



## Current and Past Activities and Accomplishments of TCF over a 34 year period

All programs are funded by The Toronto-Calcutta Foundation (TCF)

### Summary of Current Programs funded in India

	<u>TCA funded programs</u>	<u>Other organizations</u>
	Medical Clinics at Naktala	Arogya Sandhan-Uddipan Coaching Classes
	Coaching class	SSSRKA-Hotar: Coaching classes
	Eye Camps	SONDHI run TCF Education Centre-Bolpur
	Feminie hygiene pad distribution	MVSSK-Eye camps & Jackfruit Saplings
	Women Vocational Training-Uttaran	Moitrisanjog Coochbehar-Jackfruit Saplings
	Ghutiari Sharif pre-primary school	Development Action Society-Jackfruit trees
	Jackfruit project	Suwendu Memorial Trust-Jackfruit saplings
	TCF Education Centre in Bolpur	Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Marti Bhavan-Sahayika Training Program

### I. **Current Activities** (includes activities in 2021 and ongoing)

#### 1. **Toronto Calcutta Association (TCA) Run Programs – Expenditures: \$32000-\$34000**

**TCA Administrative office is at 2/45 Naktala, Kolkata.**

TCA Medical Clinics: For over 20 years until 2019 TCA ran 7 Medical clinics in seven different villages including Naktala clinic. As the attendance of patients came down significantly in these villages, TCA closed these clinics except Naktala in 2021. Naktala clinic opened after the first Covid restriction and it is now opened 6 days a week. Two different doctors look after the clinic. It is good to see that the clinic is getting more and more patients now a days. Residency students of University of Toronto had also attended these clinics in the past.

Uttaran Sewing school: The sewing school has 25-30 women. It has two instructors who are involved in the school.

TCA Coaching Class: This class started on March 2, 2022. It has 25 students and they are from grade I to V, five students from each grade. Two teachers along with some volunteers are taking the classes.

Before the pandemic TCA used to held 7-10 Eye camps from November to March every year. During the pandemic TCA could not hold any eye camps. However, TCA is hoping to hold these eye camps again starting November 2022. All eye camps are held during these months as the weather is not very hot and wet.

TCA Female Hygiene Pad distribution: TCA distributes hygiene pads to girls and women at Boral (Uddipan centre), Ghutiari Sarif village and Naktala clinic. It distributes 130 to 140 pads every month.

Ghutiari Sarif pre-primary School: The school will open on March 14th as the government restrictions are lifted. TCA used to have 70-80 children every year prior to Covid. But, this year TCA has selected 40 students. TCA intentionally reduced the number so that children will not be sitting close to each other, keeping a safe distance from each other because of Covid. Two teachers and two assistants will conduct the classes.

TCF Education Centre in Bolpur: TCF funds this project and SONDHI, a local NGO, runs it. It has 80 indigenous (Adibashi) students from Grade 1 to 10. This project has started in April 2021. TCA monitors and audits the project and transfers funds to SONDHI.

Jackfruit Saplings distribution: TCA has distributed close to 4500 saplings to a number of villages in 24 Parganas South. It is planning to do the same this year.

TCA held eye camps in the past few years. It will continue to hold these in coming years.

TCA observed International Women's Day every year by holding an event at Uttaran.

## **2. SONDHI Run Programs: \$10500-\$12000**

Administrative Office: Canning, Nikarighata, South 24 Parganas

SONDHI has been managing the TCF Education Centre in Bolpur since April 1, 2021 where TCF has been helping 70 students. The program seems to be very successful as some drop out students are now enrolled in school due to this program.

a) Centre address: Mokrompur Baganpara near Bolpur, Birbhum,

b) Number of students: Eighty (70) aged 5 to 16 years, covers grade 1 to grade 11

c) Regular education classes d) Physical activities e) Football training f) Dance g) Art work/drawings

h) Morning breakfast & Evening meal

i) Six (6) teachers for education & four (4) instructors for other activities, in addition to these teachers, there are one administrator, one cook, one caretaker and one cleaner.

TCF bears 80% of the cost of this Centre. TCF has also donated for infrastructures: Two washrooms, one water tank and the connection to City's water supply and approval given to SONDHI to construct a proper kitchen with a cost of Rs. 40000. It will be done in 2022.

Jackfruit project: SONDHI has helped TCF in distributing 10600 Jackfruit/other fruit saplings in 2021 to the villages/schools. They will do the same this year.

## **3. Shri Shri Sarada Ramakrishna Ashram-Hotar (SSSRKA) : \$10000-\$12000**

Administrative Office: Mariada, Hotar, South 24 Parganas

1. On June 1, 2019 TCF and SSSRKA have agreed to start a new TCF Coaching Centre from grade 9 to 12. Initially, the Centre started with 20 Grade IX students in 2019 and in the subsequent years it has added 40 more students (30 girls and 30 boys) when first batch of Grade IX moved on to Grade X and so on. So, in 2022 TCF Coaching Centre has 60 students in total (IX-20, X-20 XI-20). Ultimately it will have 80 students when the batch of Grade XI of 2022 moves on to Grade XII.
2. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 SSSRKA started a new batch of Grade VI students 10 girls and 10 boys. Eventually this batch will go through Grade VI-VII-VIII ultimately to Grade IX. In 2025 The Centre will have 140 students in total.

