

# BASELINE REPORT

## ON FUNCTIONAL LITERACY PROGRAMME OF T&CG MEMBERS

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BASIRHAT MUNICIPALITY

## 1. Introduction

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### **Project Title: Functional Literacy Programme of the T&CG Members**

Primary level literacy program for illiterate TCG members from 1-22 wards under Basirhat Municipality. The project also seeks to educate them till the primary level through bridge camps and further mainstream the TCG women members to the Rabindra Mukto Vidyalaya to pursue further education.

### **Objectives of the project:**

- ✓ Identification of the number of illiterate TCG women, majority belonging to the minorities, from wards no. 1-22 wards of Basirhat Municipality.
- ✓ Education of the identified women up to the primary levels, through bridge camps, upon completion of which the women would be mainstreamed into the Rabindra/Netaji Mukto Vidyalaya in the local vicinity.
- ✓ Training of the 22 CDS members on 'Bridge Education' Methodology to act as Master Trainers in the Project.

### **Rationale of the baseline survey:**

The CDS No. 2 of Basirhat Municipality is implementing a project on functional literacy programme of the Thrift and Credit Group members at Basirhat through 22 CDS members. The project is funded by KUSP/DFID being supervised by ICF. The current baseline survey is an effort to identify the number of illiterate women among the T&CG members within the 22 wards of the Municipality. The magnitude of the indicators at the baseline will help to understand effectiveness of the programme at the end line.

Following table shows the profile of the CDS members who will act as Master Trainers:

Ward No	Name	Age	Religion	Caste	Educational Qualification
1	Pritha Das	23	Hindu	SC	B.A.
2	Chandana Mondal	27	Hindu	SC	B.A.
3	Tapati Chakroborty	41	Hindu	Gen	H.S.
4	Latika Das	34	Hindu	SC	H.S.
5	Rekha Mondal	39	Hindu	SC	B.A.
6	Kaikayi Bachhar	40	Hindu	SC	Madhyamik
7	Lakshmi Mukherjee	38	Hindu	Gen	Madhyamik
8	Jhorna Dutta	42	Hindu	Gen	Madhyamik
9	Rekha Ghosh	29	Hindu	Gen	Madhyamik
10	Lakshmi Pal	33	Hindu	Gen	H.S.
11	Ruma Haldar	41	Hindu	SC	H.S.
12	Ira Basu (Mitra)	60	Hindu	SC	B.A.
13	Kajoli Roy	37	Hindu	SC	Madhyamik
14	Rupali Mondal	27	Hindu	SC	Madhyamik
15	Munmun Sarkar	25	Hindu	Gen	B.A.
16	Sujata Hore	39	Hindu	Gen	H.S.
17	Putul Mallick	33	Hindu	Gen	B.A.
18	Kasefa Khatun	21	Muslim		H.S.
19	Jayanti Das	33	Hindu	SC	Madhyamik
20	Kakali Mondal	34	Hindu	SC	Madhyamik
21	Mithu Chakroborty	32	Hindu	Gen	Madhyamik
22	Rekha Roy	49	Hindu	Gen	Madhyamik

## 2. Methods

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A survey was conducted by the 22 CDS members to identify the number of illiterates belonging to the T&CGs followed by a number of Focused Group Discussions (FGDs) with the beneficiaries. Survey data were entered into MS-Excel and then analyzed. Through out the process, quality of data was ensured. Informed consent was taken from the participant to conduct the survey.

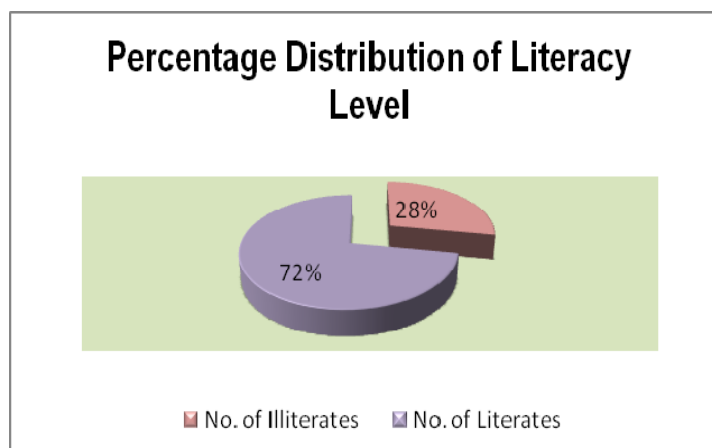
## 3. Major Findings of Survey

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The major findings of the survey are analyzed below through tables and/or charts to access the current situation.

