received new pair of shoes and 69 pairs of shoes were repaired from Footwear Project.

Nimtala Clinic Stats

12 patients were admitted to HOPE hospital for dressing of complicated wound and surgery. In this annual 3096 wound dressings were performed on average 11/day. Patients with severe wounds and suspects are referred for HIV screening also.

No of patients attended hospital	317
No of hospital visits*	462
Average pt attending in hospital/m	35
Average hospital visits /m	51
% of hospital visits/m	69

TB Detection

9 Tuberculosis patients were found of which 1 smear negative and remaining 8 of them are found to be smear positive. All these cases are registered with CR Nimtala clinic for support of general medicines and special benefit. All these patients were followed up of by CR staff till complete recovery. Presently 3 TB patients are registered in Nimtala clinic of which 1 admitted in Boral T hospital. During this period 3 TB patients has expired, and 6 patients has been cured. Presently many cases are refused by local DOTs of Nimtala clinic area since they don't have an identity proof.. Another nearby DOTs centre has agreed to carry out the sputum test for these patients after liaisoning by CR staff

Leprosy Detection

14 new leprosy case was identified and presently and 7 patients are continuing treatment from local hospital. However, patients are getting supplementary medicine and nutritional support from Calcutta Rescue. In this Period 6 Leprosy patients was cured. Patients requiring regular dressing are followed up and benefits are also provided. Every month SM staff also collects MDT (drugs for leprosy treatment) from local hospital for those patients who are unable to go to the hospital. Patients with severe wound are referred to ICTC for HIV screening

Statistic (October-2016 to December-2016)

Statistic	FY 2016-2017
Total attendance	7934
New adults	2279
New children	450
Follow-up adults	4745
Follow-up children	460
No. of dressings	3096
Average attendance	27

Nimtala Clinic Registered Category pt Patient no. as on 31st. March. 2017

TB	3
Leprosy	7
Cardiac	8
Chronic wound	13
Diabetes on oral drugs	1
Diabetic both	1
Hepatitis C	1
Neurology	1
Pneumonology	4
Endro	1
Cancer	1

Street Medicine Stats

Mobile Street Clinic I Stats

9,404 visits (adult and children) took place in 1st SM mobile clinic of which 6985 visits (74%) were from new patients (an increase in 54% of previous year) and remaining 2419 (26%) were follow up patients. 845 patients were referred to Government hospital for appropriate management of which 84% patients needed assistance with CR staff.

No of patients attended hospital along with staff	127
No of hospital visits	153
Average pt attending in hospital/m	16
Average hospital visits /m	19
% of hospital visits/m	84

TB detection During this financial year 61 new TB patients were detected of which 50 are smear positive TB. All these patients are followed up of by CR staff till complete recovery. At present 27 TB patients are continuing in Street Medicine Programme of which 2 are MDR TB. All patients are receiving TB special benefit and other general medicine. 42 patients are cured, of which 2 are HIV positive. In this financial year there are 2 leprosy patients identified in SM program

Comperative study

Statistic (April--2016 March-2017)	2015-2016	2016-2017	Growth
Total attendance	9342	9404	+62
New adults	2704	4668	+194
New children	1089	2317	+1228
Follow-up adults	4107	1709	-2398
Follow-up children	1442	710	-732
Average patient attendance	36	39	+3

Street Medicine Registered Category pt Patient no. as on 31th. March. 2017

TB	27
HIV	2
MDR-TB	2
Leprosy	2
Cancer	1
Cancer, Pneumonology, Endo	5
Neuro	1

Mobile Street Clinic II Stats

No of working days	42
Total attendance	1016
New adults	569
New children	311
Follow-up adults	89
Follow-up children	47

Special category pt. No. as on 31.03.2017

Leprosy	1
HIV	1
Cancer	1
TB	2

HIV Stats

As of 31.03.2017, a number of registered patients getting 1st line and 2nd line ART is 12, 3rd. line ART is 6 and 4th line ART is 1. 7 patients are getting expensive medication for opportunistic infection.

