

Profile of the Organisations and Summary of the Programmes Engaging Men and Boys

1. Name of the organization: Durbar Mahila Samanawya Committee		
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8. Name of the contact person: Bharati Dey, Secretary, Durbar Mahila Samanawya Committee		
9. Title of the project/s engaging men and boys (if any): Amra Padatik:DMSC's Youth Organisation Group, Intregated program for sexworkers and their children in redlight area in Khidirpur and Sonagachi, Rahul Vidyaniketan,.		
12. Name of the contact person of responsible for men's/boys' engagement programme or project or initiative: Bharati Dey		13. Mobile Phone number of the person: <u>09831365552</u>

14. Geographical area of work: (Please mention State, districts, block and number of villages)

West Bengal, India

15. Available human resources in the organization (MASVAW, MGKVP, Varanasi):

A	Total – 700	Women - 560	Men - 140	TG - 36
B	At management level - 140	Women - 90	Men - 50	TG - 04
C	At programme level - 210	Women - 160	Men - 50	TG - 32
D	At support level - 350	Women - 240	Men - 110	TG - 19

16. Brief history of the organization (Rationale for its creation, Vision, mission and goals,.)

The Durbar is a collectivization of 65000 sex workers, functioning as an exclusive forum of female, male and transgender sex workers in West Bengal, India
A vertical HIV intervention program was launched in 1992 to initiate STD & HIV prevention program in Sonagachi, a red light zone in Kolkata, India. The intervention program started with three principal

components: provision of health services including STD treatment; information, education and communication (IEC); and condom programming. The program was pivotal on “peer based approach” Recruiting sex workers from the community and providing training on health and HIV, they were promoted as peers and outreach workers. By 1995, as a ‘fall out’ effect of this intervention Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee (DMSC) came into existence as a forum exclusively set up and managed by sex workers and their children with the objective of creating solidarity and collective strength among the sex worker community and other marginalized groups. This was the result of a need felt by the community members followed by several discussions and consultations.

Core Values:

The Core Values of Durbar are:

1. Respect
2. Recognition
3. Integrity
4. Commitment
5. Reliance

Vision: Durbar seeks to build a world where all marginalized communities live in an environment of respect, rights and dignity. Durbar hopes for a new social order where there is no discrimination by class, caste, gender or occupation and all individuals communities live in peace and harmony as global citizens

Mission: Durbar's shared mission is to enhance a process of social and political change with an objective to establish, promote and strengthen the rights, dignity, social status, and improvement of the quality of life of all sex worker communities. Durbar wishes to integrate the sex workers movement with the broader global movement to establish rights of all marginalized communities in the globe

Please attach brochure, organizational structure or other documents if available.

17. Outline of different Programs/projects/initiatives of your organization: Please list all the programs of your organization.

Program	Major Activities of the Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV and STI 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Condom promotion 2. STI Management 3. BCC 4. Creating enabling environment 5. ICTC referral & linkage 6. Community mobilization & ownership building
Gender sensitization training for youth	In 2001 forming Self Regulatory Board in the red lights areas has held to prevent entry of minor girls and unwilling women into the trade. Of the several states Durbar has initiated so far the most significant seems to be the formation of a Co-Operative Society in 1995 well known as Usha Co Operative Multipurpose Society Limited
Educational Assistance for the Children of the sex-workers	special assistance centres for the school going children, education centres for school drop-out children and special coaching centres for children of higher classes
✓ Residential home for the children of sex	The Hostel provided clean eco-friendly living for

workers:	the children between the age 6 to 14 away
✓ Culture & creative fulfilment - Komal Gandhar	Komal Gandhar is the cultural wing of Durbar formed in 1997. In 1998 the troop selected for performs at the 12 th world AIDS conference at Jeniva and become first among 72 countries of the world
✓ Amara Padatik	Amara Padatik is the forum of the children of sex workers establishing 2006 to fight against all violence meted out to the children of sex workers and to bring about a change in the outlook of the society about sex workers children
✓ Anandam	To reduce social rejection, violence and discriminations over the transgender, gay people and lesbians Anandam formed in 2006 under the umbrella of Durbar
✓ Mamata Care Network	To prevent all sorts of social injustice, stigma and discrimination over the HIV projective sex workers Mamata Network was collectivized HIV positive sex workers in 2005
✓ Sonagachi Research & Training Institute	DMSC has to plan and develop an independent organization to institutionalize programmatic research and capacity building for large number of newly recruited project staff meant for HIV intervention program what has led to the development of Sonagachi Research and Training Institute.

