

Give a man a fish a day and  
you feed him for one day,  
teach him how to fish and  
you feed him for a lifetime

## Covid 19

The lockdown and its drastic impact worldwide is the issue at hand and means to combat it including vaccination, resource mobilization, raising awareness, encouraging social distancing and masks are absolutely critical. However, it is of vast importance to note that during times of crises such as pandemics it is the poor and downtrodden who suffer disproportionately. They encounter several issues, observed in the very beneficiaries we support and are listed below:

Our children come from ultra-poor families making them pressured to work and this results in child labor and drop-outs. Ultra poor children have lost interest in education after lockdown. This further perpetuates and intensifies the vicious cycle of poverty.

Government support is very meager. The unorganized sector took a massive hit as most work is physical, on the job work. This made many poor people lose their jobs during the period of the lockdown and even now. This has increased forced unemployment and child labor during and post COVID 19. An increase in domestic violence and further burden on the housewife than pre COVID.

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TILJALA SOCIETY FOR HUMAN  
AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# Tiljala SHEDs

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# Our vision

Tiljala SHED envisions a proletarian society free of hunger, inequality, gender bias and injustice where people can lead dignified lives free from exploitation along with freedom of expression.

## OUR MISSION

To bring meaningful difference in the lives of marginalized and vulnerable communities living in the slums, squatters and pavements.



## VALUES

- Relevant
- Inclusive
- Transparency
- Positive Attitude
- Teamwork
- Professional approach
- Upholding human rights
- Hardworking
- Accountability
- Integrity

## Target Audience/areas

- Poor slums, destitute children
- Abandoned elderly & disabled
- Women of ragpickers community widows & trafficked/ run away children
- Street dwellers, squatters, beggars
- Youth from poor background who can't afford/ barely afford education

## Mode of operation

- Working under the ministries of Women and Child Development, Social Justice of Govt of India.
- Built a rapport with crowdfunding platforms like Global Giving, Give India foundation, VANI, Kolkata Gives.
- Jane Manson- international fund raiser plays a crucial role in resource mobilization

## Challenges faced

- Non-cooperation among stakeholders
- Ideological conflict among political, social NGO's and civil society.
- Bureaucratic formalities in state and central government schemes.
- New rules of FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act).
- Online proposal of all govt schemes which our beneficiaries can't cope with.
- Attitude of the middle class towards urban poor including government functionaries
- Political polarization of CBO's (Community Based Organizations) in day-to-day life.
- Being illiterate, parents give scant importance to education. Also, fathers waste their earnings on drugs and liquor.

## Covid situation

Massive distribution of food grains to suffering family in COVID-19(1st and 2nd waves) as follows:

- Azim Premji trust supported 4000 families and gave us a generous amount of more than a crore rupees
- MISEREOR supported 710 families
- Shanty trust supported around 1000 families
- Give India foundation 100 families
- Kolkata Gives 500 families and individual support came for 200 families
- Overall, we have supported around 6000 families with ration and essential items for their survival.

Besides this we have helped few targeted families with livelihood programs by providing the students of these deprived families with smart phones so that they do not have to stop their education. By doing so we have provided online classes to a few people. Along with all this a special fund raising drive has been undertook by our international sponsor Jane Manson for crowd funding that has yielded good result and benefited a significant number of families and ragpickers' children.

# Accomplishments

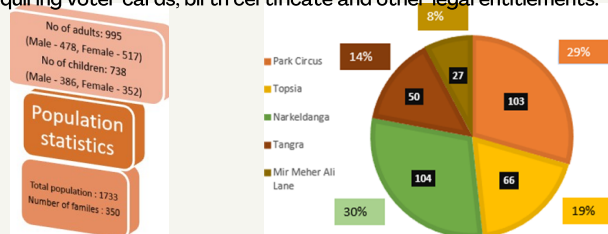
- **Livelihood program** started in 2015 with the online crowdfunding platform Global Giving Winter Gateway Challenge. We granted loans to small CIGs (Credit Interest Groups) of women on low interest rates.

## Education program

We hold remedial coaching and sponsorship annually by support from Aidos - Italian association for women in development since the last two decades.

## Rights and Entitlements

We at Tijjala SHED strongly believe and provide the underprivileged communities help that goes far and beyond mere monetary aid. We believe in self ownership, empowering communities to help themselves and going to the degree of liaising with government agencies for acquiring voter cards, birth certificate and other legal entitlements.



## Rag Picker's Rehabilitation Program

This program seeks to rehabilitate rag pickers, so that their identity, dignity and economic sustainability are established. Tijjala SHED facilitated the formation of Association of Rag Pickers a registered body which seeks to rehabilitate rag picker's and their families by acting as a catalyst to make life more bearable for them.

## Sponsorship Program for destitute girls

It's a joint venture between Tijjala SHED and AIDOS, Italy since 1995 in aiming to uplift girl child from deprived backgrounds, usually living alone on pavements, railway platforms or slums by providing educational and healthcare supports to them. This program produced sustainable results and now community has their own qualified woman leaders.