PATIENT STATISTICS 2016-2017

Total patient attendance	3898
No. of working days	56
Average patient attendance/ day	67
No. of new patients enrolled	78
No. of patients expired	5

NO. OF PATIENTS GETTING BENEFIT Average/ month

No. of patients getting benefits only	5
No. of patients getting medicines and benefits	274
No. of patients getting Special benefits	82
Patient getting Monitory benefit	294
T.A	4.4
Food Allowance	173
Education allowance	105

No of drug resistance test done @Rs 19000/- per patient for 3 patients.

Disability Stats

Statistics 2016-17

No. of working days	196
Total patients attendance	2331
Avg. patients attendance	12
Total patients attendance in speech therapy	1848
Avg. patients attendance in speech therapy/day	13
Total patients attendance in physio therapy	1245
Avg. patients attendance in physio therapy/day	8
No. of patients getting Neuro medicine(Monthly)	113
No. of patients getting Wilson Disease medicine per month	15
No. of new enrollment	17
Students attending CR special schools	29
Students attending outside special schools	25

Students attending govt. schools	15
Patients attending vocational training	3
Patients attending occupational therapy from NIMH	7
10 Patients received special equipments from Mahabir Seva Sadan (NGO) worth INR	13,000

Speech therapy evaluation report at the end of March 17

Total Patients	118
Improved	90
Same as before	07
Deteriorated	04
Need more time	17

Physiotherapy evaluation report at the end of March 16

Total Patients	83
Improved	63
Same as before	10
Deteriorated	02
Need more time	15

Urban Dots Ststs

	2015-2016	2016-2017
NEW PATIENT ENROLLED FOR TB TREATMENT	124	94
1 Cat I	87	70
2 Cat II	30	21
3 Cat IV	7	3
DETAILS OF NEW PATIENT ADMITTED		
a Cat I cases	87	70
i Pulmonary new sputum positive	42	43
ii Pulmonary new sputum negative	11	7
iii Extrapulmonary	34	20
b Cat II cases	30	21
i Relapses	12	7
ii Treatment after default	10	6
iii Cat I failure cases	1	1
iv Others Cat II cases (smear-ve pulmonary. Smear -ve EP, Pulmonary with no)	7	7
c Cat II failure	7	7
B Total no of patients attended the clinic	7116	6892
Total no of working days	291	296
No of average patients	26	22

Comparative study of Urban DOTs Annual Evaluation- 2014 and 2015

DOTs Patient Evaluation Report enrolled	2014	2015
Total No. of population covered	60,000	60,000
Total no. of patients detected (AS PER RNTCP GUIDELINES 203/1,00,000 POPULATION)	102	111
Total No. of pulmonary cases	66	70
Total no. of smear positive cases	50	57
Proportion of smear positive cases among all pulmonary cases (AS PER RNTCP GUIDELINES - 50%)	67%	81%
No. of new sputum positive cases	35	37
No. of new sputum positive cases cured	28	33
% of cured patients (AS PER RNTCP GUIDELINES >85%)	80%	89%
Total no. of cures/ treatment completed	88	97
% of Cured/ complete (AS PER RNTCP GUIDELINES >85%)	86%	87%
Total no. of defaults, expired and failure	12	14
% of defaults expired failure (AS PER RNTCP GUIDELINES - <10%)	12%	13%
No. of sputum positive cases	50	57
No. of sputum positive cases with sputum conversion at 2 and 3 months	33	48
% of sputum conversion (AS PER RNTCP GUIDELINES >90%)	66%	84%