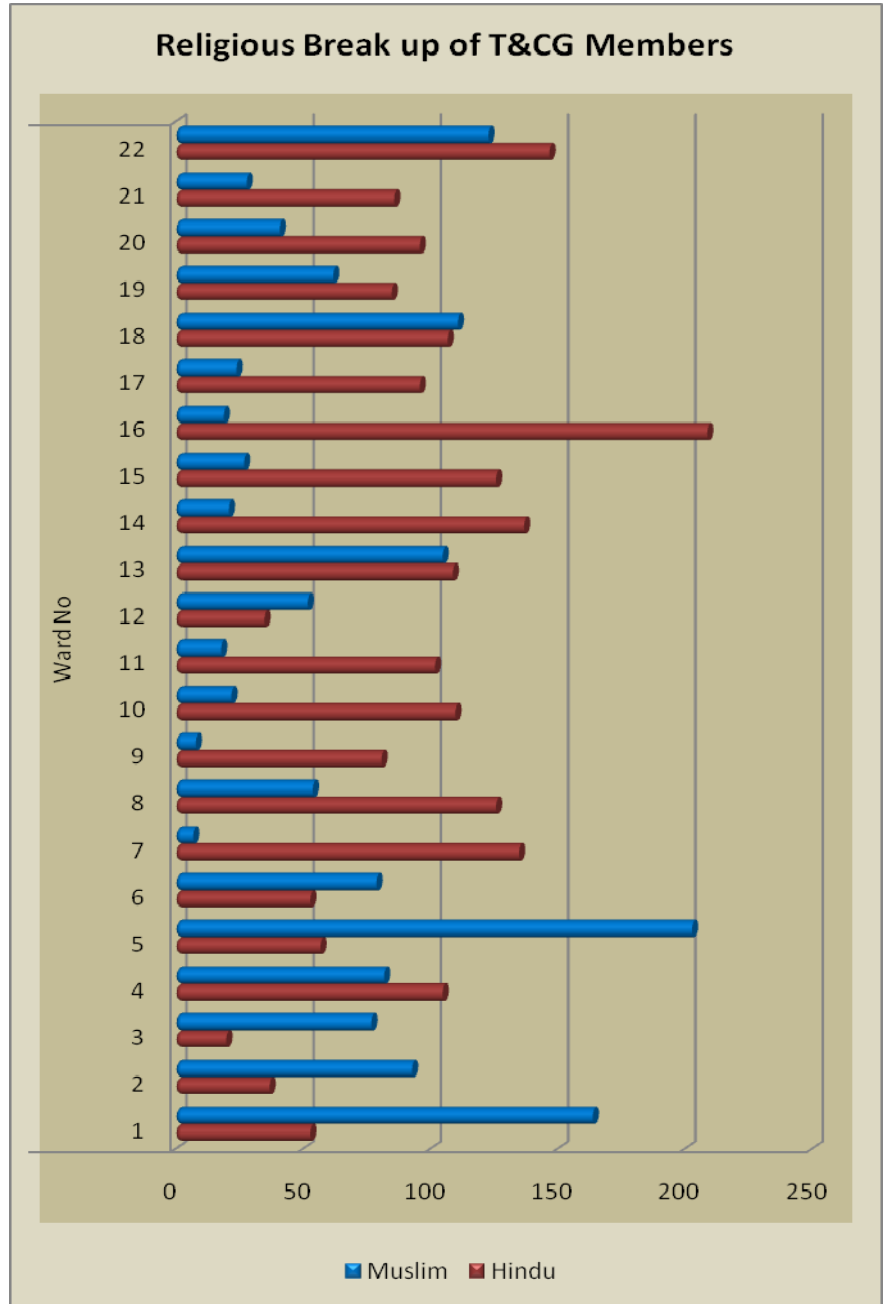
- a. Following table shows the percentage distribution of literate and illiterate among the T&CG members:

