



Annual Report 2024-25



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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The financial year 2024-25 has been eventful in the 51st year milestone of CINI. The most significant being the opportunity to showcase CINI activities at national and international fora, by our CEO Dr Indrani Bhattacharyya. We have started working in Bihar, in a project managed from the Jharkhand State office of CINI in Ranchi. This extends our footfall to a total of 8 states, covering a population of 7.5 million.

With the addition of an environment specialist, we will be able to effectively plan and implement programmes which prevent the impact of climate change on the lives of children and women. Drowning, a major cause of child mortality often excluded from official child death statistics, was first highlighted through a pilot community-based study conducted by CINI with support from The George Institute (TGI) and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in the Sundarbans. The findings drew the attention of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the World Health Organization (WHO), and subsequently Bloomberg Philanthropies, which provided generous support to scale the initiative.

Our "Street Champions", children from the pavements of Kolkata, participated in a satellite event at the Bogota Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children, followed by a web story published on the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) website, highlighting the two child speakers as changemakers. A few of our street children met the 'Mayor of Kolkata' at a programme called 'Talk to Mayor' to share their agenda towards a Child Friendly Kolkata.

Dr Indrani Bhattacharyya, CEO joined The Global Meet in New York, invited by DASRA on a Motwani Jadeja Fellowship. During her visit, Dr. Bhattacharyya also attended the UN General Assembly, DASRA Philanthropic Forum, Goalkeepers, Climate Week NYC, and a meeting at the UNICEF headquarters. She was also invited to the WeProtect Global Summit in Abu Dhabi, where CINI represented the entire South Asia Region. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Civil Society Unit invited CINI to participate in the SE4U Regional Workshop on Non-Governmental Stakeholder Engagement in the Practical Application of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), where Dr. Bhattacharyya represented CINI. At the national level, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) invited CINI to participate in the national 'CSR Meet' in Delhi.

It is a formidable task to summarise what our colleagues did in one year, driven by their passion to deliver quality services to deprived children and women. As always all this has been possible due to you, our generous supporters from "local to global" regions. Inviting you to read more details of our year-long activities, working with government front line workers, corporate partners and local communities to improve the lives of children and women in this report.

**Dr Samir Chaudhuri,
Founder & Secretary**



FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

Dear Friends and Partners,

As I reflect on the year gone by, I am reminded that institutions are shaped not only by what they achieve, but by how they learn, adapt, and reimagine their purpose in changing times. The year 2024–25 has been one of consolidation and quiet transformation for Child in Need Institute (CINI) — a year in which we deepened our commitments while preparing ourselves for the future we seek to build.

Having crossed the milestone of 50 years, CINI now stands at a reflective threshold. We are no longer only celebrating longevity; we are consciously stewarding a legacy. This year marked the third year of our current five-year strategy (2022–2027), offering us an opportunity to pause, assess, and realign — asking not only what we do, but how we sharpen our impact, strengthen systems, and ensure that children, adolescents, and women remain at the centre of development decisions in an increasingly complex world.

Across geographies and programmes, our work continued to be anchored in a simple but powerful belief: that sustainable development begins with rights, dignity, and participation. Whether in health and nutrition, education, child protection, gender equality, climate justice, or adolescent and youth empowerment, our focus remained on strengthening systems and enabling communities to claim what is rightfully theirs. We witnessed this in villages and urban settlements integrating child-friendly and gender-responsive planning into local governance, in frontline workers delivering services with renewed confidence, and in adolescents stepping into leadership roles within their schools, communities, and beyond.

This year also reaffirmed the importance of evidence, partnerships, and voice. Our engagements with national and state governments, civil society partners, academic institutions, and global platforms enabled CINI's grounded, field-based insights to inform larger conversations on child rights and wellbeing. Particularly powerful were moments when children and adolescents — especially those from street-connected and urban-poor contexts — spoke for themselves, engaging with national and international audiences, including United Nations mechanisms. These moments remind us that participation is not symbolic; it is transformative.

None of this work would be possible without the trust and partnership of government institutions, donors, civil society allies, academic institutions, and — most importantly — the communities we serve. I am deeply grateful to our colleagues across states and districts whose commitment, integrity, and compassion translate vision into action every day, often in the most challenging contexts. Across seven states, more than a thousand colleagues continue to work—bridging

communities with services, translating policy into practice, and ensuring that the most marginalised children are seen, heard, and supported. Their dedication, professionalism, and belief in CINI's values remain our greatest strength.

The year also prompted us to look inward. We invested time in strengthening governance, operational systems, communication coherence, and organisational learning — recognising that to remain relevant and resilient, CINI must continuously evolve as an institution. Our focus on transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability is not an administrative exercise; it is central to our mission.

As we look ahead, the challenges facing children and adolescents—inequality, climate vulnerability, mental health concerns, digital risks, and disruptions to education and livelihoods — demand responses that are integrated, rights-based, and future-oriented. CINI's role, as we see it, is to remain a trusted bridge: between communities and systems, evidence and policy, and local realities and global commitments.

This annual report is not merely a record of activities; it is an invitation — to reflect with us, to question with us, and to imagine a more just and compassionate society for children and young people in India, where investing in their agency, wellbeing, and leadership becomes the cornerstone of ethical and sustainable nation-building. As we step into CINI-NEXT, this report also signals our commitment to a future shaped by stronger systems, deeper partnerships, and the leadership of children and adolescents themselves.

On behalf of the entire CINI family, I extend my sincere gratitude to our donors, government partners, civil society allies, and communities. Your trust, partnership, and collaboration strengthen our resolve and expand what we can achieve — together. I also wish to express my deep appreciation for the guidance, stewardship, and strategic oversight of CINI's Governing Body. Their wisdom, commitment, and principled leadership provide us with direction, accountability, and the confidence to take bold yet responsible steps as we navigate an increasingly complex development landscape.

As we look ahead, we do so with humility, confidence, and renewed commitment — to ensure that every child and adolescent can grow up healthy, protected, educated, and empowered. Together, let us continue to build institutions, systems, and communities where every child not only survives — but thrives, leads, and belongs.

With warm regards,



Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya
Chief Executive Officer

ESSENCE OF CINI



Our Vision

A friendly and responsive community where children and adolescents achieve their full potential.



Our Mission

To ensure that children and adolescents achieve their right to health, nutrition, education, protection and participation by making duty-bearers and communities responsive to their well-being.



Our Values

Accountability

We take responsibility for using resources effectively & efficiently and being accountable to partners, communities and, above all, children.

Collaboration

We seek to collaborate with children, parents, women, communities, governments and partners to empower children to develop into active citizens and access basic services and opportunities as a matter of right.

Caring

We believe in respecting each other and supporting caregivers in caring for children and preventing all forms of harm in the communities that we serve.

Integrity

We aspire to live to the highest standards of personal and organisational integrity and always act in the best interests of the child.





CINI RESOURCE CENTRE

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As CINI continues its phenomenal humanitarian service for humanity in general and vulnerable children in particular, I take this opportunity to extend my greetings...and gratitude to the CINI Leadership and family for another commendable year. South Asia like any other region is continues to be challenged with protracted political, economic, social and environmental upheavals and for all of us as child rights organisations and Child Human Rights Defenders it is even more imperative to continue to strive harder to secure or create safer spaces for our children and for our communities for children to thrive better.”

*~ Dr. Rinchen Chopel,
Director General,
South Asia Initiative to
End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC)*

CINI RESOURCE CENTRE

CRC was established in 2018 as a technical support unit with an overarching aim to ensure quality and coherence of CINI programming within the overall framework of the CINI Method. It is the technical guidance and coordination unit between Programmes, Finance and Operations (including HR), thematic units, cross-cutting units, like training, fund-raising and field units.

Objectives of CRC's work include:

- Guiding and supporting in positioning CINI to the external world
- Giving coherence to CINI programmes within the framework of the CINI method
- Ensuring oversight of the CINI 5-Year Strategy planning to achieve coherent programming, monitoring and evaluation.
- Strengthening knowledge management and evidence-based documentation to showcase CINI's work

Within the period of April 2024- March 2025, the major highlights of CRC has been:

Mid-term Evaluation against CINI 5-Year Strategy (2022-27):



The Mid-Term Evaluation sought to assess progress made institutionally against the goals set in the context of the Strategic Directions set at the beginning of the programme cycle over the period April 2022 – September 2024. It guided the organisation with necessary mid-course strategic corrections and recommendations for planning future action for children. This marks a significant milestone being the first time CINI has internally assessed its strategic framework at the institutional level across all the realms of programme, training, finance and operations.

Policy Development and Rollout:



During this period, CRC played a key role in revising and developing crucial institutional policies to strengthen CINI's identity as a child-friendly organisation and further ensure children's rights. Notable achievements include Media Policy, Data Protection and Privacy Policy and Risk Management Policy. While some policies were already in place, CRC developed and rolled out associated tools to operationalise these policies, making them more actionable across CINI's projects and teams.

Training of Trainers on The CINI Method:



CINI conducted the third Training of Trainers session over a period of two days among 46 team members of CINI, to develop a cadre of master trainers. These trainers are now equipped to disseminate knowledge, tools, and processes of the CINI Method to their team members across various geographies, enhancing programme implementation.





Biannual Strategy Reviews:



CINI performed one half-yearly and one annual review of its 5-year strategy to capture learnings within a strategic framework and identify pathways for further change. These reviews have guided the organization in refining its interventions to better address children's rights in survival, development, protection, and participation.

Paper Presentation at the Global Health Management Research Conference - Pradanya 2025:



CRC, along with Adolescent Resource Centre jointly presented a paper on "Understanding Gender-Based Violence and its Impact on Sexual Reproductive Health as a Public Health Issue" in the Global Health Management Research Conference held in IIHMR university, Jaipur.

Consultations with United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children:



On 20th October 2024, Street Champions and their peers had a remarkable interaction with Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid, the UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children. This meeting, held ahead of Dr. Najat's report presentation at the UN General Assembly 2024, brought together children from CINI's units in Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur, South 24 Parganas (Ghutiari shariff), and Kolkata, along with representatives from various countries worldwide.

Bogota Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children:



On 31st October 2024, CINI facilitated two Street Champions to participate in a satellite event at the Bogota Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children. Following this impactful participation, a web story was published on the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) website, highlighting the two child speakers as changemakers who are leading efforts to advocate for children's rights.

Children and Young People in Dialogue with the UN Special Rapporteur on Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children:



On 11th February 2025, children and young people from CINI's intervention areas had an online dialogue with Mama Fatima, the UN Special Rapporteur on Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children. They shared their experiences of peer leadership, participatory planning and monitoring and their recommendations to the UN and the world leaders.

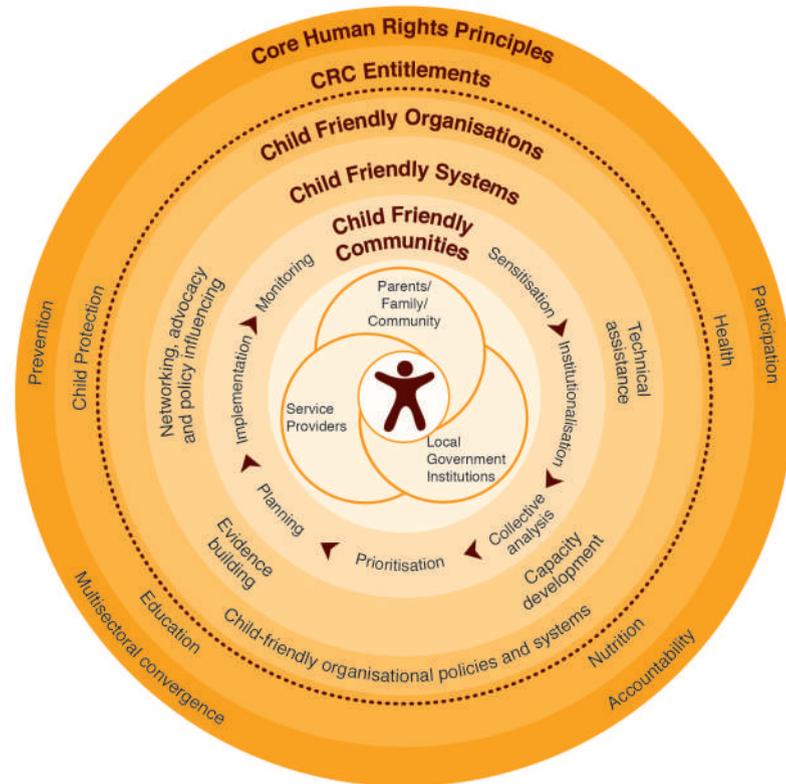
CINI's inputs to UN Reports:



CINI contributed to the call for inputs by the UN OHCHR and Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights through four written contributions - one for the draft General Comment on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Environmental Dimension of Sustainable Development, one on Mental Health and Human Rights, one on Ensuring Quality Education and one on Sustainable HIV Response.

The CINI Method

To turn rights into practice for children



The CINI Method is a human rights-based approach (HRBA) to programming designed to turn children’s rights into development practice for and with children and adolescents. While working with the communities and fulfilling their contextual needs, CINI realized that sustainable development is only possible by building partnerships with key stakeholders and adopting participatory, convergent and preventive rights-based programming for children in the areas of health, nutrition, education, and child protection. CINI's vision, mission, core values and guiding principles continue to shape all that it does. This constitutes the CINI Method – i.e. CINI's development understanding and practice.

The CINI Method includes a three-tiered framework for promoting a rights-based approach leading to:

Building Child Friendly Organisations to equip government and non-government organisational structures to adopt rights-based approaches in programmes and operations at both field implementation and system strengthening levels.

Building Child Friendly Communities to engage immediate duty-bearers in implementing children’s rights in the local community through the application of the 7 CFC Building Blocks.

Building Child Friendly Systems to engage immediate duty-bearers in implementing children’s rights in the local community through the application of the 7 CFC Building Blocks.

MILESTONES



“ A standout example is the ‘Street Champion’ model, which empowers children in street situations as rights holders through participatory research and advocacy rooted in lived experience. By centring their voices, it builds resilience, confidence, and rights awareness drawing on years of work in Kolkata, Ghana, Kenya, and Sierra Leone to demonstrate its adaptability across diverse contexts.”

