



# ALAM MISTRY LANE MANAV VIKAS SAMITY

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Dear Friends,

We are working among the slum people of North-Central Howrah, Kolkata. Half a century ago this area was full of hutments with tiled roofs, except two or three houses having double storeys. Today most of the tiled roof houses have vanished and in that place multi-storied houses has come up. Bringing more prosperous house-holders, and pushing the poor old tenants either to the ground floor or to roof-tops, and with much reduced area what they had earlier. In other way, slum has vertically grown upward, but with the same old narrow roads. With the influx of new population density has increased ten-fold. It is thickly populated with poor sanitary conditions, open drainages, water loggings and is a hub of all diseases.

Tubercluosis is very much prevalent among them. Unemployment and under employment is very much seen here. Literacy percentage among the old inhabitants or the new labour forces are very poor. In this situation children are the worst sufferers. Those daily workers at construction sites, Rickshaw / cart-pullers, peddlers, footpath shoppers, small shop/ factory or eatery workers employing 3 to 4 workers at each are the main labor force. Because of meagre earnings of menfolks some of their women are working as house-maids in the nearby areas. We are working among these people. Literacy is very low among them. Parents are also not serious of their own childrens education. Here, we put our all might to make thier wards literate – to read and write in their own language and some arithmetic abilities, as well as, some primary level knowledge of English language.

In a small way, we started working in this area from from 1996 by setting up a sewing School for grown up girls at day time and at the evenings a Literacy program for the children not going to any schools. Today, it has grown up to a full pledged school from KG to Class 7. At present, 170 childrens are getting eduated from here. They are provided with Uniforms, books, mid-day meals and medical needs. After passing out from our school they are put to different schools in class 8, so that they can continue further studies. Still we provide them with books and admission fees, etc. at the new school.

With the active support of friends like you, we are now marching into 22nd year in service to the slum people of Howrah. At the Sewing school, This year 30 girls are getting training in Sewing & needle-works. After our training they become proficient in cutting and stitching of all women and children garments. Along with, these girls are also taught in needle works and allied subjects. So far, altogether 670 girls have been benefitted out of our scheme.

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The sick, poor and invalids are helped to some extent to overcome their difficulties. Especially, we help them to go to the right Doctor and we reimburse them with the physician's fees and medicines.

This year we could conduct 25 eye-operations. Further, we helped 6 persons having TB with special food and medicines. We are also helping 180 very poor families (about 700 heads) with 5 kg. Rice, 1/2 kg Dhal and 5 eggs in fortnightly basis and once a month they are provided with Vegetables, cooking oil and a soap. We also we extend some financial aid to poor parents for the marriage of their daughters as well as some help for the burial of poor people. Another 60 poor students studying at different schools are helped with monthly stipends. Repair works of some houses are also carried out by us.

Without education, food and medical aid they can never come out of the vicious circle of poverty and sickness. We thank you for for all your generous donations and encouragements and the continued support that you have shown to the little activities that we are carrying out here.

As of the Management is concerned, it is having its proper Managing committee with the President and Secretary, etc. Day to day activities are carried out by Mr. Joseph Jose, who is called the Administrator of the Society. The school is supervised by Mrs. Priti Joseph, who is the Principal of the school wing. There are twenty-two dedicated worker who are engaged in carrying out various activities here.

Marcus Pohl is coordinating with us in all aspects of this project from the beginning. We are always in touch with him to improve our services to the poorest of the poor. He is also helping us a lot through all donations from your end and coordinating with you and us. There are so many families and their children who would not have lived a little better life if you could not have come forward. We also thank you for sending Marcus Pohl, since last twenty two years and he visited us in India 27 times so far.

With best regards,

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