3. SSSRKA has proposed to start both Spoken English & Computer training classes for the students in April-June 2022.
4. SSSRKA held a number of eye camps for TCF prior to Covid-19 outbreak. It will hold some eye camps in 2022 provided there are no outbreaks of Covid-19.
5. TCF has requested SSSRKA to distribute 10000 Fruit Saplings in 2022 and it is gathering the names of villages where the distributions will take place.

#### **4. Arogya Sandhan-TCF Coaching Centre "Uddipan": \$20000**

Administrative office 2 R.K.Sarani, Eastern Park, Kolkata

1. In 2012, TCF partnered with Arogya Sandhan to start a coaching class for high school students who dropped out of school after grade 8 due to lack of motivation or helping the family financially by working.
2. Uddipan (TCF Coaching Class) started with 20 grade IX students, 10 boys and 10 girls in 2012.
3. By the end of 2015 the Coaching class expanded, now it has 80 students (each grade from IX to XII had 20 students respectively) providing English, Bengali, Science subjects, Geography, etc.
4. In 2016, TCF Coaching class started much needed Computer Training and Spoken English Classes for the students.
5. In 2019, TCF introduced the distribution of hygiene pads in the coaching centre.
6. Arogya Sandhan has held eye camps with TCF since 2012. Prior to the pandemic Arogya Sandhan held 25-30 eye camps every year.
7. Arogya Sandhan is willing to distribute jackfruit saplings in 2022.

#### **5. Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Matri Bhavan (RSMMB)- Sahayika Program-\$34300**

Administrative Office: 7A Sree Mohan Lane, Kolkata.

1. In 2021, TCF funded the Sahayika Program for 11 students and TCF will continue to support another 33 students for this program.

#### **6. Madhavpur Vivekanada Sarvik Seva Kendra (MVSSK):**

Administrative office : Madhavpur, Sunderban, South 24 Parganas

1. MVSSK held eye camps in rural Sundarban area for TCF. It is willing to hold more eye camps in 2022 and beyond.
2. MVSSK has agreed to distribute more jackfruit saplings in 2022.

#### **7. Moitrisanjog Society Coochbehar:**

Administrative Office: Balarampur, Coochbehar

1. Moitrisanjog Society will be distributing fruit trees in 2022.

#### **8. Development Action Society (DAS)**

Office :1721 Rajdanga Main Road, Block EC 71, Kolkata

1. DAS has agreed to distribute jackfruit and other saplings in 2022.

## **II. Past Activities**

### **Toronto Calcutta Association (TCA)**

- Health Hygiene Camps: TCA had held these camps for many years. However, it has not organized one since 2018. In addition, when Health Care professionals from Canada, UK and Australia used to visit Calcutta, TCA organized additional camps for them.
- TCA held its first eye camp in Sulongari village in 1991.
- Started its first pre-school in Badhe Hoogly.
- TCA provided the Sulongari village with an ambulance in 1993, which served surrounding villages in primary health care and emergency relief.
- In 1994, Naktala clinic was expanded to provide ECG and Pathology testing on site. The clinic served as base for other village clinics.
- In 1994, TCA also launched first HIV/AIDS prevention program working with 553 sex workers in one of the red-light areas of Calcutta.
- December 1, 1995, World's Aids day, TCA participated in the World's battle against AIDS by organizing the first major workshop on HIV/AIDS and STDs awareness/prevention, gathering over 400 delegates and community members working with HIV/AIDS/STDs.
- October 1, 1996 TCA expanded its AIDS prevention program empowering 1074 sex workers in the areas of Garia, Garia Station and Canning to take control over their own health and well-being.
- Two of sex workers left their profession and worked for TCA to help with the program.
- TCA installed 8 washrooms in Garia for the sex workers community.
- TCA Medical clinics served over 300000 patients in seven villages near Calcutta;

### **SONDHI**

During Covid Pandemic SONDHI helped TCF with the following:

- a) Numerous Food Distributions
- b) Blanket & Mosquito nets & other hygiene products distributions
- b) Bi-Pap machines/Oxygen cylinders distributed to local Hospitals,

### **Shri Shri Sarada Ramakrishna Ashram-Hotar (SSSRKA) :**

- TCF requested SSSRKA to distribute Jackfruit saplings to the villagers. They successfully distributed 5000 saplings.
- During Pandemic, YAAS & Amphan cyclones SSSRKA distributed food packages to many villagers for TCF.
- SSSRKA partnered with TCF to provide Hygiene Pads to students in the coaching class.

### **Arogya Sandhan-TCF Coaching Centre "Uddipan":**

- Arogya Sandhan has held eye camps with TCF since 2012. Prior to the pandemic Arogya Sandhan held 25-30 eye camps every year.
- Arogya Sandhan distributed blankets for TCF in the past.