~ Mama Fatima Singhateh
(Special Rapporteur on the Sale, Sexual Exploitation and Sexual abuse of children) at the 80th session of the General Assembly

MILESTONES

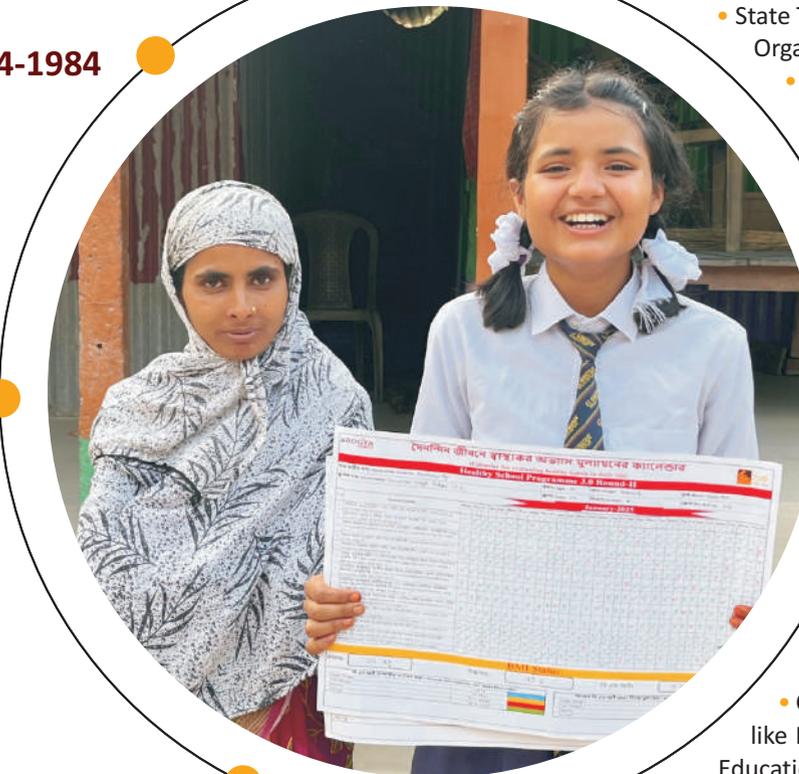
- CINI received the identity of a registered society under the Societies Registration Act
 - Disaster relief operations in flood affected Moyna and Sunderbans in West Bengal and cyclone-hit areas of Andhra Pradesh and support for Kampuchea refugees.
 - Maternal and Child Health (MCH) project initiated in Moyna and Baikunthapur of West Bengal
- CINI became the Training partner of WCD in West Bengal for providing training to Anganwadi Workers and Supervisors

- Health programmes initiated in Tollygunge slums in Kolkata
 - CINI Urban Unit set up for implementing urban programme focusing on street and working children in Kolkata
- Adopt a Mother programme initiated with support from Amici di CINI, Italy
 - Relief work for victims of communal violence in Tangra, Kolkata
- Regional centre for counselling on HIV & AIDS set up with support from the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Govt. of India
- Adolescents' programme started within the life-cycle approach framework
 - Setting up of Fundraising Unit in Kolkata
 - Recognition as Regional Resource Centre by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW) for Eastern Region, Govt. of India

1985-1995

- Conferred with Collaborative Training Institute (CTI) status for seven North-Eastern states by Mo HFW, Govt. of India.
- Operations of Adolescent Resource Centre and CINI Jharkhand unit was initiated
 - Relief operation for earthquake victims of Bhuj in Gujarat
 - Beginning of Life Cycle Approach (LCA) Cell
- Initiated CHILDLINE, a 24-hour emergency service for children in distress, under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
 - New CINI logo launched with a new branding strategy

1974-1984



1996-2006

- Recognised as State nodal agency for rolling out Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA)P under National Rural Health Mission, West Bengal
- Residential short stay services for boys and girls initiated in CINI Kolkata unit
- Community College established in partnership with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)
- CINI's core method of work of creating Child-Friendly Communities (CFC) initiated
- Community Health Care Management Initiative (CHCMI) launched with support from the Dept. Of Health & Family Welfare and Dept. of Panchayats & Rural Development, Govt. of West Bengal
 - 12 weeks' certificate course on Reproductive and Child Health started in collaboration with Jadavpur University
 - State Technical Resource Centre for conducting HIV & AIDS training in partnership with the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), India.
 - The new social business initiative of CINI-CINCOMM launched
 - Awarded World Bank-supported Development Marketplace project for income generation of women's groups by marketing low-cost nutritious supplement, "Nutrimix"
 - Shelter home for homeless women and girls in Kolkata started with support from Govt. Of West Bengal
 - Web-enabled project planning and monitoring system, CINI Management System (CMS) launched
 - Compilation of CINI's policies, strategies, operations, programmes and communication into a guide book called THE CINI METHOD
 - Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand recognized CINI as a nodal agency to strengthen the community mobilization cell under NHM, Govt of Jharkhand.
 - CINI was appreciated for its support to the Department of Social Welfare and Women and Child Development, Government of Jharkhand in piloting social audits to strengthen the services under ICDS.
 - CINI won the prestigious 'Mobile for Good [M4G]' Award from Vodafone Foundation and stood first as the Leading Change Maker under the category of ' Women Empowerment and Inclusive Development' for the innovative Project, 'GPower – Successful Transition from Childhood to Adulthood'. Accenture, as a pro bono technology partner, conceptualized, designed and built the entire digital solution.
 - CINI launched Bachelor in Vocational Education courses in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai
 - CINI ARC started contributing to the National policies and programs for adolescent health and development, like Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram [RKSK], SABLA, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyaan, Adolescent Education programme etc.
 - Identified as National Training Partner for Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram [RKSK], the National adolescent health programme, for West Bengal and 8 North Eastern States to train medical officers from the Department of Health and Family Welfare on peer education strategy
 - Technical support partner for the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare for the Scheme for Adolescent Girls-Kanyashree Prakalpa (SAG-KP) initiative in the state of West Bengal
 - Recognised and awarded as a "Best NGO" in the health category by HCL foundation
 - CINI initiated its Odisha chapter with a nutritional intervention
 - CINI initiated its Assam chapter in 2018

2007-2017

2018-2025

- CINI initiated its Assam Chapter
- CINI initiated its community based intervention in North East-Assam with support from USAID
- CINI became part of DASRA collaborative Initiative for the adolescent programme
- CINI has become a member of Girls Not Bride Alliance to end child marriage
- Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Harvard University) selected CINI's innovative work on harm prevention following the Child-Friendly Community approach under the research project titled Understanding Prevention: An Analysis of three Community-Based Harm Prevention
- CINI has become a member of ECPAT network working to end sexual exploitation of children
- CINI became member of State Panchayat Performance Assessment Committee (SPPAC), West Bengal
- CINI has become part of core group of India Alternative Care Network (IACN) facilitated by UNICEF country office
- CINI became member of CSO Working Group of The United Nations Office on Violence against Children
- CINI celebrated 50th Foundation Day with friends from 'CINI International Support Group', Donors, Government representatives, Ex and present employees and community people
- Dr. Nazat Maalla M'jid, United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children wished CINI on 50th Foundation Day
- Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya, CEO, CINI participated in 'The Global Meet, 2024, New York' and received Motwani Jadeja Foundation Fellowship on behalf of CINI
- Dr. Indrani Bhattacharyya, CEO, CINI participated at WeProtect 2024 Global Summit in Abu Dhabi and represent the entire South Asia region



Network and Accreditation

CINI as a member of various committees/Alliances at Global, Regional and National levels

Global and Regional Level

- Member of ICPD global network and participated in the 47th Commission on Population and Development in New York
- Member of White Ribbon Alliance, participated in the United Nations General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals with a woman community change maker
- Member of Girls Not Bride Alliance to end child marriage
- Member of ECPAT network working to end sexual exploitation of children
- Member, Global Action for Measurement of Adolescent Health (GAMA)
- Member, Working Group of Changemakers' Platform for Children
- Member CSO Working Group of The United Nations Office on Violence against Children

National Level

- Member of National Consortium on RMNCH+A, Member of the Working Group on Adolescent Health & Well Being and the SRHR [Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights] Alliance in India
- Member of the National ASHA Mentoring Group, as well as State ASHA Mentoring Group of West Bengal and Tripura
- Member of Governing Body, the Indian Association of Life Skills Education [IALSE]
- Member of the National Action & Coordination Group (NACG) supported by SAIEVAC, SAARC & GOI

Awards and Recognitions



Over the years, CINI has been officially recognised, both in India and abroad, as a leading authority on mother and child nutrition and healthcare. Some of the major accolades CINI is proud to receive include:

- Member of Indian Alliance for Child Rights (IACR) – A national network of NGOs, donors and academics which contributes towards the alternate report to the UN on child rights
- Founder Member of Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of children (ATSEC)
- Member of Voluntary Health Association of India
- Member of Voluntary Action Network of India (VANI)
- Member, India Alternative Care Network [IACN]
- Member, Indian Academy of Paediatrics
- Member, National-level Working Group on Drowning Prevention
- Member, Credibility Alliance, Guidestar India
- Member, CII (Confederation of Indian Industry)
- Member of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC)

2024

- Received Motwani Jadeja Foundation Fellowship at The Global Meet, New York

2023

- NAT-Health Healthcare CSR Award – ‘Community Based Health Solutions’
- CII Joyee 2023 Award – Recognition of excellence for caregivers

2019

- Parivartan Inspire Award 2019 – Awarded to Dr. Samir Chaudhuri in the category of Women and Child Welfare by BRITWORLDWIDE (BWW)
- Achiever of the Year 2019 – Awarded by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, School of Vocational Education (vertical Hub: Child Care)

2017

- Best NGO Award – Health category by HCL Foundation

2015

- Mobile for Good Award – Awarded for GPower by Vodafone Foundation
- Nari Suraksha Sanman Award – Given for contribution in the field of protection of underprivileged children’s and women’s rights by B Sirkar Johuree Nari Sanman

2013

- ABP Ananda Sera Bangali Award – Given to Dr. Samir Chaudhuri in the category of Public Life
- SPJIMR Harvard US-India Initiative (HUII) NGOs Excellence Award
- Certificate of Accreditation – For adherence to desirable norms prescribed for good governance of voluntary organizations (2013-2018) by Credibility Alliance

2011

- ICICI Lombard and CNBC TV18 ‘India Health Care Award’
- WHO Award for Excellence in Primary Health Care at India



2008

- Annual Rotary India Award – For most significant contribution in reducing child mortality by Rotary Club
- Ellis Island Medal of Honour, USA – Awarded to Dr. Samir Chaudhuri, CINI's Director and Founder

2007

- World of Children Award – Awarded to Dr. Samir Chaudhuri, CINI's Director and Founder

2005

- Premio Parlamentare per l'Infanzia – Children's Award by the Italian Parliament / Parliamentary Commission for Children, awarded to Dr. Samir Chaudhuri

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1985

- National Award in the field of Child Welfare – CINI is the only NGO to have won this award twice



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONSULTATION ON ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

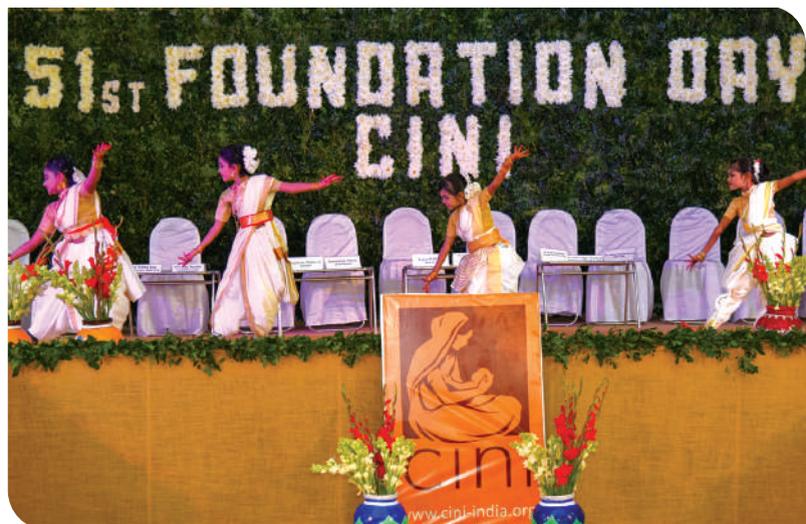
WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON SAIEVAC THEMES

Child Labour, Child Marriage, Sexual Abuse & Exploitation including Online Safety,
 Corporal Punishment, Child Trafficking, Child Protection
 Cutting Children's Abilities, Children's and Environment
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51st Foundation Day Celebration

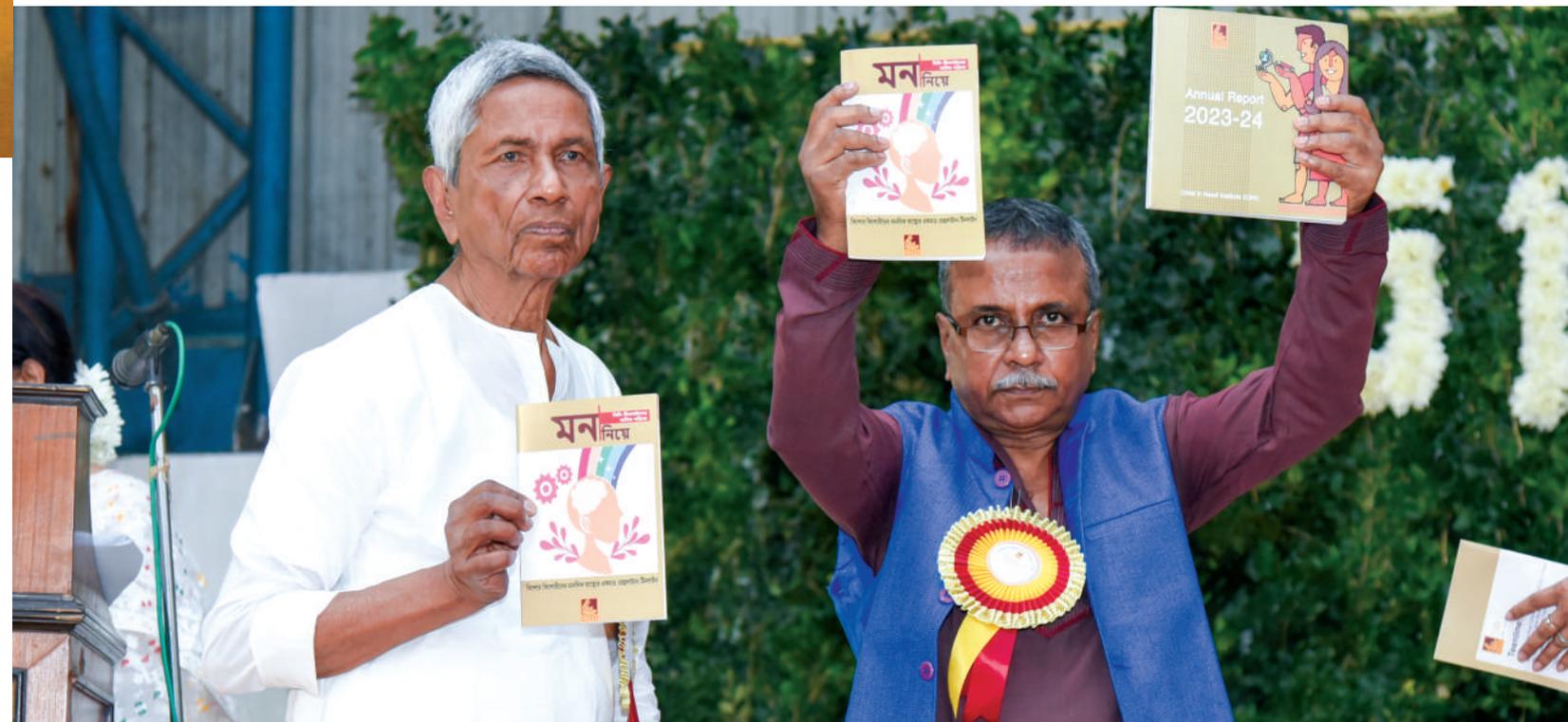
Child in Need Institute (CINI) celebrated 51st Foundation Day at Cyril Academy campus



CINI celebrated the 51st Foundation Day on 1st February, 2025, At Cyril Academy campus, Kolkata with Honourable Governing Body Members and the advisor to the Governing Body Dr. Eliana Riggio, Shri Dilip Mondal, Honourable Minister of State, Department of Transport, Government of West Bengal, Chief Guests (4 children from 4 states of India), Smt., Tulika Das, Honourable Chairperson, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, West Bengal, Dr Indrani Bhattacharyya, CEO, CINI, Senior Management-CINI, Government Officials, Dignitaries, Ex-Employees and present employees of CINI and their family members.



- President of CINI Governing Body of CINI in his maiden speech welcomed all guests.
- CINI felicitated Bridgespan India – Mr. Saleem Khan, Director, Philanthropy and India Leadership and Ekalavya Foundation -Ms Tutul Biswas, Director.
- Employees were felicitated for serving CINI for more than 25 years and a special award as ‘CEO’s Choice Award’ with the prestigious ‘Best Performance Award’.
- The vast green lawn of the school, which is an initiative of CINI, was decorated with colourful stalls of various thematic sections. IEC materials and publications were displayed for all the visitors.
- The Annual Report 2023-24 was unveiled by Dr. Samir Chaudhuri, Founder-Secretary, CINI and other dignitaries. Dr. Chaudhuri presented CINI’s one year journey of the milestone year.
- A colourful cultural programme was held by the employees and children from the community at the end.
- Launching of a magazine on ‘Adolescent Mental Health’ ‘Mon Niye’ by Teenline.





