

**INTERIM STATUS REPORT**

As

on 31 March 2021

Global Grant GG 2092949

**TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF HOMELESS WOMEN WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN RURAL WEST  
BENGAL.**

Presented by

A Village for Independent and Enterprising Women (AVIEW)

To

**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYGUNJ (DISTRICT 3291)**

## Introduction

Further to the Report presented on 15 January 2021 against **Global Grant GG 2092949: Treatment and rehabilitation of homeless women with mental illness in rural West Bengal**, this current report provides the position as on 31 March 2021. This humanitarian project addresses community needs and produces sustainable, measurable outcomes. The Covid pandemic in and around the geographical region has been severe even after many have been inoculated. Currently with the Assembly elections the situation is rather precarious. Some of the residents in independent living unit have been affected by Covid. During the month of March three Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (TISS) sent three Post Graduate Students from the Mental Health have joined and will be in residence at Berer Khal, Jibantala for a month This Interim Report indicates the progress achieved, activities undertaken and inter alia provides the Way Forward. The Global Grant while being approved provided a detailed break-up of the overall budget, project implementation activities, community benefits to be achieved and this report, now, aims to also provide a detailed status of the achievements as on date and suggests the Way Forward.

No.	Details of Work/ Tasks	Remarks
	<b>Equipments</b>	
1.	Provisions for 15 residents (Beds, Bedding, mattress, pillow, bedsheet and pillow case, mosquito net, blanket, Trunk, 2 Work tables, 8 chairs, 7 Fans, 1 500-liter overhead water tank for potable water storage, 1 Over head platform for the water tank, Street lighting between buildings, Refrigerator for storage of medicines)	Orders have been placed for most of the items and these will be available at the site shortly.
2.	Record keeping (laptop and printer)	
3.	Medical treatment {1 Stethoscope, 1 Sphygmomanometer, 1 Glucometer, 3 Strips (boxes of 50) for Glucometer, 1 Weighing machine}	The items are currently being used to monitor the health parameters of the residents.
	<b>Operations</b>	
4.	Rescue operations 6/year, Repatriation/ restoration to family 6/year, Networking to find families, Health Check-ups 12/year, Lab tests 12-15/year, Psychological testing 12/year, Psychometric evaluations 4/year, Psychiatric follow up 12/year.	Three (3) inmates have become self-reliant: Five (5) inmates have been restored to their families. Eleven inmates have improved psychiatric symptoms. Seven (7) inmates were rescued and brought to the facility.
5.	Therapies (Supportive, Individual/Group, Recreational, Occupational, Physical and Movement), (INR 108/person/ day for 15)	
	<b>Publicity</b>	
6.	1 Documentary, 1000 Brochures, 5000 Leaflets, social /electronic Media.	Activity on this count under processing.
7.	4 Banners	No work done on this count.
	<b>Supplies</b>	
8.	Files for every patient, 1 Wi-fi connection, 1 Phone and SIM card, 1 Phone Service, 12 Notebooks, 4 packs Printer paper, 1 Pen-drives, Food and toiletry supplies, Cooking gas and firewood.	

9.	Medicines (INR 35.42/person/ day) for 15.	
	<b>Travel</b>	
10.	To bring residents into the city for specialty doctor visits (eye check-ups, HIV clinics and emergency hospitalizations), Doctors to visit every month for regular check-ups and medical camps.	The amount under this head has been over estimated and therefore needs to be reallocated to other items of the Grant.
	<b>Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>	
11.	Host Rotary visited twice	
	<b>Training</b>	
12.	6 Awareness Programs, social workers to learn specific skills to work with mental illness, Vocational training for the residents (Organic farming, sowing and jewellery making), Raw material for handicrafts.	Due to the COVID-19 conditions some of the training programs could not be conducted during the Nov & Dec The. activities will now increase in the coming months.

#### Observations on Budget Spends

- Quotations from Solar Street Lamp vendors have been received. Order for items of furniture with mattresses have already been placed.
- With the easing of lockdown conditions rescue activities have increased as was anticipated for the last 6 months.
- There has been an overall increase in the prices of materials and as such the per month expenditure per head has increased.
- The amount pertaining to Publicity has largely remained unused and can be re-assigned to take care of other project activities.

#### **Project Implementation /Activity Status**

As per the overall plan, the activities covering the components of the Grant and the status of these activities as on the date of this report are as follows:

No.	Activity	Planned Duration(Months)	Current Status
1.	Purchase of required equipment and resources for 12 new residents to be accommodated in existing facilities	On- Going	Some items have been procured. Two bicycles for use of the inmates and staff have also been procured.
2.	Induction of social workers with training on identification of mental illness, management of people with mental illness. Social workers are taken on field trips for observation and hands-on work	Completed	New and qualified Social Workers and Assistants have been inducted. They have been briefed, mentored, and placed on a 24x7 basis at the project site. They are working satisfactorily.
3.	Identify and track homeless women and assess for criteria for admission to the facility.	On -Going	Fourteen (14) homeless women as per the AVIEW criterion were identified, were rescued and brought into the premises during April 2020 to March 2021.
4.	Rescue of women based on their eligibility and where they are agreeable; transport them to the Shelter and Welcome them as a New Member.	On- going	As on date there were 25 inmates at Berer Khal, Jibantala. This includes the ten (10) inmates who were rescued.

