

## MCC REPORT

Since 2014 Medical Checks for Children (MCC) has a very good collaboration with the Young Men's Welfare Society. MCC conducted a medical camp 5 times at Raghunathpur, Joynagar and Bhagawatipur, in the West Bengal region, District South 24 Parganas, South of Kolkata. In 2016 we conducted one time a medical camp in the Sunderbans region. In 2017 and 2019 we also conducted a medical camp at Diksha Evening School in Kolkata and in 2019 we conducted a medical camp at Maulana Azad Evening School in Kolkata.

The children we checked are attending pre-primary (nursery) and primary schools in the underprivileged rural areas in West Bengal, District South 24 Parganas, the Sunderbans and 2 slums in the City of Kolkata who all have limited access to medical facilities.

In total we checked and treated, 1068 in 2014, 1052 in 2015, 968 in 2016, 726 in 2017 and 832 children in 2019. The main group of children was between 3 and 9 years of age.

The team of MCC is impressed about the local organization in what they have achieved in the last 5 years at the rural schools. When we conducted the first medical camp in 2014 there was little awareness of health and hygiene. During the last 5 years a food program, dental program, environmental studies and hand wash programs are incorporated in the daily routine and classes in the school. Even 2 handwash stations were built at Joynagar and Raghunathpur schools. The main purpose of this last medical mission was to provide the local organization with more tools and education so that the health program achieved at the 3 rural schools also can be implemented at other schools of the local organization. Therefore, Maulana Azad School was also added the last year.

In summary most medical problems we identified are: Worm problems, Anaemia, Tooth decay, Malnutrition, Vitamin deficiency and Skin problems. All these problems can mainly be treated by prevention through proper hygiene, healthy food and tooth brushing.