Health Education - specific dates

- Follow -up interview with 4 children and their caregivers was done with help of media assistance (Suchandra) at Nonadanga, and report send to Vitamin A Angel.
- A awareness program held on 28-4-16 at School -1 (no-10) about family planing and Cervical cancer with Parivar Seva NGO.
- A awareness program held on 4-5-16 on " Save the Girl child " by CINNI ASHA ,organised by Calcutta Rescue
- A awareness program held on 12-5-16 for adolescence girls with Parivar Sava NGO at our school-1,
- Other awareness program held on 13-5-16 at Nimtala Clinic regarding family planning and Cervical cancer with Parivar seva NGO.
- A Health Education class on 1-6-16, about heart & diabetes for staff Kousik Bhattacharjee at Chitpur clinic. And diabetes patient's foot assessment test class will be complete.
- Total 13th awareness program held on July, Aug and September in our clinic and street medicine area regarding family planning and Cervical cancer with ParivarSeva NGO and general health education like TB, Dengue/ Malaria ,Leprosy with CR health education unit.
- On 28/7/16"World Hepatitis Day" we were organized an awareness program at Belgachia Clinic with 74 both school student mothers with DS Research Center.
- 27/8/16 Breast Cancer awareness with Hitaishini NGO with audio visual in our Talapark clinic near about 50 both school student mothers.

- 3 VIA test program held on 1/7/16, 14/8-16 and 7/9/16 at Pariver Seva Clinic Hatibagan with (14+9+8)=31 mothers. 9th mother positives, and 2 mother ref. to GOPD urgent USG and biopsy. And positives mothers ref. to GOPD after given CR medicine if any problem.
- Breast Cancer awareness by rally (VIP bazaar to Ultadanga) attended Calcutta Rescue 3 staff and 50 mothers (both school student) held on 26-10-16 organized by DS research center at VIP bazaar. And free check-up camp for women held on 27-10-16 attended 11 patients at DS Research Center.
- 3 eye check-up was held on 8/11/16 and 7-12-16 at Belgachia Clinic & 30-2-17 SM-2 (garden reach) with GKB Lens Pvt.Ltd. Total 90 patient gated spectacle.
- Awareness camp was held on 3/11 and 10/11/16 at Talapark Clinic for Cervical Cancer with Pariver Seva Santha.
- Started a mother's awareness program with school at bagbazar area on 19/11/16. And this is continue monthly two time on 1st and 3rd on Saturday of the month
- January is "World Cervical Cancer Month" a awareness program on 10-1-17 with DS Research Center in our Talapark Clinic.
- Staff awareness program on 27-2-17 regarding family planning with Pariver Seva Santha.
- 8th March International Woman's Day a awareness and free blood check-up camp conducted and sponsor by SBI.

Education Stats

School-I

	No. of students in Jan'16	No. of students in December'16	Drop out
Non-formal	57	55	2
Formal	321	296	23
Boarding	11	13*	0

*2 students have joined boarding from April'16

Attendance (Jan'16 -Dec'16)	70% & above	50%-69%	Below 50%
Non-formal	72%	20%	8%
Formal in Formal school	49%	33%	18%
Formal in CR coaching class	51%	31%	18%

Talapark School

	Students in Jan'16	Students in December'16	Drop out
Non-Formal	50	45	5
Formal	222	192	30
Hostel	11	12*	

*1 student joined boarding in March'16

Attendance (Jan'16 -Dec'16)	70% & above	50%-69%	Below 50%
Non-formal	73%	14%	13%
Formal in Formal School	52%	37%	11%
Formal in CR	63%	26%	11%