HEALTH AND NUTRITION

“ Non Communicable diseases are silent killer with 68% mortality, healthy habits are the strongest vaccine against NCD.”

~ Dr. Subhrangshu Datta,
ADHS, NCD 2, H&FW,
Government of West Bengal

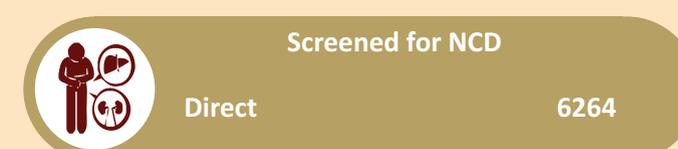
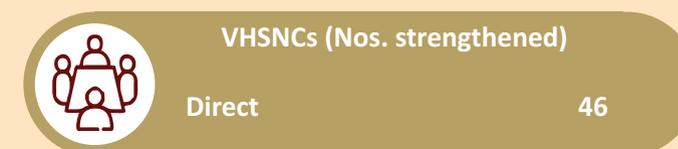
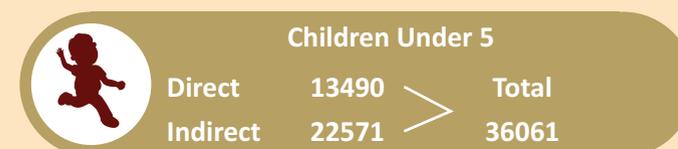
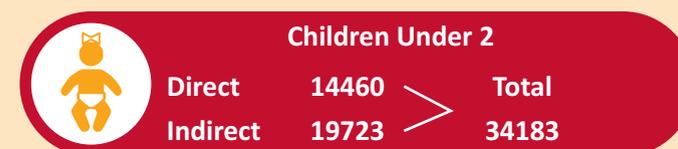
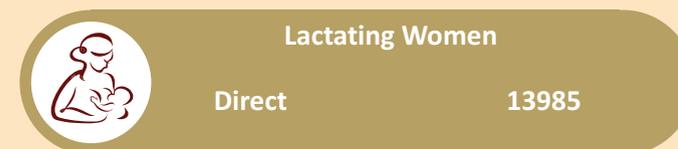
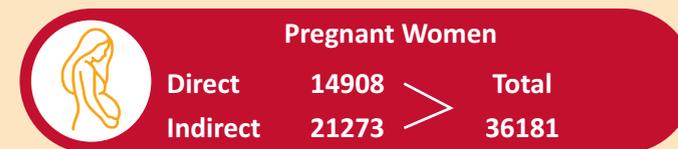
HEALTH AND NUTRITION



About the thematic Unit →

CINI aligns its strategies across its health & nutrition programmes with the National Health Mission (NHM) to achieve health and nutrition targets, thereby contributing to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, and 3, which focus on eradicating malnutrition and enhancing overall well-being by 2030. The organization's core health initiatives emphasize a life cycle approach, particularly focusing on the critical first 1000 days of a child's life, which is crucial for preventing chronic diseases like diabetes and heart conditions. CINI's Health & Nutrition division employs three main strategies under RMNCAH+N: case management, community mobilization, and system strengthening to improve the health and nutrition of adolescents, eligible couples, pregnant and lactating women, and children. New initiatives aim to address childhood illnesses and malnutrition through community-based convergent approaches, such as Home-Based Care (HBNC & HBYC), promoting early and exclusive breastfeeding, the Kangaroo Mother Care approach, ensuring age-appropriate immunization, promoting contraception, and encouraging adherence to Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices. CINI uses its specialized expertise to combat both communicable and non-communicable diseases at the primary health care level, specially, working to reduce non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, stroke, diabetes, and cancer through community engagement, awareness events, screening support, referrals, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles, supplemented by the creation of educational materials and training for healthcare providers.

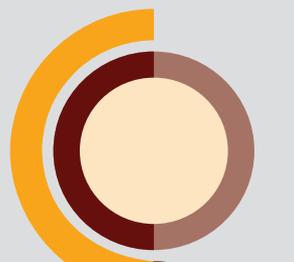
Reach



Impact

% of PW received at least 4 ANC's
N:5862
D: 9499

61.71%

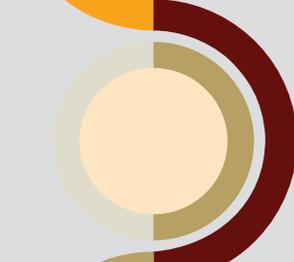


69.57%

% of PW registered within 12 weeks of pregnancy
N:10371
D: 14908

% of PW consumed IFA at least 100 days
N:7246
D: 9499

76.28%

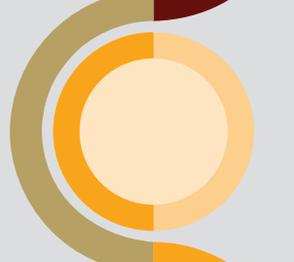


73.40%

% of PW consumed calcium at least 100 days
N:6972
D: 9499

% of exclusive Breastfeeding
N:7211
D: 10915

66.07%

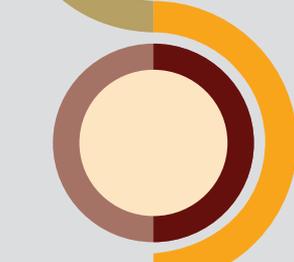


70.16%

% of Timely initiation of complementary feeding
N:7658
D: 10915

% Underweight children (U-5) moving to a better grade
N:8682
D: 16784

51.73%

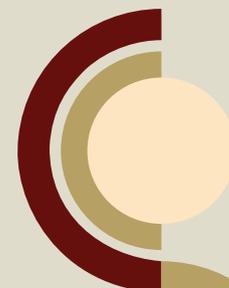


74.21%

% of mothers receiving at least 1 PNC
N:7048
D: 9498

% age of in school boys and girls received and consumed 4 IFA tablets per month
N:3153986
D: 5523619

57.10%



73.50%

% of out of school girls received and consumed 4 IFA tablets per month
N:8700
D: 11837

% people living with HIV (PLHIV) linked and taking antiretroviral therapy (ART)
N:330
D: 332

99.40%

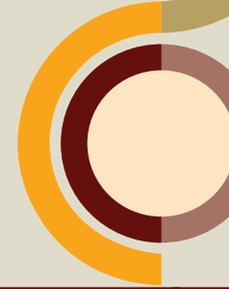


87.50%

% of HIV infected Children have TND (Viral Load)
N:119
D: 136

% of babies with HIV positive cases among tested children at 18 months
N:6
D: 131

4.58%



0.047%

% of HIV seropositive cases among tested pregnant women (PW)
N:179
D:374218



Major Highlights

4
New
Projects

Four new Projects were initiated in the current year in the states of West Bengal, Jharkhand and Assam with financial support from Axis Bank Foundation, TATA Trusts, and Oracle.

WHS

CINI participated in the World Health Summit (WHS) Regional Meeting 2025, held from April 25–27 in New Delhi. The event brought together global leaders and experts to advance health equity under the theme “Scaling Access to Ensure Health Equity.”

IEG

An impact evaluation study was conducted by the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) and FLAME University which assessed the maternal and child health outcomes in CINI’s intervention areas using a case-control research design. The study aimed to generate rigorous evidence on the effectiveness of CINI’s community-based health strategies in urban slum settings.

**Anemia
Mukt
Bangla**

CINI, in collaboration with DoHFW, GoWB, and UNICEF, trained 207 district officials and 2,226 block-level officers across West Bengal on Anemia Mukt Bangla. The initiative included three state-level workshops and convergence meetings in all 24 districts with support from CINI.

अभिसरान

On March 1, 2025, CINI participated in 'अभिसरान,' hosted by Axis Bank Foundation in Mumbai under the theme 'Navigating Transitions: Pathways Towards a Shared Purpose.' Dr. Indrani Bhattacharya, CEO of CINI, was a key speaker in the panel on 'Embedding Strategies for Health and Nutrition in Livelihoods,' sharing insights on integrated, community-based approaches. The event fostered rich dialogue among development practitioners.

GPDP

CINI supported Gram Sabha meetings for including health & nutrition activities in GPDP 25-26 in Birbhum, Murshidabad, and Diamond Harbor through community-based awareness.

RMNCAH+N

A state-level RMNCHA workshop was held on 16-17 May 2024 in collaboration with the Department of Health, GoWB. Key officials highlighted priorities such as maternal, child, and adolescent health, family planning, triple elimination, and immunization. The discussions were highly enriching and provided valuable insights for the organization, enabling a better understanding of the current priorities of the state.

**ICMR
NIN**

CINI, in collaboration with ICMR-NIN, conducted a study on child malnutrition in Kolkata and Siliguri slums. Based on findings, a participatory process involving ICDS workers and caregivers led to the development of an age-appropriate recipe book aligned with IYCF protocols, using locally available, affordable foods.

SBC

A Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) strategy document has been developed for the Health & Nutrition division for complementing field work, a knowledge repository and incubator for SBC innovation, adapting global frameworks to Indian contexts.

Crèche

The Rural Crèche initiative in Simdega, Jharkhand, established 37 crèches across Kolebira and Thethaitangar blocks, providing structured care to 753 children aged 7 months to 3 years. These centers ensure nutrition, hygiene, early learning, and a safe environment for unattended children.

Healthcare

On 7th March'25, a Child-Friendly healthcare was initiated with the inauguration of a Child-Friendly Space at Kalaigaon State Dispensary, Udalguri, Assam.

**Parab
2024**

CINI participated in the 'Parab-2024' festival in Boipariguda Block, Orissa, conducting anthropometric measurements and BMI assessments, promoting food diversity using the "Tricolor Plate" and Nutriflag with interactive games and sharing digital resources via QR codes.

**Poush
Mela**

In Birbhum District, CINI put up a demonstrative stall at Poush Mela December at Shantinikatan. In the said stall various IEC materials were showcased along with screening of Malnutrition among children U5, adolescents and NCD Screening for population above 30 yrs.

NCD

Regular capacity building is facilitated for frontline workers like ASHA, ANM, AWW, CHO, PRI, local religious leaders and community volunteers for knowledge enhancement on high risk & nutrition risk pregnancy, importance of early registration, Child care and NCD during pregnancy and care & prevention.

Drowning

Every day, three children lose their lives to drowning in West Bengal—a silent and preventable tragedy. In response, the Child in Need Institute (CINI), in partnership with The George Institute (TGI), the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), has launched a pioneering community-led drowning prevention initiative across three blocks of the Sundarbans.

KAVACH

Anchored in the World Health Organization’s (WHO) evidence-based recommendations, the program implements three core interventions: fencing ponds to reduce access risks, operating “KAVACH” childcare centres to ensure safe supervision, and training first responders in rescue and resuscitation. The results are powerful — 76 children protected, 156 additional fences built by communities, and 2,711 frontline workers trained in lifesaving skills. One community-trained rescuer even revived a 14-year-old boy after 11 minutes underwater using CPR—an inspiring example of local capacity in action.

World Drowning Day

In 2024, World Drowning Prevention Day was observed across West Bengal in collaboration with WHO India and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, culminating in the inauguration of India’s first pond-based swimming pools and a state-level policy conclave with the Government of West Bengal. These groundbreaking efforts were documented by WHO India and featured by major national media outlets.

CINI Method

What began as a local response has evolved into a movement for resilience and accountability. Through CINI’s Child Parliament, children and mothers have become the face of change—organizing rallies, performing street plays, and ensuring their voices shape public policy. Their leadership has reframed drowning as a public health priority, not an accident. The BBC has spotlighted this transformative “CINI Method,” celebrating how empowered communities are saving lives.

Drowning Prevention

CINI’s drowning prevention team continues to build global partnerships, sharing learnings at international forums in Vietnam, Australia, the United States, and the United Kingdom, while contributing to India’s National Strategy for the Prevention of Unintentional Injury. Recognition from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Emerging Leaders Program (USA) and the RNLI Leaders in Lifesaving (UK) underscores CINI’s commitment to innovation, equity, and sustainability.

Recognitions



CINI was honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation during the 4th Anniversary celebration of the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) government. This recognition highlights CINI's relentless efforts and invaluable contributions toward advancing development and well-being in the BTR region.

Community-level Initiatives

The 'Do It Yourself' (DIY) initiative was piloted in urban slums of Kolkata and a tribal block in Odisha as part of a feasibility trial promoting home-based nutrition solutions to address child malnutrition. The trial yielded promising results, showing a 15% reduction in child malnutrition after just six weeks of intensive handholding support and caregiver counselling, combined with the continued practice of age-appropriate recipes under the DIY approach.

Vendor orientation : In collaboration with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Food Safety Officers have oriented 39 street food vendors on hygiene practices and food quality.

Community Interactive App : A Community Interactive App was developed to generate mass awareness and assess knowledge level changes within urban communities in Kolkata. Key features include regional language support, audio assistance, offline accessibility, android compatibility, and a comprehensive web portal.

Male Engagement : To promote shared responsibility, involvement of fathers are being encouraged in maternal nutrition, healthcare access, family support, kangaroo care for LBW babies contributing to better health outcomes.

Mothers group driving community level changes : Across all health project mothers' group at the community level are being oriented regularly to maintain practices like regular weight monitoring for PW & malnourished children, timely ANC check-ups, including dietary diversity, consumption of IFA & calcium, identification of danger sign and early intervention for pregnant women & children U2 and improve hygiene.

Screening for Anemia : CINI is working in four tea gardens - Red Bank Tea garden, Huldibari Tea garden, Debpara Tea Estate and Lakhipara Tea Estate in Tamalpur district, Assam for screening of anemia and generating awareness on prevention of anemia.

Crochet Doll : As an innovative one to one counselling tool, a crochet doll has been developed for demonstrating Exclusive breastfeeding, Kangaroo mother care, delivery and newborn care to vulnerable families. The doll was developed for individual counselling for better visualization and understanding at the community level.

Snake & ladder Game for community use : Snake and ladder/Ludo game played by the PW and mothers at the community level creating awareness on maternal & child health.

Digital Monitoring with Shishu Ghar App : App to collect data digitally and monitor activities in real-time, ensuring efficient management of crèche programs.

Community-led childcare initiatives, creches have emerged as vital strategies to enhance early childhood development. These initiatives emphasize local ownership, active participation, and collaborative management to ensure the well-being of children and support working parents.

Special focus is given to support the Government of India's Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in Chatra and Latehar districts of Jharkhand through facility- and community-based interventions. It targets all eligible TB patients registered on the Nikshay portal, with focused outreach in 10 panchayats per district.



Publications

An article in collaboration between CINI and NIN titled: “Nutritional Status of Children Under Five Years in the Slums of West Bengal, India: A Cross-sectional study on Prevalence, Characteristics and Determinants” has been published in the reputable journal “Nutrients”: Special Issue 2024 Collections: Dietary, Lifestyle and Children Health (Impact Factor 4.8; Indexed in: PubMed; Citescore: 9.2). Authors from CINI include Swapan Bikash Saha, Meghendra Banerjee, and Samir Narayan Chaudhuri and NIN.

