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Dear Friends of CINI,

At the outset, our condolences to families who lost 294 and 1,175 injured of their near and dear ones, in the triple train accident of 2nd June in Odisha, involving Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah SF Express and a goods train. Many travels for work or leisure, and our prayers will always be there for their safe return.

As a woman led organisation, from Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), CINI received "CII Joyee 2023 award" in Recognition of excellence for women caregivers particularly during COVID-19 pandemic on 28th June.


We have also experienced one of the hottest summer this year. Schools shut down and price of vegetables shot up due to the heat. We remain indebted to our front-line workers that despite the heat wave, they walked, biked and used public transport to reach vulnerable children and women. Thank you all for your support.

Dr Samir Chaudhuri

Even a small amount will make a difference
CONDUCT DISORDER AMONG ADOLESCENTS

Conduct disorder is a behavioral and emotional disorder that typically develops during childhood or adolescence. It is characterized by a persistent pattern of violating the rights of others or societal norms, often involving aggressive or antisocial behavior. Here are the symptoms commonly associated with conduct disorder:

1. **Aggression towards people or animals**: This may include physical fights, bullying, cruelty to animals, and assault.
2. **Destruction of property**: Purposefully damaging or destroying property belonging to others.
3. **Deceitfulness or theft**: Repeated lying, stealing, or breaking into someone's property.
4. **Serious violations of rules**: Regularly breaking rules at home, school, or in other settings, such as running away from home, skipping school, or engaging in substance abuse.
5. **Lack of empathy**: A persistent disregard for the feelings and needs of others.
6. **Callousness/ lack of guilt**: Showing a lack of remorse or guilt for their actions, even when causing harm to others.
7. **Impulsivity**: Acting without thinking about the consequences, which can lead to risky or dangerous behaviors.
8. **Poor school performance**: Frequent academic difficulties, truancy, or expulsion from school.
9. **Relationship problems**: Difficulty establishing and maintaining healthy relationships with peers and authority figures.

Dealing with conduct disorder requires a comprehensive approach involving professional help, support from family and friends, and a structured environment. A mental health professional can provide tailored guidance based on the individual's specific needs and circumstances.
Sister Cyril: Her Life, Her Message

Sister Mary Cyril (21st July 1936 – 24th June, 2023), a native of Ireland had lived and worked in India since 1956. She emerged as a nationwide leader in bringing quality education to urban and rural poor children. Sister Cyril was the Principal of Loreto, Kolkata for 32 years, but she was mostly known for her Rainbow School Programme. Under this programme, during 1983 the students of English medium school used to teach financially backward children after regular school hours.

Child in Need Institute (CINI) had a long relation with Sister Cyril and the only school running in her name and ideology - ‘Cyril Academy’ was established by CINI at the southern fringe of Kolkata.

Dr Samir Chaudhuri, the Founder-Secretary of CINI and a close associate of Sister Cyril paid homage to her with other senior management members of CINI at Cyril Academy on 30th June.
CINI Received Joyee’23 :
Recognition of Excellence to caregivers

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with Indian Women Network (IWN) organised Joyee 2023 : Recognition of excellence to caregivers recognised CINI’s exceptional contribution towards society during and post-pandemic situation. On 28th June, 2023 Dr Indrani Bhattacharyya, CEO, CINI with Dr Rumeli Das, Ms Kakoli Dey, and Ms Mitun Bose received the 3rd Joyee recognition on behalf of CINI.
CINI at G20 Summit:
Showcasing CINI’s five decades of experience at International Forum
Child in Need Institute (CINI) in support with JHPIEGO showcased their intervention in the areas of Special Cell and Community Approach addressing Gender Based Violence (GVB) and Mental Health of the adolescents at G20 Summit held New Delhi during June, 2023.
CINI and Jhpiego ran stall under the USAID MOMENTUM Country & Global Leadership : India Yash Initiative on “Fostering Partnership to combat Gender Based Violence” at co-branded G20 Summit organized by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Hon’ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya visited the stall and interacted with CINI representatives present there.
Mother Earth : Time to look around

With two important international days related to this planet – International Mother Earth Day (22nd April) and Environment Day (5th June), the second quarter of the year was marked as the time to look around. During these occasions, from flood prone Terai to cyclone prone Sundarbans, from changing climate of tea gardens of Assam to draught prone plateau of Jharkhand and from critically polluted cities to the villages of Odisha, CINI launched awareness campaign at varied areas of India.

