



LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE INDIA TRUST

Empowering the last, the least and the lost

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MANDATE

To bear witness to the liberating Gospel through the commitment to the Indian Churches to accompany the poor, the marginalised and the excluded in their quest for justice, the full realisation of human rights, and life with dignity in harmony with nature irrespective of caste, creed and colour.

VISION

“Just societies ensuring fullness of life in harmony with creation”.

MISSION

We empower the vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in partnership with Churches, communities, governments and partners to overcome poverty, ensuring justice, peace, equality and ecological balance.

GOAL

The goal is to enhance the quality of life and standard of living of the vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in our operational areas.

VALUES

Justice, Transparency, Accountability, Mutuality, Gender Equality (Inclusiveness), Dignity and Diversity.

Psalm 96: 11-12

“Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy”

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LWSIT BOARD



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Message from the President, Board of Trustees of LWSIT,



I am thankful to God for His abundant blessings to LWSIT.

LWSIT has been actively engaged in community development initiatives and extends timely relief and support during disasters and emergencies across India.

I sincerely acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our donors, mission partners, various government bodies, and particularly the Government of West Bengal, whose continued support has been instrumental in enabling LWSIT to carry forward its activities.

It is a great honour to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Kishore Kumar Nag, Executive Director for his hardworking and able leadership as well as all the staff members of LWSIT for their dedicated services. The accomplishments highlighted in the 2024 Annual Report are a testament of the unwavering commitment and hard work of all the staff. Their collective efforts are the success of our programs throughout the year.

I wish and pray for the continuing successful services of LWSIT for poorest among the poor and needy people in India in future days.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isilash Basumatary'.

Rt. Rev. Isilash Basumatary
President, LWSIT Board of Trustees
Moderator, NELC

FOREWORD



LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE INDIA TRUST

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Foreword

I am pleased to present this report for the year 2024 with immense joy and gratitude to God, as LWSIT continues to advance its mission of serving underprivileged communities with compassion and commitment.

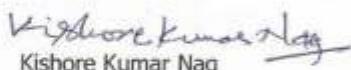
During this reporting period, our result head of intervention included Sustainable Livelihood, Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Gender Justice and Peace Building, Education and Health as well as Organisational Development. These initiatives were implemented through various projects such as CCAM (Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation), STEER (Social Transformation, Economic Empowerment & Risk Reduction), GEP (Gender Empowerment Project) , EHELL/ELS(Enhance Health,Education,Leadership and Livelihood among the Tribal and Dalit Women and Adolescent Girls/Enhance Livelihood Security for Tribal Families), CCI (Child Care Institute), and SUH (Shelter for Urban Homeless), CEC (Child Education Center), Open Shelter, Recovery Project in Manipur, Children Protection and Youth Empowerment Project, Tamil Nadu.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Central and the State Governments of West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Manipur and Jharkhand for their invaluable support in facilitating both development and humanitarian programs throughout the year. My heartfelt appreciation also goes to our dedicated partners, including Normisjon (with Digni and Norad), the Act Church of Sweden, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, JELA Foundation, The Hans Foundation USA, and Kerk-in-Actie (KIA) Netherlands for their continued support which has been instrumental in sustaining our efforts.

LWSIT remains committed to serve the communities and care while striving to overcome poverty, hunger, inequality, and ignorance. Our work will continue to reach all people - regardless of caste, class, race, colour, religion, region, or language -with dignity and respect.

A special word of thanks to UELCI and NCCI, the Settlers of LWSIT, without their ongoing cooperation and support, this work in the lives of the suffering poor would not have been possible. I extend my gratitude to the members of the Board, the Advisory Committee, and our many well-wishers for their steadfast guidance and support of LWSIT's committed services.

I deeply appreciate the dedication and hard work of all the staff in the field units and national office, whose sincere contributions have helped to bring out this report.


Kishore Kumar Nag
Executive Director

ABOUT LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE INDIA TRUST

Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT) was registered as a National NGO on 4th September 2008 with the objective of owning and continuing the programs of LWSI, the country program of LWF/DWS, Geneva. LWSIT became operational as a National NGO since 2010 onwards. LWSI established its presence in India in 1974, in response to the refugee problems in West Bengal after the Bangladesh War of Independence. Over the years, LWSI expanded the scope of its work to other States in India and continued to work with the poorest of the poor and those affected by natural or human-made disasters without regard to race, sex, creed, caste, nationality or political conviction. LWSI rendered disaster relief and development assistance in the States of West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Kerala.

The Trust, as the successor of LWS India, has inherited a rich legacy of experience of implementing development projects in rural and urban areas as well as humanitarian response and disaster preparedness projects across India. LWSIT is well established in the Eastern region of India as an organ of transformation, currently working in partnership with over two thousand communities on issues of Sustainable Livelihood, Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Gender Justice and Peace building, Education, Health and Organisational Development.

The United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India (UELCI) and the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) are the key settlers of the Lutheran World Service India Trust, thus upholding the Trust's identity as a Christian ecumenical organisation. LWSIT is a member of two prestigious International Networks, ACT Alliance and the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance and a part of the AZEECON regional network in Asia. It is also a founding member of SPHERE India and the Inter-Agency Groups in several States including the States of Assam, Odisha and West Bengal.

IMPORTANT OPERATIONS

We are implementing in 2024, which marks the second year of the five-year Strategic Plan (2023–2027). The Strategic Plan continues to focus on six key thematic areas, as outlined in its mandate.

- Sustainable Livelihood:** To enhance the income of small & marginal farmers and the landless belonging to Dalits, Tribals and Adivasi communities and the urban poor.
- Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction:** To manage the negative impact of climate change and disasters among vulnerable communities.
- Gender Justice and Peace Building:** To ensure gender justice and equality by combating discrimination and gender-based violence among disadvantaged communities based on caste, ethnicity, etc.
- Education:** To enhance the accessibility to quality education for children (6-16 years of age)
- Health:** To improve the health status of disadvantaged communities focussing on Women & Children
- Organisational Development:** To improve organisational efficiency & effectiveness and diversify funding avenues.

LWSIT gives the highest emphasis on the Global SDGs and is aligned with the below goals;



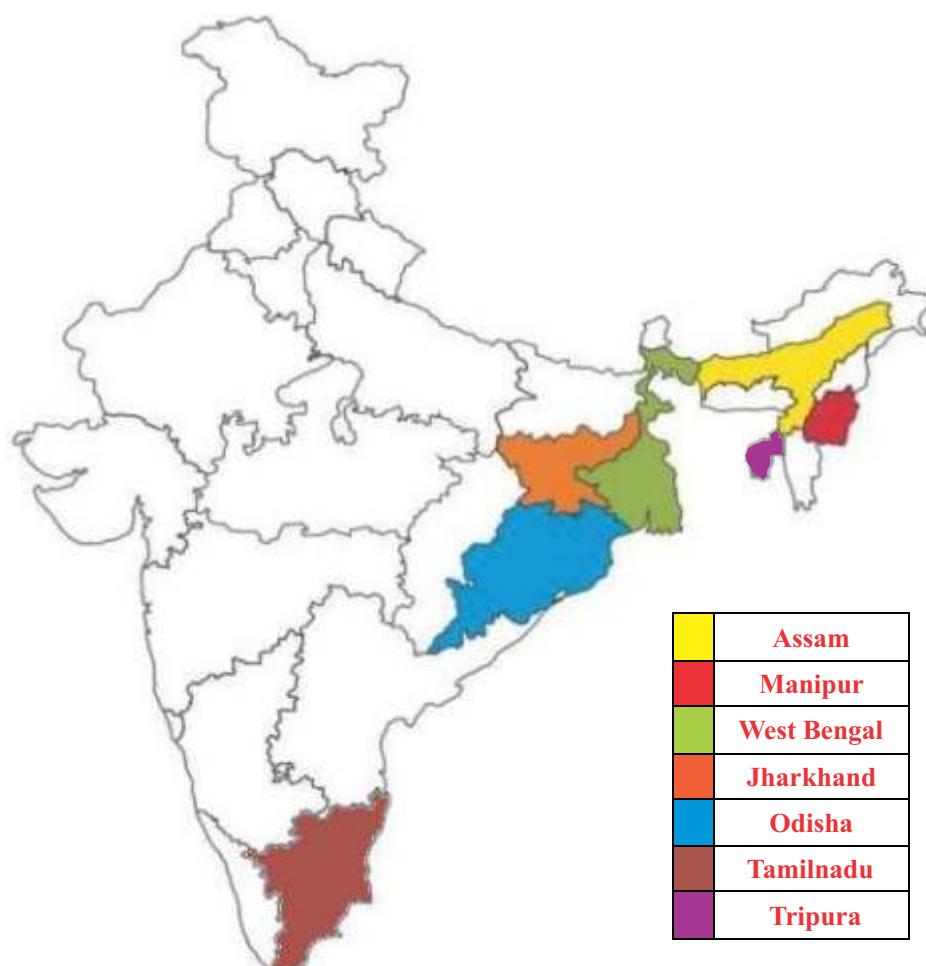
GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

The geographic focus of development operations during 2024 was in the States of Odisha, West Bengal, Assam and Jharkhand, while it has responded to the Ethnic Violence situation in Manipur by providing relief materials to the internally displaced populations (IDPs) living in the relief camps.

During 2024, LWSIT carried out twelve projects aiming at development intervention spanning over four states in the country. Besides, one Humanitarian Response Project was also implemented in Manipur in response to the Ethnic Violence situation and Long-term Development Project such as STEER, GEP, DSSQC and CCAM were the Core Projects of the Organisation that addressed all six thematic areas. The Child Care Institute (CCI), Open Shelter Project for Children and Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) focused on the education of the Children and civic life of elderly populations respectively. The Children Education Centre (CEC) Project focused on strengthening Education Programs among dropouts and laggard children. The Enhanced Livelihood Security (ELS) Project in Odisha aims to significantly improve the income and economic stability of women-headed families, farmers, and youth who are experiencing financial hardship. The Enhanced Health, Education, Livelihood and Leadership (EHELL) Project in Odisha's Nabarangpur and Rayagada Districts focussed to empower Tribal and Dalit women and girls through improved health, education, livelihoods and leadership. All of these projects are situated within the geographic location served by the organisation.

In 2024, LWSIT initiated two new projects i.e., (1) Enhanced Child Protection and Youth Empowerment (ECPYE) Project in Tamil Nadu's Kalvarayan Hills which focused on child protection and youth empowerment (2) Recovery Project in Manipur which focused on reduce the vulnerabilities and sufferings among IDPs. Both the projects were supported by Kerk in Actie.

MAP OF OPERATIONAL AREA



IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

Table No. 1: Snapshot of Projects undertaken in 2024

Sl. No.	Project	State	Coverage		Population Reach		
			No. of Comm.	No. of Household	Rural	Urban	Total
1	STEER	<i>Odisha & West Bengal</i>	250	12,883	54,490	-	54,490
2	GEP	<i>Odisha & West Bengal</i>	54	12,325	-	49,920	49,920
3	CCAM	<i>Assam</i>	200	8,724	39,648	-	39,648
4	CCI	<i>West Bengal</i>	-	20	-	20	20
5	SUH	<i>West Bengal</i>	-	80	-	80	80
6	CEC	<i>West Bengal</i>	4	30	-	32	32
7	<i>Open Shelter</i>	<i>West Bengal</i>	4	26	-	26	26
8	<i>Enhanced Livelihood Security for Tribal and Dalit Families</i>	<i>Odisha</i>	111	3,116	14,334	-	14,334
9	<i>Trans boundary Flood Resilience Project in SouthAsia</i>	<i>Assam</i>	20	1,630	7,680	-	7,680
10	<i>Humanitarian Assistance to the People Affected by Ethnic Violence and Recovery Project in Manipur</i>	<i>Manipur</i>	<i>30 relief Camps</i>	1,897	9,485	-	9,485
11	<i>Enhanced Health, Education, Livelihood and Leadership (EHELL) for Women and Adolescent Girls</i>	<i>Odisha</i>	30	1,652	7,866	-	7,866
12	<i>Enhanced Child Protection and Youth Empowerment</i>	<i>Tamilnadu</i>	6	1,143	5,186	-	5,186

THE CORE PROJECTS

Social Transformation, Economic Empowerment and Risk Reduction (STEER) Project

Supported by ELCA and Act Church of Sweden



Solar Light Distribution at Bankura Unit

The Social Transformation Economic Empowerment and Risk Reduction (STEER) Rural Project operates in the districts of Balangir, Jajpur, Kalahandi, Kendrapara, and Mayurbhanj in Odisha, as well as in the Bankura District of West Bengal. The aim of the Project is to ensure that Dalits, Tribes/Adivasis and other vulnerable and disadvantaged communities can lead lives of dignity and enjoy their rights, without any gender disparity. The Project initiates its interventions in 250 communities, encompassing 12,883 households and a total population of 54,490. Like all Core Projects, this initiative is required to adopt an Integrated, Rights-based Approach. It receives support from the Act Church of Sweden (Act CoS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America (ELCA). The Project specifically targets areas with a high percentage of Tribal and Dalit populations, who are often at the lowest end of various socio-economic indicators.