Prevalence of risk factors of non-communicable diseases (NCD) among vulnerable Tribal groups (PVTGs) in the intensive area of Raygada District of Odisha, India published in International Research Journal of Multidisciplinary Scope (IRJMS)

12 abstracts were accepted in 8 National & International Conferences like IASP- Regional & National Conference, IASSH-25, IAPSM CON -25, IHEPA-2025, IPHACON-25, IIHS-2025, EFICON KGMU, International Public Health Conference (Hybrid), Bangladesh 2024

Pathway to improve Complementary feeding in Odisha, an Eastern State India. Feeding practice demonstration in 4 aspirational districts in Odisha, has been published with contribution from UNICEF, Dept. of women & child development Govt. of Odisha, Development Commissioner – cum additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources, Govt. of Odisha and Child in Need Institute (CINI)

For larger dissemination and sharing of CINI’s learning across states, CINI hosted plenary sessions and participated as speakers at the following conferences

- **45th Annual Conference of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)**
- **Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR)** Delhi: "Increasing Accessibility to Maternal Health & Nutrition Services for the most vulnerable pockets"
- **Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH)**, "Saving Newborn Lives in Tribal Regions: Integrating Culture, Care, and Public Policy"
- 12th Annual Conference of the **Indian Health Economics and Policy Association (IHEPA)**, "Influencing SDGs at the Local Level: Defining New Paradigms in Health"
- **Indian Public Health Association Conference (IPHACON)**, "Closing the Inequities: A Deep Dive on The Tribal Health Status of 4 States of India"
- CINI presented its innovative work as a speaker at the **Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS)**, Bangalore, on tackling obesity among pregnant women residing in Kolkata’s urban slums.
- CINI was invited to the 39th Annual Conference of the **Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine** to present its community-based experience in promoting maternal nutrition along with other dignitaries from the Health Department, UNICEF, and the Medical College in West Bengal



Case Study

MOTHER'S STRENGTH: Nurturing Her Twin Babies Against All Odds

A young mother faced a challenging pregnancy, carrying not just one but two fragile lives within her. From the very beginning, she was closely monitored due to multiple high-risk factors, including severe thinness, low BMI, and anemia. Expecting twins made her condition even more delicate, necessitating careful medical supervision to ensure the wellbeing of both herself and her babies. On July 13, 2024, she gave birth to twin baby girls at Suri Sadar Hospital, Birbhum. However, her joy was tinged with concern. Both babies were born underweight—one weighing 1800 grams and the other just 1002 grams. While the first baby was strong enough to be discharged, the second, much weaker, had to remain in the hospital for further care. When the second baby was finally brought home, a new crisis developed. The baby began struggling to breathe, prompting the family to rush back to the hospital in a panic. The baby was immediately admitted to the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU), where both twins remained under medical supervision for 21 days. In the SNCU, doctors introduced Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC), a method that used the mother's warmth through skin-to-skin contact and closeness to help regulate the babies' body temperatures, promote weight gain, and strengthen their bond. After discharge, she was advised to continue KMC for 12-14 hours a day to ensure her newborns received the warmth and care they needed to grow stronger. The CINI community mobilizer played a crucial role by providing close monitoring, daily check-ins, and frequent home visits. Gradually, progress became evident. By September 4, 2024, the first baby's weight had increased to 2880 grams, while the second had reached 1900 grams. Their growth continued steadily, and by October 3, both had gained even more weight. By January 9, 2025, the first baby had reached 5.3 kg, while the second weighed 4.2 kg. Throughout this journey, the mother received essential guidance from the CINI Community Mobilizer on how to care for her twins. She was encouraged to maintain proper hygiene, practice exclusive breastfeeding, and consume a nutritious diet to support lactation. The family was also provided with growth charts to monitor the babies' development and was advised to seek immediate medical help in case of any health concerns. Despite numerous challenges, the premature and underweight babies are now thriving—a testament to their mother's unwavering dedication and the invaluable support of the healthcare system. Today, they are nourished with home-cooked meals and receive hot, nutritious food from the nearby Anganwadi Center, following the guidance of the CINI team. The family has also developed a kitchen garden, cultivating and consuming a balanced diet.



EDUCATION



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I would like to congratulate the officials of Child in Need Institute (CINI). They are doing commendable work by supporting the Government of Odisha by strengthening the Anganwadi Centres of Rengali block of Sambalpur district.”

- District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), Sambalpur, Odisha

EDUCATION

About the thematic Unit

Child in Need Institute initiated educational interventions in the late 1970s with a child sponsorship programme in rural areas of South 24 Parganas district in West Bengal. During 1989, CINI emerged with the idea of creating Community Safety Net for bridging child protection and education. Considering this, community based supplementary education centres were set up in different underserved pockets of Kolkata for bringing the out of school children to a protective environment and save them from being child labour or getting trafficked. Though started with providing education support to urban deprived children of Kolkata, CINI gradually extended its education programmes in the districts of West Bengal and Jharkhand and CINI education endeavour has been expanded to the state of Odisha and Assam.

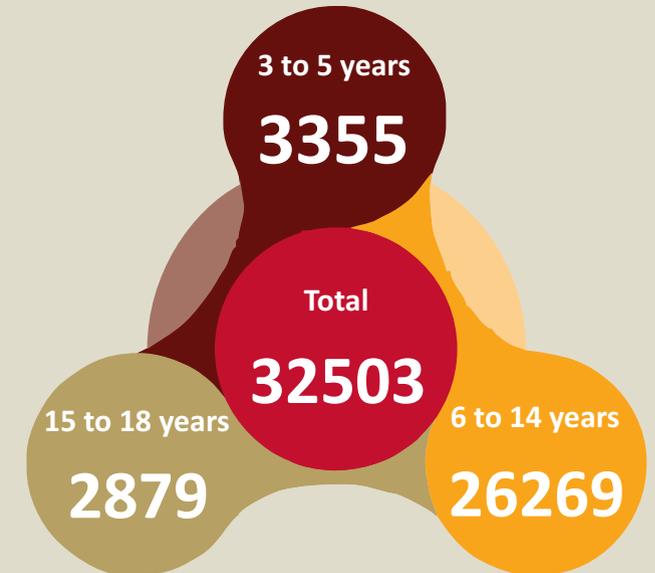
The main focus of CINI's education programme has been ensuring the educational rights of socio-economically excluded children through a continuum of care and support starting from the age of 3 years to 18 years, including early childhood care & education to ensure age appropriate academic outcome for completion of elementary education and promoting completion of secondary and higher secondary level education. CINI adopts a human rights-based approach towards child education; confers thrust on integration of academic and non-academic aspects to deal with social determinants. Integrated methodologies are adopted within the education components to deal with countervailing force within the family, community, and systems that prevent children to complete education and push children towards child labour, early marriage and other child rights violations.

CINI not only emphasizes academic excellence and empowerment of children, but also has an organizational method of strengthening the community and the system responsible for creating an enabling environment in the community and the grass root level institutions like – schools and Anganwadi centres for ensuring children's right to education and overall development. CINI works with Anganwadi centres and primary and upper primary schools to create a convergence platform involving the institutional authority, grass root level govt. service providers, members of Panchayati Raj Institutes, members of Self Help Groups, parents, adolescents and children towards strengthening the school management system, which is responsible for developing the school as a child friendly school.



Reach

Reached through direct intervention



Reached through indirect intervention

34652

Deaf Children

78

Major Highlights

01

In 2024-25, 91 girls and 25 boys from CINI's Education Programme areas passed Class X board examination and 35 girls and 6 boys passed class XII board examination. Out of these children 14 children are deaf children from Kolkata.

02

712 teachers from 138 Govt. schools in Kolkata have been trained on CINI's accelerated teaching-learning methodology and tools, leading to improved learning outcomes among 83.6% underprivileged urban children from those schools.

03

CINI provided comprehensive communication training to 75 mainstream school teachers and 50 specialized educators from 12 government schools and 10 resource rooms under the Samagra Shiksha Mission, Kolkata, to promote more inclusive, accessible, and deaf-friendly educational environment through enhanced classroom communication practices.

04

71 schools of Kolkata are using the digital content on education and life skills developed by CINI.

05

Mother literacy programme implemented with 748 mothers in Murshidabad and South 24 Parganas.

06

Assam is reaching out to 569 children of 6 to 10 years through learning centres in tea garden areas and library programme in 2 schools of Guwahati municipality area.

07

This year 20 Anganwadi centres of Rengali block of Sambalpur district supported by CINI and JSW Foundation have been certified by ISO 9001:2015.

08

District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Rayagada, Odisha is providing technical support for promoting foundational literacy and numeracy among PVTG girls in collaboration with CINI. They have also provided an office space for CINI staffs in the DIET office building.

09

CINI Learning Centres (5 school based & 10 community based) recognized by JEPC as Setu Kendras & CINI is technical partner for providing remedial academic support to OoS children in Jharkhand.

10

CINI has been recognized as technical partner of Samagra Siksha Missions of different districts of West Bengal for providing training to school teachers on joyful teaching methodologies, life-skills, mental health and Indian Sign Language.



Impact



32503 children of 3 to 18 years reached through the education programme of CINI in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha and Assam.



Assessed **3156** children of 3 to 6 years age group based on the five basic developmental milestones out of which more than **70%** reached age appropriate developmental milestones.



674 (94%) children of 5 to 6 years from 160 Anganwadi centres of Odisha successfully transitioned to primary school.



Reaching out to **8158** children accessing CINI's learning centres empowered with knowledge and skills related to protection, life skills, sexual and reproductive health, nutrition, and healthy habits.



82% children (6 to 16 years) from the learning centres have shown minimum 1 level progress in academics.



22% children have reached age/grade appropriate academic level from the learning centres.



4050 irregular children have been tracked by CINI for enhancing attendance rate among children.



144 children were identified as out of school and re-enrolled in schools in age appropriate classes.



2332 children from CINI's project areas have been linked with various education related schemes, services and scholarships provided by government and other agencies.



1630 alumni girls of Girl's Learning Centre (GLCs) in Murshidabad and South 24 Parganas are being tracked and trained for empowerment.



Child cabinets have been formed and strengthened for taking active role in preparing School Development Plan in **75** schools of West Bengal.



Kanyashree Clubs are functional in **336** schools of West Bengal.



Case Study

Chandni's Choice: School Over Marriage

At just 16, Chandni from Dangi Para in Siliguri was only two days away from becoming a child bride when her life took a different turn. The same community spaces that had nurtured her learning as a child became the platform that defended her right to education and childhood.

Chandni grew up in Dangi Para in Siliguri as a bright and enthusiastic girl who loved going to the Community-Based Learning Centre run by CINI. From her early school years until Class VIII, she regularly attended the centre, actively participating in activities and building strong bonds with the facilitators and other children.

Some months later, Chandni quietly dropped out of school, and her absence was first noticed during a Child-Friendly Group (CFG) meeting in the community. CFG members shared a worrying update: Chandni was in a relationship with Rahim from Tikia Para, and both families had already agreed to their marriage, fixed just two days away. What seemed like a “settled” decision at home was, in reality, a clear case of child marriage, putting Chandni's health, safety, and future at risk in violation of the legal minimum age of 18 years for girls in India.

As soon as the information reached the team, CINI team went to Chandni's home to speak to her and her parents. Her parents admitted they were not fully comfortable with getting their daughter married so early but felt helpless in the face of social pressure and Chandni's insistence. The team organised counselling sessions with both Chandni and Rahim, calmly explaining the health risks of early pregnancy, the emotional burden of adult responsibilities, and the legal consequences of child marriage under Indian law.

The conversations were not easy; Chandni initially felt that marriage was the only secure path ahead. Gradually, with patient listening and repeated counselling, both she and Rahim began to see the long-term impact of their decision. They came to understand that postponing the marriage was not a loss, but an investment in their future stability and dignity. Finally, both families and the adolescents agreed to postpone the marriage until Chandni turned 18, aligning with the law and giving her a chance to complete her education.

At the time of the intervention, Chandni had already left school and seemed on track to never return to formal education. With sustained encouragement from the CINI team, her parents, and the community structures around her, she re-enrolled and began attending school regularly again. Over time, she not only passed her examinations but is now studying in Class X at Dr. Rajendra Prasad High School, attending classes with renewed determination. Today, Chandni also volunteers at the same Learning Centre that once supported her, teaching younger children in her free time and becoming a role model for girls who might otherwise believe that marriage must come before education.



CHILD PROTECTION



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A child's voice is not just heard — it serves as the catalyst for change.

CINI has mastered the art of listening to children... respecting their opinions and fostering their ability to make choices, develop skills, and act in their world to become active participants in their own protection and development.

CINI's work proves that a child-friendly world is built from the ground up, starting with the agency of the children themselves.”

*~ Smt. Tulika Das,
Chairperson,
WB Commission for
Protection of Child Rights*

CHILD PROTECTION

Reach :

Direct
29,894



Indirect
9,27,755



Impact



1002 CHILDREN
prevented from unnecessary family separation through CCI



990 CHILDREN
are prevented from unnecessary family separation through Open shelter and Contact Points



5912
at-risk children are linked to services and schemes



205853
parents have been sensitized on CP issues



383
child marriages have been prevented



33706
functionaries from service providers have been oriented on CP issues



260
victimized children identified and rescued in railway corridors



4249
CPCs prepared and implemented need assessments and child protection plans



4516
VLPCs have been assisted



83547
children have been reached by functional Child Protection Committees (CPC)



CINI is a member of **78** BLCPC committees to address & work on CP issues.



1498 functionaries from district-level child protection stakeholders (DCPU, SFAC, CWPO, CV, RPF, GRPS, CWC, CCI) trained on child protection issues and policies

Major Highlights

01

Strengthening community-based child protection mechanism in the identified areas of Kolkata, Paschim Bardhaman, South 24 parganas, Murshidabad, Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar districts in West Bengal and in Ranchi, Khunti districts in Jharkhand as envisioned under Mission Vatsalya.

02

Creation of community rooted child protection ecosystem across districts like Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, Alipurduar, Murshidabad and Uttar Dinajpur through strengthened Govt. systems, community mobilization and inter-departmental convergence.

03

Creation of awareness and ensuring access to justice for children in four districts: Gomati, Khowai, Sipahijala and Unakati in Tripura.

04

Strengthening implementation of the Railway Standard Operating Procedure at Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway corridor stretching from the destination to the transit and source railway stations by ensuring its effective functioning.

05

Capacity building of 255 panchayet members & administrative staff, 2303 nodal teachers and 51 SMC member of South 24 Parganas, west Bengal on Child Protection.

06

Children created IEC materials on various topics such as child marriage, child trafficking, child abuse, elopement, and substance abuse to raise awareness on child protection issues. Children from Uttar Dinajpur were actively involved in the development of these posters.

07

Running Open Shelters in Siliguri (for girls) and in Kolkata (3 for boys) as envisioned under the Mission Vatsalya.

08

Running Child Care Institutions for boys and girls in Kolkata within the purview of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015.

09

Expediting restoration and repatriation of children in the child care institutions of two districts: Kolkata and North 24 Parganas of West Bengal.

10

Strengthening family reunification and placement in alternative family-based care of children in government run and non-government run child care institutions in West Bengal and Jharkhand.

11

CINI collaborated with the Department of Psychiatric Social Work, Institute of Psychiatry-CoE, Kolkata, to organise a pivotal consultation on the intersection of legal frameworks and mental health care for child survivors of sexual abuse.

12

CINI facilitated community in 12 villages of Siladon Panchayat in one of the tribal dominated districts in Khunti, Jharkhand to highlight the issues affecting their children in their communities as one of the priorities for the Panchayat Development Plans.

13

CINI celebrated Blue Umbrella Day (BUD) on 16th April, raising awareness on how to better care for boys and protect them from sexual abuse as sexual violence affect boys too.

14

CINI celebrated its Annual Sports cum Children's Exposure on 26th December at Cyril Academy, South 24 parganas, uniting children from CCI Boys (Hamara Ghar), CCI Girls (Amader Bari), Open Shelter Beadon Square and Open Shelter Hamara Ghar.

15

In collaboration with CINI and other partners, NACG EVAC India organized the 'National Children's Consultation on Violence Against Children', held from 26-28 November, 2024, at New Delhi.