International Mother Earth Day, 22 April, 2023 : The theme of this year’s Earth Day was ‘Invest in Our Planet’. All the events were organized under the banner of CINI’s flagship “What Children Want Campaign”.

**Tollygunge, Kolkata**

Sapling distribution, awareness generation through posters on Environment & Children were organized at Tollygunge, Kolkata to mark the Mother Earth Day in active presence of around 100 children, 200 community members, local Police, religious leaders and media.

**Murshidabad**

Drawing competitions in 10 Gram Panchayats with more than 350 participants, rallies in 6 Gram Panchayats with 600 participants, awareness programmes in 20 schools with students and teachers were organized in the intervention areas of CINI in Murshidabad district on various environmental issues.

**Raiganj & Itahar, Uttar Dinajpur**

Plantation & clean-up drives, oath taking ceremony during 22 to 24 April, 2023 where children, adolescents, community people, representatives of local administration, schools participated actively.
Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling

Various activities like Clean-up Drive, Tree Plantation, Quiz Competition, Art and Craft Workshop, Saplings distribution were organized across the North Bengal districts. Around 1500 people like Honorary Health Workers (HHWs), Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), Jt. BDO & other Block officials participated in the events.

Kulpi, South 24 Parganas

On 24 April, 2023 under Kulpi Block of South 24 Parganas district, government frontline workers, community members, adolescents initiated ‘clean up drives’ at the riverbank areas. They wore gloves and mask for safety purpose and collected the plastic & other wastes from the Hooghly riverbanks.

Jharkhand

Several activities like plantation drive in strategic locations like Block Office, Panchayat Bhawan, Safe Spaces; community meetings and awareness sessions on plantation, effective waste management, water conservation; audio-video show; were organized in the intervention areas of Jharkhand.

Odisha

Child friendly 15 litres handwash basins were installed in 43 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) of Bissamcuttack Block, Raygada, Odisha to ensure the
hygiene of children, on the occasion of International Mother Earth Day.

**Celebration of World Environment Day, 05th June, 2023**: World Environment Day, 2023 was observed at different intervention areas of CINI focusing on this year’s theme - ‘**Solutions to Plastic Pollution**’.

**Dumka, Jharkhand**: World Environment Day was observed by the Community Support Groups (CSGs) at village and panchayat level on 5 June 2023 in **Dumka** District, Jharkhand. It was an awareness activity to let people understand the importance of celebrating such days and positively contributing towards protecting our environment. Dustbins were installed from the panchayat fund at 15 Panchayat office premises (out of 23) to keep wet and dry wastes separate.

**Murshidabad, West Bengal**: At Hatinagar gram panchayat school level awareness program was organized engaging the children, adolescents, parents, Self Hep Group (SHG) members, teachers etc. To generate mass awareness, gram panchayats distributed saplings to the
adolescents and SHGs. Most importantly the gram panchayats of various blocks promoted this year’s theme through different activities with the support of CINI facilitators.

Rambagan, Kolkata : World Environment Day was celebrated under Ujjan project with the adolescents of Rambagan, Kolkata through the game of expression of thoughts. The children prepared two skits on different means and ways of protecting our environment followed by dance performance and speech on the negative impacts of plastic use - by the adolescents.

Tiljala Brajanath School, Kolkata : In presence of District Project Officer (DPO), ADPO and Pedagogy Consultant from Sarva Siksha Mission (SSM), school teachers, special educators, the children presented the picture of improper disposal of plastics at the community level
and the mitigating measures. Besides, awareness through talking doll show, quiz competition, session on designing cotton bags were also held.