The Project was initiated in accordance with the new strategic plan, focusing on various thematic areas such as sustainable livelihoods, environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction, education, health, gender justice, and peace. It aimed to diversify both farm and off-farm livelihoods, enhance agricultural production, develop land, promote producer groups, support resilient crops, prepare communities for disasters, ensure entitlements under the Right to Education Act, raise health awareness, and establish connections with government service providers, including water and sanitation. In line with the cross-cutting theme of gender, the Project facilitated women's active involvement in development initiatives and local self-governance, while also empowering communities to recognize and tackle issues related to gender-based violence. Strengthening Peace Committees and concentrating on maintaining Peace and resolving ethnic and communal conflicts at the local level is a key thematic area under Pace. Additionally, the Project supported People with Disabilities (PwD) in a convergent manner, focusing on helping them obtain the new UDID card and Disability Certificate to access the benefits of various Schemes. The Project's investments over the years have started to yield positive results, as evidenced by the community's participation in the Project; the level of their physical and financial contributions serves as a clear indicator of their ownership of the Project's development objectives.

In light of these thematic focus areas, LWSIT has embraced two significant strategies: the Gender Inclusive Rights-Based Approach (GIRBA) and an Integrated Approach within the development program interventions, aimed at enhancing the quality of life for the target populations.

Table No. 2: Program Achievement of STEER Project in 2024

Major Activities	Odisha			West Bengal		
	Comm	F	M	Comm.	F	M
<i>Livelihood skill development Training</i>	30	153	37	11	20	0
<i>Training on Sustainable Agriculture</i>	31	124	69	9	12	18
<i>Business and entrepreneurial Schemes (Individual I.G. support)</i>	43	49	6	18	12	6
<i>Business and entrepreneurial Schemes (Group I.G. support)</i>	3	33	-	1	7	25
<i>Support for commercial vegetable cultivation</i>	32	51	34	22	81	131
<i>Support for commercial cultivation of Pulses and Cereals</i>	134	367	202	30	604	1113
<i>Land Development</i>	26	54	29	14	8	0
<i>Support for Individual Orchard (Homestead Fruit Tree Plantation)</i>	65	366	262	12	48	32
<i>Strengthening of Producer Group & Producer Group Federation (Cooperatives)</i>	28	261	49	4	14	30
<i>Construction of Vermin Compost pit</i>	7	12	3	4	7	8
<i>Organize Awareness on DRR/ CCA</i>	20	336	153	11	93	37
<i>Formation & Strengthening of DMT</i>	7	158	87	4	41	9
<i>Skill development Training on community Based DRR</i>	33	106	49	8	30	5
<i>Support farmers climate resilient crop</i>	250	222	107		672	1074
<i>Millet Cultivation</i>	14	14	23	0	0	0
<i>Support Solar Light</i>	34	97	24	6	10	0
<i>Awareness Program on enrollment and RTE</i>	17	252	115	6	56	21
<i>Study Centers in remote communities</i>	10	92	81	0	0	0
<i>Support students under 10th standard for study material</i>	32	117	83	7	10	0
<i>Support school student for higher study</i>	28	36	3	11	6	0
<i>Training on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights</i>	43	210	19	22	55	36
<i>Organize community awareness program on personal health and hygiene</i>	51	691	271	22	194	68
<i>Training on increasing and strengthening leadership qualities of women</i>	42	246	-	21	77	0
<i>Training on community responses to gender inequality and gender based violence</i>	31	156	34	9	29	0
<i>Training on Gender Responsive Planning</i>	25	127	20	5	17	13
<i>Organizing inter cultural joint initiatives</i>	63	347	213	8	13	137

Case Story-1 of STEER Project: “Resilience Amid Loss: Guruva's Journey from Grief to Growth”**Guruva selling Stationary in Local market**

Guruva Marndi, 38, from Purushottampur Village in Mayurbhanj District, lives a life filled with responsibility and hardship. As the sole active member of his family, he manages household tasks, farming, and a small business. He continues to grieve the untimely loss of his wife, Mamini Hansdah, which left a deep emotional impact.

In April 2021, Mamini received support from LWSIT to start a stationery business. She contributed ₹ 3,000 to a Grant of ₹15,000 and worked actively in weekly markets. However, in 2022, she developed severe health issues and was hospitalized in Baripada. Sadly, she passed away in September at just 24 years. The business offered financial relief, contributing over ₹20,000, along with Government Health Insurance support.

After her death, Guruva took over the business. Since he had supported Mamini earlier, the transition was smooth. He now participates in weekly markets, earning over ₹ 7,500 per month with sales between ₹1,000 and ₹3,000. He has saved ₹ 25,000, raised his Capital to ₹ 20,000, bought a mobile phone and invested ₹14,000 in farming. He also provides ₹3,000 towards monthly household expenses.

Despite emotional and financial struggles, Guruva remains determined and plans to open a stationery outlet along the Panchayat Road, with continued support from LWSIT.

Case Story - 2 of STEER Project: "Reviving Resilience: Sudarshan Majhi's Journey with Millet Cultivation"



Sudarshan Majhi, a small and poor farmer from Colonypada - 2, Golamunda Village in Junagarh Block of Kalahandi District, relies primarily on agriculture for his livelihood. Owning 2.72 acres of land, he cultivates paddy on 2 acres and grows a mix of Red Gram and Cotton on the remaining 0.72 acres. In addition to farming, he collects minor forest produce and works as a daily wage laborer for the Forest Department, with no alternative income sources.

For a decade, Sudarshan cultivated cotton, which was once profitable. However, over the past few years, due to erratic rainfall, prolonged dry spells, declining soil fertility, and rising input costs,

cotton farming became unsustainable. Historically, his family grew various millets like finger millet, sorghum, and little millet, but shifted to cotton with the crop's commercialization.

Recognizing the need for change, Sudarshan showed interest in reintroducing climate-resilient crops. With support from LWSIT's STEER Project in 2024, he cultivated Finger Millet on 2 acres of encroached Government land. The Project provided technical training, incentives and 4 kg of Arjun variety seeds.

The result was promising - he harvested 120 kgs of Finger Millet, earning ₹ 6,000 by selling at ₹ 50/kg while retaining some for household consumption and seed for the next season. Combined with income from Pulses and Cotton, his earnings totaled around ₹12,000.

Millet and Pulses have now become a regular part of his family's diet, bringing both economic and nutritional benefits. Inspired by LWSIT's support, Sudarshan's success has motivated other small farmers to adopt millet cultivation, leading to better yields, improved resilience, and healthier diets in the community. Sudarshan proudly states, **"Millet is emerging as a high-value crop that can withstand climate change and support small farmers like us."**



Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation(CCAM)Project:

Supported by Normisjon

The Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Project is active in 200 communities across the Districts of Chirang, Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon in Assam, as well as Dumuka District in Jharkhand and Birbhum District in West Bengal. This initiative spans a duration of five years, with 2024 marking the commencement of project implementation. The Project engages with 8,724 households, representing a population of 39,648 individuals who are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The primary target population includes predominantly Adivasi, Tribes, Muslims and other impoverished and marginalized groups residing in extreme climatic conditions. The Project's goal is to empower these communities that are susceptible to the repercussions of climate change. It has assessed the existing local capacities within these communities and aims to enhance them through improved capacity building, awareness initiatives, training, and skill development, enabling them to better cope with climate change impacts while also enhancing their household income and ensuring food security.

The Project mainly aims to establish a climate-resilient community by implementing adaptation and mitigation processes, enabling them to better withstand the effects and impacts of climate change. Therefore, it seeks to tackle these critical prioritized issues identified from the challenges faced, including agriculture and food security, water security, soil and water conservation needs, the development of robust community-based income models, and connections with Government Departments, as well as access to rights and entitlements encountered by the communities in the Project area.

In light of the aforementioned climate change challenges, the Project has set its objective: to ensure a secure standard of living for communities in Assam, Jharkhand, and West Bengal by employing climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies. The Project has implemented various adaptation and mitigation measures in the operational areas of the project. Additionally, the Project has achieved notable success in adaptation and mitigation through the introduction and practice of climate-resilient crops, smokeless stoves, solar lighting, tree/orchard plantations, and off-farming activities aimed at enhancing livelihoods. Ultimately, the Project focuses on the establishment of community-based organizations that will be tasked with fostering a climate-resilient community through adaptation and mitigation practices. ECO Clubs have been established in schools, comprising boys, girls and teachers, to raise Environmental Awareness among students, promote eco-friendly practices and educate them about local environmental issues.

TableNo.3:Program Achievement of CCAM Project in 2024

Major Activities	Assam			West Bengal / Jharkhand		
	Comm	F	M	Comm.	F	M
<i>Awareness on Climate Change and Global Warming</i>	22	342	353	36	526	315
<i>Campaigning and Mass Eally on climate resilience disaster preparedness. environment protection, tree plantation, recycle, reuse and reduce</i>	10	272	235	30	351	209
<i>Observance of World Environment Day with School students, teachers and parents</i>	12	252	218	32	411	393
<i>Training on causes and effects of Climate Change</i>	45	181	205	31	150	96
<i>Training on Natural Resource Management (NRM) which includes nature care, biodiversity, garbage disposal</i>	35	155	213	23	102	68
<i>Training on Solid Waste Management</i>	18	41	97	13	66	59
<i>Training on Community based Disaster Risk Reduction</i>	29	85	137	25	104	70
<i>Formation of Community based Disaster Management Task Force</i>	4	44	78	10	124	100
<i>Early warning system on Weather Forecast</i>	55	50	50	-	-	-
<i>Support families for fuel efficient Smokeless Oven</i>	28	151	205	24	43	2
<i>Community/Individual Orchard Development (Mango/Banana/ Pineapple/mixed fruit plants/Lemon/Guava/Jackfruit/Blackberry etc.)</i>	12	26	127	4	189	108
<i>Support of Water Pump Set</i>	9	481	501	10	540	560
<i>Fruit tree plantation on individual homestead land</i>	48	703	747	59	3,456	2,889
<i>Support households for Solar Lanterns</i>	13	8	204	23	140	45

Major Activities	Assam			West Bengal / Jharkhand		
	Comm	F	M	Comm.	F	M
Land Development (land leveling/terracing/contour bonding etc.)	2	-	-	13	89	87
Training on Sustainable Agriculture	29	101	129	39	182	161
Support farmers for low cost Compost Pit	77	-	-	30	63	43
Support farmers for Climate Resilient Crop	27	262	274	49	94	121
Training on improved and climate smart Agricultural Practices	16	123	130	32	128	104
Cultivation of Millets on both irrigated and non-irrigated land	5	380	419	5	352	382
Support farmers for Commercial Vegetable Cultivation	22	75	62	22	43	65
Support farmers for Agriculture inputs (seed/organic fertilizer etc.)	20	708	693	79	401	462
Support for Kitchen Gardening	42	589	410	51	790	596
Formation of Community Development Committee (CDC)	47	587	799	60	944	646
Formation of FIG	10	74	155	11	142	121
Formation & strengthening of ECO Clubs in Schools	6	164	178	5	46	59
Training on Leadership Development for CBO leaders	28	31	81	15	57	48
Training on Entrepreneurship/Vocational Skill Development (weaving/tailoring/ etc.)	14	30	41	2	15	7
Training on bee keeping farming/poultry farming/livestock farming	31	33	24	19	29	20
Support women and men for livestock farming as livelihood options	10	67	54	7	31	18
Support women and men for livelihood opportunities through various Schemes	58	119	138	23	53	71

Case Story–1 CCAM Project :“Minoti’s Journey Toward a Healthier and Sustainable Life”



Minoti Mardi, a 26 year old woman from the Managerpara Bandhpara community in the Gonpur zone of Md. Bazar Block, West Bengal, lives with her two young children - a son studying in Class III and a daughter in Class I. Five years into her marriage, Minoti was abandoned by her husband, leaving her solely responsible for her children's upbringing. Without cultivable land or stable income, she struggles to provide for her family and lives in a small mud house. She works as a daily wage laborer, but frequent droughts and extreme heat impacts of ongoing climate change have led to crop failures, reducing job opportunities and wages.

Her living conditions are harsh and unsafe. With no separate space for cooking, the family sleeps in the same room that doubles as a kitchen and storage area. The smoke from her traditional mud oven filled the small room daily, creating a significant health risk, especially for her and the children.

