



# Bansra Birangana Seva Samity



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## Genesis of the Organisation



The journey of Bansra Birangana Seva Samity (commonly known as BBSS) began during 2012 as an autonomous, frontline and grassroots level organization in South 24 Parganas. The absence of adequate number of civil society organisations to combat issues of human trafficking, child marriage and violence against women, led to formation and registration of BBSS.

This journey was led by the founder Secretary Ms. Amina Khatun Laskar, who being a passionate social development worker thought of addressing the issues of atrocities against women, adolescents and children. After having worked in one of the NGOs in Canning, she thought of working independently which led to formalization of BBSS. The initial journey was quite tough with extremely poor resources and limited reach to the communities. Gradually, the organisation started reaching out to communities and supporters and expanded their work.

The organisation has following priority focus areas:

Anti Human Trafficking

Livelihood Promotion

Gender Justice

Climate Change

Survivor Leadership Programme

Women Empowerment

Emergency Response

The organisation has mainly focused on rescue, repatriation, rehabilitation and restoration of the survivors of trafficking and violence. The survivors have been provided with legal assistance and facilitated them emerge as change leaders and preparing them to fight for their victim compensation and other entitlements.

In course of this, the organisation has been able to formulate four Self-Help Groups, namely: **Swabhumi, Matribhumi, Muktangana, and Mohini** under the Canning subdivision. BBSS has also formed a survivor's leadership group named ICON with 16 survivors of Canning-I, Canning-II, Basanti, and Baruipur block. The ICON leaders are organizing awareness camps regarding trafficking, early marriage, social stigma, and domestic violence. Besides that, they also assist other survivors for rehabilitation and legal aid.



## The Organisation At A Glance





**Misión**

Fostering Hope, Creating Change.  
We're dedicated to offering holistic support to survivors of trafficking and other vulnerable populations in the Sundarbans region. By focusing on their social and economic empowerment, especially for women whose rights have been violated, we aim to foster sustainable development and create a community where every individual can thrive.



**Visión**

**Illuminating Paths to a Better Tomorrow**  
To prevent recruitment, transport, transfer, harboring or receipt of a person under the age of 18 for the purpose of exploitation (including prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor and services, slavery or practices similar to slavery) and also to build a society where woman and children can flourish without any discrimination.

- Beneficiary Focused
- Integrity (honesty, transparency)
- Probity (accountability and fairness)
- Professionalism
- Excellence
- Collaboration



## Organisation Credentials

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| Organisation Name       | <b>Bansra Birangana Seva Samity (BBSS)</b>                                                                                                                      |
| Head Office Address     | Canning Cinema Hall Road, Canning Town, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal - 743329, India                                                                          |
| Registered Through      | West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961                                                                                                                    |
| Registration Details    | S/1L/96326 - 21st September 2012                                                                                                                                |
| NGO Darpan Registration | WB/2018/0185560                                                                                                                                                 |
| 80G Registration        | AACAB2678LF20180                                                                                                                                                |
| 12AA Registration       | AACAB2678LE20180                                                                                                                                                |
| PAN Number              | AACAB2678L                                                                                                                                                      |
| FCRA Registration       | 147111163                                                                                                                                                       |
| CSR-1 Registration      | CSR00004335                                                                                                                                                     |
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**WBMDFC**  
**BREAKING THE MARGINS**  
THE TALES OF THE UNSUNG HEROES

**Amina Khatun Laskar : Combating Trafficking**

For Amina Khatun Laskar, who runs a small organisation named Birangana Seva Samity (BBSS) in Canning in West Bengal, instances of women and girls going missing are almost a daily phenomenon. Living in a small office in Canning, the 38-year-old Amina was sifting through heaps of documents and police complaints of several survivors when Alaya Shaha entered. She has no hand about her daughter for the past several days. Alaya gives her daughter's Aadhar card to Amina. Her date of birth says May 2001.

"Why did you marry her so young?" Amina asks. Alaya replies instead that her son-in-law had informed her that her daughter had run away with a local auto-rickshaw driver. Amina joins down the details but the mother has no more for the rickshaw driver. "She is a minor and the police will have to take the case," Amina says.

## Programme Intervention

### Survivor Leadership & Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program

Our **Survivor Leadership Program** is anchored by **ICON**—a dynamic group of 16 courageous survivor leaders from the Sundarbans. These leaders are at the forefront in raising their voices for survivors' rights, engaging directly with government bodies to demand timely rehabilitation and support services.

ICON have formed 70 adolescents' groups in vulnerable villages of Sundarban consisting of 730 adolescents, sensitize themselves on issues like trafficking, early marriage, handling social media, mental health well-being, importance of education, friendly relationship with parents, build up knowledge on government schemes. Besides that, they are also working in family counseling, helping reduce stigma and rebuild relationships within communities for survivors, adolescents and other vulnerable women. They also lead awareness campaigns across vulnerable villages, addressing critical issues like trafficking, domestic violence, and early marriage. ICON's work exemplifies resilience and community-driven change, making them powerful agents of transformation.