16

On January 24, 2025, the Assam State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, in collaboration with the State Child Protection Society, Assam, Child in Need Institute, and Bal Raksha Bharat, observed National Girl Child Day.



Recognitions

CINI has been recognized for its impactful contributions at Bochadanga Gram Panchayat

On 17th February 2025, the Savapati of Kaliyaganj Panchayat Samity and the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Kaliyaganj ICDS Project jointly presented CINI an awarded acknowledging its active participation in convergence meetings and its pivotal role in strengthening Child Protection Committees (CPCs).

Children got award from District & Block Administration

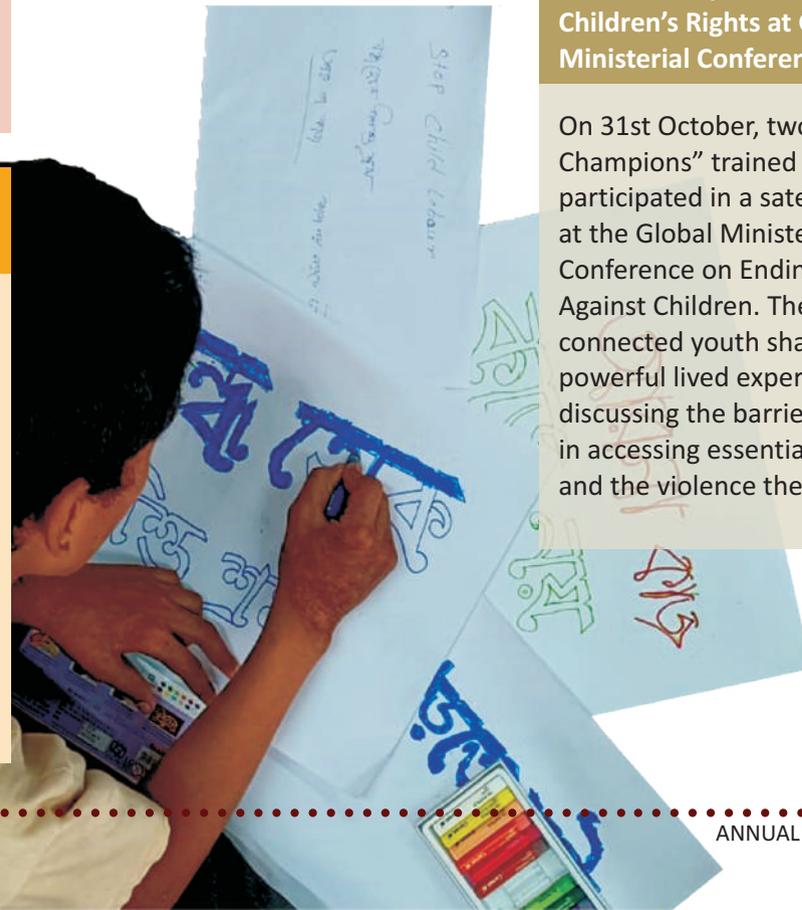
Thirteen girls from Raiganj, Itahar, Hemtabad, and Kaliaganj, Uttar Dinajpur, successfully prevented their own child marriages and shut down home-based local liquor manufacturing unit, were honoured by the district and block administrations on Kanyashree Day and Sanghati Diwas (Rakhi).

Street Champions Advocate for Children's Rights at Global Ministerial Conference

On 31st October, two "Street Champions" trained by CINI participated in a satellite event at the Global Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children. These street-connected youth shared their powerful lived experiences, discussing the barriers they face in accessing essential services and the violence they encounter.

Talk to the Mayor Uncle: Children's Vision for a Better Kolkata

On 23rd November, the KMC House of Council in Kolkata hosted a significant meeting during the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC Week). The children highlighted critical concerns, including the need for child-friendly Anganwadi Centres, improved drainage systems, KMC-run English medium schools in every ward, accessibility features such as Braille and pictorial maps, and enhanced facilities for the differently-abled.



Community level initiatives

Strengthening Child Protection Committees in rural and urban areas of West Bengal:

CINI played a catalytic role in the formation and operationalization of 2,250 Village level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) across rural areas of Murshidabad and Birbhum districts of West Bengal. As a part of ongoing efforts to making the cities of Kolkata and Asansol Child Friendly, CINI has been strengthening Ward level Child Protection Committees (WLCPCs) in selected wards. These committees are critical to monitoring child rights violations, reporting cases of abuse, child marriage and ensuring timely response through established referral networks. Each Village or Ward level Child Protection Committee has been formed and strengthened to act as a convergent platform with Panchayat or Urban Local Body members, school teachers, Self Help Group members, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers, youth volunteers and children.

Mamo ASHA Centre: Empowering Underprivileged Children for a Brighter Future.

The Mamo-ASHA Center Kolkata (West Bengal) is a dedicated facility designed to provide a safe, supportive environment for underprivileged children, especially those from street situations and deprived urban communities. The center functions as a comprehensive, one-stop space where children can access essential services such as education, healthcare, psychological support, and career guidance.





Case Study

The Rescue of Anita Tamang

Anita Tamang (name changed) experienced a devastating shift in her life following the sudden death of her father. Residing in Kumargram Forest Village, a remote area of Alipurduar, her family was already grappling with poverty. With no source of income and engulfed in grief, her mother was left emotionally and economically shattered. The burden of survival fell heavily on young Anita's shoulders. As a minor, Anita faced the daunting uncertainties of life without the protection and support of her father.

During this vulnerable period, Anita connected with a boy through social media. Enticed by the prospect of escaping poverty and building a better future, she left her home without informing her family, trusting the boy and the promise of earning money. She moved to another state (Gujarat) in search of work. Initially, Anita contacted her mother to share that she had developed a romantic relationship with the boy and was working at a beauty Parlor, expressing her decision not to return home. However, after a few days, all communication ceased. Anita stopped calling, and her phone was switched off. As days turned into weeks with no further contact, anxiety overwhelmed the family, and she was declared missing.

Anita's disappearance underscored multiple deep-rooted issues—lack of awareness, community vigilance, and the looming threat of child trafficking. In geographically isolated and economically distressed areas like Kumargram, such cases of trafficking under the guise of employment are unfortunately not uncommon. Her family's financial instability and Anita's vulnerable status left them without the resources or knowledge to respond promptly.

Upon learning about the incident, a CINI team member and local block Animator immediately visited Anita's home to gather detailed information. Observing the dire living conditions and emotional breakdown of Anita's mother, the Animator launched a thorough investigation into her whereabouts.

As a member of the Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLPC), the Animator coordinated with the local Panchayat Pradhan, informed Child helpline 1098, and facilitated the filing of a formal police complaint by the family. Based on the FIR (dated 17.03.25), police traced Anita to Chennai, where she was rescued. It was later discovered that the boy had abandoned her shortly after arriving there.

Following her rescue, Anita was placed under the care of the Alipurduar Child Welfare Committee (CWC). After completing all necessary procedures, she was safely reunited with her mother in Kumargram.

Anita is currently staying with her mother in Kumargram. While the emotional trauma of the experience lingers, she is steadily progressing toward a stable life with ongoing support. Efforts are being made to re-enroll her in school. Anita aspires to become a successful beautician in the future.

This case served as a significant wake-up call for the community. It highlighted the urgent need for awareness, prompt reporting, and collective accountability in preventing child trafficking and protecting vulnerable children. It also reaffirmed the vital role of community-based structures like VLPC, BLPC, and collaboration with civil society organizations in ensuring child safety and well-being.



ADOLESCENT EMPOWERMENT

“ The adolescents are just like flowering plants which need air water sunlight and space for their wholesome growth and development. If we failed to nurture they will naturally wilt away. CINI is doing just that by providing a conducive ambience for the development of adolescents for the last quarter of a century.”

~ Dr. Kunal Kanti De
ADHS Adolescent Health and SNO RKSK
Dept of H&FW West Bengal

ADOLESCENT EMPOWERMENT

About the thematic Unit

CINI- Adolescent Resource Centre was established in 2000 with a commitment to ensure a safe and healthy future for young people (10-24 years) by improving their access to quality information, services and guidance. Adolescent Resource Centre seeks to contribute meaningfully and effectively towards improving adolescent and young people's health and well-being through research and documentation, pilot innovative programmes, providing technical support to Government, building capacity of youth-led NGO's and other organizations in designing, implementing and monitoring interventions targeted at young people. CINI's adolescent intervention programmes are characterized by its three main pillars i.e. Create Models, Extend Technical Support and Networking & Advocacy. In recent years CINI has been successfully implementing holistic adolescent programmes in different intervention areas reaching out to diverse communities in the states of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Assam, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.

Reach :



Impact

201 Kanyashree Clubs formed and trained

10754 nodal teachers trained

1100 School Health Committees formed

255934 adolescents engaged in school/community groups

2574 peer leaders trained on participation, rights, and life skills

1287 adolescent group members capacitated by peer leaders

303 peer leaders advocating for adolescent issues on local platforms

12755 girls and **10,148** boys screened for anemia

6830 adolescents screened for diabetes

2804 adolescents referred to various service delivery points

2290 referred to Anwasha Clinic/AFHC;

10929 stakeholders supported adolescents' participation in planning

77 community-level platforms addressing adolescent issues

3,443 FLWs oriented on diabetes prevention

5700 schools reached under Diabetes Prevention Program



Recognition & Collaboration

- 1 state and 6 district government recognized CINI as a technical partner
- 59 networks and alliances acknowledged CINI's role in adolescent development across North 24 Parganas, Murshidabad, Nadia, Birbhum, and Malda.



Major Highlights

01

G-SAFE+ Project Launch – Odisha

Launched with a state-level conference on 19th March 2025, the G-SAFE+ Project advocates for safe, inclusive, and gender-sensitive environments in 3 cities of India, with support from TDH Germany.

02

Banipur Lokutsav Health Awareness Stall

CINI and Arogya World set up interactive stalls promoting health, mental well-being, and diabetes awareness, drawing large public engagement and appreciation from Government officials.

03

World Theatre Day – Student Skits

CINI for the first time celebrated this event where, students from 12 schools performed skits on social issues using the Arogya World curriculum, receiving accolades from theatre professionals and stakeholders.

04

Girl Rising Curriculum Pilot – Rajgarh

Implemented in government school, this pilot focused on gender sensitization and storytelling among adolescents, helping evaluate the curriculum's impact and gather student feedback for greater implementation.

05

Adolescent Health Consultation – WBCPCR

Held on 2nd March 2025, this session addressed nutrition, menstruation, and mental health, encouraging lifestyle changes and early interventions among adolescents of Rambagan.

Mega Adolescent Health Day – Uttar Dinajpur

Held on 30th May 2024 with 200 participants, this event featured health screenings, skits, and awareness stalls to promote NCD prevention and adolescent health.

06

07

Paddle for Health – Cycle Rally

A cycle rally under Karandighi Block raised awareness on NCDs and healthy living, with students, officials, and community leaders participating.

08

Self-Monitoring Calendar for NCDs

180 children piloted a daily self-tracking calendar to improve habits on food, hygiene, and lifestyle, showing significant behavioural change in four months.

09

CINI Stall at Science Fair – Chopra

CINI raised adolescent health and nutrition awareness through interactive stalls and screenings, reaching 1,200 students and educators during a district science mela.

10

Children’s Charter of Demands – Murshidabad

Over 3,500 adolescents submitted demand charters from GP to district levels, engaging in budget advocacy and pushing for inclusion in governance.

11

Bhai Dooj Celebration – Azimganj

400+ adolescents and peer leaders tied rakhis on frontline workers, combining gratitude with financial literacy and awareness on protection and law enforcement.

Cholo Dourai – Marathon for Children’s Rights

Held on 4th Feb 2025 in Berhampore, 150 runners amplified messages on child protection, early marriage, and education, engaging key officials and the community.

12

13

“Mon Niye” Magazine Launch – Book Fair

Teenline launched a mental health magazine at the Kolkata Book Fair with real stories and expert views to support teen well-being.

14

International Youth Day – Kokrajhar

Skill training on mushroom farming and pickling empowered adolescents and youth, with sanitary pad distribution and strong community participation.

15

16 Days of Activism – Assam

Campaigns, workshops, and arts-based engagement tackled child marriage and gender-based violence in three Assam districts, in collaboration with govt bodies.

16

Mahila Suraksha Samvaad – Bhopal

Participated in a state-level event promoting gender safety and Mission Shakti. The UKH booth showcased mental health and protection services.

17

Participation

Participated in National Consultation on post disaster related impact on Mental Health.

Case Study

Home First, Community Next: Ankesh Ends Junk Food Cycle

Change-makers do not wait for others to act—they quietly start with themselves and let their lives become the message. This is exactly what Ankesh Mondal, an adolescent from Amdanga, North 24 Parganas, chose to do.

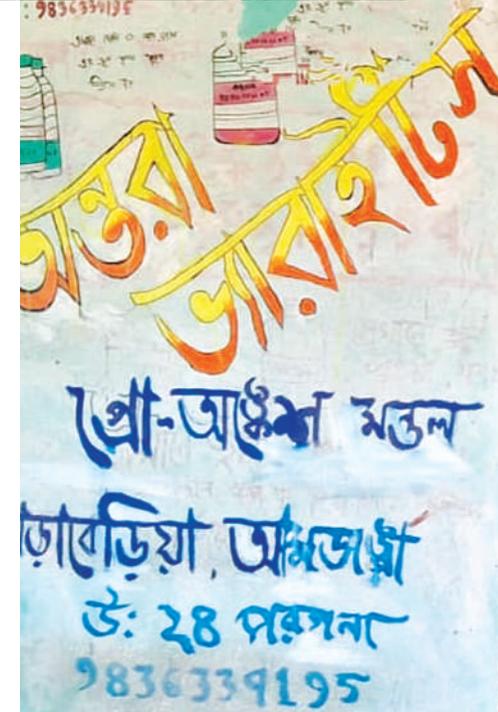
Ankesh grew up in a semi-rural household where his family ran a small home-based shop. The shelves were lined with colourful packets of chips and other packaged snacks that attracted not only customers but also Ankesh and his sister, Ankita. Over time, junk food and screen time became a routine part of their day, putting them at risk of obesity and non-communicable diseases in the long run, a growing concern among school-going children in India.

Things began to change when Ankesh's school became part of the Arogya World Healthy School Programme, implemented locally with support from CINI. Through interactive sessions, he learned about balanced diets, the dangers of ultra-processed foods, and the importance of active living for lifelong health. The CINI team later visited his home, engaging his parents in simple discussions on food choices and how the shop could influence not just their own children, but other young people in the locality.

The new information did not remain in Ankesh's notebook; it stirred his conscience. One day, he decided to act: he cleared out packaged snacks meant for his own consumption, painted a colourful healthy food chart, and put up a banner at home that read, "Don't be ashamed to say no to fast food." At first, his family was surprised and even hesitant, worried about upsetting habits and customers' expectations. Yet Ankesh continued to explain what he had learned, gently persuading them that health was more valuable than convenience.

Gradually, his parents and sister began to support his stand, reducing their own consumption of junk food and offering healthier options at home. Recognising his determination, the programme encouraged Ankesh to share his journey with classmates, and he soon became a Health Messenger in school. He spoke about his family's changes, showing that if a shopkeeper's son could say no to fast food, others could too.

Today, Ankesh's family follows a healthier lifestyle, with home-cooked food and mindful snacking becoming the norm. Their shop, once dominated by chips and packaged items for personal use, now also reflects more balanced choices in how they talk about food to neighbours and customers. Through his courage to set his own rules, Ankesh has become a true change-maker—proving that lasting community change often begins with a single adolescent choosing health over habit.