In 2024, Minoti became a member of Sonar Fasal Chasi Dal, a Community Development Organization formed by LWSIT. Through this Group, she applied for a Smokeless Oven, which she received in November 2024. This fuel efficient Oven has brought notable improvements. It emits less smoke, reducing indoor air pollution and related respiratory problems. The fuel requirement has decreased from 5-6 kgs to 3-4 kgs of wood daily due to improved heat efficiency. Additionally, meals are prepared faster, allowing Minoti to dedicate more time to earning income.

The introduction of the Smokeless Oven has not only improved the family's health and living conditions but also brought a sense of dignity and hope to Minoti's life. As the sole breadwinner, she feels empowered and supported in her journey toward a better future for herself and her children.

Case Story – 2 CCAM Project : “Journey From Flooded Fields to Flourishing Business”



Mrs. Justina Tudu resides in a small village called Pokalagi, located in the Saraibil VCDC within the Kachugaon Block of Assam. Since her marriage, she has faced challenges in making ends meet with a limited income while supporting a family of three. Although she possesses 6 bighas of cultivable agricultural land, she rarely achieves good yields due to the adverse effects of climate change. Throughout most of the year, her crops are lost due to flooding that submerges her land. This continuous loss has led her to lose hope, severely affecting her economic situation. However, after the intervention of LWSIT in 2024, she gained awareness of climate change and its impacts. Together with her husband, they devised a plan to diversify their income sources, shifting from agriculture and agricultural labor to non-farm activities. She dreams of opening a small grocery store in the village, which would be less vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Unfortunately, they have not been able to realize this dream promptly due to lack of Capital.

However, following the support from LWSIT, her dream became a reality. Her shop acts as a vital resource for the villagers, offering essential items for daily use, with most of her sales coming from packaged foods such as chips, snacks, biscuits, and instant noodles. Additionally, she sells vegetables like potatoes, onions, and other consumables. She mentioned that initially, her average daily income was not more than ₹ 150.00, but gradually, after a few weeks, her daily profit rose from ₹ 150.00 to ₹ 250.00, allowing her to reinvest in her shop several times. Her small shop transformed into a grocery hub, generating a consistent income and enhancing her family's quality of life. From her daily earnings, she sets aside ₹ 100.00 to expand her grocery business in the future.

Mrs. Tudu stated that "within a few months, the sales at the shop improved considerably, and profits have been rising steadily, which will allow me to support my family happily in the future." The community has gained from having a dependable and well-stocked store in close proximity, minimizing their need to travel long distances for groceries.

Enhanced Livelihood Security for Tribal and Dalit Families in Odisha

Supported by The Hans Foundation, USA

LWSIT, with support from The Hans Foundation, USA, is implementing the Project - "Enhanced Livelihood Security for Tribal and Dalit Families in Odisha" to improve the living standards and income of marginalized farming communities covering five Districts, Balangir, Kalahandi, Mayurbhanj, Kendrapada, and Jajpur. The initiative promotes sustainable, climate-resilient agricultural practices and is operational through four of LWSIT's Project Units.

During the reporting year 2024, the Project successfully reached 1,969 individuals across 111 rural communities. The intervention is strategically focused on three core objectives.

Firstly, it aims to enhance household incomes by upto 70% through the adoption of improved agricultural techniques and scientific methods. Training sessions and field demonstrations introduced farmers to modern tools, climate-adaptive cropping systems, and more efficient resource use. Secondly, the Project emphasizes boosting crop and vegetable sales by developing critical market linkages and exposing farmers to wider distribution networks. These efforts have enabled them to secure better prices and reduce dependency on middlemen. Thirdly, the initiative prioritizes women's economic empowerment through the formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Women's Cooperatives. These platforms allow women to work collectively purchasing inputs, managing storage, and marketing their produce thus enhancing financial independence and community leadership.

In addition to livelihood activities, the Project promotes environmental sustainability. Measures such as farm pond excavation for rainwater harvesting, land reclamation to convert barren or undulated areas into cultivable fields, and the introduction of scientific fish farming are actively implemented to diversify income sources. These eco-friendly interventions not only increase agricultural output but also build long-term resilience to climate variability.

Overall, the Project's integrated approach is yielding encouraging results by combining income generation, women's empowerment, and environmental sustainability. The active participation of community members, especially women, is helping to establish a more self-reliant and economically stable rural society across the targeted regions in Odisha.



Goat rearing at Mayurbhanj unit supported by The Hans Foundation, USA

Case Story 1 - ELS Project (THF USA): "Kshira Sabar's Journey to Sustainable Farming and Empowerment"**Kshira Sabar in her Chili farm**

The Enhanced Livelihood Security (ELS) Project, supported by The Hans Foundation, has inspired numerous farmers in Kalahandi to improve their livelihoods through innovative agricultural practices. This Case Story highlights the remarkable journey of Kshira Sabar, a 45 year old marginal tribal farmer from the Baidpada community in Jilingdar village, who has transformed her financial situation through seasonal vegetable cultivation.

Kshira Sabar, a dedicated member of the Mahalaxmi Pada Unnayan Committee, used to struggle with traditional farming methods, primarily growing Rice and Pulses. Her family earned only ₹ 10,000 to ₹ 5,000 a year, making it difficult to meet their needs. However, her involvement in community meetings and training sessions provided her with new ideas and knowledge about modern farming practices.

Motivated by the ELS Project, Kshira decided to diversify her crops. She began cultivating various vegetables, including green chilies, tomatoes, and ladyfingers, on her 20 decimals of land. During the Rabi season, she received 150 grams of green chili seeds and followed best practices for planting and care, significantly improving her yield.

With an investment of just ₹ 5,000 in her green chili crop, Kshira earned an impressive ₹ 40,000 by the end of the season. Additionally, her onion cultivation brought in another ₹ 12,000. This success has not only elevated her income but also enhanced her family's quality of life.

Kshira's dedication and hard work have made her a role model in her community. "Adopting modern farming techniques has transformed my family's standard of living", she shares. "I look forward to exploring more ideas to expand my vegetable cultivation".

Looking ahead, Kshira plans to increase her productivity by preparing nursery beds for green chilies and tomatoes for the upcoming season. Her journey exemplifies how access to resources and knowledge can empower women farmers, leading to financial stability and self-reliance.

Through her story, Kshira Sabar showcases the transformative power of seasonal vegetable cultivation, inspiring others in her community to embrace new agricultural practices for a better future.

Case Story 2 - ELS Project (THF USA):“Ranu Mallik’s Path to Empowerment Through Livestock Livelihood”



Ranu Mallik with her Milch Cow

The primary objective of LWSIT is to provide sustainable livelihoods and enhance income generation capabilities, particularly for the poorest households. In rural areas, livestock farming is a vital economic activity, often second only to crop farming. This case highlights the inspiring story of Ranu Mallik, an active member of the Baba Lohita Gramya Unayan Committee in Oldhi Malliksahi, Kendrapada District.

Ranu comes from one of the poorest families, consisting of her husband, son, and daughter. With no agricultural land of her own, her family relied on daily wages and government-sponsored food, which were insufficient to meet their basic needs.

Upon learning about LWSIT’s support, Ranu sought assistance from the organization and applied for a loan through her Gramya Unayan Committee to start a milch cow rearing business. After completing the necessary formalities, LWSIT approved her application, granting a total of ₹ 25,000 — ₹ 20,000 from LWSIT and ₹ 5,000 from her own savings.

With this financial support, Ranu purchased a milch cow and began her new venture. She now sells 5 liters of milk daily at ₹ 50 per liter, contributing ₹ 7,500 to her family’s monthly income. This income has made her an essential support for her household. She maintains regular contact with the veterinary department to ensure proper vaccinations and feeding, maximizing her cow’s milk production.

Ranu has also begun repaying her loan, having already paid back ₹ 3,500. Thanks to her hard work and dedication, she feels more economically stable than ever. Ranu expresses her heartfelt gratitude to the Gramya Unayan Committee and LWSIT for guiding her towards a path that has helped her overcome poverty.

Ranu Mallik’s story exemplifies how targeted support and the empowerment of women in rural communities can lead to sustainable change and improved livelihoods.

Enhanced Health, Education, Livelihood and Leadership for Tribal and Dalit Women and Adolescent Girls

Supported by The Hans Foundation, USA

LWSIT, in collaboration with The Hans Foundation, USA, implemented the project "Enhanced Health, Education, Livelihood and Leadership for Tribal and Dalit Women and Adolescent Girls" across 30 communities Nabarangpur and Rayagada districts in Odisha. Though initiated in October 2023, the reporting period reflects the Project's significant progress during 2024. This integrated initiative is designed to empower Tribal and Dalit women and adolescent girls by focusing on four thematic areas: Health, Non-Formal Education, Sustainable Livelihood and Leadership Development. Throughout the year, a total of 6,093 individuals were directly reached through various interventions.

In Health, the Project organized Camps and Awareness Sessions on Nutrition, Hygiene and Reproductive Health, trained Community Health Volunteers and distributed hygiene kits. Non-Formal Education Centers were established, offering customized curricula covering literacy, numeracy, life skills and financial education.

Livelihood initiatives included Vocational Training in Solar System installation, promotion of women solar entrepreneurs and support for land development, agriculture, pisciculture, and water conservation. Microfinance access and market linkages further enhanced income opportunities.

Leadership development was addressed through Training in Gender Rights, Communication, Conflict Resolution and the formation and strengthening of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Exposure visits helped broaden perspectives and encourage community-level advocacy.

The Project has laid a strong foundation for long-term transformation, fostering self-reliance, confidence, and social inclusion among marginalized women and girls, and enabling them to become active participants in their communities' development processes.



Wall Murals on health issue at Nabarangpur Unit supported by The Hans Foundation, USA

Case Story 1 - EHELL Project (THF USA): "Bringing Healthcare to the Doorstep: Transforming Rural Lives Through Mobile Health Camps"



Health Camp at Surumuli Village, Kalyansingpur, Rayagada

Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT) is dedicated to improving health and well-being in rural communities, particularly in areas where access to quality healthcare remains limited. In the Kalyansingpur Block, residents have long struggled with persistent health issues, further exacerbated by deep-rooted reliance on traditional beliefs and unverified remedies. Community members have often turned to religious figures and local quacks for treatment, particularly under the influence of customary leaders like the JANI and DEESARI. These practices, combined with social taboos—especially those affecting women—have made it difficult for many to access professional healthcare.

Recognizing these challenges, LWSIT took a proactive approach by organizing four health camps across the villages of Surumuli, Giriaguda, Kamathana, and Jampadar. These Camps were among the first health interventions in the region, conducted before any government support reached these remote areas. With the involvement of qualified Doctors, a total of 452 patients were diagnosed and treated for various ailments, proving the effectiveness and necessity of such mobile health services.

Several individual cases highlighted the success of these interventions. Mrs. Parbati Wadaka from Kulmuhin had been suffering from Malaria for over two weeks. She received timely treatment at the Camp and made a complete recovery. Similarly, Mrs. Lacha Manjika from Thadijhola, also diagnosed with Malaria, expressed deep gratitude for the care which helped regain her health. Mrs. Kandrii Bagh from Kesabnaikguda was suffering from severe body pain and general weakness, but the Camp team was able to diagnose and treat her effectively. Mrs. Nagin Wadaka, another Malaria patient, recovered fully after attending the Camp. Additionally, Miss Indu Kadraka, a teenage girl from Hatimunda suffering from Tuberculosis, was referred to the Community Health Centre in Kalyansingpur for specialized care and has since shown improvement.

These success stories underscore the importance of Health Camps in remote, underserved regions. The gratitude expressed by villagers reflects not only their relief in receiving treatment but also the growing awareness of proper healthcare options now available to them. Encouraged by these outcomes, LWSIT and its partners are committed to continuing and expanding the reach of such health initiatives.

The Health Camps held in Surumuli, Giriaguda, Kamathana and Jampadar have demonstrated how mobile healthcare interventions can significantly improve Health outcomes in rural areas. By addressing common but often neglected ailments like Malaria and offering early referrals for serious conditions like Tuberculosis, LWSIT has made a tangible impact. These efforts represent an ongoing commitment to ensuring equitable access to healthcare and empowering communities to lead healthier, more informed lives.

Case Story-2 EHELL Project (THF USA): “Empowering Change: Sukri Bhatra’s Path to Livelihood Security”



Sukri Bhatra selling food items in her Tiffin shop

In the remote village of Bhatra Sahi in Kobaguda, Sukri Bhatra and her husband lived under the constant burden of poverty. Their only source of income came from a small roadside refreshment stall where they sold tea and a few snacks. This modest enterprise brought in barely enough to cover the family's essential needs, let alone allow for any savings or long-term planning. Life was a daily struggle, marked by financial insecurity and a deep sense of helplessness. The stall was located in a low-footfall area, limiting their ability to attract customers and increase their income. Sukri, like many women in economically marginalized communities, faced social isolation and limited opportunities for empowerment. With no access to financial support, training, or networks, she had few prospects to improve her family's situation. The future looked bleak, and the cycle of poverty seemed inescapable.

