

CASE STUDY

NAME	:	NASREEN KHATOON
SEX	:	Female
AGE	:	13 Years
ADDRESS	:	10/3, Topsia 1 st Lane, Kolkata – 700 039, West Bengal
FATHER'S NAME	:	JAAN ALAM
FATHER'S OCCUPATION	:	Sandal Maker (Cobbler)
MOTHER'S NAME	:	YASMIN BEGUM
MOTHER'S OCCUPATION	:	Housewife
SIBLINGS	:	3 brothers and 1 sister

Background

Nasreen stays with her parents and 4 other siblings in a small room – there is no separate bedroom or kitchen. Near the door of the room is a toilet and throughout the day the family of 7 has to bear the stench which comes from there. Quite often, because of lack of work or illness, the family used to go back to their native place and take Nasreen with them. The family is very poor and often receive help from their neighbours and other people of their locality for their survival.

Intervention

During an area survey, MWS Staff came in contact with the family and encouraged Nasreen's mother to attend the monthly Mothers' Meeting held at the NFE Centre operated by Mass Welfare Society (Amar Sport Welfare and Cultural Society, 37/1A, Topsia 2nd Lane, Kolkata – 700 039). During the meeting, she was informed about the Child's Right to Development and the importance of education. Nasreen started coming to the centre but was initially very irregular. However, by frequently visiting her home and encouraging her and her mother, Nasreen gradually became more regular and then used to attend classes at the Centre almost everyday.

After continuing classes at the Centre for almost a year, Nasreen was prepared to join formal school. She was admitted into Monu Memorial Institution and is currently studying there in Class V.