ENVIRONMENT

“ With increasing health threats from climate change, air pollution, and ecological degradation, CINI is working on numerous interventions to protect our communities from the health impacts of cyclones, heat, flooding and displacement. These impacts are far-reaching, but the CINI method offers a pathway to protect the rights of the communities we serve.”

~ Gaurab Basu, MD, MPH,
Assistant Professor
Harvard Medical School

Impact

Capacity Building & Leadership Development



- **10** Green Armies formed in **10** schools in Kolkata, comprising **200** students acting as change agents to promote environmental sustainability.
- **4600** peer leaders oriented on environment and climate change issues affecting the children in Murshidabad.
- **3577** SHG members trained on environment and climate change issues in Murshidabad.
- **27** SHG women (called Setu Didi) under Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotional Society (JSLPS) trained on “Gender & Climate Change Interlinkages”.
- **44** adolescent peer leaders selected as Climate Champions in Gumla district, Jharkhand.
- **130** Gram Panchayats oriented on clean and healthy environment in Murshidabad district, West Bengal.
- **200** trained adolescent peer leaders developed as climate stewards in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.
- Children Parliament members in **130** GPs of Murshidabad district oriented on raising climate related issues.

Sensitization and Awareness Generation



- **16850** adolescents sensitized on environment and climate change issues through peer leaders in Murshidabad & South 24 Parganas districts, West Bengal.
- **11855** parents sensitized on household cleanliness in Murshidabad district & South 24 Parganas districts, West Bengal.
- **511** VLCPCs sensitized, and started functioning by ensuring children & women participation in climate action in Murshidabad district, West Bengal.
- In **1155** schools, environmental awareness sessions were conducted in Kolkata, Howrah, Purba Medinipur, Murshidabad & Birbhum districts of West Bengal.
- Kanyashree clubs in **530** schools sensitized on clean & healthy environment within school &



Community level Climate Actions



- community.
- **9000** households reached through awareness generation activities by the adolescent leaders on kitchen garden, tree plantation, waste segregation, plastic use reduction, water conservation etc. in Murshidabad.
 - **564** children sensitized on environment and climate change issues through 65 creches in Hatadihi Block, Keonjhar district, Odisha.
 - **604** household level kitchen gardens developed in various rural locations.
 - **10** kitchen gardens and vertical gardens developed in **10** schools of Kolkata, promoting sustainable practices and hands-on learning experiences for students.
 - **2500** saplings distributed for plantation in Murshidabad. **100** trees planted in Kolkata, West Bengal. In Gumla of Jharkhand, **50** trees planted across villages, school and panchayat office premises.
 - Out of **130** GPs **85** distributed dustbins to segregate wastes, and installed plastic disposal units in Murshidabad, from the panchayat development fund.

Planning, Policy Dialogue and Campaign



- **1022** representatives of the Child Parliament interacted with elected representatives of Gram Panchayats on environment and climate change issues in Murshidabad district, West Bengal.
- Charter of Demand on environmental issues prepared by the children and submitted to the GP, Block & Zilla Parishad authorities as well as to the policy influencers like MLAs & MPs in Murshidabad district.
- **22** blocks and district level authorities received support to prepare block and district plans of actions for children/adolescents in Murshidabad.
- **1000** members of **50** Community Support Groups (CSG) identified various local environmental issues like water wastage from cultivation land, waste management, riverbank embankment renovation, etc. and highlighted at the GP level across 5 GPs of Kulpi Block in South 24 Parganas district.

Major Highlights

COP 29 Baku

CINI with support of The George Institute For Global Health (TGI) conducted a study namely “Psychological wellbeing of young people affected by climate change in India and Hong Kong” covering 750 young people (aged between 16 and 24 years) of Sunderbans spreading across 2 Gram Panchayats of Kultoli Block, South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal. **This effort significantly impacted discussions at COP29** on climate change and mental health, particularly regarding the vulnerabilities faced by communities residing in the Sundarbans.

From Village to State: A platform to share journeys of children as Climate Champions during the State Level Consultation on Climate Action in Ranchi, Jharkhand:

Mr Aboobacker Siddique, IAS, Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Dr. Kamlesh Kumar (State TB Officer, Climate Change Nodal Officer), Dr. Samir Chaudury, Founder Secretary, CINI were overwhelmed to see the remarkable journey of empowering children and adolescents on Community-Led Climate Resilience during the State Consultation organized on Feb 18, 2025, in Ranchi.

Advocacy to action: Influencing local government towards establishing a safe, clean & healthy village

- 143 GPs across 26 blocks of Murshidabad district, West Bengal allocated budget focusing on environment related interventions aligned to SDGs under “LSDG Theme 5 - Clean and Green Village”.
- Gram Panchayats in Murshidabad district started working on environment related issues from the FY 2024 -2025 budget, such as; wall writing in 32 Gram Panchayats, E-car distribution for waste collection in 28 GPs, water treatment plant in 27 GPs, Arsenic free water supply in 26 GPs, proper waste management disposal mechanism set in 18 GPs - dustbins distributed in 38 GPs, plantation drive in 43 GPs, plastic booth set-up for plastic waste management in 35 GPs, renewable energy supply (rooftop solar panel) in 23 GPs, waste segregation shed in 12 GPs, awareness camp against plastic pollution & waste management in 26 Gps.
- Environmental plans have been incorporated under the LSDG Theme 5 and Theme 6 (Water Sufficient Village) in 10 GPs' (5 GPs in Hemtabad, 3 GP in Itahar, 2GPs in Raiganj) Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in Uttar Dinajpur district, West Bengal.
- Cleaning and eco-restoration of polluted waterbodies in Ward no. 58 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) undertaken as a result of issues raised by 40 youth leaders of **State Chapter of Youth for Ecological Sustainability (YES) network**, at the Ward Level Child Protection Committee (WLCPC) level.

- **Panchayat develops Climate Resilience Plan in Jharkhand;** 5 Panchayats in Raidih block of Gumla district took initiative for developing Resilience Plans as a result of initiatives taken by adolescent climate champions.
- **Children from various climate-vulnerable regions across Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal provided inputs to the draft General Comment on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Environmental Dimension of Sustainable Development**, drafted by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) of the UN Human Rights Office (also known as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - OHCHR). Six consultations with children were organized in these 3 states covering 100 children.

Engagement in Youth for Ecological Sustainability (YES) network

CINI's youth peer leaders, the members of the YES network participated in a three-day National Level Youth Workshop on "Life Goals and Strategies: Post-COVID Scenario", held from August 27th to 29th, 2024, in Baranti, Purulia. They learnt about farmers' needs, People's Biodiversity Register, etc.

CINI actively participated in State-Level Youth Consultation that served as a platform for youth leaders from North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas (including the Sundarbans), and Kolkata districts of West Bengal to share experiences, challenges, and solutions related to environmental protection, climate change, waste management, air pollution, and biodiversity preservation.

The youth peer leaders also participated in a youth exposure visit to Chaital, Sundarbans, focusing on Integrated Mangrove Aquaculture to acquire an in-depth knowledge on various aspects including Sustainable Aquaculture in Mangrove Ecosystems (SAIME), the impact of increased shrimp and crab production on soil and water quality, the history and evolution of Mangrove, Aquaculture, and Agriculture in Chaital and South Sundarbans.

- **Dissemination workshop on Environment Education:** With the support of CESC Limited environmental education sessions were conducted in 150 schools across Kolkata, West Bengal. On 27th February 2025, a dissemination workshop was organized to share this experience and honour 15 schools for their contributions to environmental sustainability. Smt. Tulika Das, Chairperson, WBCPCR, along with other esteemed dignitaries from Education Department, GoWB, North Dum Dum Municipality graced the event.
- **Events on Waste to Wealth:** More than 100 children actively participated in Waste to Wealth Workshops in Kolkata, West Bengal and Gumla, Jharkhand. These events were focused on the “3R principle of waste management —Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” encouraging creative thinking of the children through the concept of "Kabaad Se Jugaad or Waste to Wealth."

Case Study

Aparajita: The Blooming Change

A Women-Led Urban Floral Waste Management Model under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0

In the heart of North Dum Dum Municipality, West Bengal a subtle revolution is taking root - driven not by machines or mandates, but by the efforts of women transforming waste into wealth.

The Genesis of Change

Under the guidance of the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) and with financial support from CESC Ltd., Child in Need Institute (CINI) partnered with the North Dum Dum Municipality to address a long-overlooked challenge: managing the massive amounts of floral waste generated from temples, markets, and households.

Women on Wheels

At the core of the initiative are 14 local women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) - the Aparajitas. Once constrained by limited livelihood opportunities, these women have now become empowered agents of environmental transformation, and have secured a dignified livelihood as well. They are trained on collection, segregation, and processing of floral waste into compost, floral powder, and liquid biofertilizer.

Since the project's launch, an impressive total of 32,152 kg of floral waste has been diverted from landfills, transformed into eco-friendly products that reduce the impact of waste on the environment as well as the health of the children. The initiative resulted in the production of 1145.7 kilograms of floral powder, 259.6 litres of liquid biofertilizer, and 134.4 kilograms of solid compost during the financial year 2024 - 2025.

From Floral Waste to Festival: The Gulal Story

The initiative achieved a significant milestone in March, 2025: the creation of 800 kg of organic 'Gulal' (abir) - a natural, chemical-free dye derived from recycled flower petals. Promoted by the Municipality, this eco-friendly Gulal garnered attention during the Holi festival, demonstrating that waste can be both beautiful and profitable.

Recognition and Replication

The accomplishments of Aparajita have not gone unnoticed. With the support of CINI, ₹36,69,325 was allocated by SUDA for this ambitious project, which aims to establish a sustainable, community-oriented model for urban floral waste management.

The Government of West Bengal has acknowledged the project's potential for scalability and has begun efforts to replicate it in other municipalities. What began as a localized initiative is now evolving into a model for decentralized waste management, women's empowerment, and a circular economy plus blended finance at the grassroots level.

Aparajita, named after the indomitable flower and spirit, now represents not merely a floral waste initiative, but serves as a testament to the accomplishments communities can realize when women take the lead, systems provide support, and nature is held in high regard.





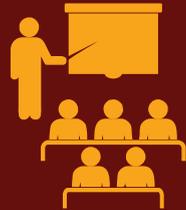
CINI TRAINING UNIT

“ Four decades ago training was not a structured practice of service providers. CINI recognised the need and initiated to develop need based training manual and practice for transformation of providers, communities and policy makers.”

~ Dr. Nupur Basu Das,
Former Assistant Director - Training
And Member, Governing Body CINI
Chetana Resource Centre

CINI TRAINING UNIT

Reach :

<p>Direct</p> <p>10,104</p> <p>frontline workers trained</p>		<p>Indirect</p> <p>Communities and populations served through trained frontline workers</p>
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Since 1980, the CINI Training Unit has played a key role in strengthening the capacities of Government and Non-Government functionaries across West Bengal and other states in India. The Unit focuses on Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health & Nutrition, Gender, Soft and Life Skills, Training Need Assessment, and design and development of Training and Learning Materials (TLMs). Handholding support at field level ensures the effective application of knowledge and skills.

Over the years, the Training Unit has built a strong reputation and collaborative relationships with Government departments, NGOs/CBOs, academic institutions and technical agencies at state and national levels.

Focus Areas of Training

- Capacity Building of Government Functionaries:**
 Including Accredited Social Health Activists(ASHAs), Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) members, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), First Tier Supervisors (FTS), Health & Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Supervisors/Public Health Nurse (PHN) /Block Primary Health Nurse (BPHN), District Programme Coordinator (DPC) & Block Programme Coordinator (BPC) ASHAs, and District Trainers, with focus on Nutrition; Maternal, Newborn and Child Health; Adolescent Health; and Non-Communicable Diseases. The aim is to strengthen service delivery and ensure accessibility for community members.
- Capacity Building for NGOs/CBOs and Academic Institutions:**
 Training delivered both online and offline on Health, Nutrition, Education and Child Protection (HNEPA); Gender; Leadership; Life Skills; Community Exposure; Training Techniques; POSH; and documentation skills.
- Internal Organizational Capacity Strengthening:**
 Based on Training Need Assessment, structured training support is provided to CINI staff on CINI Method, HNEPA, Training Facilitation, Documentation & Communication, Operations and Finance as required by different programmes.



Major Highlights

Women Empowerment and Child Rights Training (Institutional Strengthening of Gram Panchayat (ISGP Programme):

Down-level training was conducted for Executive Assistants and Sanchalikas of the Nari, Sishu Unnayan o Samaj-Kalyan Upa-Samiti across Paschim Bardhaman, Nadia, Hooghly, Purba & Paschim Medinipur, and Jhargram. Master trainers provided continued field-based mentoring and support.

Internal Training of Trainers (ToT) on CINI Method:

The CRC Team and Training Unit conducted the 3rd round of a two-day ToT to strengthen the capacity of CINI staff on the Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) and Training Manual (TM), reinforcing the institutional focus on “One CINI.”

Orientation on National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro- Sciences (NIMHANS) Guidelines:

Conducted online for the Umang Kishore Helpline Team, CINI Bhopal.

Life Skills Training in Tripura:

Training facilitated for Project Directors, ANMs and Counsellors under TI NGOs on request from Tripura State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (TSACS).

Training for AFHC/Anwasha Counsellors:

Conducted at the Institute of Health & Family Welfare (IH&FW, Kolkata organized by Department of Health & Family Welfare-Govt. of WB in collaboration with UNICEF. The sessions focused on Nutrition Counselling, Emotional Wellbeing, Adolescent Mental Health, Career Counselling, Self-Defence and Cyber Safety.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Azad Foundation, Kolkata:

Training initiated for trainee women drivers on First Aid to enhance their ability to respond to emergencies while on road.

Training with The Action North- East Trust (ANT) organization (Assam):

Two-day training on Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health and Management of Child Malnutrition, followed by an exposure visit to CINI rural intervention areas.

Workshop at Vidyasagar College:

One-day seminar-cum-workshop conducted on Nutritional Assessment for students of the Food & Nutrition Department.

Dengue and Public Health Interventions in collaboration with State Urban Development Agency (SUDA):

CINI undertook dengue prevention and monitoring activities in all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of West Bengal (excluding Kolkata Municipality Corporation (KMC). Activities included:

- Supervising House-to-House surveys
- Larvae and pupae monitoring
- Conservancy and sanitation supervision
- Training House to House (HTH) workers, Supervisors, Vector Control Monitoring Officers (VCMOs), Spray Workers and Nirmal Sathis
- Conducting Resident Welfare Association (RWA) and Construction Site meetings
- Participation in Solid Waste Management training and ToTs
- Support in review and monitoring of Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs), waste segregation and ULB service delivery

Exposure and Internship Programme:

Students from multiple institutions completed internships at CINI, including:

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Guwahati, Indian Institute of Management Rohtak, Delhi School of Social Science, St. Joseph University, Symbiosis Hyderabad, SRM University, Future Institute of Engineering & Management, OP Jindal Global University, Neotia University, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Education & Research Institute, Visva Bharati University, Rabindra Bharati University, Durgapur Law College, Vidyasagar School of Social Work, Bankura University, Beharilal College (Dept. of Food & Nutrition), and South Calcutta Girls' College.

Training Materials Developed:

A comprehensive Training Module and Facilitator's Guide has been developed covering:

- Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health
- Nutrition and Management of Malnutrition
- Family Planning
- Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases



CYRIL ACADEMY

“ The concept of a ‘Green School’ is not new in Bengal, the land of Rabindranath Tagore’s Visva-Bharati. For those who advocate a natural environment and value-based education as essential elements of schooling, there is encouraging news. Cyril Academy, an initiative of CINI located on the southern fringe of Kolkata, successfully integrates both these principles, offering students a learning space rooted in nature and values.”