A turning point came when Sukri connected with the LWSIT. Recognizing her potential and willingness to improve her situation, LWSIT selected her for microenterprise support. In October, Sukri received financial assistance to enhance and expand her small business. With ₹ 20,000 - ₹ 25,000 from LWSIT and ₹ 5,000 from her own savings, she was able to restock and diversify her shop.

Sukri used the funds to buy essential grocery items like rice, flour, lentils, and cooking oil. This transformation turned her small tea stall into a more comprehensive village shop, allowing her to cater to daily household needs. As a result, her customer base expanded significantly, as community members appreciated the convenience of accessing groceries locally.

With a steady increase in Sales, Sukri began to earn a stable income, which allowed her to support her children's education and improve living conditions at home. She managed to invest in basic home repairs and could now afford school supplies and regular meals for her family. Her life began to shift from survival to stability.

Equally important was the change in Sukri's social standing. Once a quiet presence in her community, she now actively participates in local discussions and is respected as a successful entrepreneur. Her confidence has grown, and she serves as an inspiration to other women who face similar hardships. Through her journey, she has shown how timely support and determination can break the cycle of poverty. Looking forward, Sukri plans to further expand her shop and stock more items to meet the growing demands of her customers. She also dreams of employing other women from her village, offering them a chance to earn and become self-reliant.

Sukri expresses deep gratitude to LWSIT for the support that changed her life. Her journey is a testament to the power of opportunity and resilience - proof that even in the face of adversity, transformation is possible with the right guidance and belief in one's potential.

Gender Empowerment Project (GEP)

Supported by Act Church of Sweden

The Gender Empowerment Project (GEP), implemented by LWSIT with support from Act CoS, to promote gender equality and improve the standard of living among the urban poor particularly women and transgender in the cities of Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, and Cuttack. This three year initiative (2024–2026) is currently in its first year and covers 54 communities, reaching 12,325 households and approximately 49,920 individuals across Odisha and West Bengal.

In 2024, the Project focused on five thematic areas: Sustainable Livelihoods, Environment, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction, Gender Justice & Peacebuilding and Education & Health. Special emphasis was given to empowering women, transgender individuals and adolescents to address issues of discrimination, injustice, and violence both at home and in society. Grassroot-level institutions were formed and strengthened to resolve Gender-Based Violence (GBV), with 23 cases addressed through collaboration with DWA, WAVAW, and Government Agencies such as DLSA, Police, Women's Commissions and Ward Councillors.

Strong networks were established with Urban Local Bodies, NULM, the Labour Department and State Cooperative Banks to enhance access to social security schemes and support in resolving GBV cases. Livelihood promotion activities included Vocational Training and business support, benefiting 90 individuals and 25 transgender persons, helping them establish income-generating ventures and access market linkages. Leadership Training for women's groups also encouraged community-based responses to gender inequality, with men engaged as "Change Makers".

To promote financial inclusion, 66 out of 177 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) increased their revolving funds through networking and linkage-building with financial institutions. Additionally, 9,657 (70%) of the 13,877 right holders accessed government-sponsored social security schemes and entitlements. The Project also raised awareness on environmental issues, with 22 communities participating in Campaigns on Climate Change and Waste Management. A total of 249 women and 10 transgender individuals received training on climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and the 3 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), while 40 women received Water Purifiers to ensure access to safe drinking water.

Twelve fire affected families from Hatath Colony were supported with essential items, including bedding, utensils and hygiene kits. To promote Education, 32 students from underprivileged families were supported with study materials to continue with their secondary education. In the area of Health, 240 right holders were educated on sexual and reproductive health, maternal and child health, nutrition, and communicable diseases and were linked with Government Health Services. Through its integrated and inclusive approach, GEP continues to empower vulnerable communities and build a foundation for justice, equity and sustainable development.



16 Days activism celebrated by GEP project Kolkata unit.

Table No.4: Program Achievement of Gender Empowerment Project in 2024

Major Activities	Odisha				West Bengal			
	Comm.	F	M	Oth.	Comm.	F	M	Oth.
Individual and Group Business for Income Generation	21	28	-	39	11	60	13	-
Formation and strengthening of Self Help Group	39	416	-	24	12	104	-	-
Networking and linkage with Banks, Government and Non- Governmental Agencies	5	83	9	29	3	56	22	-
Customised Vocational or Skill Training	1	-	-	5	4	2	12	-
Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	13	54	-	-	20	100	-	10
Awareness on Solid Waste Management and clean water bodies and drainage systems	2	56	-	-	1	13	7	-
Campaign on safe dwelling places, stop usage of plastic, Reduce, Re-use and Recycle	4	63	-	-	14	213	50	-
Safe water available for urban communities	13	252	-	-	1	22	3	-
Training on - - - - -	7	63	-	-	6	20	-	-
Sensitization Camp on Gender Equality focusing men as "Change Agents"	2	8	33	-	1	2	16	-
Formation and Strengthening of local Youth Club, community level Women Federation/ WAVAW & TG Group	29	85	0	67	6	34	0	-
Training on Legal Aid for Domestic Workers, rag pickers and daily wage earners State Level Workshop on LGBTQI+ legal rights and policies	24	85	4	98	8	19	7	-
Livelihood support to WAVAW/ TG group/ DWA	9	6	0	12	6	16	0	-
Training on Community Responses to Gender Inequality and Gender Based Violence:	4	26	0	5	6	20	0	-
Exposure Visit of TG members for enhancing skill and experience	6	0	0	24	1	29	0	-
Residential Training for WAVAW Members on Legal Rights	20	32	1	0	3	69	7	0
Providing women a free space to share and talk to raise their concern.	1	28	0	0	1	7	22	0
Organise Legal Awareness Camp for resolving issue	9	226	0	52	0	0	0	0
Fact finding and case filing for any violence against women, Children and transgender:	4	19	8	0	10	168	25	5
Support to victims to resolve DV or GBV issues	1	1	0	0	2	25	0	0
Observation of Significant days	18	56	4	0	1	25	0	0
Networking and Linkage with Govt. and non- Govt. Agencies (KMC/ CMC/BMC), Local Govt. bodies	2	11	0	0	11	85	0	0
Awareness Camps and Peace Education	2	35	0	0	10	98	25	0
Training and Campaign on Conflict Management	9	58	0	0	0	0	0	0
Organise Sports, Arts competition , support Sports equipment / Milan Mela	25	168	2	3	10	98	25	-
Awareness building of Parents to enrol and regularize School Attendance of the children	4	110	1	0	5	48	0	0
Publication for dissemination of IEC material to generate awareness on Education	72	1200	0	140	12	0	0	0
Material support to students of Classes IX and X.	16	18	4	0	5	4	6	0
Training/Workshop for Adolescent Boys and Girls on Mental Health, SRH.	4	110	0	0	2	36	0	0
Psychosocial Counselling Programs	3	32	16	0	4	12	8	0
Networking and Linkage Program with ICDS and UPHC	2	60	0	0	1	21	3	0
Awareness on Health Communicable and Non- Communicable Diseases	2	60	0	0	1	21	3	0

Case Story - 1 GEP : “Empowering Transgender Lives in Suryanagar”

Suryanagar, an unauthorized settlement in Cuttack's Ward No. 38, near Malgodown and College Square Road, has been home to 35 transgender individuals since 2013. Facing deep-rooted poverty and social stigma, many depended on sex work, Badhai performances, and begging to survive, with limited access to healthcare, education, and sanitation facilities.

In 2014, LWSIT began engaging with the transgender community, encouraging the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to promote savings and financial independence. These groups began participating in

cultural events like the Balijatra Mela, earning ₹ 2,500 during their first performance and donating ₹ 2,000 to an Orphanage. Their visibility grew, and the Government began supporting them by offering free stalls.

To create sustainable livelihoods, LWSIT collaborated with the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC). As a result, Bahucharamata TG SHG was appointed to manage the Matagajpur Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant, employing 10 members and earning ₹ 1,32,000 in honorarium. Their success led to further opportunities, including managing a WATCO plant in 2022, involving 30 more LGBTQ+ members.

Today, Suryanagar's transgender community is empowered, self-reliant, and leading change with dignity and determination.

Case Story - 2 GEP : “Driving Towards a Better Future”

Prasanta Halder, a 25-year-old resident of Netaji Nagar Colony in Kolkata and son of Mrs. Mamota Halder, has lived a life filled with hardship and perseverance. After losing his father at the age of 13, Prasanta and his two brothers were raised solely by their mother, who struggled immensely to provide for the family. Growing up in poverty, every day was a challenge for Prasanta, where even basic needs were a luxury. As the eldest son, he took on the responsibility of supporting the family at a young age.

To contribute to the household income, Prasanta began working in a printing unit that specialized in banners and flex boards, putting in 7-8 hours a day for a modest daily wage of ₹ 200-250.

Despite the meager income, he remained determined to uplift his family's condition. Prasanta aspired to learn four-wheeler driving, seeing it as a pathway to better opportunities.

In 2024, he approached Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT) for support. After a home visit and need assessment by LWSIT staff, Prasanta was enrolled in a 45 days motor driving training program. Upon completion, he received his driving license and was hired as a driver in the same company. His income has significantly improved, earning ₹ 600–700 per day, with additional overtime pay.

Prasanta and his family express heartfelt gratitude to LWSIT for this life-changing opportunity. In his words, “**I am forever grateful to Lutheran World Service India Trust for making my life beautiful.**”

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Child Care Institute (CCI):



LWSIT runs a Children's Home (CCI) for 20 underprivileged girls aged 6 to 14 years, focusing on their holistic development through shelter, education, nutrition, health care, sanitation, extracurricular activities and recreation. During the reporting year, the Home received a 5-year Registration under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (Reg.No. WB/JJ/KOL/03/02/0158) from the West Bengal Government. The CCI is equipped with essential infrastructure such as living rooms with individual beds, a Study Room, toilets, a dining and cooking area and a Sick Room. Facilities like clean drinking water, regularly tested and certified bacteria-free, and fire extinguishers are maintained. Two Caregivers, one Supervisor, and one Cleaner manage the daily needs, while three Security Guards ensure 24x7 safety. Kitchen and bathroom repairs were undertaken this year.

Education is a key priority. All children attend school regularly. They commute via pool car and are accompanied by a Caregiver. Despite School closures due to a severe summer heatwave, all students were promoted to the next grade. Two girls successfully cleared the Class X Board Exams with B and B+ grades and were enrolled in Higher Secondary School in Arts and Commerce streams. To support Academics, four Private Tutors conducted weekly sessions, resulting in 155 junior and 140 senior tuition classes.

Children are also encouraged in Computer literacy. Five senior girls completed a 1½ year Basic Computer Course and received Certificates, while five others began a 2 year Course. Weekly classes and in-house Computer usage help them in Academics and technical skills.

Health and Nutrition were ensured through 11 Health Camps and daily nutritious meals were planned with expert input. Common ailments were treated and six children were referred for further care. Regular Health Check-ups, including Weight Measurement, were conducted.

Emotional well-being was supported through 18 Counseling Sessions and IQ tests for eight children. Children also engaged in extracurricular activities like Arts, Crafts, Martial Arts and Moral Education. Karate Training led to several Belt promotions, with all participants securing Certificates.

Regular Parent-Teacher Meetings (8 mos.) and Children's Planning Meetings were held to monitor progress. Celebration of National Days and festivals, as well as cultural performances, fostered confidence and self-esteem. An educational exposure visit to the Calcutta Botanical Garden gave children environmental insights and hands-on learning, adding joy and enrichment beyond their daily routine.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PROGRAM IN 2024

Transboundary Flood Resilience Project in South Asia, Assam State in India

Supported by ELCA

The year 2024 was the last year of the first phase of implementing Transboundary Flood Resilience Project in South Asia by LWSIT. The overall objective of this Project was to contribute towards increasing flood resilience of local communities in India, Nepal and Bangladesh by exchanging and replicating transboundary experiences. The specific objectives of the Project was to increase the capacity of communities to cope with the flood situation in the Brahmaputra River basin in India, Padma River in Bangladesh, while it is the Gandak/Narayani River basin in Nepal. It was observed that, with real time Early Warning System (EWS) on the probability of flood situation, communities were able to take appropriate flood preparedness and mitigation measures and enhanced their coping capacity as they received weather forecast and early warning information timely, adopting diversified livelihood options, strengthened transboundary knowledge and practice on flood disaster risk reduction and development through exchange of information and replication of learning.

