

# 'PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION'

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## Programme:

### **“Inclusion of Special Needs Children and establishment their Constitutional Rights”**

This programme will empower and train parents while training the children. This programme is also the first point of contact as it houses the Advisory and Referral Clinic where the person with disability is first assessed and a plan for the future is created with the family.

#### **Home Management**

The Home management programme is designed to specifically suit local conditions. The focus is on demystifying disability, empowering and training the parent /family/caregiver to effectively meet the special needs of their child.

This programme caters to children who are not able to access rehabilitation services like special education, physiotherapy, communication therapy on a daily basis. **People's Participation'** visits to these children once a week along with the mother or caregiver. Parents are an essential part of the team that assesses the child's requirements, plans for his or her specific needs and later evaluates the success of the programme. Both mother/ caregiver and child receive training and parents taught the skills required to train the child on their own.

**People's Participation'** will train them to achieve maximum independence in self-help skills. We will help them socialize and create a friends and buddies circle. Regular home visits will be conducted to help the extended family participate in the progress of the child.

The programme will help in:

- Formation of parent to parent support groups, networking
- Effective early intervention and inclusion for children with cerebral palsy, mental retardation, intellectual disability and autism
- Empowering parents to play a more proactive role in the child's programme and in handling societal pressures

**Out-Station Programme:** This programme will be based on the family based rehabilitation model. It has been started in 2020 to make it convenient for outstation parents to avail of quality rehabilitation services. It is a comprehensive one/two/ or three- day counselling programme where the person with disability, and the family access this counselling training. The whole team of volunteers make itself available. The programme is schedule over holidays to provide this service without denying

services to children who attend other programmes. Follow up programmes will be conducted once in three months and parents trained to continue the programme when they go back.

Our mission of sharing information and reaching out where services are not available for persons with disabilities is fulfilled through the community based rehabilitation programme. The first initiative as an outreach programme of **People's Participation** in Chanditala Block-II & Dankuni Municipal Areas, Hooghly District in West Bengal.

Today PP is working as an independent organization with its volunteers.

This programme focuses on capacity building to other organizations in rural, semi urban areas and slum communities. Grassroots workers will be trained to work with the persons with disabilities. Depending on the needs of the organization, specific partnership details will be planned, worked out and evaluated together by both organizations in terms of objectives, time, and modality.

The objective, typically, is for the organization to become self-sufficient over a period of time, in working with people with disabilities. It is also the aim of the programme to build a perspective to disability in the community.

### **The programme:**

- » Provide initial and ongoing training to CBR workers
- » Build up resource centres /programmes as required
- » Organize periodic visits to the specific organization by **People's Participation**
- » Provides linkages to other Govt & Non Govt organizations

This programme will result in the empowerment of CBR workers. They will be able to reach the unreached in remote pockets within Chanditala Blocks-I & II, along with Dankuni Municipality in Hooghly District of West Bengal.

In 2020, we also started a **E- Learning School** along with information centre in Bengali language for those Special Needs Children & Guardians within Dankuni, Chanditala Block-I & II, Hooghly District; West Bengal. Five Special Educator volunteers and related persons, many Govt. officers also included to support the causes.

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