Education - notable happenings

- IGF, a musical group performed at Talpark on 08.04.16 and 24 students from School-I and students from Talapark enjoyed the program.
- A Skype session was held among the students of School-I and students of Buffalo University on 20.04.16. Both the students have enjoyed the session and it was a unique experience for our students.
- Pariver Seva Sanstha is a national level organization working in 11 cities of the country. They have organized an awareness workshop on Menstrual Health & Hygiene and Family Planning in School-I with 24 guardians on 28.04.16
- Students of both Calcutta Rescue schools celebrated Robindra Jayanti on 11.05.16 at Girish Moncha.
- Parivar Seva Sanstha has organized their second workshop in School-I on 12.05.16. This time total 25 teenager students (17 from School-I & 8 from Talapark School) attend the workshop. This time the topic was based on sex education.
- On 13th May Mr. Rana arranged a special lunch on the occasion of his daughter's first Rice Ceremony for all students and helpers of Talapark School.
- Computer Literacy Program Phase XII, organized by IBM started from 16th May'16.17 students from both Calcutta Rescue schools have joined this training. The programme completed on 17th August'16. From group A our students Riya Singh, Sujal Singh and Firdous Parveen achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd position respectively in overall performance. From group B Rittik Shaw achieved 3rd Position in the same category.
- On 2nd June Neilson celebrated Global Impact Day with the non-formal students of Talapark School. They held a drawing competition and distributed prizes. They also donated 28 pcs. Rain coats.
- Kolkata Classic Club invited Calcutta Rescue students to participate in a health fair at Uttam Mancha on 13th July. Some of our students performed "Taser Desh."
- On 14th and 15th July our students participated in a dance competition "Amra Korbo Joy" organized by "PARIVAR".
- On 20th July a teachers training was arranged by Mrs. Uma Ahamed at Loreto College campus. Our 10 teachers attend the training.
- On 17th August DPS Megacity visited Talapark School with their students. They distributed chocolates, biscuits, health kit and educational item among the students.
- On 20th August students of School-I performed a street drama near the school. The theme of the drama was "Swachh Bharat". Besides the CR officials local councillor was present on the occasion.
- On 24th August teachers from both schools attend a meeting with our Ex-CEO. The agenda of the meeting was teaching methodology.
- On 26.08.16 Inner Wheel Club of South City organized an eye check up camp in our school-I by the help of Eye Care & Research Centre. Our 107 students have undergone through this check up. Among 107 students, they referred 40 students for further eye test to their centre and they also provided free spectacles to the required students.
- Hitaishini & Parivar Seva, two organizations have organized breast cancer & survival cancer awareness workshop in Talapark Clinic on 27.08.16 and our 24 guardians from School-I and 50 guardians from Talapark School attend the workshop.
- Students from School-I performed a street drama in the open space of Dakhshinapan and Talapark School students performed at Highland Park Mall.
- On 12.11.16 Amritmoy Ghoshal celebrated his daughter Shruti's Birthday in both schools. He has arranged a special lunge of Rice, Chicken, Salad & sweet for all

students and some staff of school.

- Crown World Wide and Bhajahari Manna donated some amount for celebration of Children's Day of both C.R's schools and from that amount we arranged special diet (Veg Patties & sweet in breakfast and fried rice, paneer, sweet jelly & salad in lunch) for all students and some staff on 15.11.16.
- W for Women visited on 07.11.16 and distributed old & new clothes, games, lot of biscuits, cakes, lot of stationary goods & food items to our student.
- On 16th December Calcutta Foundation arranged a Children's Party at Rajbhaban . Students from both schools attend the party. The organizers distributed umbrella and food packet to the students.
- On 19th December '16 25 students and teachers from both school visited Swapnapuri for a day trip.
- On 14th & 15th January '17, our students have participated in different events at Rajiv Ganguly Tournament in Entally Loreto and we have achieved the runner up trophy in Cricket Tournament.
- We celebrated our Annual Function on 21 January '17 in Girish Mancha. Women and Child Welfare Minister of State MS. Shashi Panja was present on that occasion. We organized Annual Sports at Juger Yatri Field of Talapark on 07.02.17.
- On 19th February '17 our 5 students performed dance on the inaugural occasion of the photo exhibition of Benoit. 30 students of both schools made life portrait at ICCR during the photo exhibition.
- On 24th February '17 our 50 students of both schools attend cruise party. Our students performed dance and drama for the members of support groups.