There are 20 operational communities that have been educated on the cause and effects of flood disaster and climate change; and trained on preparedness and mitigation measures. Community level groups and households have been assisted with various livelihood options and they have been linked with market, financial institutions and insurance schemes. This Transboundary Flood Resilience Project is one of the best Programs supported by ELCA which has already benefitted several thousands of people especially those living in flood prone areas and the level of awareness and sensitization gained by them has reaped the results. There is very good impact on the people of 20 targeted communities as some of the other adjacent communities have approached LWSIT to adopt their communities and provide them capacity building support on CBDRR for better preparedness in future. It is also observed that, because of LWSIT support towards livelihood security, the youth and women members have stopped migrating to other States for search of employment as they are happy with the income they earn through various livelihood security measures.



Construction of River Embankment at Kurshakati

Table No. 5 : Details of Humanitarian Response Program Implemented in 2024

Name of the Activities	Unit Type	Achievements				
		Total Unit	Comm.	M	F	Total
Formation and Strengthening of Community Based Disaster Management Task Force (CBDMTF)	No	20	20	569	550	1,119
Training on DRR and Do No Harm	No	2	20	47	18	65
OSD - World Environment Day	Community	20	20	95	100	195
Community Contingency Plan document preparation	Community	20	20	535	685	1,220
Demonstration of Mock Drill	Community	3	13	196	217	413
Stakeholders Capacity Building Training	No	2	20	75	5	80
Construction of Community Based Resource Centres	No	2	2	95	90	185
Construction of River Embankment	No	1	6	380	373	753
Support of climate resilient variety of crops (Jute, Watermelon, Banana, Maize, etc.)	Family	372	20	372	-	372
Support of livestock to women headed families (Pig/Goat)	Family	63	20	-	63	63
Alternative livelihood support to Youth for income generation	Family	26	20	26	-	26
Awareness on Disaster Preparedness to School students and teachers	School	10	10	523 Students	67 Teachers	590
School Vulnerability Mapping	School	10	10	240	235	475
Awareness on Disaster Preparedness for Students	School	10	10	263	260	523
Training to Teachers on Disaster Management	School	10	10	12 Teachers		
Revision of School Disaster Management Plan	School	10	10	10 Schools		
Support of First Aid Kits and Fire Extinguisher	Number	14	10 Schools	523 Students	67 Teachers	590

Case Story1: TFR Project: “Koron from a daily wage earner to a Self-Employed Cycle Mechanic”**Koron Narzary, Cycle Mechanic busy in Motor Cycle Repairing**

Koron Narzary belongs to Bodo Community a very dynamic person of 25 years. He lives in very backward place named Kashiabari Tapu. He lives with his wife, daughter and his parents. He lives in a village comprising of 75 households. Koron is also a member of CBDMTF. He is now self-employed and has a Cycle/Bike Repairing Shop in Simlabari Tapu Market, earning a good amount and is supporting his family. People from around five communities comprising of 274 households gather in the Simlabari Tapu Market.

The story - Koron Narzary had a small Cycle Repairing Shop with less equipment and his income was low around ₹100 to 500 due to less equipment in the shop and his shop was about to shut down as he was not able to upgrade his shop. Considering his interest and having skills to do Cycle and Bike Repairing, he approached the CBDMTF to support him to upgrade the business. Accordingly, CBDMTF put up the Resolution and requested LWSIT to provide material support to Koron to upgrade his shop in Simlabari Market where a good number of cycles and bikes are running and the users need cycle and bike repairing as and when necessary. Hence, with the support from LWSIT, now Koron is able to earn ₹ 500- ₹ 1,000 per day by selling cycle and bike parts, tools and repairing of cycles and bikes. With this increased income, Koron is now able to meet the household needs of his family, particularly health and education needs apart from food security.

Koron has planned to expand the business with more materials as now a days e-rickshaws and bikes are available in Simlabari Market. Hence, his plan is to bring more equipment and parts and tools for bikes and e-rickshaws. Besides, he has a dream to send his daughter to a good Private School for study in the future.

Storyteller: Miss Ambika Das

Relation with the person of story: LWSIT Community Worker of Transboundary Flood Resilience Project in Assam - *“Mr Koron Narzary is a very hard working person and doing his business well. He is putting his best efforts to expand the Cycle Repairing Shop with more equipment, tools, different cycle parts, so that, he can sell more and also enhance his income. I really appreciate his dream to become a strong entrepreneur so as to provide higher education for his children. Hopefully, this is just a matter of time.”*

Case Story2: TFR Project: “Safety Life Jacket a preparedness measure of safety life”



Gadar Rabha a CBDMTF member rescuing Heli Rava and Somaina Rava in the admits floods

Mr. Gadhar, son of Lt. Bodhro Rabha, a dedicated member of the Rabha Community, resides in the village of Bollamjhora. He lives with his wife, Depali Rabha, an active participant in the CBDMTF. Gadhar has always been passionate about Disaster Preparedness and Community Resilience. Though he does not hold an official title, his commitment to the cause has made him a respected figure in the community.

On July 6, 2024, a catastrophic flood, the result of heavy rainfall in the high Himalayas of Bhutan, swept through Bollamjhora. The current flow of floods quickly engulfed the infrastructures bringing panic to community as they were forced to evacuate and move to higher ground, seeking safety from the relentless deluge.

Amongst those trapped were, Heli Rabha, the daughter of Nironjon Rabha and Somina, wife of Monai Rabha, with their family members already relocated to Bollajhora Market, where the local MLA, Mr. Jiron Narzary was distributing food (cheera) and water to the affected families. Heli and Somina found themselves isolated and vulnerable, as water levels continued to rise, their situation become increasingly severe. As news of the flooding spread, Gadhar felt a surge of urgency. His heart raced at the thought of his fellow villagers struggling for help. He knew that he could not just stand by while others were in distress. The floodwaters were rising rapidly, and the current was fierce, but Gadhar's determination was unwavering. He quickly grabbed a rope and rescued Heli and Somina, drawing upon the skills he learned during the Mock Drills organized by LWSIT. His training enabled him to act decisively and effectively in a moment of disaster. As they reached the edge of the floodwaters, Gadhar pulled them up onto a small embankment, where they could finally breathe a sigh of relief. "You're safe now!" he exclaimed, as he helped them to their feet. The three of them made their way to the Bollamjhora Market, where the community had gathered, grateful to find safety and support.

Storyteller: Mr. Sanjay Narzary

Relation with the person of story: LWSIT Community Worker of Transboundary Flood Resilience Project in Assam-
"Mr Gadhar Rabha is an active member of the Community Based Disaster Management Task Force (CBDMTF). Gadhar continued to be a pillar of strength for the community. He helped organize Relief efforts, ensuring food, water and medical supplies for those in need. His actions during the flood not only saved Heli and Somina but also inspired others to step up and contribute to the recovery efforts. Mr. Gadhar's bravery and quick thinking during the crisis exemplified the spirit of community and resilience that the Transboundary Flood Resilience Project aimed to foster. His story is an example of being prepared for the unexpected."

Flood Response Program in Tripura

Due to extremely heavy and continuous rainfall during the period 19 th to 23 rd August 2024, Tripura State of India experience unprecedented floods. In terms of housing, 1,618 homes have been fully damaged, 1,796 homes severely damaged, and 17,471 homes partially damaged across multiple districts. The entire state is declared as "Natural Calamity Affected Area". Gomati district, particularly Udaipur was the hardest hit district with 175 relief camps established, providing shelter to 9,080 families having 35,713 individuals. The floods have caused extensive damage to infrastructure, including roads, power lines, and farmlands. Major roads, including NH-8, NH-8(A), NH-44(A), state roads, and rural roads, was severely affected due to over 2,588 landslides. Additionally, 160,000 hectares of agricultural land and 10,231 hectares of horticultural land have been affected across all eight districts of the state.

Looking at the immediate needs among the flood affected families, LWSIT distributed 2,000 kgs of Rice and 200 kgs Lentil Dal (Pulses) as relief materials to 200 families whose houses were completely damaged due to floods in Gomati and South Tripura districts of Tripura. Each of the 200 families were given 10 kgs of Rice and 1 kg of Lentil Dal (Pulses) as relief support. This has reduced their sufferings to some extent and ensured food for at least one week. LWSIT could manage to provide this relief materials with its own funds on urgent basis and also on time by which the flood affected families those received the relief materials were extremely happy.



Relief materials received by the flood affected families in Tripura



Relief materials distributed in Tripura

Humanitarian Assistance to the People Affected by Conflict in Manipur, India

Supported by CLWR

LWSIT has provided relief assistance to 1,897 families covering 9,485 population and 300 children during the third phase of Relief Distribution Program which has immensely benefitted the conflict affected people who are staying in the Relief Camps as IDPs (Internally Displaced Populations). These Relief Camps are mostly set up in Schools due to which the education of the children were affected in a big way. While the houses of many of these families have been burnt down, the internally displaced people have no place to take shelter other than Relief Camps. They fear that, if they return to their native place, they might get killed by the other groups.



Women with their children received relief materials

Apart from this, LWSIT also conducted Training Program on Psychosocial Counselling in batches. There were 200 participants at these training programs. The participants who attended the Training Programs comprised of Relief Camp Management Committee members, women leaders, religious leaders, youth, adolescent girls, etc. There were experienced Resource Persons engaged to conduct the Training Programs. The participants expressed their satisfaction for the Training provided and follow up action plans were prepared by them to share the learning with others which would further disseminate and percolate down to the people who have been affected by the ethnic conflict situation in Manipur.

The following relief materials have been distributed to 1,897 families which immensely benefitted them. The details are mentioned below;

Table No. 6 : Details of Relief Distribution at Manipur

<i>Maggi (Ready to eat food)</i>	<i>Food Items</i>	<i>1,500 Cartoon</i>
<i>Soya Chunk</i>		<i>1,500 kgs</i>
<i>Mustard Oil</i>		<i>1,500 liters</i>
<i>Iodized Salt</i>		<i>1,500 kgs</i>
<i>Chilli Powder (100 gm pack)</i>		<i>1,500 pkts</i>
<i>Turmeric Powder (100 gm pack)</i>		<i>1,500 pkts</i>
<i>Raw Rice</i>		<i>3,970 kgs</i>
<i>Masur Dal</i>		<i>397 kgs</i>
<i>Drinking Water</i>		<i>397 Jar</i>
<i>Cerelac (Baby Food)</i>		<i>300 kgs</i>
<i>Mosquito Net (large size)</i>	<i>Non-Food Items</i>	<i>1,500 pcs</i>
<i>Sleeping Mat (large size)</i>		<i>1,500 pcs</i>
<i>BedSheet (Double bedded)</i>		<i>1,500 pcs</i>
<i>Woolen Blanket (large size)</i>		<i>1,500 pcs</i>
<i>Utensil Sets</i>		<i>1,500 sets</i>
<i>Dignity Kit/Hygiene Kits for Women and Adolescent Girls-Bathing soap, Washing Soap, Hand Wash, Antiseptic liquid, Sanitary Napkin etc.</i>	<i>WASH/Hygiene Kits</i>	<i>1,500 Kits</i>
<i>Training on Psycho-Social Support to IDPs</i>	<i>Training attended</i>	<i>200 Persons</i>

Recovery Project in Manipur

Supported by Kerk In Actie

The Recovery Project in Manipur implemented by LWSIT with the support of Kerk In Actie (KIA) commenced from June 2024 by addressing the basic needs of the ethnic conflicted affected population living in the Relief Camps as IDPs. In this phase, the main focus was to plug in to some of the most important needs as ascertained by the needs assessment which was conducted and guided the main program activities for this phase. The Program activities were under the broad categories of Livelihood Security, Health Care Awareness, Psychosocial Support, Children's Education and Skill Development Training, etc. The Project has been implemented in Churachandpur, Imphal East and Kangpokpi Districts of Manipur. Women, adolescent girls, unemployed youth and Children are the focused target group of this Project. Efforts were made to provide basic supports to this affected population in order to improve their standard of living while living in the Relief Camps.

By providing various alternative livelihood support to women such as poultry, duckling, piggery, tailoring, etc. they are earning income which helps them to meet their basic needs. Similarly, educational support were provided to the children of different age groups, by which they were able to continue with their education within the Relief Camps and also appear for their examinations and secured better results. The unemployed, those trained as electricians and construction painters have been engaged in their respective trades and are earning wages for their family. Preventive Health Care Awareness Programs were conducted for the IDPs to take appropriate measures to reduce the risks of various aliments they faced. Psychosocial support was provided to the selected IDPs and those who were still suffering from trauma, anxiety and tension as they directly experienced the violence situation.



