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✉ A Message from the Executive Director

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This quarter witnessed significant milestones—from capacity-building initiatives for our staff and educational exposure visits for children to large-scale community engagement events and celebrations promoting women's leadership and empowerment. Each activity reflects our belief that sustainable change begins when communities are empowered to learn, participate, and grow together.

We thank our partners, supporters, volunteers, and community members for their continued trust and collaboration.

Strengthening our Team Annual Staff Capacity Building Programme 📍 Dhotrey, North Bengal | 2–9 January 2026

Towards Future commenced 2026 with its 11th Annual Staff Training Programme in the serene surroundings of Dhotrey, North Bengal. Twenty-two dedicated team members representing various projects and operational locations came together under the theme “**Growing Stronger Together.**”

The week-long residential training focused on strengthening leadership, programme management, accountability, and organisational effectiveness. Sessions covered Leadership Development, RASCI Matrix implementation, and KRA-KPI-based performance management systems. Through collaborative exercises, strategic planning discussions, and experiential learning activities, participants enhanced their professional skills while reinforcing team cohesion and shared organisational values. Facilitated by Dr. Shreya Mitra, Senior Team Lead, and Ms. Supriya Roy Chowdhury, Executive Director, the training reaffirmed our commitment to continuous learning and excellence in serving vulnerable children, women, and communities..



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Learning Beyond Classrooms: Expanding Horizons Through Exposure Visits

At Towards Future, we believe that some of the most meaningful lessons are learned beyond the four walls of a classroom. During the first quarter of 2026, children from different project locations participated in a series of exposure visits designed to broaden their horizons, build confidence, and encourage experiential learning.

From 20th to 25th January, fifteen students from Kidz Planet Learning Centre (KPLC) embarked on an enriching journey to 10th Mile in Darjeeling District, North Bengal. Accompanied by three staff members, the children experienced a completely new environment, many visiting the hills for the very first time. Through interaction with nature, local communities, and unfamiliar surroundings, the children developed greater curiosity, adaptability, and confidence.

Continuing this focus on experiential learning, children from Project Mukti participated in two educational exposure visits during February and March. On 20th February, the children from 3 brick kiln Campsite Learning Centres visited *Harinalay*- a mini zoo located in Newtown. Further, children from another 4 campsite learning centres visited Chhaya Animal Trust on 28th March. These visits introduced them to important themes of animal welfare, rescue work, empathy, and responsible coexistence

with all living beings. Through direct observation and interactive learning experiences, the children gained valuable insights into compassion, care, and social responsibility.

Together, these exposure visits provided opportunities for children to learn through exploration, observation, and real-world experiences. Beyond acquiring new knowledge, the visits nurtured essential life skills such as confidence, empathy, teamwork, and critical thinking. By connecting classroom learning with practical experiences, Towards Future continues to create meaningful opportunities that support the holistic development of every child.



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Building Stronger Communities: First Community Carnival in South 24 Parganas

Towards Future organised its first-ever Community Carnival in Paikan, Bhangar Block South 24 Parganas, in January, bringing together an estimated 2,000–2,500 community members in a vibrant celebration of togetherness and social connection. While the organisation has successfully conducted three community carnivals in North 24 Parganas in previous years, this marked the beginning of a similar initiative in South 24 Parganas as part of our efforts to strengthen community engagement and establish a deeper presence in the region.

The event attracted families, children, youth, and elders who participated in cultural performances, games, and interactive activities. Beyond entertainment, the carnival created an inclusive platform where community members could connect, celebrate local culture, and build stronger relationships with one another.

The overwhelming participation demonstrated the community's enthusiasm for such initiatives and highlighted the importance of community-led platforms that foster social cohesion, collective identity, and active civic engagement. The success of the carnival has encouraged us to continue creating meaningful opportunities for engagement and partnership across South 24 Parganas.

This version maintains a professional NGO communication tone while clearly explaining the rationale for launching the carnival in South 24 Parganas.



Swader Bahar: Celebrating Women's Skills & Creativity

Nearly 150 women participated in Swader Bahar, a community cooking competition celebrating culinary talent, creativity, and confidence, held in February in Umarhati, North 24 Parganas.

The event provided participants with an opportunity to showcase their skills while interacting with peers in a supportive and encouraging environment. Beyond the competition itself, the programme served as a platform for recognition, self-expression, and community bonding.

Initiatives such as Swader Bahar reinforce our commitment to creating spaces where women can build confidence, demonstrate leadership, and gain greater visibility within their communities.



International Women's Day Celebration

Towards Future celebrated International Women's Day on 7th and 10th March with enthusiasm and community participation. The celebration recognised the strength, resilience, and contributions of women across different communities connected with the organisation.

These two events, created in collaboration with SVP India and Rotary Global Grant, respectively, brought together 200+ women from diverse communities.

Both the celebration recognised the achievements, resilience, and contributions of women while creating a platform for dialogue, inspiration, and collective celebration. Through cultural performances, discussions, and participatory activities, women shared experiences, aspirations, and stories of change.

The event reinforced the importance of gender equality, women's leadership, and community support in creating a more inclusive society.



Looking Ahead

As we move into the next financial year, Towards Future remains committed to strengthening educational opportunities for children, expanding community engagement initiatives, and promoting women's empowerment through innovative and inclusive programmes.

Together with our partners, supporters, and communities, we continue working towards a future where every child can learn, every woman can thrive, and every community can prosper.

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