School Donations

- ERNST & Young LLP donated Rs. 10000/- to School-1 on 16.04.16.
- Magma Fin Corp Limited did some renovation work in ground floor of School-I. They did tiles work in student & staff toilets and dinning place of School-I with some painting work. They also donated one ceiling fan & one wall fan in dinning place of our school in April '16.
- DPS Megha City donated 82 pcs miscellaneous copies & books, 82 pcs miscellaneous colours, 42 pcs sharpners, 520 pcs lead pencils, 117 pcs tooth paste, 30 pcs tooth brush & 81 pcs erasers. Among these we sent 30 pcs tooth paste & 30 pcs gift pkts to Talapark School on 14.05.16.
- Ms. Sarah donated some study materials & photos to School-I on May '16.
- Ms. Adity our ex-volunteer arranged her birth day treat for our students & staff on 25.07.16. She distributed a fruiti & a cake to each of our student & staff . Ms. Adity gave the treat among our total 117 students & 15 staff.
- Uberis conducting a global demand Campaign in July '16 in which they distributed 172 pcs ice-cream to our students.
- Ms. Sharmistha Roychowdhury has arranged one lunch treat for our students on 17th August '16. She has also donated 500 pcs small balls & 7 big pkts chocolates for our students . Among those we sent 200 pcs balls & 3 pkts chocolates for the students of Talapark School.
- Mr Kalpash Bhaget and his group have gifted 297 pcs of Maaze, 300 pcs of each-biscuit ,Mungh, pen, pencil, eraser & cakes on 26th Sept '16.
- We distributed Puja dresses prepared by our Handicraft Project to our non-formal and some formal students (total 60 students) on 03.10.16.
- Mr. & Mrs. DebRoy visited and donated 18 pcs Puja dresses (10 pcs boys & 8 pcs girls'

dresses) to our students on 03.10.16.

- Some peoples from Nelson Group visited our school on 05.10.16 and donated Rs. 3000/- for our students.
- Tata AIA visited our school on 05.10.16 and donated 225 pcs cakes, 3 boxes candles, some colour & games boxes and old clothes to our students.
- Mr. Harsh Jain, Mr. Saurav Jain & Mr. Gaurav Jain visited and donated 250 pcs of each cake, sweet box & crackers and lot of toys & old clothes & shoes on 27.10.16.
- Ms. Amelia Bell, an Australian Volunteer distributed 20 pcs (approx) pens and 15 pcs (approx) tooth brushes among our students on 28.10.16.
- Mr. Rohit Kapur our ex-volunteer has donated a wow cake, cold drinks and chocolates to our 20 students on 28.10.16.
- On the occasion of Children's Day Mr. Kalpesh and his group donated 150 pcs of old toys, 150 pcs of old soft toys, 300 pcs of Oreo Biscuits & 300 pcs of Mango Bite Toffees to our students. They also arranged a Magic Show for our students on 18.11.16.
- We received donation from Small Changes on 28.11.16 and they donated –1 pc Water Bottle & 1 pc Tiffin Box set, 1 box toy, Drawing book & Water colour box 1 set & 1 pc new Boys' dress.
- Mr. Kalpesh and his group donated copies, pencil boxes, biscuits, chocolates, balls, rubbers, sharpners, one set badminton and one flute for our 50 students on 24.12.16.
- Dr. Rahul Sopany donated 23 dozen pencil sets (1 pencil, 1 eraser, 1 sesser & 1 sharpner) for our students on 03.02.17.
- Mr. Benua donated 288 pcs Scrap Book on 10.02.17 for School-I. 600 PCS OF Biscuits donated by Mr. Shomir Choudhuri on 25.01.17.
- Mr. Kalipada Chakraborty has sponsored Rs. 19108/- for our student Firdous Parveen on 31.03.17.
- Mr. Benoit Lange has donated 54 boxes of Faber-Castell art 27 pcs colour kit for our students.
- Mr Vivek Kanodia had celebrated his son's birth day at Talapark School on 23 rd Feb. 2016. He had distributed birthday cap, fruty, toffees, cakes, chips and snacks packets with sweets (all items 50 pcs) for the 50 students and extra 10 snacks packets for helpers also.
- During the month of April Ms. Sara Grant donated a DVD and new laptop to Talapark School.
- Ms. Bijoya dey donated one fibre Almirah to Computer School.
- A volunteer Monika send 1 roll of scrap paper and 2 rills of ribbon for children craft purpose.
- In the month of May '16 some old clothes was donated through Mr. Rajiv Gayen .
- Uber group had distributed ice crème for our school children on 15th July 2016. Though all children was not get the ice crème but the others were very happy.
- Our ex hindi teacher Mrs Nitu Singh had given some used clothes on 22nd July. (59 pcs + 1 pair socks, 16 pcs saree, blouse 9 pcs, Gents upper 5 pcs, shawl 1 pcs, peticoat 1 pcs, 1 pcs half pant, salwar suit 3 pcs, orna 2 pcs, kameez 2 pcs.)
- Mr, Sujit Kr. Das had arranged a small birthday party of his son Moitreo Das on 23 rd July 2016 at Talapark school with 30 students. He had given 31 pcs files with pen, pencils, eraser, sharpner. Students, 2 helpers were very happy to get 1 glass cold drinks, 1 pkt chips, 1 cake. Mr Das had given pastry to the teachers also. Students performed dance, songs for the birthday boy. School had given 2 chocolates for him

