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DIOCESAN SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (DSSS)

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DIRECT FAMILY FUNDING (DFF)

CHALICE CANADA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Direct Family Funding Chalice Sponsorship Programme Intervention includes:

1. Sponsorship of children
2. Nutrition Program
3. Capital Projects and Human Development Programs

Since 2011, Chalice Sponsorship Program under the Direct Family Funding has reached out to seven villages of Manipur, namely:

1. Keihao (KEI)
2. Shandangsenba (SDG)
3. Yaipharok (YAI)
4. Phunal Khunjao (PKJ)
5. Phunal Khunou (PKN)

6. Lamlongei (LAM)

7. Taoramphai (TAO)

615 children are sponsored under the Chalice Sponsorship Program to pursue their academic careers in different fields in the seven villages. 31 (thirty-one) Chalice Circle Groups were formed within the sponsored families of each village. Under the sponsorship program, Chalice also provides assistance to sustain the family's livelihood by providing skills and financial help in Health and Hygiene, Income Generation, Community Development programs, savings etc.

Operational area:	Imphal West & Kangpokpi
No. of villages	07
No. of Sponsored Children	615
No. of Sponsored Families	449
No. of Chalice Circle Groups	31

Key Interventions and Achievements

- **Education Access:** Achieved 100% enrolment in regular schools with a negligible dropout rate among sponsored children.
- **Family Development:** All sponsored families have formulated a family goal statement to drive their growth and ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Monthly Chalice Circle meetings have been successfully conducted.
 - A 97% participation rate was achieved in Chalice Circle Group meetings.
- **Financial Support:** Disbursed the DFF fund to each sponsored child over four quarters.
- **Post-Secondary Support:** Provided targeted support (PSS) to two sponsored children to facilitate further education.
- **Savings Initiative:** Encouraged and cultivated the habit of savings through Circle Group activities.

Programs for Sponsored Children

- **Adolescence Collectives Program:** Delivered specialized programs aimed at addressing the challenges and developmental needs of adolescents.
- **Dry Food Provision:** Procured and distributed dry food for sponsored families under the Gift Catalogue initiative.
- **Capacity Building:** Conducted refresher training for Chalice Circle Group Leaders and Bookkeepers to enhance program efficiency and management.
- **Post-Secondary Support Enhancement:** Extended additional support to two sponsored children for their post-secondary educational endeavors.

SUCCESS STORY

1. SUCCESS STORY OF A SPONSORED STUDENT

From Adversity to Triumph: Angphun Angson Maring's Journey to Becoming a doctor

Angphun Angson Maring, a young man from Phunal Khunjao village in Manipur, India, has defied the odds to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor. Born into a family of six, Angphun faced numerous

challenges, including poverty and limited access to quality education. Despite these hurdles, Angphun remained determined to succeed. His parents, though struggling to make ends meet, supported his ambitions. In 2013, Angphun's life took a turning point when he was selected for the Chalice sponsorship program. This life-changing opportunity provided him with financial support, hope, and encouragement

With the backing of the Chalice Sponsored program, Angphun excelled academically, completing his secondary education. Angphun, with the consistent support of the Chalice family, successfully cleared the NEET exam and secured admission to the esteemed Shija Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal. This remarkable achievement marked a significant milestone in his journey, bringing him closer to realizing his dream of becoming a doctor. His journey is a testament to the transformative power of education, perseverance, and kindness.



Today, Angphun is grateful for the generosity of his sponsor and the support of the Chalice program. He hopes to use his medical education to serve those in need, especially in underprivileged areas. Angphun's story inspires others to believe in a brighter future, no matter the obstacles.

Angphun and his family extend their deepest gratitude to Chalice Canada Sponsorship Program for making his dream a reality. Their support has brought hope and transformation to their lives.

2. SUCCESS STORY OF A SPONSORED STUDENT

From Humble Beginnings to a Bright Future: Francis Konghay's Journey

Francis Konghay, a driven and diligent student from a rural village in Manipur, India, has overcome incredible obstacles to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor. Born to a poor farmer with an unsteady income, Francis is the eldest of four siblings. His parents struggled to make ends meet, leaving them uncertain about providing for their children's educational expenses.

Despite these challenges, Francis remained resolute in his determination to succeed. He understood that education was the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Francis's perseverance paid off in 2019 when he joined the Chalice sponsorship program while in grade 10.

With the support of his generous sponsor, Francis completed his secondary education and went on to appear for the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) to pursue a medical course. Through his hard work and the backing of Chalice, Francis successfully cleared the entrance test and secured admission to the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal.

Francis attributes his success to the kindness and generosity of his sponsor and the entire Chalice family. He views life with immense positivity, inspired by the support he has received. Francis's story is a testament to the transformative power of education, perseverance, and kindness.



CHALICE CIRCLE GROUP MEETING



CRITICAL NEEDS (CN) REPORT:

In early July 2024, sponsored child Parhai Mothilphul (PKN1022) experienced severe body aches and fever. Initially taken to Keirao Primary Health Centre (PHC), the child was referred to Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Science (JNIMS) after the PHC found its facilities inadequate for the serious symptoms. At JNIMS, the child was diagnosed with severe typhoid/typhus. Unable to afford the high treatment costs, the family was forced to borrow money from a local lender, leaving them distressed. Upon learning of the situation, the Chalice Sponsorship Program in Imphal promptly contacted the family and visited the hospital. The Program Coordinator informed the family about the Critical Needs Fund, emergency assistance benefits available through Chalice.