Handloom machine being demonstrated

Case Story 1 : Humanitarian Assistance Project: "The Journey of an IDP Mother"



Piggery Livelihood Support to Mrs. Ngakneu along with her daughter

The violent conflict in Manipur forced thousands of families to abandon their homes and livelihoods, leaving behind all they had built over generations. Among them was Mrs. Ngakneu, a determined mother from Games Village near Imphal. Along with her young deaf daughter, Thianniang, and other family members, she sought refuge in the TD Block Relief Camp, clinging to hope amid uncertainty and loss.

Life in the Camp was challenging, especially with the responsibility of caring for a child with special needs. Thianniang, a student of Class VII, required additional support and attention. Despite the hardships, Mrs. Ngakneu remained resilient, driven by a dream to rebuild a life of dignity and security for her daughter.

Empowering the last, the least and the ^{lo}st

Recognizing her strength and situation, Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT) identified Mrs. Ngakneu as a beneficiary under its Livelihood Restoration Program for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). She received two piglets, financial aid to construct a pig sty, and basic training in Piggery Management.

With this essential support, she began a new journey in Pig Farming. She built a modest shelter using local materials and committed herself to learning proper care, feeding, and pig health practices. Over time, as her piglets grew, so did her knowledge, confidence, and vision. She started exploring local markets to expand her small enterprise.

Today, her piggery venture is not only a source of income but also a symbol of hope. With the profits she expects, she plans to expand her piggery and invest in her daughter's education and therapy.

"I never imagined two small piglets could bring such hope," Mrs. Ngakneu shares. "Now, I wake up with a purpose - to expand this livelihood in order to give my daughter the life she deserves."

Her journey reflects the power of resilience and how timely, targeted support can help restore dignity, hope, and self-reliance, even in the most difficult times.

Case Story 2: Humanitarian Assistance Project: "Thangming Hau, at the critical juncture of ethnic violence"

Chongtham Birjit Meitei, a 38-year-old resident of Sanasabi Village in Imphal East, Manipur, now resides with his family in a temporary shelter home at Sawombung following the violent conflict in Manipur. Before displacement, he worked in furniture making, masonry and driving, while his father practiced carpentry and his mother and wife were involved in handloom weaving. The conflict, however, upended their lives entirely – by cutting off access to livelihoods, disrupting the children's education and straining their mental and physical well-being.

The violence not only left Birjit without income but also disrupted his network of work contacts. His children, who once attended school regularly, experienced sudden disruptions - changing schools, losing interest in studies and performing poorly. These setbacks left Birjit deeply demotivated and emotionally distressed. Despite limited access to quality healthcare, he managed his family's health needs through Government Primary Health Centers (PHCs). When his wife required surgery, he relentlessly pursued all possible support, eventually activating a



Birjit's work with Carpentry Tools

Government Health Card that covered most of the treatment costs. However, his own health, particularly back pain, remains neglected.

Determined to survive, Birjit accepted any available work. His resilience was recognized by Lutheran World Service India Trust (LWSIT), which provided him with carpentry tools under its alternative livelihood support program. This small but timely support revived his motivation. With his skills and the new tools - also usable for aluminum and masonry work - he began taking up jobs again. His first earnings were spent on a bag of rice and school supplies for his children, a moment that filled him with pride and purpose.

Looking ahead, Birjit aspires to build more work contacts and eventually open his own shop, especially as his health limits heavy labor. He also hopes to provide his children with better education, including remedial tuition at the camp. Despite the hardships, Birjit remains focused on rebuilding his life.

The trauma of displacement continues to weigh down heavily on his family. The health of his aging parents have deteriorated rapidly though his father still wishes to work, his mother has stopped weaving. His wife underwent gallbladder surgery. Though words fall short of expressing his pain, Birjit participates in every Relief Camp Program to gather strength and guidance. Today, as he begins to earn and support his family, a glimmer of hope has returned, though concerns about his children's future and the uncertain political climate persist. He deeply misses his village and the peace it once held.

Table No.7 : Details of programs implemented through this Project

Activity	Unit	Total Coverage
<i>Educational Study Centres for the Children (Students of different Classes)</i>	<i>Students</i>	338
<i>Healthcare support and Awareness Camps to IDPs living in the Relief Camps</i>	<i>No. of person</i>	1,192
<i>Livelihood support to IDP Women for income generation (Handloom materials, tailoring, vegetable selling, piglets, duckling, etc.)</i>	<i>Individual</i>	180
<i>Livelihood Support for IDP Men for income generation (Carpentry Tools and Agricultural Seeds)</i>	<i>Individual</i>	125
<i>Skill Training Support for IDP Men for income generation (Electrician and Construction Painter)</i>	<i>Person</i>	60
<i>Skill Development for IDP Women for income generation (Tailoring, Beautician/Poloi, Pickle Making)</i>	<i>Person</i>	75
<i>Training on Psychosocial support and Trauma Counselling</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>	96
<i>Awareness Camp on Psychosocial Support and Mental Health for IDPs</i>	<i>No. of persons</i>	655
<i>Life Skill Training Support for IDP adolescents, youth boys and girls</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>	35
<i>ACT India Forum Members Capacity Building and strengthening program along with KIA Partners</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>	25

Enhanced Child Protection and Youth Empowerment Project in Kalvarayan Hills, Tamil Nadu

Supported by Kerk In Actie

LWSIT has implemented a new Project in Tamil Nadu during the year 2024 with a Project titled - Enhanced Child Protection and Youth Empowerment Project in Kalvarayan Hills, Tamil Nadu which is supported by Kerk In Actie. The overall objective of this Project is to enhance Child Protection and reduce risks among them, and Livelihood Security for Unemployed Youth in six villages of Kalvarayan Hills, Tamil Nadu. The specific objectives of the Project are: to ensure Child Protection & Safeguarding and reduced risks among vulnerable



Children Club Members with their Parents

children, improve leadership skills among youth and reduce the risks of migration by ensuring employability, ensure documentation of traditional knowledge, wisdom and practices of farm based intervention for future learning and contribute towards achievement of SDGs through diaconal services related to Child Protection and Youth Engagement.

The Project commenced from July 2024 in six of the identified villages. During the reporting period, Livelihood support was provided to 20 unemployed Youth for income generation. All of them are enthusiastically involved in the program to generate income in order to support their families. They will stay back in their villages and will not migrate as they used to go earlier to other cities. Workshops on Child Protection and Child Safeguarding for Teachers have been conducted during which they were sensitized on the issues related to Child Protection and Safeguarding which they were not aware of earlier. Study materials viz. Notebook, pen, school bag, hygiene materials etc. provided, were a support to the children which helped them a lot and they used for their regular education. Dropouts of children has stopped totally after the intervention of LWSIT as they understood the value of education in the Project Villages including seasonal migrant families. Children's Clubs have been formed in all the villages and the children participated in various extra-curricular activities. Similarly, Youth Clubs have been formed and strengthened in each village for their empowerment.

Table No. 8 : Details of Achievement of program during the year 2024

Activity	Unit	Total Coverage
<i>Support of study materials to Children</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>	126
<i>Children Club Formation</i>	<i>No. of Child Clubs/ Children involved</i>	6/ 150
<i>Extra-curricular Activities for Children</i>	<i>No. of Children</i>	75
<i>Livelihood support to unemployed Youth for income generation</i>	<i>Person</i>	20
<i>Formation of Youth Club</i>	<i>No. of Youth Clubs/ Youth involved</i>	6/ 89
<i>Trainings to Youth on Agriculture, PIME Skills, etc..</i>	<i>No. of Participants</i>	60

COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP

During the year 2024, LWSIT strengthened its collaboration and partnership with various resource agencies, Government departments and philanthropists who extended their support for Program implementation of various Projects for the betterment of poor, vulnerable and underprivileged sections of society. The details of these Programs are reflected hereunder:

Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH)

Supported by the Social Welfare Department

LWSIT operates Shelter for Urban Homeless to provide shelter to the Urban Homeless population by providing safe and secure shelter 24 hrs. along with other essential services to the poorest of the poor people of the city of Kolkata. This is a sub-Scheme under Dindayal Anthodia Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). The Scheme seeks to provide shelter to the urban poor. LWSIT received financial support through the Controller of Vagrancy (CV) Dept., Govt. of West Bengal. LWSIT is one of the approved Organisations to conduct SUH programs in Ultadanga, 33/7 Muraripukur Road, Kolkata 700067, for providing service to 80 homeless Inmates, out of which, 40 are females and 40 are male inmates.

During the current reporting year, LWSIT was provided with extra support for collaboration with Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Govt. of West Bengal for the Construction of New Buildings for Female and Male inmates separately. Meanwhile, for shelter planning purposes, two new buildings have been constructed by considering a space of 50 sqft per person which is taken as the minimum space to be provided. The basic common facilities/amenities such as water, sanitation, electricity, kitchen/ cooking space, common recreation space are provided at the Shelters constructed as per DAY-NULM Scheme. LWSIT ensured that all inmates availed all the basic amenities like, individual bed and bedding sets, potable drinking water, proper sanitised and functional latrines, First Aid and Primary Health facilities, protection through CCTV Cameras, sanitisation of Shelters, Dining and Cooking facilities, De-addiction and Recreational Facilities.

Periodical Review meetings were organized by the Controller of Vagrancy Dept., for review of Shelter and Fund Allotments in Shubanna, District Office, Govt. of West Bengal.



New Building for Inmates of Shelter for Urban Homeless

- **10 surveys were conducted** in the catchment area of Ultadanga, a total of five homeless people (two females, three males) were found. Majority of old & aged people, sick people found during the Survey did not have any documents.
- **5 nos Awareness Programs** on Dengue Management were organized in SUH project, One SUH Project details Hoarding setting on roadside, 10 nos. Leaflet Distribution Program were conducted in the catchment areas of Ultadanga.
- 10 nos. Cleaning and Sanitation Programs and awareness amongst the inmates in two Departments were conducted.
- **Networking and linkage building** meeting with KMC Dept., MMIC regarding Agreement, Program with Maniktala P.S., Local ward councilor of KMC ward no. 14 were held.
- **Health camp:** One Health Camp was organized for the inmates for regular Health Checkups and medicines were provided as per requirement. Twelve inmates received referral service from Muchibazar Health Unit, R.G. Kar Hospital, Sushrut Eye Hospital, and J.B. Roy Ayurveda Hospital.
- **Resource Mobilization** from other sources: New garments for 33 males and 36 females and Shawls for all inmates were provided by Favical Company.
- **Govt. Schemes:** One female inmate got Laxmi Bhandar and two women got Old Age Govt. Pension scheme.
- **Resettlement:** Two homeless inmates (women) were resettled with their families.
- **Management Committee Meeting:** Two Management Committee meetings were conducted with Ward Councillor, local representatives, staff members and inmates.
- **Day Observation:** Human Rights Day, National Youth Day, Republic Day and Netaji's Birthday were observed/celebrated with the inmates.

Open Shelter Project for Girls

Supported by Women and Child Development & Social Welfare Department

In 2024, LWSIT continued implementing the Open Shelter Project with support from the Project Approval Board, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, under the Mission Vatsalya Scheme for FY 2022–23. The primary goal of this initiative is to offer a safe and secure space for children in difficult situations—particularly those without access to basic needs such as shelter, nutrition, healthcare, and protection. The Open Shelter, located at Ultadanga, serves 25 girl children categorized as Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP). These include children who are rag pickers, missing, runaways, engaged in street work or begging, and those living in

vulnerable conditions. The shelter functions with a dedicated team comprising caregivers, social workers and counsellors. In 2023, LWSIT was awarded a 5-year Registration under Section 41 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act.

The Project operates mainly in urban slum areas of Ward Nos. 14 and 34 under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The target children come from low-income families, often exposed to neglect, lack of parental care and poor understanding of child protection and development. Through this initiative, LWSIT builds a community-based safety net to support these children.

The Program includes three **Contact Points** within the community. Activities here involve educational support, drawing, crafts, games, yoga, and regular meetings with children and mothers. Monthly Community Awareness Programs were also organized. These contact points are managed by three Outreach Workers.

Outreach Process: Vulnerable children are identified through community outreach and then referred to the shelter for further care.

Education Support: Many children enrolled are School dropouts or have never attended school. LWSIT provides Bridge Courses and daily learning support to close learning gaps. School enrolments and regular follow-ups ensure improved retention. Monthly Assessments track individual progress.

Health & Nutrition: Children receive four nutritious meals daily, designed to meet their dietary needs. Many children are undernourished; hence, monthly BMI monitoring is conducted. Health check-ups are arranged through UPHCs and nearby Hospitals.

Individual Care Plan (ICP): Each child's care plan is developed based on her needs. Progress is reviewed and documented every three months.

Counselling Support: One-on-one counselling sessions address children's emotional, psychological, and behavioral needs, aiming to understand and resolve underlying issues.

