



# LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE INDIA TRUST

*Empowering the last, the least and the 10<sup>st</sup>*

## E-Newsletter

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**Lutheran World Service India Trust** is a Christian, ecumenical organization promoted jointly by the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India and the National Council of Churches in India.

**LWSIT** was registered formally as a National NGO in 2008 thus changing its identity from a country program of LWF/DWS, Geneva to a national organisation in India. LWSIT has inherited a rich legacy of experience by implementing various development projects both in rural and urban areas, humanitarian response and disaster risk reduction projects across India.

The organisation works on the thematic areas of Sustainable Livelihood, Environment Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Gender Justice and Peace Building, Education, Health and Organizational Development. The main purpose of LWSIT is to empower disadvantaged communities and it focuses mainly on Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Assam, while it responds to disaster management in Pan India.

### Isaiah 61:1-

**The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.**

### INSIDE STORIES



**PROJECT UPDATES, VISITS, MEETINGS, CELEBRATIONS, STORIES OF CHANGE, RELIEF DISTRIBUTION, TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS**

LWSIT celebrated India's 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day in all the project areas with the theme "Developed India" addressing the socio-economic challenges through a holistic approach, focusing on proper Education, Healthcare, Gender Justice, Peace building and Sustainable development.

## Programs at Project Units

The **GEP Kolkata Unit** organized two days training on climate change adaptation and mitigation. The program was held with 27 women's Self-Help group members from 09 communities.

**In GEP Bhubaneswar Unit**, Adolescent girls of the Phuleswari-B community were deprived to get all the facilities from the Anganwadi centre, after the intervention of LWSIT & WAVAW members, 14 adolescent girls are now receiving supplementary nutrition, including 1 kg of Puffed rice, 1 kg of Gram & 12 Eggs per month.



**Networking & Linkage program with ICDS**



**Training on CCAM at Kolkata Unit**

**In STEER Project Mayurbhanj Unit**, Income Generating support of Stationery was provided to 3 Individuals, Garment Business to 1 Woman & Piggery to 5 Women. 154 Families were supported for the Wasteland plantation. 1000 plants of different species were received free of cost from the forest Department, Government of Odisha. 100 Families were supported with 500 Mango & 200 Lemografts.



**In STEER Project Bankura Unit**, Purnima Besra, SHG member, started fish cultivation and is pouring fish fingerlings in their water source pond for **individual pisciculture program**. This would be a profitable venture for them in 04 months.



50 school students and 20 community members participated in the **Skill development Training on DRR**, organised **In STEER Project Kalahandi Unit**. The Junagarh fire office team members demonstrated various skills on fire fighting, rescue measures in emergency.

## Programs at Project Units

**Maa Saraswati GUC in STEER Project Kendrapada Unit, purchased Grinder for Badhi making by their own.**



A training on increasing and strengthening leadership qualities of women was organized **in STEER Project Balangir Unit**, involving 31 female participants with the purpose of knowledge and skills upgradation of the Women on Women empowerment, role and responsibility leadership qualities along with availability of government schemes/opportunities and facilities etc.



**A Health checkup camp and medicine support programme** were conducted in the **EHELL Project of Rayagada & Nabarangpur unit**. 373 patients from Rayagada and 574 patients from Nabarangpur were diagnosed & treated in the community health centre.

The Children from the **CCI Project, Kolkata** participated in the **International Karate Championship** held in Netaji Indor Stadium Kolkata. Four girls got certificate, while two of them bagged the 1st prize and 3rd prize.



## Programs at Project Units



**Rathayatra Celebrations in the Open Shelter Project, Kolkata**



**Independence Day Celebrations in the CCI, Open Shelter & SUH Project**

**In TFR Project Assam Unit, 50 Wheel hoes were supported to marginal farmers who have limited tools. These can be used for weeding the grass from the agricultural fields.**



## Programs at Project Units



*In CCAM Project Birbhum Unit*, the land of the Rural Development Center has been **demonstrated with the cultivation of Millets (Ragi)** for the farmers.

## Emergency Response & Relief Distribution

LWSIT distributed 2000 kgs rice and 200 kgs Lentil as relief materials to 200 families whose houses were completely damaged due to flood in Gomati and South Tripura districts. Each of the 200 families were given 10 kgs rice and 1 kg masur dal as relief support. This has reduced their sufferings to some extent and ensured food for one week.



***Relief distribution at Rantapur, South Tripura***

*In Manipur*, LWSIT conducted 8 Healthcare Support Awareness Programs and 1 Psychosocial support meeting in 3 Districts- Churachandpur (273 IDP), Imphal East (286 IDP) and Kangpokpi (75 IDP). Topics covered In the Healthcare Support were awareness on Child Sexual Abuse and POCSO Act awareness, menstrual hygiene and care for women, awareness on Dengue fever and caring for camp surroundings. Female Hygiene Kits were distributed in the camps.

## Resource Mobilisation & Communication



On August 23, LWSIT organized a ***Training on Resource Mobilization and Communication*** with 23 staff members from Odisha, Assam, Jharkhand, and West Bengal. The training aimed to provide essential skills in mobilizing resources effectively and implementing strategic communication for sustainable organizational objectives.

## Meetings / Programs / Webinars Attended from July to September 2024



***Normisjon Team at LWSIT National Office***

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### *Meeting/Workshop/Training attended by the ED and National Office Staff:*

- Online meeting held with Normisjion on 4th July & 5th August.
- Online meeting held with The Hans Foundation on 8th July.
- Online meeting held with Kerk-in Actie (KIA) on 1st August.
- Online meeting held with Act CoS on 21st August.
- Participated in the Capacity building workshop on Resource Mobilisation and Communication held at National Office on 23rd & 24th August .
- Attended Finance Committee & HR Committee meeting on 19th September at National Office.
- LWSIT Day celebrated on 4th Sept 2024 at National office.
- Attended Board meeting on 20th September at LWSIT Ultadanga premises .
- Online Pre-Assembly meeting held with ACT Alliance regional office on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### *Visits done by ED and National Office Staff:*

- ❖ Attended the Advisory Committee meeting at Bhubaneswar unit, Odisha from 17th & 18th July.
- ❖ Attended meeting at Nagpur, NCCI for ACT Alliance India Forum Planning and Capacity Building workshop on Manipur response supported by KIA from 23rd to 25th July.
- ❖ Visited Nagpur, NCCI campus for the Executive Committee and GBM of NCCI on 11th & 12th September.
- ❖ Visited Nagpur, NCCI campus for UELCI GB meeting and AR meeting on 13th September .
- ❖ Visited Birbhum Unit for the Normisjion Partners visit on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22nd September.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu, Kalvarayan Hills Project visited from 24th to 26th September.

### *Visits by Partners :*

1. Mr. Love Arora from The Hans Foundation visited LWSIT on the 28th & 29th of August.
2. Mr. Tore, Ms. Ingrid & Mr. Sondre from the Normisjion Team visited the LWSIT National Office on the 23rd & 24th of September.

## Donate Us to Help Others :

### Empowering Communities for a Sustainable Future

To Save Our Environment & Save Our Future Generation

To Provide Nutritious Food to Homeless

To Provide Healthcare & Hygiene Kits to Women & Adolescent Girls

To Combat Gender Based Violence

To Sponsor a Child for Education

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