

THE HOPE FOUNDATION

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WORKING WITH STREET & SLUM CHILDREN

About HOPE



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Our Vision

A world where it should never hurt to be a child

Our Aim

To support the development of under privileged sections of society through partnership, support and capacity building.

Our Mission

HOPE is dedicated to promoting the protection of street & slum children in Kolkata and the most underprivileged in India, to promote immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Total Reach

We have reached over 2.8 million people since HOPE was founded in 1999.

Why Choose HOPE

- HOPE is more than just an organisation; we are a community of individuals with a passion to make a real, sustainable change to some of the world's poorest and most neglected people.
- HOPE is committed to achieving the highest levels of international best practice in governance, demonstrating our dedication to transparency and accountability.
- HOPE are a non denominational, non political humanitarian organisation. Any person who has come under our care will have it for as long as they need it.
- Established 20 years, with significant year on year growth. HOPE has a professional and experienced core staff.
- HOPEs programmes are delivered by over 500 national staff in Kolkata.



Project Examples

Hope supports over 60 projects in Kolkata and work with 14 local NGO's.

- **HOPE Hospital**

The HOPE Hospital established in May 2008, caters to the secondary healthcare needs of street and slum dwelling children and adults. HOPE Hospital has an in-patient department with an intensive care unit (34 general beds and 4 beds in the ICU), an out-patient department, diagnostic centre, surgical department and a new pharmacy. Each of these departments coordinate and support each other to ensure the delivery of high quality care and service. In total 97,000 patients received healthcare treatment in HOPE Hospital since 2008.



- **Ashirbad Boys Home**

Ashirbad Boys Home is a residence for orphaned, abandoned and boys at high-risk from broken or dysfunctional families, between 14 and 18 years of age. The Home offers a safe environment and an integrative approach to all aspects of child care, including shelter, health, nutrition, and education for their emotional, social, economic, cultural and cognitive development. A strong focus is placed on supporting children's family's (where possible), via assessments to identify abilities to provide basic needs, by providing vocational training to the boys and their adult family members, and regular follow ups for 2 years after in cases where boys are placed back in to the care of families. 82 boys are currently supported by the home.

- **Education Programme**

Coming from 7 slums in Kolkata in North Kolkata, 55,000 children, ranging from ages 6-14 years, are enabled to complete their elementary education in a child friendly and inclusive environment through the delivery and implementation of HOPE coaching centres. This happens in seven existing formal schools at Basanti, Belgachia, Chitpur, Marcus Square, Narkeldanga, Nimtala and Tangra. Additional educational support given through these centres , helps to improve the educational environment for students. A special focus is placed on special-needs children and those with learning difficulties.



Protection

Our Goal: The provision of safe and effective care, giving children happy childhoods, the freedom of choice, and the tools to help them enter adulthood successfully.



12 Residential Child Protection Homes, including:

- 6 Girls' Homes- 3 Boys' Homes
- 1 Home for HIV affected and infected children
- 1 Rehabilitation Home for Recovering Railway Child Addicts
- 1 Home for Special Needs Children



Mother and Childcare Unit

- 2 Crisis Intervention Centres – Male & Female
- Night Watch Ambulance Service
- Anti Trafficking Project in rural West Bengal
- Strengthening Institutional Care of Children in Government homes

Achievement: 8,800 people directly benefited through our Protection Homes, Anti-Trafficking Programme and Night Watch Programme

Healthcare

Our Goal: To improve the health status of children and families living on the streets and in slums in Kolkata (Calcutta).

Hope Hospital

- HOPE provides healthcare to Street and Slum communities .

Iswar Sankalpa

- Community based care for the homeless & mentally ill.

HIVE

- Emergency Response Unit, rescuing and providing medical treatment for street and slum dwellers.

Community Healthcare Project

- Jana Swathya Suraksha (JSS) programme, previously funded by Irish Aid, to generate awareness on environmental, social and health issues to facilitate access to existing Government schemes through various mediums.



Achievement: 2.7 million people benefitted via HOPE's Healthcare Programmes, 97,000 patients treated in our HOPE hospital and over 12,000 surgeries.

Education

Our Goal: To support children & young people in their education, improve their academic performance, and increase school retention levels.

Holistic Education: Provides support to the poorest and most vulnerable children.

- ✓ 4 crèches
- ✓ Educational coaching centres in Government Schools
- ✓ 4 Education Centres in Police Stations (Nabadisha Projects)
- ✓ 1 Special Needs Education Unit



Livelihoods

Our Goal: The Vocational Training Institute was set up to help below the poverty line and individuals and marginalised communities to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Courses Available:

- Tailoring and Advanced Tailoring
- Crafts Skills
- Computer Skills training
- Providing Internship Placements for culinary and restaurant skills students
- Seamstress Training

Income Generation Activities:

Our Goal: To support underprivileged women through the formation of self help groups and income generation activities.



Two of our centres:

- Hope Kolkata Foundation Life Skill Training Institute
- PBKOJP Enhanced Skill Development Vocational Training

Engagement Opportunity Channels

- **HOPE Fundraising 'Experience' Trips to India**

Participate on a HOPE Programme - Yoga, painting, photography, Street Art or walking trips. Participant's raise a fixed amount, travel to India for 1 to 2 weeks, visit HOPE projects to see the amazing work HOPE does, participate in an activity, visit cultural sites etc .

- **Volunteering Opportunities**

Volunteer with a HOPE project for a period of time.

- **Schools Programme**

We have schools visit Kolkata with HOPE each year. New Schools are always welcome to join the programme.

- **Child Sponsorship**

£240 per year, will cover the cost of educating one child in Kolkata – we encourage people to become Child Sponsors and make a real difference in the live of a child

- **Independent Fundraising Events and marathons**

Lunches, concerts, golf classics, sponsored marathons and sporting challenges. Any idea is welcome.

- **Corporate Funding**

- As part of a CSR programme, companies are encouraged to fund or part-fund a particular project, in a specific area (health, education, protection, nutrition) or make a one off donation.

Upcoming Events: Street Child Cricket Word Cup, London 2019 & London Gala Event

HOPE OVERVIEW

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Contact Information

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Thank you.

Question Time