~ Prof Arunansu Talukdar
MD (Medicine), PhD (USA), FRCP
(Glasgow), FICP, FGSI Head,
Geriatric Medicine Department
Medical College Kolkata
&
Nodal Officer,
Regional Geriatric Centre, Kolkata

CYRIL ACADEMY

Reach : **124**
Students enrolled



Major Highlights

01

- Strengthened the parent-school partnership through consistent engagement.
- Fostered inclusivity and value-based learning via cultural observances.
- Promoted early literacy in life skills, environmental awareness, and physical health.
- Enhanced community awareness on health and wellness.

Academic Growth & Infrastructure

- **Session Initiation:** New academic session began on **5th April 2024**, marked by the **inauguration of Class III**, expanding our academic offerings.
- **Classroom Enrichment:** Enhanced classroom environments with thematic displays, color-coded learning, and new materials.
- **POSH Orientation:** Conducted for all staff to ensure a safe, equitable work and learning space.

02

03

Cultural & Value-Based Celebrations

A vibrant calendar of events reinforced cultural understanding, inclusivity, and national pride:

- **National Events:** Independence Day, Republic Day, Teachers' Day, and Children's Day celebrated with spirited performances.
- **Religious & Cultural Observances:** Eid, Raksha Bandhan, Durga Puja, Diwali, Saraswati Puja, and Christmas enriched students' cultural awareness.
- **Color Days:** Monthly color celebrations (Red, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, White, Pink) enhanced sensory and thematic learning for pre-primary students.

Health, Safety & Well-Being

- **Health Camp (June 2024):** General check-ups and nutrition counselling led by medical professionals.
- **Well-being Day (December 2024):** Promoted preventive healthcare awareness among students and parents.
- **COVID and Seasonal Illness Monitoring:** Continued adherence to hygiene and safety protocols throughout the year.

04

Experiential Learning & Field Trips

- **Market Day (Nov 2024):** Hands-on economic learning through a mini-market simulation.
- **Zoo Visit (Feb 2025):** Introduced students to wildlife conservation and animal habitats.
- **Indian Museum Visit:** Provided exposure to India's rich historical and artistic heritage.
- **Science Day Celebrations:** Encouraged scientific thinking through exhibitions and classroom activities.

05

Student Development & Activities

- **Annual Sports (Dec 2024):** Focused on physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Featured various fun and competitive races.
- **Winter Carnival (Jan 2025):** A successful school-community fair with games, food stalls, and student crafts.
- **Foundation Day (July 2024):** Celebrated 5 years of academic excellence at Cyril Academy.

06

Parental & Community Engagement

- **Parent-Teacher Meeting (July 2024):** Strengthened home-school partnerships with individualized feedback sessions.
- **Global Parents' Day:** Celebrated with appreciation activities.
- **Mother's Day & Father's Day:** Students expressed love through handmade cards and performances.
- **Grandparents' Day:** Honored intergenerational bonding and wisdom.

07





HR & ADMIN

“ An institution as widely accepted and respected as CINI has completed 25 years in our district. Over these 25 years, their sustained efforts have been extremely successful, and they have made a significant impact across various sectors of society. On behalf of our administration, I express our gratitude to them. During my tenure, not only in this district but also in other districts, at different times and in times of need, CINI is among the very first organisations that comes to mind.”

~ Mr Chirantan Pramanik,
Additional District Magistrate,
Development,
Murshidabad

HR & ADMIN

Achievements

Strengthening HR Operations:



As part of CINI's Digital Acceleration initiative, HR processes have been significantly improved:

- Real-time attendance is now captured through the EXTO platform.
- Leave management has been strengthened and streamlined.
- The platform will eventually offer full visibility into HR operations, aligned with other key functions like Finance and Programs.

Personnel File Audit:



During the reporting period, the HR successfully completed a comprehensive review of personnel files for both contractual staff and consultants.

As a proactive step, HR developed and circulated a standardized document checklist to the Admin Support teams. This initiative has strengthened the documentation process and is helping ensure consistency, completeness, and compliance in maintaining personnel records across the organization.

Staff Induction and Policy Orientation:



While a formal induction program was not conducted during the reporting period, orientation sessions were completed for all newly joined staff members. To reinforce key organisational policies, combined offline and online sessions were held on the HR Policy, Code of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest, reaching a total of 206 employees.

Looking ahead, a comprehensive induction program is planned for the coming year. This will be integrated into the organisation's refresher training and will ensure that all employees are oriented on CINI's core policies and values.

Internal Complaints Committee Assessment:



During the year, an internal compliance review highlighted the need to strengthen the functioning and reporting of some Internal Complaints Committees (ICCs) across a few locations. While the majority of committees were in place and active, some gaps were noted in:

- Timely reconstitution or formation of ICCs in certain units.
- Regular functioning and documentation of meetings.
- Submission of mandatory annual reports to the District Officer.

In response, we have taken proactive steps to address these areas:

- All ICCs were reviewed and, where needed, reconstituted in line with legal requirements.
- Systems were reinforced to ensure regular meetings, proper documentation, and reporting.
- Orientation and refresher training sessions were conducted to build the capacity of ICC members and ensure clarity of roles and responsibilities.

We recognise the importance of a strong and active ICC structure as part of our commitment to a safe and respectful workplace.

HR Data and Job Descriptions:



HR data for all staff was successfully updated, and job descriptions were revised to accurately reflect current roles and responsibilities. During this process, gaps were identified in the availability and clarity of job descriptions for some positions. To address this, measures were implemented to ensure that every new staff member receives a clear and updated job description at the time of joining, provided as part of their employment contract.



Governing Body Mememebers/Managing Committee

1	Prof. Kalyan Sankar Mandal	President
2	Dr. Samir Chaudhuri	Secretary
3	Shri Amit Kr. Dasgupta	Treasurer
4	Dr. M. N. Roy	Member
5	Smt. Sulagna Roy	Member
6	Mr. Dibyendu Bose	Member
7	Dr. Ajay Bhattacharyya	Member
8	Dr. Nilanjana Dasgupta	Member

Policy Report

Annual Report of the Internal Complaints Committee as per Section 21 of Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) 2013.

Reporting Period April 2024 to March 2025:

S.No.	Particulars	Status /Remarks
1	Number of complaints of Sexual Harassment received during the year.	0
2	Number of complaints disposed of during the year.	0
3	Number of cases pending for more than ninety days.	0
4	Number of workshops/awareness programs conducted on prevention of sexual harassment.	28
5	Nature of action(s) taken by the employer.	0

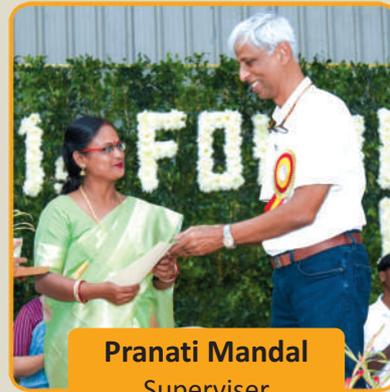


Annual Staff Reward and Recognition Program 2024

BEST PERFORMERS



Puja Maitra
Learning Facilitator
Jharhand



Pranati Mandal
Supervisor
Murshidabad



Subrata Saha
Field Supervisor
Uttar Dinajpur



Anupam Dhara
CINI Training Unit



Tarak Goswami
North Bengal

CEO's Choice Award



Mr. Prosenjit Dey
District Coordinator
Uttar Dinajpur

The following organizations were felicitated



Bridgespan India
Mr. Saleem Khan
Director
Philanthropy and
India Leadership



Eklavya Foundation
Ms. Tultul Biswas
Director

ACCOUNTS



“ We alone may not be able to address the violence that we encounter in our lives, but, together, we can make a change... With support and collaboration, we believe meaningful change is possible... We want to be part of the solution.”

~ Rani,
18 years old Street Champion
(street-connected peer leader
from Kolkata) at the first Global
Ministerial Conference on
Ending Violence against
Children in Bogota, Colombia

ACCOUNTS



CHILD IN NEED INSTITUTE
CONSOLIDATED
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

SOURCES OF FUNDS	Sch	Amount in Rupees	
		Current Year	Previous Year
General Fund	1	31,37,61,761	34,19,11,083
Specific Funds	2	9,60,21,823	11,26,38,020
Current Liabilities	3	90,40,259	76,76,830
		41,88,23,843	46,22,25,934
APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	4	4,65,19,212	4,26,06,545
Investments	5	18,49,82,416	23,30,47,536
Current Assets	6	18,22,13,539	18,04,91,468
Loans & Advances	7	51,08,677	60,80,385
		41,88,23,843	46,22,25,934

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The schedules referred to above form an integral part of the accounts

For Roy Ghosh & Associates
(Chartered Accountants)
Firm Registration No.: 320094E

(CA Subrata Roy, Partner)
Membership No.-053959
Place: Kolkata
Date: 6th September 2025
UDIN: 25053959BMNR8A6699

On Behalf of Governing Body

Dr. Manabendra Nath Roy
President

Amit Kumar Dasgupta
Treasurer

Dr. S N Chaudhuri
Secretary

CHILD IN NEED INSTITUTE
CONSOLIDATED
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

INCOME	Sch	Amount in Rupees	
		Current Year	Previous Year
Grant & Donations	8	57,00,39,372	54,13,73,009
Investment Income	9	1,90,10,275	1,96,55,964
Income from Own Resources	10	61,92,164	1,19,55,228
		59,52,41,811	57,29,84,201
EXPENDITURE			
Programme Cost	11	58,63,70,247	53,68,71,889
Personnel Cost	12	1,94,47,882	1,05,87,769
Institutional & Administrative cost	13	1,24,81,964	87,47,009
Financial Expenses	14	8,00,377	5,76,982
		61,91,00,470	55,67,83,648
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Before Depreciation)		(2,38,58,659)	1,62,00,553
Depreciation		46,25,663	42,14,747
Excess of Income over Expenditure (After Depreciation)		(2,84,84,322)	1,19,85,806
Appropriation			
General Fund		(2,84,84,322)	1,19,85,806
		(2,84,84,322)	1,19,85,806

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CHILD IN NEED INSTITUTE
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
Opening Balance			Project Expenses		58,49,65,949
(a) Cash in Hand	70,873		Institutional Overhead		
(b) Cash at Bank	13,96,87,579	13,97,58,752	(a) Personnel	1,80,14,930	
Grant Received during the year			(b) Institutional & Administrative Cost	1,24,81,539	
(a) Project Grant	53,07,00,491		(c) Financial	8,00,377	3,12,96,846
(b) Interest on Project Grant	13,92,951		Purchase of Fixed Assets		80,26,330
(c) Free & Unrestricted Donations	22,89,088	54,34,72,450	WIP (Software Equip)		1,77,000
Income from Own Resources		72,63,336	Programme Advance		6,66,713
Investment and Others Interest			Security Deposit		5,73,413
Income from Fixed Deposit	1,34,45,580				
Income from Bank Interest	37,25,834				
Income from others Interest	3,49,479	1,75,20,893			
Investment During the Year		4,80,65,120			
Staff Advance		15,582			
Income Tax Refund		43,92,092			
			Closing Balance		
			(a) Cash in Hand	55,019	
			(b) Cash at Bank	13,49,26,943	13,49,81,962
TOTAL		76,06,88,213	TOTAL		76,06,88,213

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WAY FORWARD

“

We want everyone to realize that the lives of girls and women are not meant for only giving birth to children and caring for them. We have the capability to build our careers and become established in our lives. We too, like Sofiya Qureshi, can set an example for our country. And that will only be possible if we focus on our education and set our aim in becoming independent.”

*~ Rantika,
15 years old Peer Leader
and Kanyashree Yoddha
from Murshidabad*

WAY FORWARD

As we step into the 51st milestone, we need to take stock of what we have achieved since our modest beginning in 1974, with a few volunteers, to keep alive malnourished and ill children in destitute families. We now have a dedicated workforce of over 1,700 colleagues, with our footfall primarily in East and North Eastern states of India, covering 7.5 million people, some of them living in hard to reach areas. We work in partnership with state governments adding value to ongoing government programmes and running pilot projects to influence policies to improve lives of children and women. Over three decades as a “learning organisation” we have distilled the “CINI Method”, which is our strategy to turn rights to action and empower children and women. All this was possible due to the commitment of both our front line workers and technical support of our middle and senior colleagues, and our generous donors.

The critical issues that we face today are challenges of how to ensure quality of our services, in our quest to reach a larger population. As we attract new donors with more projects, we may not be able to embed the values of remaining committed to the poor and delivering quality services to new recruits. Senior and middle management colleagues need to take on a mentoring role for new recruits and old colleagues to ensure that quality is delivered at all levels. As a learning organisation we have to decide when to pause, review emerging challenges before we grow further. This will make us more attractive both to donors as well as those who we intend to serve for the next 50 years.

Samir Chaudhuri





SUPPORTERS & DONORS

“ I am honoured to look to CINI since 1986. Eulogizing the long and eventful journey of the Voluntary Organization, it made me strongly felt that the dream of one Child Specialist entered into the masses so successfully, translating their own dreams of understand the key to their own uplift in various aspects. CINI's journey 1974 - 2025 is a success story of creating awareness, ensuring community participation and enjoying success.”

~Anwar Premi
Social Worker and Friend of CINI

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- Azim Premji Foundation, Bangalore, India
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- Banerjee Foundation, USA
- Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Dhanbad, Jharkhand, India
- British Asian Trust, UK
- Bridgespan India Mumbai
- Bodoland Territorial Council, Assam
- Bose Legacy Foundation, UK
- Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation Limited, Kolkata, India
- Central Coalfields Limited, Ranchi Jharkhand
- Childline India Foundation, Mumbai, India
- Child Resilience Alliance Inc., USA
- CINI Australia, Perth, Australia
- CINI Italia ODV, Verona, Italy
- CINI Switzerland, Lugano
- CINI UK, The Old Free Kirk, Baldernock, Milngavie, Glasgow G626HA
- CINI USA Inc., 3062 4th Street, Boulder CO 80304, USA
- Consortium For Street Children, London, United Kingdom
- Child Welfare Committee: Intervention Areas
- Coal India Limited, Ranchi, India
- DASRA, USA
- Delta Nutritives Private Limited, Mumbai, India
- District Child Protection Unit: All Districts in CINI'S Intervention Areas
- District Mineral Fund, Odisha, India
- Departments of Education, Government of Assam
- Department of School Education, Government of West Bengal
- Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of Jharkhand
- Department of School Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh, India
- Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, India
- Department of Home and Hill Affairs, Government of West Bengal, India
- Department of Labour, Employment & Training, Jharkhand, India
- Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, Government of Assam, West Bengal, India
- Department of Panchayati Raj, Government of

- Jharkhand, India
- Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand
- Department of Disaster Management and Civil Defence, Government of West Bengal
- Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal, Odisha and Assam, India
- Department of Women & Child Development and Social Security, Jharkhand
- Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal, India
- Directorate of Child Rights & Trafficking, West Bengal, India
- District Administration: All Districts in CINI's intervention areas
- District Health and Family Welfare Samity: All Districts in CINI's intervention areas
- District Inspector of Schools: All Districts in CINI's intervention areas
- District Mineral Foundation (DMF), Keonjhar District Administration, Govt. of Odisha
- District Programme Officer, ICDS: All Districts in CINI's intervention areas
- District Social Welfare Officer: All Districts in CINI's intervention areas
- Dr. Goviraghi & Dr. Ciraci, Italy
- Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust
- Eastern Railways, Kolkata, India
- Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Kolkata, India
- Fondazione San Zeno, Verona, Italy
- Food and Nutrition Board, Government of India
- FOSIT, Switzerland
- Foundation Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland
- Girl Rising, USA
- Give Foundation Inc., Mumbai, India
- Giving Foundation UK Online, London, UK
- Giving Impetus to Voluntary Effort, UK
- Hope and Homes for Children, Salisbury, UK
- IIMPACT, Gurgaon, India
- Impact Foundation of India (DASRA), Maharashtra, India
- Indian Council of Medical Research, Kolkata, India
- IndusInd Bank Ltd., Odisha, India
- Jharkhand Education Project Council, Jharkhand, India
- Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS), Jharkhand, India
- Johns Hopkins University, USA
- JSW Foundation, Odisha, India
- Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, US
- Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, Karnataka, India
- Ketto Online Ventures Inc., Mumbai, India
- Keystone Human Services International, USA
- Khadim India Pvt Ltd
- Kindernothilfe, Duisburg, Germany
- Mamo Educational Foundation, Italy
- Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

- Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
- Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India
- Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India
- Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
- Mobile Cretches, New Delhi, India
- Mayukh Mitter Foundation
- Mobile Creches For Working Mother's Children, New Delhi
- NADIA Onlus, Italy
- National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control, New Delhi, India
- National Deaf Children Worldwide, London, UK
- National Health Mission, India
- National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), ICMR
- North Dum Dum Municipality, West Bengal, India
- Numaligarh Refinery Limited, Assam
- Nutrition International, Ontario, Canada
- Oracle India Private Limited, New Delhi, India Plan India, New Delhi, India
- PYARI ONLUS, Milano, Italy
- Prosolidar Foundation, Italy
- Quest Properties India Ltd. Kolkata, India
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution, UK
- Rural Development Department, Government of Jharkhand and Odisha
- Rural India Supporting Trust
- SAATHII, New Delhi, India
- Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Government of West Bengal, India
- Score Livelihood Foundation, New Delhi, India
- Secretary, DLSA- All Districts in CINI's Intervention Areas
- Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Mumbai
- Sky Children, Monza, Italy
- SKS Capital & Research, Kolkata, West Bengal
- Senapati Trust, USA
- SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- State AIDS Prevention & Control Society, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andaman & Nicobar, Tripura
- State Health Mission, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, India Jharkhand
- State Rural Livelihood Mission, West Bengal and Jharkhand
- State Urban Development Agency (SUDA), Government of WB, India
- Street Tea, Making Lives Better, UK
- Swiss Philanthropic Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland
- Tax connect advisory services LLP, Kolkata
- TATA Institute of Social Science, Mumbai, India
- Tavola Valdese, Rome, Italy
- Tonsel Private Limited, Kolkata, India
- Terre Des Hommes, Germany
- The George Institute for Global Health, India and Australia
- The Hans Foundation, New Delhi, India
- The Sisir Kumar Chattopadhyay Trust
- UNICEF, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam
- UNFPA, New Delhi, India
- United Nations Development Fund

- USAID, New Delhi, India
- Viat Instruments Private Limited, Kolkata, West Bengal
- Vital For Children, London, United Kingdom
- White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood
- Wipro Cares
- Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling
- Multi Disciplinary Specialized Training Institution , Kanchrapara
- Regional Public Health, New Zealand
- Shri Santoshi Maa Academy, Kolkata
- St John's School, Ranchi
- St. Pauls School, Darjeeling
- Ursuline Convent, Ranchi

Schools, Colleges, Institutions

- Bachhraj Dugar Charitable Trust
- Bidya Bharti School, Kokata
- Bishop Westcot Boys, Namkum
- Central Detective Training Institute, Kolkata
- Central Model Prep School, Kolkata
- Central Model School (HS), Kolkata
- Cluny Convent, Ranchi
- Department of Law, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, West Bengal
- Devaki Memorial Kolkata
- District Institute of Education Training (DIET), Rayagada, Odisha
- Fr Leblond School, Bidhannagar
- Gokhale Memorial Girls' School, Kolkata
- GSS Girls School, Kolkata
- Hartley Public School, Kolkata
- Himali Boarding School Select, Siliguri
- Himali Boarding School, Kurseong
- Immanuel International Academy, Siliguri
- Little Hartley School, Kolkata
- Modern High School, Guwahati

Individuals

- Abantika Bera
- Abhijeet Choudhury
- Abinash Gine
- Aditi Mallick
- Ajay Kumar Majhi
- Ajoy Paul
- Akhtar Jamil
- Alo Sanyal
- Amit Kr. Dasgupta
- Amrita Brahma
- Ananda Raj Dey
- Anirban Dutta
- Anirvan Bhadra
- Anita Dutta
- Anoop Chaudhuri
- Antara Samadder
- Anukta M Ghosh
- Arijit Saha
- Arjun Das Gupta

- Arnab Chakraborty
- Arunava Paul
- Arundhati Chakraborty
- Barun Sinha
- Biswajit Pal
- Chumki Dutta
- Col Rahul Kar
- Debjani Sanyal
- Debjyoti Pal
- Debkumar Bhattacharya
- Debolina Ghosh
- Debsoma Sen
- Devasis Gupta
- Devasis Gupta
- Dibyendu Bose
- Dinesh Naskar
- Dipankar Paik
- Dr. Arijit Sen
- Dr. Chayan Bhattacharyya
- Dr. Sabyasachi Bardhan
- Dr. Sisir Kr. Chattopadhyay
- Dr. Haradhan Bora
- Esha Roy
- Esha Saha
- Gauri Pradyot Bagchi
- Hemalata Viswanathan
- Indrani Bhattacharyya (Chakraborty)
- Jasmine Banu
- Jayati Ghosh

- Jharna Banerjee
- Joydip Sanyal
- Kakali Mandal
- Kalyan Choudhury
- Kalyan Kumar Ghosh Dastidar
- Khorakiwala Family
- Krishna Banerjee
- Madhumita Kundu
- Mahuya Biswas
- Meghna Biswas
- Mithu Banerjee
- Nandini Das Ray
- Nandini Sen Bhattacharya
- Nupur Sen
- Palash Banerjee
- Papia Adhikary / Suchetana Dey
- Prasenjit Dey
- Pratip Kalyan & Associates
- Rima Sen
- Rinku Roy Chowdhury
- Rishabh Sen
- Ruby Brahmachari
- Sabyasachi Chakraborty
- Saibal Sarkar
- Saikat Mukherjee
- Sanjib Datta
- Sarmistha Basu
- Shyamasree Mukhopadhyay
- Silpi Bardhan

- Soumen Dutta
- Soumik Ghosh
- Soumik Pal
- Subhamoy Paul
- Sudipa Basu
- Suramita Kar
- Suresh Nair
- Susmita Sarkar

- Sutapa Banerjee
- Swadhin Dutta Gupta
- Sweta Banerjee
- Tamal Kanti De
- Tamal Kanti De
- Tanay Pyne
- Tapas Kumar Dey





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Aagaaz

Exposition of Known and Unknow

Tuesday, February 18th, 2025 Shakti Mandir Club Ground, Berhampore, Murshidab

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From a girl in a high-risk community, discouraged by my family from studying and pushed toward early marriage, I joined CINI's children's group. I overcame those odds, continued my education, prevented my marriage, and rose as a youth leader. Now, my group members and I partner with Block administration to secure entitlements for over 1,000 children and families in a year.”

*~ Purni,
19 years old Youth Volunteer
from Uttar Dinajpur*

SPONSORSHIP

Adopt a Mother and Save Her Child

For just 15,000 rupees to cover a 1000 days period, you can be linked to a mother and her child and see the difference your donation makes, not only to their lives but to the lives of others in their community.

Adopt a Mother and Save her Child project concentrates on ante natal care and the rest two years of a child's life, during which time, proper nutrition is particularly critical. CINI believes that the most effective way to give a child born into a poor family the best possible start in life is through its mother; nobody is going to take care of her unborn child or her infant, but she needs to be given the right support. Your donation can help provide that support in the form of nutritional advice, ante and post-natal care, and improved access to government facilities like hospitals for institutional deliveries and child vaccination programmes. These are all crucial factors in ensuring a safe pregnancy and delivery for the mother and a healthy start in life for her child.

You will be linked to a mother and her baby in a rural or urban area and will be able to follow their progress through a series of four reports until the child is 2 years old: first, some background information about the mother; then a report after the birth of her baby together with a photograph; the third update would be the photograph of the child at one year of age; and finally, a report at the end of the programme. After this, you will be linked to a new mother or you can continue on to the Educate a Child programme.

In fact, you will be doing much more than supporting an individual mother and child. The way CINI uses the money raised by the Adopt a Mother initiative is to create a support network within a community. CINI reaches out to women through a wide range of educational programmes and healthcare initiatives. It sends CINI trained health workers to make door to door health visits and give talks in their districts. This means that in addition to monitoring the mother and child you support, a health worker will also be able to visit a number of other pregnant women and new born children at the same time.

Often, a whole village will come to listen to the health worker's advice. This innovative approach allows you to connect with an individual mother and child while touching the lives of many.

**All donations made to CINI are tax exempted under Section 80G of the IT Act, 1961.
Contact cinifr@cinindia.org or 9830159393 to support us!**

Educate a Child

For a donation of 8000 rupees, you can support a child in education over a two year period. Educate a Child programme concentrates on children aged from 5 to 16 years in deprived urban areas. It focuses on growing children into education and keeping them there. Street children, children without parents, children of sex workers and children from the slums need to have an environment conducive to learning. The money you give will be used for school fees, uniforms and educational materials. Similar to the Adopt a Mother programme, you are linked to a particular child and will receive three reports about his or her progress over the two year period: first, some background information about the child; then a drawing by the child after 1 year; and finally, a report at the end of the programme. However, the money you donate will be used to support many more children as CINI works in local communities to highlight the importance of education and bring about a change of attitude in people who feel that a working child is better than an educated child.

Nurturing Aspirations

This particular initiative, Nurturing Aspirations carries CINI's core message forward – the care for the child – but while most of CINI's Projects and Programmes work at the system level, community level, macro-level, there are some children who need close attention; their cases need micro-management – support at the individual level.

The CHILD here would be someone who is deserving and 'almost' ready to take charge of her/his own life – but for a little support. Nurturing Aspirations wishes to provide that final support, that final safety-net to that child who has a strong aspiration to change her present situation of multi-dimensional poverty towards a better tomorrow (for him/her, his/her family and also for his/her community).

Throughout CINI's experience (that matches with the global experience), EDUCATION has always remained the final game-changer for a child and the bridge to realise his/her aspirations; so Nurturing Aspirations would also primarily focus on supporting the education of the identified children that would (as a single point outcome) support their market readiness and job readiness.

The Education support would emphasise support mostly for the final school leaving grades and Board Exams and also consequent studies based on developing skills and vocation that would make them industry and job-ready.

On an average their support would cost INR 24,000.00 per child per year.

Note: Not all of them require similar kind of support – as their aspirations lie in various fields of study and different career paths they want to choose.

Each supported child will be closely monitored by a designated field worker of CINI through monthly home and school visits. Yearly reports of each child will be sent to the donor.



ACRONYMS

“ In India, we do not lack laws or policies to protect children; what we lack is the collective action to enforce them. My message is for every adult – from the grassroots of our community to the leaders in the highest decision-making seats: laws on paper are not enough. We need you to take strong, concrete steps to prevent harm and root out the evils of child marriage and sexual abuse.”

~ Mamta
a Peer Leader from Ranchi, Jharkhand,
at a Dialogue with the UN Special
Rapporteur on Sale and Sexual
Exploitation of Children

ACRONYMS

- AFHC- Adolescent Friendly Health Clinic
- AHTU – Anti Human Trafficking Unit
- AIDS – Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
- ANC – Ante Natal Care
- ANM – Auxiliary Nurse Midwife
- ARC – Adolescent Resource Centre
- ART – Anti Retroviral therapy
- ASHA – Accredited Social Health Activist
- ATSEC – Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of children
- AWC – Anganwadi Centre
- AWWs – Anganwadi Workers
- BDO – Block Development Officer
- BFC- Basic Foundation Centre
- BLCPC- Block Level Child Protection Committee
- BMI – Body mass index
- BMOH- Block Medical Officer of Health
- BPC- Block Programme Coordinator
- BPHN- Block Primary Health Nurse
- BSF – Boarder Security Force
- BWW- Britt World Wide
- CDPO – Child Development Project Officer
- CFC – Child Friendly Communities
- CHC- Community Health Centre
- CHCMI – Community Health Care Management Initiative
- CINCOMM – CINI Community Initiatives
- CINI – Child in Need Institute
- COVID – Corona Virus Disease
- CSNCR – Civil Society Network of Child Rights
- CSK- COVID Sahayata Kendra
- CSR – Corporate Social Responsibility
- CTI – Collaborative Training Institute
- DCPS – District Child Protection Society
- ECPAT - End Child Prostitution and Tracking
- FF – Field Facilitator
- FOGSI – Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India
- FLW – Front Line Worker
- GOI- Government of India
- GP - Gram Panchayat
- GPDP- Gram Panchayat Development Plan
- GRP – Government Railway Police
- GUS – Gram Unnyan Samity
- H&FW – Health and Family Welfare
- HHW – Honorary Health Worker
- HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- HNEP- Health, Nutrition, Education and Protection
- HR - Human Resources
- ACN - India Alternative Care Network
- IACR – Indian Alliance for Child Rights
- IALSE - Indian Association for Life Skills Education
- ICC – Internal Compliance Committee

- ICDS - Integrated Child Development Services
- ICPD - International Conference on Population and Development
- ICU – Intensive Care Unit
- IEC - Information Education Communication
- IFA - Iron Folic acid Tablet
- IFPRI – International Food Policy Research Institute
- IICHAA - Indian Initiative for Child Centred and HIV/ AIDS Approach
- IYCF - Infant and Young Child Feeding
- JJ Act - Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act
- JSSK - Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram
- JSY - Janani Suraksha Yojana
- KMC - Kolkata Municipality Corporation
- KP - Kanyashree Prakalpa
- LC – Learning Centre
- LCA - Life Cycle Approach
- LSE – Life Skill Education
- MCH - Mother and Child Health
- MCP - Mother and Child Protection
- MOHFW - Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- NACG - National Action & Coordination Group
- NACO – National Aids Control Organization
- NART - National Adolescent Resource Team
- NCD - Non-communicable diseases
- NGO - Non Government Organization
- NHED – Nutrition and Health Education
- NSDP – National Skill Development Programme
- NSE – National Stock Exchange
- ORWs - Outreach Workers
- PC- Project Coordinator
- PCPNDT - Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques
- PDS – Public Distribution System
- PHC- Primary Health Centre
- PHN – Primary Health Nurse
- PLV – Para Legal Volunteers
- PMKBY – Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Bikas Yojana
- PNC - Post Natal Care PNC Kit – Post Natal Care Kit
- POSCO - Protection of Children from Sexual Offence
- PPTCT - Prevention of Parents to Child Transmission
- PRI - Panchayati Raj Institution
- REC – Remedial Education Centre
- RGNIYD - Rajib Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development
- RI – Routine Immunization
- RKSK - Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram
- RMNCH+A - Reproductive Maternal Newborn and Child Health and Adolescent Health
- RPF – Railway Protection Force
- RSBY - Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
- RTE - Right to Education
- SABLA - Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)
- SAG-KP - Scheme for Adolescent Girls – Kanyashree Prakalpa Convergence Scheme
- SAIEVAC - South Asia Initiative to end Violence against Children
- SDO – Sub Divisional Officer

- SOP - Standard Operating Protocol
- SPJIMR - S P Jain Institute of Management and Research
- SRHR - Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- SRSR - Special Representative of the Secretary General
- TB - Tuberculosis
- TISS - Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- TLM - Teaching Learning Material
- UNCRC - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- UNICEF – United Nation’s Children Fund
- UPHC - Urban Primary Health Centre
- VAC - Violence Against Children
- VANI - Voluntary Action Network of India
- VHND - Village Health and Nutrition Day
- VHSNC – Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee
- VLCPC - Village Level Child Protection Committee
- WASH - Water Sanitation and Hygiene
- WBTF – West Bengal Task Force
- WCD - Women and Child Development
- WHO - World Health Organization



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