5.	Conduct Needs Assessment for each resident, to identify medical conditions, psychiatric illness; health and hygiene deficiencies.	Action in progress	The Social Workers in residence along with the Medical personnel, TISS Interns and Psychiatrist have started the process of individual assessment. Twelve inmates have shown maximum improvements of psychiatric symptoms.
6.	Provide treatment, therapy and healthcare based on individual needs assessment.	On - Going	Group Therapy and Counselling have been initiated.
7.	Therapy of residents in Activities of Daily Living (ADL's) include cleanliness, showering, wearing clean clothes, using the toilet appropriately, washing clothes and bed sheets properly, keeping their space neat. These are habits that get lost while living on the streets for a long time.	On - Going	The activities of ADL have become more pronounced during these months of lockdown. Social Workers and TISS Interns in residence are on a day-to-day basis helping the inmates to inculcate effective habits.
8.	Therapy for residents in community participation, accomplishing assigned duties according to capacity like cleaning, cooking, tending to animals and other farm activities	On - going	Residents have been inducted into the farm/ community activities earlier than the projected duration. They are now actively involved with the duties assigned in a regimented manner.
9.	Conduct individual Skills Assessment to identify aptitude towards vocational training	Initiated	Has been initiated from February 2021 with the help of TISS Interns.
10.	Vocational Skill training based on individual skills assessment	Initiated	Vocational training based on individual's propensity to pick up skills has been initiated.
11.	Networking with Government organizations like Police and Panchayat to locate home and family of each resident and re-unifying with family wherever feasible.	Continuous	With continuous interaction with relevant officials the whereabouts of inmate's families eleven (11) inmates, have been repatriated and restored with their families.
12.	Advocacy with Govt. Health Dept. to ensure that people with mental health issues can access their entitlements and schemes	To be initiated	Preliminary discussions to prepare a case history/theme paper on the subject is now being contemplated for presentation to the State Authorities.
13.	Preparing to relocate residents to semi-independent living by the end of the year	On - Going	Some relocation of semi-independent living quarters has been planned and as of now five (5) inmates have been taken to semi-independent units.
14.	Linking beneficiaries to resources in the community and Govt. organizations	On - going	Has been initiated. New initiatives to get Voter Id cards have been started with the help of the Local Panchayat Officials.
15.	Documentation of progress for each resident through administration of at admission, then standardized testing by Psychologists and psychiatric social workers to assess improvement in mental state.	On entry & every 6 months and at discharge.	The records pertaining to each individual has been captured as a comprehensive document. All relevant details are now available inmate-wise.
16.	Video documentation (10 min) to authenticate and showcase the work being done by the Rotary Club of Ballygunge and financially supported by the Rotary Club of Del Mar Solana Beach and District 5340	12th month	Has been initiated
17.	Community Awareness camps in neighbouring villages, for de-stigmatization of mental illness and social inclusion of persons with mental illness.	Every three Months	Communities where inmates/residents were restored to their families the Awareness Programs were conducted. Due to pandemic situations the Awareness Campaign at the

			neighbouring villages has been undertaken, The TISS Interns organised the Camps.
18.	Conduct free Medial camps for the community 6 - 7 times a year with a general physician, a paediatrician and a psychiatrist in attendance	Throughout the year	No Medical Camp was organised due to the COVID-19 situation, but patients have come in whenever the relevant Doctors were sighted in Jibantala.

### **Measuring Success as per the Global Grant document**

The COVID-19 situation affected the delivery of services and it is anticipated that once fully aligned the complete of services will also take time.

- Disease Prevention
  - **Number of recipients of disease prevention intervention:** Surveys have not yet been undertaken.
  - **Number of individuals reporting better quality of health care services:** With the movement of inmates to semi-independent living and the provision of cooking gas has immensely helped to create better living conditions and therefore better quality of life.
  - **Number of health educational campaigns:** Regimented campaigns to educate the inmates and relevant community has been undertaken.
- Community economic development
  - **Number of individuals trained:** Community based farm activities have shown income generation. Paddy for the summer season have also been planted by the inmates at Jibantala and five of the inmates (Rekha, Alo, Nusrat, Purnima and Priyanka) can independently handle agriculture field work.
  - **Other number of people starting to generate their own income:** People who have been moved to the semi-independent living have now got their own Bank Accounts As per the records ten (10) of them operate their own Bank Accounts and as per estimates some of them have been able to save quite a lot of money. As mentioned, they have been able to generate their own incomes by selling vegetables and helping households nearby by providing basic housekeeping services.



**Host Club Rotary Ballygunge visited the site of Project A VIEW**



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