### **Madhavpur Vivekanada Sarvik Seva Kendra (MVSSK):**

- MVSSK held eye camps in rural Sundarban area for TCF.
- MVSSK held a number of blanket distribution camps in South 24 Parganas.
- MVSSK held a number of food and Mosquito net distribution camps during Amphan and Yaas cyclones as well as during the pandemic.
- MVSSK has also distributed 6000 jackfruit saplings in South 24 Parganas in 2021.

### **Moitrisanjog Society Coochbehar:**

- Moitrisanjog Society distributed blankets and food packages to the local community in 2021
- It has also distributed mango saplings to the villagers in Coochbehar at the request of TCF.

### **Ramakrishna Mission Home of Service-Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

- TCF provided medical equipments to Ramakrishna Mission in Varanasi, India in 2016.

### **Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Matri Bhavan (RSMMB)**

- In 2015, TCF supported Ramakrishna RSMMB with their Sahayika Program. TCF sponsored a number of students and provided with books, laboratory equipments and a lab mannequin.

### **Development Action Society (DAS)**

- TCF funded Vocational Training School for Women started in 2018 and ran by DAS for two years. It was a very successful program where some 25-30 women learned various aspects of sewing. The Centre was in Chariswar Village, South 24 Parganas.
- DAS also distributed 800 various fruit saplings in South 24 Parganas in 2021.

### **Boral Sheik Children Academy:** Boral, South 24 Parganas

TCF helped the school for 150 students with funding in the following areas -2012-2014:

- Created a library for the students
- Funded to renovate the classrooms with proper lightings and partitions
- Paid salaries to the teacher
- Constructed proper washrooms for the students and teachers
- Upgraded the school building by re-plastering inside and outside building walls

### **Baruipur Sitakundu Sneh Kunja:** A-68, LAKE GARDENS, Baruipur, South 24 Parganas

- TCF funded the school for 110 students for the years of 2012-2016

### **Akabpur Sammelani Badholaya Vidyaniketan:** Akabpur, Burdwan

- TCF funded the extension of school building in 2014.
- Held eye camps with them also.

### **Boral Swamiji Vidyapith High School:** Dakhin Sripur, Kolkata

- TCF funded for upgrading the water system in the school.

### **Pranab Kanya Sangha:** Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas

- Pranab Kanya Sangha held eye camps for TCF.

### **Lily Foundation**

- Lily Foundation held eye camps for TCF in 2014 and 2015.

### **III. Toronto Current Activities directly funded by TCF**

1. In 2021, TCF funded GlobalMedic Food bank and also TCF Directors and Volunteers helped packing the food packages.
2. TCF donated to Scarborough Food Initiative for its Food Bank in 2022.
3. TCF donated socks, male and female undergarments and fleece blankets to The Gateway Shelter.

### **IV. TORONTO PAST ACTIVITIES:**

1. TCF in partnership with Women's Habitat provided leadership training to students aged 12 to 18 in Toronto for the years of 2015 to 2019.
2. TCF held numerous heart-health seminars in Toronto in the past few years.
3. Worked with Social Planning Council of Peel, provided skill training to new young immigrants.
4. TCF worked with Toronto area NGOs such as Dixon Hall, Nellie's Shelter, Covenant House, RESULTS Canada, Women's Habitat in the past since its inception.
5. GEMS of Hope and TCF jointly worked together to fight against HIV/AIDS/STDs and obtained CIDA funding to provide programs to Sex Workers in Kolkata.
6. TCF donated to Flemmingdon Food Bank in 2020.

### **Combating COVID Crisis and the disasters from both Amphan and Yaas Cyclones in 2020-21**

At this time of crisis in India, many proposals have come seeking financial help. TCF's goal is to help those in need with particular attention to the fact that the help truly arrives to those in need. Hence after some due diligence TCF supported the following organizations and initiatives immediately.

**Oxygen on Wheels/Liver Foundation**

**Shri Shri Sarada Ramakrishna Ashram-Hotar**

**Heart Society of Calcutta**

**ANTARA Hospital of Calcutta**

**Change Initiatives**

**Moitrisanjog Society in Cooch Behar**

**Madhabpur Vivekananda Sarvik Seva Kendra (MVSSK)**

**Ramakrishna Mission (RKM) Seva Pratishthan in Kolkata:** TCF provided a portable Echo Cardiogram machine.

**Canning SONDHI**

**TCF has distributed a large quantity of food packets to many villagers as well as to the children of TCF Education Centre in Bolpur during this Covid Crisis.**

**GlobalMedic** is a registered Canadian charity with almost 20 years of experience providing humanitarian aid in the wake of disasters and conflicts. They are currently organizing shipments of quality PPE and medical supplies like pulse oximeters and oxygen concentrators to India, Bangladesh and Pakistan as they struggle with a new wave of infections and overwhelmed hospitals.

**Status: GlobalMedic organized a shipments of Covid-19 related medical supplies within India. At the request of TCF, they sent a shipment of medical supplies worth CAD 100,000 from New Delhi to Kolkata and the shipment administered by Liver Foundation.**

**TCF thanks Liver Foundation for their support in distributing medical supplies during the Covid crisis.**