**Aranyer Alo:**

VAROSHA ‘s Aranyer Alo project has brought economic benefits and hope to the villages of Sonakhali and Khulna in Basanti area, which is in Sunderban, South 24 Pargana, W Bengal.

Objective of this project is to improve and sustain the economic development through productive and improved utilization of existing resource in these remote locations.

Neglected land and marshes that were not suitable for proper farming are being converted by local villagers for fish farming and selective agriculture through organized planning, training and support from VAROSHA in partnership with HVR.

Several new plots have been converted to fish farms. New plans and initiatives are in place to convert unused and unproductive lands to be productive and be value added assets.

Banks of the ponds, that were left unproductive before, are being utilized to grow environmentally hardy vegetables, and to raise ducks and goats.

Training plan and learning continuum are in place to focus on productive and safe utilization of total environment.

Harvesting of fish and produce has already started and VAROSHA beneficiaries have begun to see financial returns on their efforts.

**Jibon Alo**

Jibon Alo is a Children Academy in Natun Para (New Alipore slum), Kolkata, W Bengal.

Objective of this effort is to train and initiate finer aspects of the life to the children of these challenged communities.

This academy teaches performing arts like: singing, dancing, acting, and creative arts like: painting, drawing, craft work to disadvantaged slum kids.

VAROSHA believes in these learnings and also believes that these are equally important to be a successful individual as they grow up.

It is inspiring to see the children discover their hidden talents and compete with children from affluent communities in festivals and competitions and win awards and accolades.

This is one of the newest projects under VAROSHA efforts, however, word of its success has spread over the area and requests are pouring in to initiate similar efforts in other challenged communities.

**VAROSHA Health-care and Physiotherapy Assistant Training**:

This is a unique and newest initiative under the partnership and leadership of VAROSHA and HVR in the area of ‘Health-Care professional training’.

Objective of this project is to prepare and train individuals from disadvantaged community to deliver general end to end Healthcare support to elderly, sick and not so fit individuals an expected Health-care support by a reasonable cost of services in greater Kolkata area.

The theme of the training is in basic physiology and anatomy, general illness areas of maternal, child and old age care, care during pregnancy and post-partum, nursing communication, measurement of blood pressure, measurement of temperature, dressing, administering medications, antiseptic dressing, nutrition and Physiotherapy supports.

Six months of training will train individual to be skilled enough to do these basic responsibilities and satisfy the need of the customers.

Candidates will have 3 months in-house and 3 months hands-on training in assigned hospitals.

At this moment, 15 selected individuals are going through the training.