Profile of MUKTI



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In the **Background**, MUKTI- the non-profit, socio-economic development organization has been working diligently for improving livelihoods of the grassroots and vulnerable people in Sundarbans Delta and other parts of South 24 Parganas of West Bengal, India since its establishment in 2003. Sundarbans Delta is the hotspot of climate change where 93% people are climate-vulnerable and susceptible to dreadful hazards caused for recurring disaster. Recurring disaster results in resource dearth for death and devastation conclusively causing critical conflict between livelihoods and human settlement in Sundarbans Delta thereby triggering transmigration and violence where Sundarbans women are in duel-danger for gender inequality and economic insecurity. Contemplating the context, MUKTI is formed in 2003 in Sundarbans under the fervid effort and leadership of Mr Sankar Halder as the Founder and President of MUKTI

In **Board & Governance**, MUKTI remains 12-member Board of Trustees from diverse professional groups who are involved voluntarily in participatory agile governance and responsible for policy formulation and strategic advice, strategic guidance in programs and finance, representation, networking and external linkages and national and global coordination for program promotion and working synergy.

In **Legal Status, Accreditations & Recognitions**, MUKTI is a registered Trust having all legal compliances *inter alia* CSR form-1, 12A, 80G, TISS Empanelment and FCRA supported by more than 100 enterprises across the world. MUKTI received Special Consultative Status from United Nations Economic & Social Council (UNECOSOC) and positioned as the 1st organization in West Bengal & 11th in India for registration from NSE under Social Stock Exchange.

MUKTI's **Mission** is to work as the Healer of the hotspot of climate change in Sundarbans Delta by encouraging people's participation and leading community-led inclusive development through environment-friendly **HEALER- AID Programs** including **Health, Education, Agriculture, Livelihood, Environment, Rights, Awareness, Integrated development and Disaster Risk Reduction** in different Community Development Blocks of South 24 Parganas, East and West East and west Midnapur District in West Bengal, India. Of the programs, Talented Student Sponsorship (TSS) project is implemented across the West Bengal. HEALER-AID programs includes different projects implemented in West Bengal in partnership with more than 120 Current Partners e.g. individual, institutional, and bilateral and CSR partners and their view-points.

Following **Projects** are implemented under **HEALER-AID Programs**.

- (a) **Health (Health, Water & Sanitation) program** includes the projects of 1. Swastha Songini (Family Health facilitation), 2. Gram Clinic (Village Satellite Clinic), 3. Jal Hi Kal (Safe drinking water provision), 4. Medical Camp (Specialised Doctor Support), 5. Ambulance Service (Referral support for Critical Patients), 6. HOPE (Health Hygiene support for slum children)
- (b) Education & Enrichment Program includes the project of 1. MUKTI Kishalaya Support School (MKSS) (Primary Support School), 2. MUKTI Support School (MSS) (Holistic Support School), 3. Talented Student Sponsorship (Merit Scholarship for Needy Children), 4. MUKTI Institute of Technology (MIT) (Job-oriented Education and Employment), 5. MUKTI Academy (Digital online academy), 6. Value Education (Edifying morality), 7. Smart Lab (Computer lab for technical education)
- (c) **Agriculture Reforms Program** includes 1. Sustainable Agriculture Movement (SAM) (Climate resilient organic Farming), 2. Kitchen Gardening (Homestead organic garden for nutrition support), 3. Organic Farming Training Support (Skills development on climate resilient organic farming), 4. MUKTI Fresh (Marketing initiatives for organic produces).

- (d) Livelihood & Enablement Program includes 1. MUKTI Community Development Fund (MCDF) (Women-led institution development), 2. Skills & Enterprise Development (Life-skills and SME development- M4P), 3. Swavlamban Accelerators in Sundarbans (SWAS) (Women's economic empowerment through Value-Chain development), 4. Chicken rearing (Household based free-rage chicken rearing for nutrition and economic growth), 5. MUKTI Employment Exchange (MEE) (Employability creation and job-placement), 6. MUKTI Crafts (Women-led handicrafts marketing), 7. MUKTI Kitchen (Marketing initiatives on organic cooked meal).
- (e) **Environment & Resilience Program** includes 1. Sundarbans Green (SUN-G) (Utilization of non-arable land through crops and fruits plantation for preventing migration) 2. Cyclone Tolerant Houses (Sustainable housing produced by local materials), 3. MUKTI Green Defence (Sustainable embankment by planting mangroves), 5. Pond Rejuvenation (Rainwater harvesting for multiple purposes), 6. MUKTI Green (Roadside floriculture).
- (f) Rights & Special Needs Program includes 1. Prerana (Audio book preparation for visually impaired children), 2. A Village Independent And Enterprising Women (A-VIEW) (Protection, health-care and rehabilitation for mentally retarded women and girls), 3. Voice (Univocal stand for women and child right), 4. Amplifying Community Voice (Strengthening equal voice across the communities), 5. Sahosini.(Women's equal rights protection through gender awareness building)
- (g) Awareness & Empowerment Program includes 1. Vocational Training (Life-skills development and employment creation), 2. Observance Days celebration (Promoting values of historically renowned persons),
- (h) Integrated Development Program includes MUKTI Grams (MUKTI Villages)
- (i) Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Program includes 1. Disaster/ Cyclone mitigation & resilience delivery (Response and recovery), 2. Cyclone Yaas (Response and recovery), 3. COVID-19 (Response)

In the **Strategies**, MUKTI empowers people by strengthening participation to identify and analyze root causes and accordingly to support with holistic solutions for inclusive development within a community-led approach.

MUKTI represents the **Core Values and Philosophy** of Participation, Inclusiveness and Sustainability, Integrity, Transparency and Respect, Truth, Peace and Love across all programs and thus it ensures program quality and program growth holding global reputations.

MUKTI has outstanding **Organizational Capacity** in the fields of board and governance, management, human resources, financial management, program delivery, sustainability, external linkages and monitoring and evaluation. In management practices, MUKTI represents the global standard organizational structure clearly demonstrating the planning system, personnel, management and implementation, administration and program reporting. In grant management, MUKTI manages grant contracts and performs grant commitment ensuring integrity, transparency and zero-tolerance. In service delivery, MUKTI remains need-based and environment-friendly HEALER-AID programs implemented by key skilled Staff Members/ Key People .

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