18. Brief history of the boys / men’s involvement program (When the program was created / launched; How it came about – what were the contexts of girls / women and boys/ men in terms of gender equality and masculinity Who were the key stakeholders in the conceptualization, creation and implementation of the program? How the program evolved as it is now.)

Amara Padatik is the forum of the children of sex workers establishing 2006 to fight against all violence meted out to the children of sex workers and to bring about a change in the outlook of the society about sex workers children. In the society often this children have victim of discrimination, face problems due to their fathers identity and harassed by the people. To raise the self esteem of themselves the sex worker children's are now organize their own collective.

Objectives of the boys/men’s engaging program (please give brief of each programme/ initiatives)

- To organize the youth group to address issues of bodies integrity, leadership development and violence in their lives including child marriage.
- To understand about Anti Natal Care (ANC) and Post Natal Care (PNC) for Lactating mothers;
- To enhance the knowledge on comprehensive child care and breast feeding To realize the importance of Institutional delivery and also
- To understand about risk and difficulties during pregnancy period.

19. Target population of boys/men’s engaging program (Please be specific: fathers, boys, leaders etc.)

Target populations are children of sex workers and their mothers

20. Program and activities of boys / men’s engaging program: what were the result/ impact since the program’s implementation)

Programs/ projects/initiaives	Result/impact
STD/HIV Intervention	Reduce STI/HIV among sex workers
Self Regulatory Board	Able to minimize violence in redlight areas and trafficking of girl child and unwilling women in Sex trade
Usha Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd	Economically women are secured for their own cooperative and are not cheated by the others money lenders
Formal and Non-formal Educational	Sew workers have primary knowledge in their mother tounge. From 2010 to till now 15 sex-workers children pass tenth standard and about 400 children are studying in government school.
Komol Gandhar	Sex-workers and their children can raise their issue and voice through dance, drama and mime show.
Amra Padatik	They are able to minimize discrimination imposed by other people and also among the school, college students

21. What are the challenges faced by organisation on working with men and boys

- The majors challenges are Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act (ITPA), Registration of Self Regulatory Board and workers’ right

22. Any Resource materials that you have developed over the years while working with boys and men? (Please give a brief description as well as give the link if it is available online)

- Books: A brief profile of Durbar (English), Only Rights can stop the wrong (In English), chena desh achen manus (In Bengali), Jeevan jounata & jounakarmi(In Bengali)

- Jibon o Jounata (in Bengali)
- Brihannalader Jiban Satya (in Bengali)
- Mobilization and Empowerment (in English)
- The lovers of Sex-workers-their issues and perspective (in English)
- Adhikar Bhabna (In Bengali)
- Parliament March-by the sex-workers [in English]
- Fallen learn to rise [in English]
- MASVAW Varanasi used the resource materials developed by Sahayog, Save the Children Sweden etc. but some pamphlets and posters were developed by MASVAW Varanasi.

23. Is your organisation have any association with any networks/ alliances on gender equality and social justice Please give details of the network/ associations/ alliances)

- DMSC has networking with All India Network of Sex Workers (AINSW), Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW), linked with GAATW and New Trade Union Initiative (NTUI), National Right to Food Campaign, Sramajeebi Sikriti Mancha, Pension Parisad and Maitree.

24. What relationship organisation hold with women 's movement organisation

- Maitree
- CFAR- Centre for Advicacy and Research
- Working women council.

25. Is your organisation involve in providing training on gender/ masculinity/ sexuality/ gender based violence to youth, men, activist as resource organisation. If yes please attach the CV of resource person

- Yes. (CVs are attached herewith).

26. Do you have any procedure to respond to Gender based discrimination/ violence in your organization?

- DMSC has gender policy to address gender based discrimination/violence in our organization through Self Regulatory Board (SRB).

27. Expectations from Network:

- To provide technical support, advocacy & negotiation at policy level.

28. What is it that you think you could contribute to the network?

- Sharing of learning experience, Publishing information of other network members in our monthly journal "DURBAR VABNA", provide resource persons on health, empowerment, cooperative

29. What is that you think you could contribute to the field of engaging with men and boys for gender equality?

30. Any other things do you want to share?