## Institutional care Home for children of Rag Pickers and other ultra poor families

We have gone beyond Kolkata city, extended our work to Mouli Mukundo Village (South 24 Parganas District), where we have set up Aasra Sadan (shelter home) for the most vulnerable children from the families of rag pickers and the ultra poor. This Home was started in 2011.

## Library and Internet facilities for destitute girls

The Gyan Azhar Library offers a range of services to destitute girls. It is located inside a Tijjala slum and is easily accessible. Its membership is nudging 700 and it is one of the busiest places in its neighborhood. It has both books and Internet facilities. Plus, there is space for a reading room, indoor games and for holding classes for vocational training, motivation, self defense and spoken English.

## Kolkata National Child Labour Project

Over the last twelve years it has been running special training-cum-school for 50 child labours supported by Ministry of Labour, Government of India, which aims to rehabilitate children from labour to school and enjoy their childhood.

## Integrated Child Protection Scheme

Opened in 1st April 2011, they contribute to the well being of children who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect, abandonment and exploitation. Open to vulnerable child in need of care and protection street and working children like rag pickers, small vendors, street performers, deserted, trafficked and run away children. Age group - 6 years to 18 years.

## Trial food program

We organize community distribution of food during the month of Ramadan when people break their fast at dusk and on the festival of Eid which marks the end of Ramadan. Till date we have covered 10000 families in this program which was supported by Human Relief Foundation, UK since 2013.

## Langar (Mass food distribution)

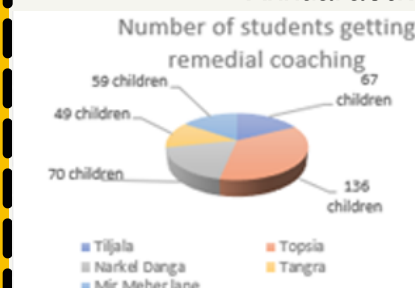
We have recently started a mass food program for residents of Topsia Canal Side under which around 450 people of all ages are served a hot lunch every Saturday. Many families in the area, large in size and with little income, are severely deprived and on the edge of survival. The lunch means a lot for them as it is wholesome and helps them save the cost of at least four meals in a month.

## TARANG (a cultural development unit of Tijjala SHED)

It is a platform for disadvantaged children to learn and display their artistic skills in various performing arts. We have till now held six events at premier city auditoriums like G.D. Birla Sabhaghar and Kala Mandir giving the underprivileged a chance to perform at reputed stages of Kolkata.

|   | No of children | No of boys | No of girls |
|---|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Livelihood program                                  |                |            |             |
| Education program                                   |                |            |             |
| Rights and entitlements                             |                |            |             |
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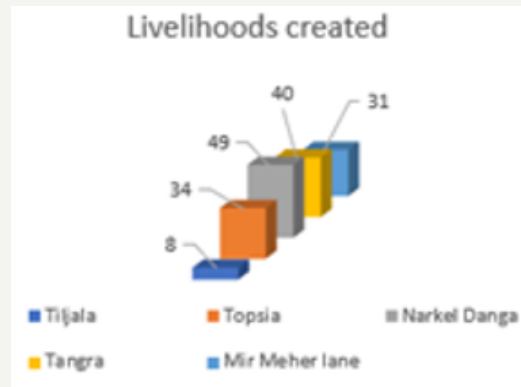
## Annual activities



## Health aid beneficiaries



## Annual activities



## Donate

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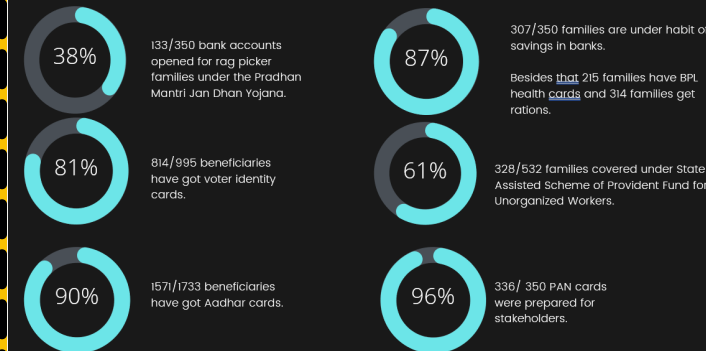
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## History

Tiljala SHED is a grassroots organization that strives for rights of the marginalized communities through organizational planning and promoting social participation.

- Independent of any political, religious, corporate motives - helps advocate without bias and ensures efficiency.
- Doesn't believe in mere monetary help and ensure people have ownership of the projects - they feel they have a role to play, skills to share and can contribute to society.
- Well organized program planning and monitoring has been created with high accountability and transparency.

## Stats zone ( Rights and Entitlements 2019-2020)



## Certificates and Awards