In the vulnerable villages across Canning-I, Canning-II, Basanti, and Baruipur blocks of the Sundarban region, BBSS, with support from Azim Premji Foundation and Oasis India, has launched a comprehensive initiative aimed at empowering trafficked survivors and strengthening adolescents' groups through leadership development, knowledge enhancement, and improved access to basic necessities. The program spans 66 identified vulnerable villages, where 70 adolescents' groups have been formed and are actively supported by ICON leaders—a collective of 16 trained trafficked survivors. These leaders play a vital role in facilitating group formation and leading regular monthly meetings focused on six core themes essential for adolescent well-being: education, trafficking prevention, early marriage, personal safety, health & hygiene, and mental well-being.



#### Significant Achievements

- **Total 86 survivors have benefited from the Program.**
- **Family counseling and community awareness has facilitated 40% survivors to overcome stigma & staying back in their communities.**
- **Survivor friendly Mental health services established at block level hospitals. 70% survivors mentally fit after availing counseling and treatment.**
- **60% survivors have been able to access their rehabilitation services from Block & Gram Panchayat on their own.**
- **70 Adolescent groups have been formed.**
- **40% adolescents have gathered knowledge on social issues on**
  - **Awareness of human trafficking**
  - **Awareness on health issues and hygiene**
  - **Early marriage**
  - **Mental Health**
  - **Education**
  - **Digital safety and safe handling of social media.**
- **25% ICON leaders capacitated and show self-confidence, decision making ability and 55% ICON leaders are conducting sessions effortlessly.**
- **8 adolescents re-admitted in school for pursuing their adequate education after understood the importance of education and its future prospects.**



## Programme Intervention

### Survivors' Rehabilitation Program

The Survivors' Rehabilitation Programme offers holistic support to **86 survivors** of human trafficking, abuse and domestic violence. The program focuses on their holistic rehabilitation through mental health, legal assistance, education, livelihood and other services from government, ensuring a rights-based, survivor-centric approach.

A key component is legal case management, through the trained staff to assist total **36 survivors** in navigating legal justice and victim compensation. This includes FIR filing, court case follow-ups, coordination with lawyers, legal aid support, and protection mechanisms. Survivors are regularly updated about their case status and empowered to actively participate in the legal process.



### Survivor Livelihood Program

BBSS has taken up initiative for livelihood generation through facilitating the survivor women. The **Swabhimaan Tailoring Centre** caters to **65 survivor women** and engaged them actively in tailoring and stitching work as a means to rebuild their lives with dignity and financial independence. This centre provides them with skill training, production support, and access to market opportunities.



Alongside this, BBSS has formed special Self-Help Groups (SHGs) exclusively for survivors to ensure their financial inclusion. Through these SHGs, survivors are able to save regularly, access small loans, and link to government welfare schemes. The program empowers women to take control of their economic future and strengthens their resilience against re-trafficking and exploitation.

### Resilient Communities for Prevention of Trafficking

BBSS has been focusing towards building resilient communities in vulnerable villages, enabling them to holistically empower themselves to prevent trafficking. The programme focuses on mobilizing Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Communities in the Sundarbans and adjoining blocks to identify vulnerabilities such as school dropouts, extreme poverty, child marriage, substance abuse, domestic violence, migration, and climate-related displacement.



- **70% of the community members are now sensitized about human trafficking, child marriage, and government services.**
- **In Ranigarh village, community members actively prevented two cases of child marriage on their own initiative.**
- **35% of parents reported gaining awareness from the meetings about how to care for and protect their children.**
- **8 adolescent groups have been formed and named as Tara, Maya, Prakriti, Srijoni, Sabuj Sathi, Bishwas, Mayataru, and Bonphool across 5 villages.**

## Programme Intervention

### Climate Resilience Program

BBSS has initiated a tree plantation drive as part of its broader Climate Resilience Program. This initiative is a proactive step towards restoring the region's fragile ecosystem, which is increasingly vulnerable to cyclones, rising sea levels, and environmental degradation. By engaging local communities—especially adolescents—in tree plantation activities, the program seeks to reduce carbon emissions, promote environmental sustainability, and build resilience against climate change. The effort also serves to raise awareness about ecological responsibility and foster a deeper connection between youth and their environment, aligning with BBSS's mission to create safer, healthier, and more empowered communities.



### Emergency Relief Program



BBSS has responded to the vulnerable communities in the post Amphan and Yaas cyclones and extended support for **rebuilding of 250 houses and relief support to 3000 families** with dry ration kit. Reaching out to vulnerable communities during any disaster remains a continuous focus of the organization.



*Committed to fostering social upliftment through impactful initiatives and community empowerment.  
Join us in creating positive change*

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