**Five districts of North Bengal**: In collaboration with ward councillors, local club members, local administrations and officials of Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL). 125 CINI employees and children participated in the ‘Adopt a Plant’ programme also to mark 50th Anniversary of World Environment Day.

**South 24 Parganas, West Bengal**: In collaboration with Kulpi Block Administration, World Environment Day was observed in Kulpi Block of South 24 Parganas District. Also the Children of Kultoli Block of South 24 Parganas district performed street plays to celebrate World Environment Day.
India observes Kasturba Gandhi’s birthday, April 11, as National Safe Motherhood Day to promote maternal health and to reduce maternal mortality. India accounts for 15% of all maternal deaths worldwide. This tragic data clearly gives a picture of how many people are still unaware of taking care of pregnant mothers in India. National Safe Motherhood Day encourages the safe treatment of all mothers.

The awareness program commenced in various Anganwadi centres over all 20 blocks under Murshidabad Unit of CINI, with a keynote address by Anganwadi Workers, Anwesha Counsellor, emphasizing on the significance of safe motherhood, highlighting the importance of proper nutrition, prenatal care, and skilled healthcare during childbirth. The Safe Motherhood Day awareness program successfully achieved its objectives of educating and empowering new mothers, expectant mothers, Anganwadi Workers, Anwesha Clinic workers, and adolescents.

At Siliguri Municipal Corporation area, National Safe Motherhood Day was organised to promote maternal health and reduce maternal mortality rates and also to demand better healthcare facilities from the government for pregnant women.
Male engagement in Family Planning & Sexual Reproductive Health: The Advocacy and Accountability Collaborative (TAAC) Hub organized a one-day workshop on "Male Engagement in FP/SRH" on June 23, 2023, in Ranchi. Organizations such as ICRW, FEM, Yuva (Jamshedpur), JSLPS and Jhpiego were invited to share their experiences and perspectives on working with men at the grassroots level in FP/SRH programs. The workshop aimed to understand challenges, societal norms, and develop effective strategies for male engagement. They also stressed community and family-level male involvement and suggested increased training and knowledge-sharing opportunities.

Training on Sexual Reproductive Health
CINI – Diamond Harbour Unit a collaborative organization of South 24 Parganas CHILDLINE organized a training program at Boria village, Diamond Harbour Block-I on Sexual Reproductive Health on May & June, 23. The objective of the training program was to orient and train on Sexual Reproductive Health, Nutrition & Anaemia, and Sex & Gender in the age group of 12-19 years.
Menstrual Hygiene: Need to address Challenges

Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed every year on the 28th day of June. CINI organises awareness campaigns at its intervention areas on this day as even today many families do not have access to affordable and hygienic menstrual products and the day also stresses upon acquiring knowledge about our bodies, menstrual cycles, and reproductive health to overcome taboos and stigmas.

On the special occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day, 2023 two interactive workshops were jointly organized by District ICDS cell and CINI in two different blocks – Itahar and Karandighi of Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. The entire workshop focuses to build the capacities of the adolescents and other stakeholders and also to curl out issues which pushes back not to discuss about the menstrual issues in front of others.

CINI team in collaboration with District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) under Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Assam celebrated the important day by disseminating good menstrual hygiene practices across the 11 intervention districts of Assam.
The Menstrual Hygiene Day awareness program conducted in panchayats and blocks of Murshidabad District; West Bengal successfully addressed the theme of "Making Menstruation a Normal Fact of Life by 2030." Through interactive sessions, engaging discussions, and myth-busting sessions, participants were educated on menstrual hygiene, disposal practices, and the importance of breaking societal taboos. The involvement of ICDS, health professionals, PRI members, parents, and adolescents played a vital role in promoting awareness and fostering a supportive environment for menstrual health.

CINI with Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad had planned a week-long awareness program ‘Hok Katha’ in different pockets of Siliguri urban and rural areas from 28th May to 3rd June, to provide open forum of discussion between adolescent girls, parents, peer groups and create
a safe space for adolescents to accept menstruation as a normal physical behaviour, to avoid taboos and adverse Gynaecological or Sexual Reproductive issues at later life.

