

Rehnuma Program

Empowering Vulnerable Communities and Facilitating Social Inclusion through Rule of Law



Our Main Activities

Counselling	Thrice a week we give time to solve different cases with a lawyer (p. 2)
Awareness Camps	Organized for different topics e.g. Early Marriage, Education drop-outs
Skill Building	We train 150 women in Sari Work and provide Artisan Cards
Scholarship Facilitation	We implement the application of the scholarships
Volunteer Training	One of our aims is also to strengthen the help of volunteers through workshops and trainings
ICDS Research	Research about a special Kindergarten system
Network Building	We have many partners: Save the Children, Sanlaap, AMAAN, BMMA and several more

What is Rehnuma?

The Rehnuma Program was initiated by the National Foundation of India (NFI) in 2013 and is built to focus on the districts with a high rate on different minorities and by entitling them so a more inclusive, just and equitable society originates. It is a cooperation of NGOs in six Indian states, which work together with the capacity building organization Centre for Social Justice in Ahmedabad and is sponsored by NFI and the European Union. It was noticed that often-helpful constitutional provisions for minorities were in no way accessible by the targeted communities. Out of this reason the Program was started to facilitate the access to rights and benefits given by the government for minority groups. Thus Rehnuma aims in building a comprehensive framework for an all-encompassing framework index of vulnerability. Thereby the program focuses on the Prime Minister's 15 Point Program for the Welfare of Minorities. We at NOSKK are one pillar of Rehnuma and work in Bauria, West Bengal as well as in Gumla, Jarkhand. We provide legal counselling thrice a week, help with Artisan Cards (for Sari Workers) and scholarships (for students). Moreover we do several field visits and awareness programs to bring knowledge to the entire community.

Who are the target groups?

The target groups are minorities such as women, Dalits, Adivasi, Religious Minorities, People with Disabilities and Transgender. At NOSKK we have a sphere of influence reaching 4800 people, the most of them are Muslims.





Rights for the people

The essential part: The Counselling

The counselling, which is lead by two different advocates on Friday and Saturday in our head office and on Wednesday at Panchla is only the last step out of our network building and knowledge spreading activities. Through several field visits and awareness programs we increase the trust in our work and the attentiveness in the individual's rights and the support programs given for minorities by the government. Our 86 completed field visits have identified 37 cases and it helped us to connect with dropouts and the local problems. Through the 42 awareness programs we reached 451 people

and discussed several topics with them. One other major pillar is the training of volunteers and paralegals, which has an important function as the communicators between Rehnuma and the many villages and village inhabitants. Last September we organized a successful three-day training with 22 volunteers, which were supported by Afreen Bano Khan, our legal supporter and researcher from the Centre of Social Justice. The lawyer Afreen Bano Khan is coming to our two working places each month to do research about the legal issues and to guide us in several legal aspects.

Everyday from Monday to Saturday we have an open door for new case registrations and the planning of the counselling time. The topics of the counselling reach from domestic violence, woman land rights, sexual harassment on girls and several married couple issues to problems over property rights between family members. One concrete example is that of a young woman who lost her living place after her husband got very angry because of her giving birth to a second girl child. She came several times and eventually sued him and won in front of the law. She now lives in a property without her husband.

Facts and Figures

Cases (for complete 2016)	Complete	Male	Female
Completed	46	11	35
No Response	45	13	32
On Going	62 (9 Court)	8	54



The 15 point program of the prime minister and our work

Our work is based on the 15-point program for minorities. The objective of Prime Ministers 15 Point Programme is to enhance opportunities for education and ensuring an equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment, through existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment, and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs in those districts, which have substantial minority population.



Under this program (full program see page 4) we provide Artisan cards to more than 1000 people in one year. This artisan cards have a great impact as identifying the artisans as such and help also for research purposes, as then it is known how many skilled artists there are in West Bengal or in India. Another pillar of this program is that we help to fill out the scholarship forms for 87 students in the last reporting period and advocate schools in filling out scholarships form. Students, which belong to the minority target group, can get a scholarship for before class 10 and also some after class 10. In the one picture on the top you can see girls and boys filling out their scholarship form. We moreover support the reintegration of school dropouts and do that by programs in which we stress the importance of girl children.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today

In addition, we are taking part in research of ICDS (Integrated Childhood Development Services Scheme). The aim of providing services to pre-school children is in an integrated manner so as to ensure proper growth and

development of children in rural, tribal and slum area. We observe and do research about the outcome and improvement do to the ICDS schemes and hand our research to the government so they can improve the program.

We also advocate several stakeholders from different NGOs, government facilities and teachers to create knowledge about Rehnuma and to involve many different areas in our work to make it as effective as possible and therefore greatly helpful. Last year there were about 100 visits we successfully performed.

One importance of our work is of course the close bonding to different NGOs and organisations. Our network partners are AMAN- Anti Domestic Violence Network; Bhabna group-Early Marriage network; Sanlaap (Working with Sex Worker); Parichiti (Working with Domestic Worker); Kolkata Rista (LGBT Community); Save the children; Right to food campaign; Right to education; Justice & Care (Working with Trafficked people); BMMA (Working for Muslim women rights); NAWO (National alliance for women); World Health Partner; Nirman Foundation, CFAR & Ek Sath (Male Engagement)



Local Area Projects

One of our own recent projects was the campaign for streetlight, better street conditions and a pure drinking water supply. We filled a petition with 1140 signatures and handed this to the West Bengal government and thus to the political leaders.

Impressum

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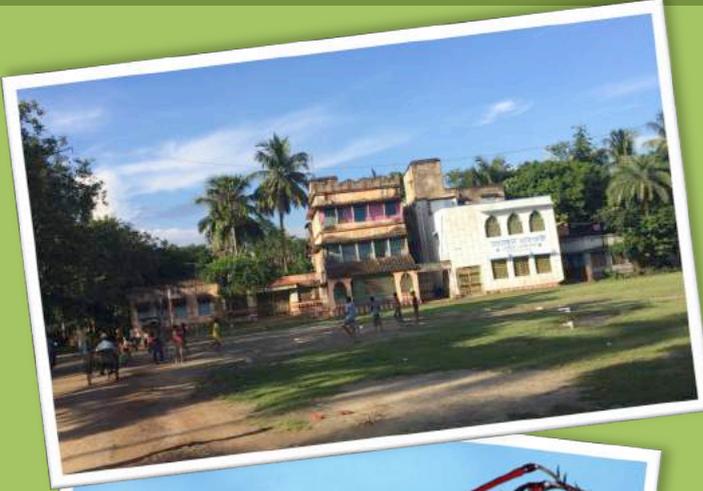
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Reached Area:

Howrah, West Bengal

Sankrail, Panchla, Uluberia Mun. → 24 villages

15-point program by the Prime Minister

1. Equitable availability of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)
2. Improving access to School Education
3. Greater resources for teaching Urdu
4. Modernizing Madrasa Education
5. Scholarships for meritorious students from minority communities
6. Improving educational infrastructure through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation.
7. Self-Employment and Wage Employment for the poor
8. Up gradation of skill through technical training
9. Enhanced credit support for economic activities
10. Recruitment to State and Central Services
11. Equitable share in rural housing scheme
12. Improvement in condition of slums inhabited by minority communities
13. Prevention of communal incidents
14. Prosecution for communal offences
15. Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL INFORMATION GIVEN IS AT ITS APRIL 2017 LEVEL AND THAT MOST OF THE MENTIONED PROGRAMS OCCURRED 2016 BUT ALSO WILL REOCCURE AT A SIMILAR FORM 2017