Special Day Celebrations: Events like Rabindra Jayanti, Environment Day, Independence Day, Raksha Bandhan, Teacher's Day, International Girl Child Day, Mahalaya, Diwali, UNCRC Week, Bon Phota, Children's Day and Christmas were joyfully celebrated, fostering cultural connection and joy among the children.



Celebration of children's day program.

Children Education Center (CEC)

Supported by Saviour Foundation, Dreaming Bees Foundation & Tech Axis



CEC children celebrating the annual program

Since July 3, 2018, LWSIT has been operating the Children Education Centre (CEC) in Ultadanga, Kolkata, to support the education of children who have either dropped out of school or never been enrolled. Under the Child Development Program, the CEC provides foundational academic support to help these children transition into mainstream, state-funded primary or elementary schools. Aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) on Quality Education, the Program ensures inclusive, equitable education and promotes lifelong learning. Through this initiative, 30 underprivileged children aged 5 to 16 years (both boys and girls) are regularly

supported. Most of these children have had little exposure to structured learning, particularly in English, Hindi, Mathematics, and General Knowledge. The Bridge Course curriculum is designed to build their academic base and reintegrate them into formal schooling.

Throughout the year, LWSIT successfully conducted 238 Educational Sessions at the Ultadanga Campus. The initiative has been strengthened through support from Saviour Foundation, Dreaming Bees Foundation, and Tech Axis, enabling the smooth implementation of activities and achievement of program goals.

During this reporting period, the bridge course benefited 43 children aged 6–14 years from four nearby communities—Murari Pukur, George Bagan, Hatath Colony, and Krishnapally — falling under Wards 14 and 32 of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

These children, previously lagging behind in their studies or having dropped out of government and non-government schools, have now become regular learners at the CEC. In addition to academic instruction, children also engaged in recreational activities such as chess and carom, which contribute to their cognitive development and emotional well-being, making the centre a holistic learning space



Children are engaged in recreational activities

RESOURCE MOBILISATION AT THE PROJECT AND COMMUNITY LEVEL

As always, LWSIT encourages communities to contribute towards Community Asset Building from their sources and through resources generated from various schemes as available from different Line Departments of the Government as part of the community empowerment process. The following table provides a snapshot of the resources raised by communities through their efforts and with the support of LWSIT staff during the year 2024:

Table No. 9 : Resources Mobilized at the Project and Community Level

Sl No	Name of the Programme	Cost Sharing by Individual / Community (₹)	Independent Investment by Individual / Group (₹)	Local Resources mobilized through GO / NGO (₹)		Total (₹)
				By LWSIT	By CBO / Group	
1	STEER Project, Balangir Unit	2,02,689.00	11,83,000.00	5,00,000.00	51,58,200.00	70,43,889.00
2	STEER Project, Bankura Unit	2,82,427.00	1,85,000.00	4,57,200.00	12,20,000.00	21,44,627.00
3	STEER Project, Kalahandi Unit	3,20,837.00	4,65,000.00	6,30,000.00	19,38,000.00	33,53,837.00
4	STEER Project, Kendrapara Unit	1,61,194.00	8,50,000.00	6,35,000.00	26,35,000.00	42,81,194.00
5	STEER Project, Mayurbhanj Unit	1,64,100.00	10,70,000.00	4,00,000.00	14,00,000.00	30,34,100.00
6	CCAM Project, Birbhum Unit	4,57,708.00	4,88,000.00	2,00,000.00	13,93,600.00	25,39,308.00
7	CCAM Project, Assam Unit	3,80,199.00	1,29,000.00	2,00,000.00	16,76,801.00	23,86,000.00
8	GEP - Bhubaneswar Unit	3,79,997.00	64,01,826.00	10,000.00	94,39,099.00	1,62,30,922.00
9	GEP - Kolkata Unit	1,51,594.00	65,000.00	50,000.00	22,50,000.00	25,16,594.00
	Total	25,00,745.00	1,08,36,826.00	30,82,200.00	2,71,10,700.00	4,35,30,471.00

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Advisory Committee meeting at GEP Bhubaneswar unit



Advisory Committee visit to FSTP plant in Bhubaneswar unit managed by TG community

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AZEECON EETV on GIRBA



Female inmates at new SUH building



AZEECON Exposure visit by the participants



Male inmates at new SUH building



Project visit by Advisory Committee Members to GEP Bhubaneswar Unit



Independence Day celebration at CCI campus

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Baby food carried by the Mothers



Bleaching powder spreading under village cleaning program



Book support to class IX to XII students



Community Resource Centre in Kashinala village



Brinjal and Chilli cultivation under Comercial Vegetable cultivation program



Meeting by Maa Saraswati Producer Group, Kalashree Village, Jajpur District

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Fruit Tree Plant Distribution



Finger millet seed support to Louis Surin at Subaijhar under Santipara zone (1)



Bumper yield of potatoes harvested to earn good income



Health awareness program



Watermelon cultivation - A climate resilient crop in Assam



Jasobanti Patra Vegetable cultivation at Ranpur

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Welcome by ED on Golden Jubilee Celebration



Church Service on Golden Jubilee Celebration Day



Golden Jubilee Celebration



Staff performed in Golden Jubilee Celebration



Pisciculture support to Gorsinpara CDC under Runikhata Area



Solar lights supported to the families

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Training on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation



16 Days of Activism Program with TG Members in Odisha



Relief Distribution to fire affected families at Kolkata



ACT Alliance representative with LWSIT staff



Tailoring training in Kangpokpi



Handloom machine being demonstrated by beneficiary

NETWORK & ALLIANCES

AZEECON (Asian Zone Emergency and Environment Cooperation Network)

LWSI/LWSIT is the founding member of AZEECON – a regional network in South Asia and South-East Asia comprising of the member organizations, which are current country programs and former associate programs of LWF/DWS Geneva. During the year 2024, Annual Review and Planning Summit 2024 were organized by RDRS Bangladesh which was held at Rangpur. However, due to security reasons LWSIT could not participate in the event. But, online presentation was made by LWSIT to other members present in the Summit. Besides, LWSIT also hosted the EETV on 'Gender' in which the representatives from four countries i.e., Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal and India participated in the program and learnt a lot through exposure visit to TG Community in Cuttack and WAWA Club program in Bhubaneswar apart from the learning from various sessions conducted by the eminent Resource Person.

Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance

LWSIT is a full member of CHS (Core Humanitarian Standard) Alliance, which emphasized on the Quality and Accountability of its member's work. During the year 2024, LWSIT participated in couple of online survey for the Annual Report of CHS Alliance by filling the information as required. LWSIT receives the Monthly Newsletter and various updates from CHS Secretariat in Geneva and contribute as and when required.

ACT Alliance India Forum

During the year 2024, LWSIT participated and shared its views on the several online meetings organized by the ACT Alliance India Forum Coordinating Agency. The Annual General Body Meeting of ACT India Forum also held in May through online in which LWSIT shared the program and organizational update to other members of the Forum. Besides, LWSIT also organized One Day Planning Meeting for the Forum Members on 23rd July 2024 held at Nagpur. During this Planning Meeting some of the important thematic issues were identified to work on in the future. These includes; (1) Climate Change and DRR (2) Peace & Human Security (3) Gender and (4) Financial Management & Govt. Compliances. The ACT Alliance Regional Representative attended the planning meeting through online and shared some updates on behalf of ACT Alliance Secretariat. Besides, a capacity building workshop was organized for ACT India Forum members, KIA partners and NCCI members on Manipur Response to share the experience and mutual learning.

Sphere India

LWSIT is the founding member of Sphere India (a National coalition of humanitarian agencies) and adopts Sphere principles, processes and standards in programming especially during humanitarian responses. As a humanitarian and development organization, LWSIT always follows the rules, regulations and guidelines as adopted by the Sphere Network. In 2024, LWSIT attended several online meetings related to ethnic violence situation in Manipur, other disaster risk reduction and climate change events apart from Annual General Body Meeting. There were several webinars organized by Sphere India on various thematic areas, in which staff of LWSIT attended the programs at different times.

Inter-Agency Group (IAG)

During 2024, LWSIT continued to be the part of Inter-Agency Groups in several States across India. IAG is the State level network involving both International and National NGOs. LWSIT is the founding member of IAG Odisha, West Bengal, Assam and Tamil Nadu, and it represents in other States as per the requirement. The IAG platform provides an opportunity to discuss issues related to coordination, collaboration and sharing of the best practices among humanitarian actors and strengthens relationship with respective State Governments including Sphere India at the National level. LWSIT regularly attended the meetings organized by State IAGs in different States.

RESOURCE MOBILISATION AND COMMUNICATION

On January 10 & 11, 2024, two of the LWSIT Staffs who are involved in Resource Mobilization and Communication Responsibility attended a Virtual Capacity Building Workshop on Introduction to Agile for Social Impact Organizations by CSRBOX, where agile values, principles and methodologies like Scrum and Kanban were introduced. Subsequently, on February 2, 2024, they also took part in a Follow-Up Training on Resource Mobilization & Communication in which other Senior Staff also attended the Training Program. This Training led by Rev. Dr. Joel Patrick focused on enhancing skills for effective Resource Mobilization and Communication strategies, particularly within CSR and Government Sectors. Furthermore, two of the staff members participated in a Virtual Capacity Building Workshop on Stakeholder Engagement and Communication on February 27 & 28, 2024, organized by CSRBOX, which covered strategies for stakeholder identification, engagement, conflict resolution, and monitoring effectiveness. They also attended a capacity-building session on Effective Knowledge Management and Documentation Approaches on March 7 & 8, 2024, also organized by CSRBOX, focusing on knowledge mapping, documentation methods and tools for effective knowledge sharing.

A Training Program on Resource Mobilization and Communication was organized for the National Office Staff and Project Coordinators on August 23 & 24, 2024. The Resource Person covered topics such as - An Introduction to Resource Mobilization, Strategies for Resource Mobilization, Tools and Techniques for Effective Resource Mobilization, Sustainable Resource Mobilization Models with an emphasis on CSR opportunities, and ensuring organizational financial sustainability. The Session was interactive and provided participants with practical insights and tools that could be implemented in their respective roles to strengthen Resource Mobilization within the Organization.

On November 6, 2024, all the Project Coordinators, second line leaders of Project Units and National Office Staff including the Lead of Project Resource Mobilization and the Project Communication Coordinator participated in the Capacity Development Workshop on Resource Mobilization with a Focus on CSR Opportunities. This workshop provided an in-depth understanding of various fundraising strategies, including tapping into CSR initiatives, donor engagement and project-based funding. Participants developed creative, innovative approaches to advance their projects and explored case studies highlighting successful Resource Mobilization efforts. The knowledge and skills acquired during the Workshop are expected to significantly enhance LWSIT's Resource Mobilization efforts, contributing to the organization's long-term sustainability, growth and ability to make a greater impact in the communities it serves.

Furthermore, a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan was developed for the Resource Development Centre (RDC) in Birbhum, West Bengal, the Community Resource Centre (CRC) in Assam and the office space in Birbhum. These plans address various facets crucial for ensuring long-term sustainability and effectiveness, including optimizing resource utilization, enhancing operational efficiency, and fostering community engagement and empowerment. The plans also prioritize environmental sustainability by incorporating measures to minimize the ecological footprint and promote eco-friendly practices. Additionally, capacity-building and livelihood initiatives will be implemented to empower local stakeholders and ensure their active participation in the centers' activities. These sustainability plans reflect the organization's commitment to fostering a lasting positive impact and resilience within the communities, thereby reinforcing the Organization's overall Mission and Vision.

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INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE (ICC)

The Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of LWSIT has continued to work at various levels of the Organization which is mandated to examine and respond to grievances raised by members of the partner communities and the staff of LWSIT. Complaints can be taken up and investigation may be done depending upon the nature of complaints at different levels in the Organization.