An Online Awareness Program was held by Ms. Tutul Roy of CINI-TEENLINE to observe the World Menstrual Hygiene Day where the importance of maintaining menstrual hygiene was discussed along with the various myths and misconceptions that are persisting in our society. Various doubts arose regarding hygiene and irregular menstruation cycle. An information regarding proper disposal of used sanitary napkins was discussed, as suggested by Ms. Mili Dutta.
Events of this quarter

CINI entered in a non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bodo Territorial Council (BTC), an autonomous council on 10th May 2023. The primary objective of the MoU is to collaborate and work on various domains, including health, nutrition, education, child protection, and environment focusing on gender-based violence, sexual reproductive health, and mental health.

G 20 Interfaith international forum:
CINI was invited to participate in a forum on “Partnership action: towards One Earth, One Family, One Future” held from the 7th to the 9th of May 2023 in New Delhi. “The objective of 2023 G20 Interfaith Forum was to discuss on the issues connected to the wider G20 agendas - climate change, refugees, child dignity, the food crisis, trafficking, anti-racism initiatives, protecting cultural heritage, conflict resolution, tolerance, education, COVID-19 recovery and more general health care reforms, social protection and humanitarian reforms. Mr. Swapan Bikash Saha, Programme Director, Nutrition, CINI delivered a speech on “Health systems and the right to health” based on CINI’s experience.
Distribution of Nutrimix to Pregnant Women at Anganwadi Centre of Bissamcuttack Block IBL, Odisha

Adolescents from ward 26 supported by Ujjan projects participated in a joint rally with the Department of Health of Kolkata Municipal Corporation against "DENGUE & MALARIA" on 29th April 2023.
Adolescents participated the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June 2023.

World No Smoking Day (31st May) and International Day Against Drug Abuse (26th June) Celebration at Kolkata, South 24 Parganas, North Bengal and Murshidabad

World Day Against Child Labour (12th June) was observed by CINI under MCGL (MOMENTUM Country & Global Leadership) India: Yash’s Special Cell and Community Approach initiative across its 11 intervention districts of Assam in collaboration with Department of Women and Child Development, District Child Protection Unit, District Administration and other line departments.
Employees of Tax connect advisory services LLP celebrated their foundation day with the boys and girls of CINI’s shelter home children by sponsoring food for the day. They have distributed writing pad, pen and cakes among the children.

Mr. Dinesh Naskar celebrated Bengali New Year (Poila Baisakh) at our girls shelter home with the children.
With the approval from Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal ASHA training of Purba Medinipur District has been initiated at CINI Moyna, Purba Medinipur from 7.06.23 facilitated by CINI Training Unit.

International Day of Yoga (21st June) celebration at Cyril Academy, Murshidabad, CINI-Teenline and North Bengal
Salma: Birth of a Leader

Nothing was favorable to her confidence, the 18 years old girl is from a so-called ‘Backward Community’, from a ‘Remote Village’ and from ‘Not much affluent’ family. She was hesitant and terrified of both studying and going to school. Primarily she began to understand the value of education and how essential it is for gaining respect when her father and Bengali instructor counselled her.

Then CINI came with project Suswasthya and then Arogya (THF) at her area. CINI tried to scale up its engagement with psycho-social and mental health and wellbeing of the adolescents. It provided support for her to improve her leadership quality, and public speaking power and also helped her to grow up her own opinion and voice it in front of society. She served as the peer educator for the new teenage group "Titli" that CINI established.

She is now a leader, she spoke in front of a large gathering for the first time during the celebration of International Women's Day at Khoyrasole Block this year. She is also a regular participant of every fourth Saturday Panchayats meeting and discusses their issues and potential solutions with ASHA, ANM, and Block employees. CINI is constantly working to create a network of convergence between adolescent groups and society so that they can secure their future.

She hopes to become a teacher in the future. Meanwhile, she develops her own persona and scored an 84.6% on her higher secondary exam with letter marks in four subjects (History, Philosophy, Sanskrit and Political science). She has accomplished a great deal by taking the first step towards her future objective. She is a true Peer Leader as an instance.
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