and her sister. Mr Das's family were very pleased to our children and organisation.

- Mrs Sarmishtha Roy Chowdhury had arranged lunch for our students and helpers on 17th August in her father's memory, the day was his birth day.
- Ricklina Roy Chowdhury donated some used clothes.
- 50 pcs slice cakes, biscuit packets, sweets, eraser & old clothes given by Dibyendu De on his son's birthday.
- 20 pcs books, 5 pcs marker pens, 4 pcs synthetic muds, 1 magnetic board ad alphabets ,Hindi alphabets, 3 nursery std. books by Sera Grant.
- Ms Ranjana Majumder had distributed some cakes, lozenges among 180 students in memory of her late elder brother's birthday.
- Suchondra donated some used clothes on 1/10/2016.
- TSPDL donated some dry food packets, pencil , colour for all and prizes for drawing competition winners on 1/10/2016.
- On 6th Oct there was a special lunch like fried rice , egg curry, salad, sweets for students and helpers.
- Rs 4000/- donated by Mrs Debjani Sengupta.
- 10 packets balloons donated by Emma's friend from Switzerland.
- Mr. Mithu Saha distributed 200 boxes (MIO AMORE) food packets and a birth day cake.
- Manyabor donated 2 boxes used clothes and some stationaries for the students on 22/10/16.
- Mr Amorendra Kr Malhotra donated 270 small boxes of chocolates for all students and staff in occasion of Diwali.
- Mili from Australia has donated 100 packets balloons for the students.
- Zoom Car celebrated diwali at Talapark School by giving 100 packs food and 100 boxes crackers to the students on 28 th oct 2016.
- 3 pcs hat,3 pcs bag,1 pcs t shirt,1 pcs hair clip,1 pcs water colour, 1 jar candy send by Mrs Uma Ahmed,
- Mrs Gabriela Mayar had donated a cafechino machine,3 packets coffee for the staff in the month of Nov 2016.
- Mr Sushanto Gupta had donated 1000/-cheque in memory of his daughter.
- Some old cloths donated by Mrs. Anjali Shorma.
- Mr. Prosun Dutta had celebrated his daughter first rice ceremony by donating sweaters and food packets among the students.

Nimtala	0	1	1
Pharmacy	1	1	2
Mainstore	1	0	1
Handicraft	1	1	2
School1	7	4	11
TPC Sch	0	3	3
CTS	5	4	9
DY. CEO	0	1	1
Debu	0	1	1
Total	36	31	67

Information Technology

Calcutta Rescue Computer Status as on 31-03-17

Projects	Desktop	Laptop	Total
Office	15	9	24
Talapark	5	2	7
Disability	0	1	1
Chitpur	0	1	1
Dots	0	1	1
SM-I	1	0	1
SM-II	0	1	1



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