No. of Illiterates	No. of Literates
982	2550



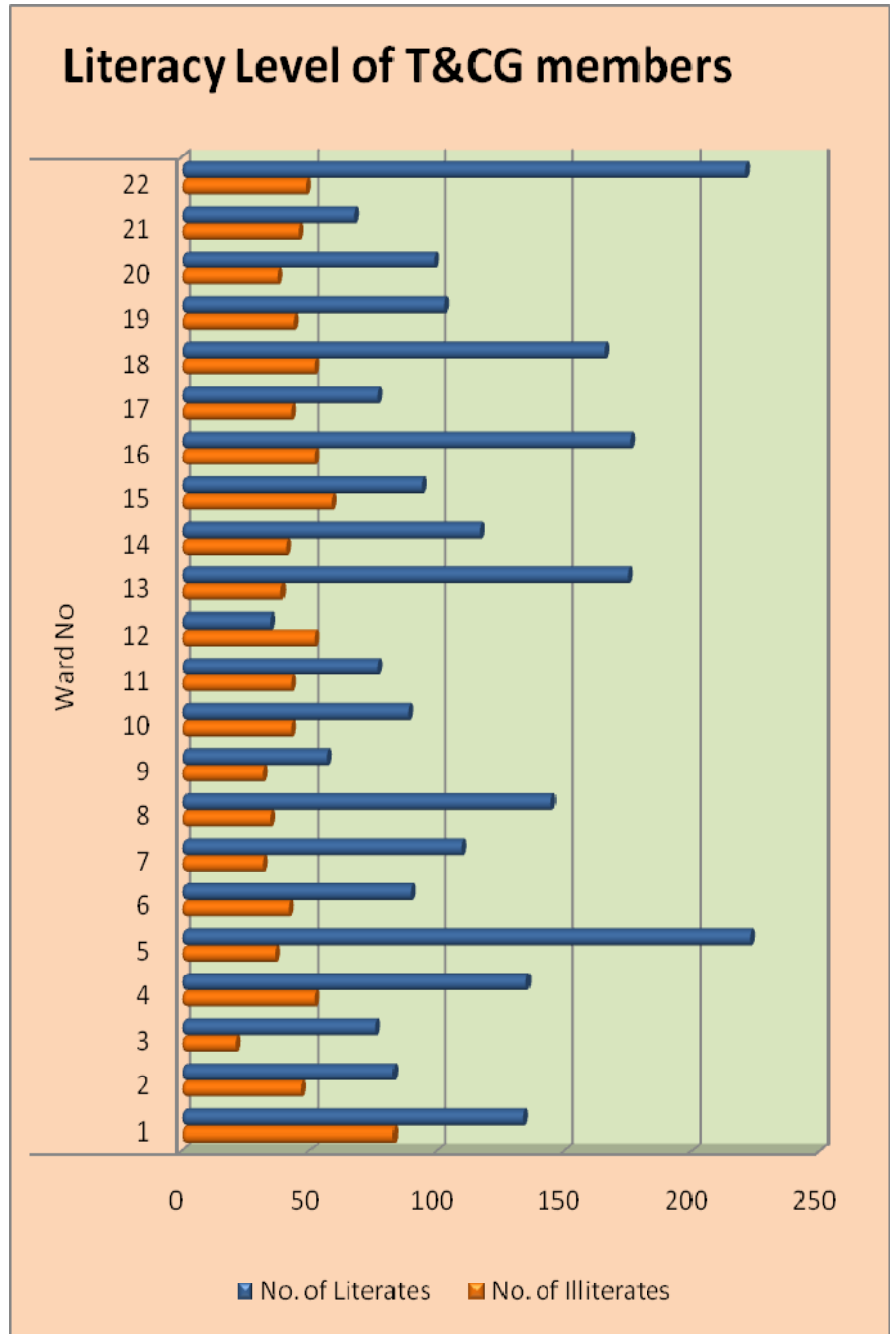
b. The table below reveals ward wise distribution of religion of T&CG members:

Ward No	Hindu	Muslim
1	53	164
2	37	93
3	20	77
4	105	82
5	57	203
6	53	79
7	135	7
8	126	54
9	81	8
10	110	22
11	102	18
12	35	52
13	109	105
14	137	21
15	126	27
16	209	19
17	96	24
18	107	111
19	85	62
20	96	41
21	86	28
22	147	123
<b>Total</b>	<b>2112</b>	<b>1420</b>



c. The table below reveals ward wise number of literate and illiterate T&CG members:

Ward No	No. of Illiterates	No. of Literates
1	83	134
2	47	83
3	21	76
4	52	135
5	37	223
6	42	90
7	32	110
8	35	145
9	32	57
10	43	89
11	43	77
12	52	35
13	39	175
14	41	117
15	59	94
16	52	176
17	43	77
18	52	166
19	44	103
20	38	99
21	46	68
22	49	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>2550</b>



- d. Focused Group Discussions with beneficiaries were conducted to gather issues from them:



PHOTOGRAPHS OF FOCUSED GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BENEFICIARIES



A summary of discussion with the beneficiaries while conducting the FGDs are give below:

- Course content was discussed with the beneficiaries.
- The importance of education was explained.
- The benefits of the programme were laid before them.
- How this programme will help uplift their economic condition was highlighted.
- The future prospects on completion of primary levels of education were also brought to their notice.

#### 4. Project implications:

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- T&CG women members will attain functional literacy.
- Social empowerment of the target women.
- Knowledge and skill up gradation of the 22 CDS members on technical aspects of bridge camps through TOT.