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HUMAN RESOURCE POSITION

Location	Male	Female	Total
National Office	13	8	21
Social Transformation Economic Empowerment and Risk Reduction (STEER) Project	11	8	19
Gender Empowerment Project (GEP)	1	8	9
Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation (CCA&M) Project	17	7	24
Transboundary Flood Resilience (TFR) Project in South Asia, Assam, India	5	1	6
Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH), Kolkata	5	3	8
Child Care Institute (CCI), Kolkata	0	1	1
Open Shelter	0	8	8
Enhanced Livelihood Security (ELS) Project in Odisha	1	0	1
Enhanced Health, Education, Livelihood and Leadership (EHELL) for Tribal and Dalit Women and Adolescent Girls	5	4	9
The Recovery Project in Manipur	2	2	4
Enhanced Child Protection and Youth Empowerment (ECPYE) Project, Kalvarayan Hills, Tamil Nadu	1	0	1
TOTAL	61	50	111

FINANCIAL UPDATE

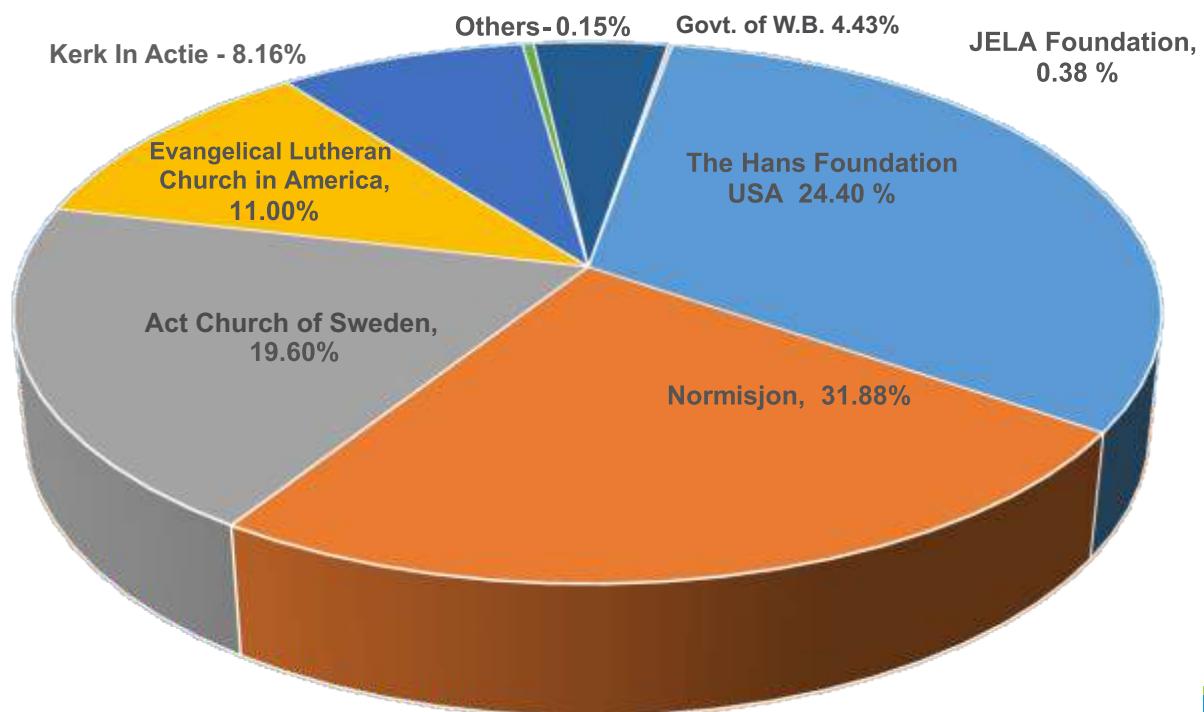
Income of LWSIT During the Year 2024

Particulars	Amount (in INR)	%
Foreign contribution -Development Programme	9,87,62,344	87.1%
Foreign Contribution -Emergency Response	53,35,558	4.7%
Government contribution	48,36,442	4.3%
Community contribution	32,90,257	2.9%
Local contribution -Other Projects	1,75,400	0.2%
Other Income	88,199	0.1%
Interest income	9,18,679	0.8%
Total	11,34,06,879	100.0%

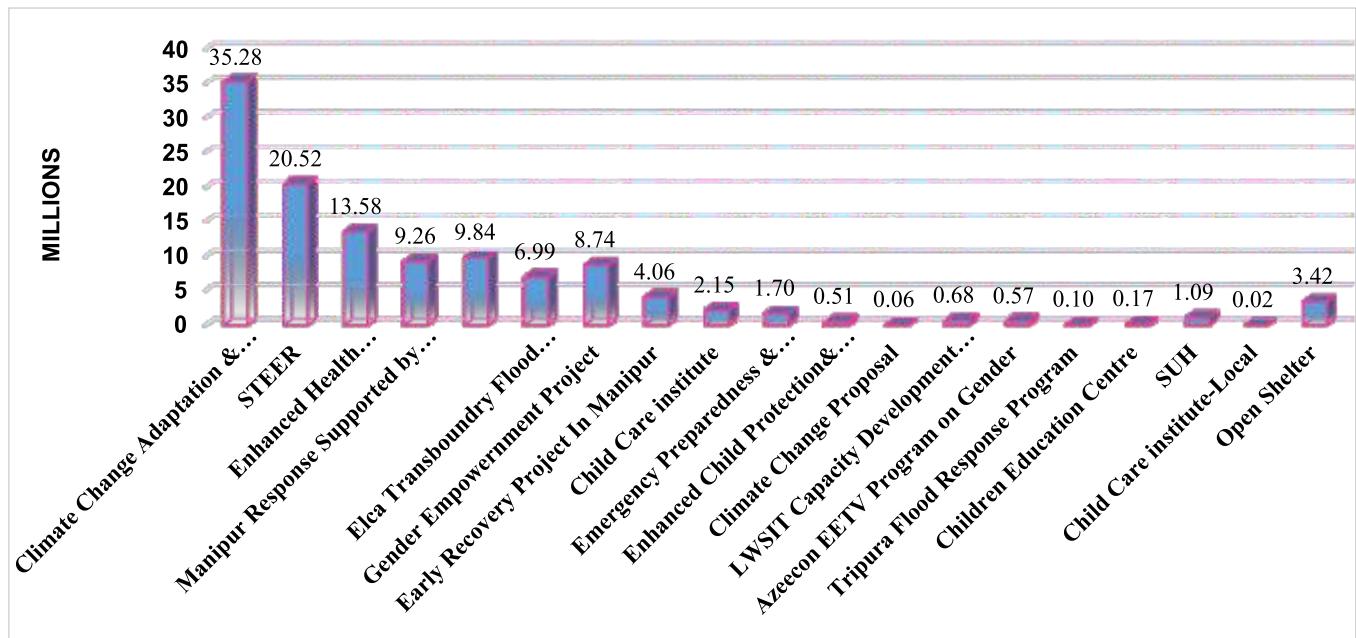
Resource Partners - 2024

Name of Resource Partners	Amount (INR in Million)
Normisjon	34.78
The Hans Foundation USA	26.62
Act Church of Sweden	21.38
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	12.00
Kerk In Actie	8.90
JELA Foundation	0.41
Government of West Bengal	4.84
Tech Lateetude Pvt Ltd	0.10
Others	0.06
Total	109.09

Contribution from Resource Partners 2024



Project Wise Expenditure 2024



STAFF RETREAT



Staff Retreat Program held at Visakhapatnam

The Staff Retreat Program took place from 6th to 7th June, 2024 at Hotel Ocean Vista Bay, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, with participation from staff across all projects, the National Office, and Board Members. Expert Resource Persons led sessions on key topics such as Climate Change Impact on Food Security and livelihoods, Gender and Development and FCRA Rules with Financial Management. Interactive group discussions and activities were also held, ensuring active participation and deeper understanding among all staff members on the subjects covered.

ACKNOWLEDGING SUPPORT FROM RESOURCE PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

The year 2024 was the 2nd year of implementing its Strategic Plan Document which is the guiding document for the Organization till 2027. Besides, LWSIT implemented three new Projects supported by different INGOs. These include; (1) “Enhanced Health, Education, Livelihood and Leadership for Tribal & Dalit Women and Adolescent Girls in Nabarangpur and Rayagada” supported by The Hans Foundation USA; (2) Recovery Project in Manipur and (3) Enhanced Child Protection and Youth Empowerment Project in Kalvarayan Hills, Tamil Nadu. These two Projects are supported by Kerk In Actie, Netherlands. In 2024, a new Project titled - “Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Project” was implemented in Assam, West Bengal and Jharkhand States with support from Normison. LWSIT received financial support from its resource partners mostly on time. The programmatic achievements as described in this report are the results of collective and collaborative efforts of many stakeholders those who are directly or indirectly associated with the organization. Various program achievements were recorded in all the major Core Projects (STEER, GEP and CCAM), Humanitarian Response Project in Manipur and Government funded Projects as well. Normisjon, Act Church of Sweden, ELCA, JELA Foundation and The Hans Foundation USA provided the financial resource support for Development Projects, while Kerk In Actie provided support for both Recovery Project in Manipur and Development Project in Tamil Nadu.

The funding support was received from ACT Alliance Appeal Mechanism for responding to Ethnic Conflict situation in Manipur through the Project titled - “Humanitarian Assistance to the People affected by Ethnic Violence in Manipur, India”. The resource support was provided by CLWR through ACT Appeal.

During 2024, the financial resources provided by ELCA was also used to continue the program implementation of a unique Project titled - ‘Transboundary Flood Resilience Project in South Asia, Assam State of India’. This Project is being implemented through consortium mode where LWF Nepal, RDRS Bangladesh and LWSIT India are also a part of the Project.

Saviour Foundation and Dreaming Bees Foundation continued their support for Children Education Centre (CEC) Project Tech Lateetud Pvt. Ltd. also extended their helping hand to support the CEC project. Financial resource support was also received from the Government of West Bengal to run the Program such as Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUH) and Open Shelter Project for the underprivileged Children.

So, LWSIT put on record with acknowledgement and appreciation to all the resource partners for their timely support and it remains grateful to all of them for their continued support and trust upon LWSIT to serve the underprivileged populations such as men, women, children, transgender persons and People with Disability (PWD) in the country throughout the year in 2024.

CHALLENGES

During the year 2024, LWSIT faced the major challenge related to local Resource Mobilization. Though a lot of efforts were put in by the Organization, still it was not possible to mobilize the local resources upto the expected level. Of course, LWSIT created the space to receive local donation using its social media platforms. But, the amounts received from such sources were very minimal. In this context, more efforts would be made to receive local resources from within the country.

During the year, there several Elections were held in the country and also in some of the States where LWSIT is operational. While the Election gives the space for exercising the democratic rights of the citizens, during the period of Election, it was not possible to implement some of the planned activities due to imposition of Model Code of Conduct. The rate of inflation has gone high during the year, and as a result, the cost of all the materials were very high and it was a challenge to organize the Programs with minimum budgetary provisions.

As like previous years, the heat wave in summer particularly during the months of April and May, made it difficult for the Project Staff to go out and implement the planned activities. Most of the days, the temperature was above 40 degree which makes it difficult for mobility by the Project Staff.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	LWSIT	Lutheran World Service India Trust
ASDMA	Assam State Disaster Management Authority	LWF	Lutheran World Relief
ANM	Auxiliary Nurse Midwife	LWR	Lutheran World Federation
ASHA	Accredited Social Health Activists	MC	Management Committee
AZEECON	Asian Zone Emergency and Environment Cooperation Network	MCH	Mahulpahari Christian Hospital
CAP-R	Community Action for Peace-Reconciliation	NCCI	National Council of Churches in India
CBG	Community-Based Groups	NGO	Non-Government Organisation
CBO	Community-Based Organisation	NRM	Natural Resource Management
CCI	Child Care Institute	NO	National Office
CEC	Children Education Centre	No.	Number
CHS	Core Humanitarian Standard	OD	Organization Development
Act CoS	Act Church of Sweden	OTELP	Odisha Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Program
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility	Pc.	Piece
Dept.	Department	PMF	Peace Mediator Forum
DMT	Disaster Management Team	POSH	Prevention Of Sexual Harassment
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction	PRINT	Panchayati Raj Institutions
DSSQC	Development Support Programme for Stone Quarry-Affected Communities	PwD	Person with Disability
DWS	Department of World Service	RCM	Rice Crop Manager
ELCA	Evangelical Lutheran Church of America	RTE	Right to Education
FC	Foreign Contribution	SBA	Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
FFW	Food-For-Work	SC	Scheduled Caste
FIG	Farmer Interest Group	SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
FPO	Farmer Producer's Organisation	SHG	Self-Help Group
GBV	Gender-Based Violence	ST	Scheduled Tribe
GEP	Gender Empowerment Project	SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
GIRBA	Gender Integrated Right-Based Approach	STEER	Social Transformation, Economic Empowerment and Risk Reduction
GO	Government Organisation	STI	Sexual Transmitted Infection
Govt.	Government	SUH	Shelter for Urban Homeless
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	TFR	Transboundary Flood Resilience
IAG	Inter-Agency Group	ToT	Training of Trainers
ICC	Internal Complaints Committee	UELCI	United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India
INR	Indian Rupees	UCT	Unconditional Cash Transfer
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute	VDC	Village Development Committee
JELA	Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association	WAVAW	Women's Association on Violence Against Women
KG	Kilogram	WDU	Women Development Undertaking
LWF	Lutheran World Federation	WBSCL	West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Limited
LWSI	Lutheran World Service India	WED	World Environment Day

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