A proposal was quickly submitted, and after verifying the necessary bills and receipts, Chalice Canada reimbursed the treatment expenses of Rs. 46,461 directly to the family's Direct Family Funding (DFF) bank account. This timely intervention significantly alleviated the financial burden on the family. Parhai has now recovered well, with regular follow-up check-ups in place. The child is eagerly looking forward to returning to regular classes and resuming a normal life. The family expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support received from Chalice Sponsorship Programme during this challenging time.

The sponsored child PKN1022 (L) during treatment in the hospital and (R) after treatment and post discharged visited by the Site



CHRISTMAS REPORT 2024: Christmas Celebration Reflects Resilience Amid Conflict

In a departure from the traditional exuberance of previous years, the Chalice Canada-sponsored community in Imphal, Manipur, observed a subdued yet profoundly meaningful Christmas celebration. Due to ongoing regional conflict and associated safety concerns, the usual cultural performances, carol singing, and gift exchanges were set aside. Instead, the community gathered for a prayer chain on

Christmas Day—a unifying act of faith and hope. The prayer chain, themed “Prayer for Peace in the State,” was thoughtfully organized by the sponsored children and their parents. Participants fervently prayed for:

Peace: Seeking divine intervention to restore stability and end the violence in Manipur.

Sponsors: Expressing heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support from Chalice Canada, with prayers for the well-being and prosperity of their sponsors and families.

Unity and Hope: Asking for God’s guidance to strengthen community bonds and foster a collective spirit of hope amid trying times.

While the celebration was notably modest, it served as a powerful reminder of the community’s resilience. The simple yet sincere expressions of worship, whether through song, scripture, or prayer, reaffirmed their steadfast faith and commitment to one another. Additionally, the Christmas fund was distributed directly to the sponsored bank accounts, reinforcing the spirit of care and support that defines the Chalice Canada mission.

This reflective celebration stands as a testament to the enduring hope and solidarity within the community, even in the face of adversity.



SDG1132



PKJ1046



SDG1120



SDG1164

Gift Catalogue#25B Post-Secondary Support, PSS

Brief Report:

During the July–September 2024 quarter, the Imphal site implemented the Gift Catalogue #25B program as a direct response to the struggles faced by sponsored families amid the ongoing ethnic crisis. In a consensus decision reached during a monthly Chalice Circle Groups (CCG) meeting, the initiative was designed not only to provide dry ration support to families but also to alleviate the financial burden on children pursuing professional careers.

Financial Assistance Details:

- **Allocated Funds:** The program allocated Rs. 1,97,978/-, which was distributed directly to the bank accounts of the sponsored children.

- **Utilization:** The funds were primarily directed toward covering education-related expenses such as admission fees, tuition, and other professional career costs, easing the financial strain on families during challenging times.

Pending Disbursement:

One sponsored child, identified by code SDG1062 and currently pursuing a medical degree, has not received the allocated funds due to a postponement of admission caused by the ongoing conflict in Manipur. The pending disbursement for this child is scheduled for completion in the October–December 2024 quarter.

Sl. No	Name of the entitled sponsored	Sponsored code No.	Amount INR	Status
1	Necia Naorem	LAM1065	9899/-	Completed
2	Modarlung Keishang	SDG1015	14848/-	Completed
3	Keishang Morungkung	SDG1016	14848/-	Completed
4	Molung Moninglung	SDG1042	14848/-	Completed
5	Molung Morungphom	SDG1044	9899/-	Completed
6	Khulpu Daring	SDG1073	9899/-	Completed
7	Koning Korungcha	SDG1139	14848/-	Completed
8	Parhai Mongam	PKJ1008	49494/-	Completed
9	Rukrak Koshilngam	PKJ1024	9899/-	Completed
10	Koman Morungman	PKJ1029	9899/-	Completed
11	L. Khuring	SDG1039	9899/-	Completed
12	Molung Muidou	SDG1147	9899/-	Completed
13	Thangsa Tothum	SDG1062	14848/-	Completed

Photos of GC#



LAM1065 Necia Naorem Nursing student



SDG1062 Tothum Thangsha, pursuing MBBS, Medicine



PKJ1008 Parhai Mongam, Pursuing MBBS, Medicine

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONS FOR PEACE BUILDING IN NORTH EAST INDIA

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Introduction

The 5th Phase of Peace Building Project of Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS), Imphal under North East Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS), Guwahati was implemented since October, 2022 titled, “Empowering Communities and Institutions for Peacebuilding in North East India”, is well-positioned to bring about community-based peace building processes in the context of Manipur where cycle of communal violence have been taking place which created fear and mistrust among various ethnic communities. Moreover, the region being of highly diverse linguistic groups, identities, cultures and histories, the ethnic communities struggling for their own political rights and space also lands up in inter-ethnic conflicts based on overlapping claims and counterclaims over territories. It is in this context, peace building mission and programs of DSSS, Imphal under NEDSSS, Guwahati finds the relevance in supporting peace building capacities at grassroots level while the Government has been making its relentless efforts to reduce violence and ensure economic development infrastructures, and civil societies play critical roles of addressing genuine issues of the peoples.

Project Goal: Communities living in North East India with focus on 23 districts of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura will take steps towards reconciliation through mutual respect, reduced violence, confidence-building measures and building bridges of trust in each other

Objective 1: Individuals are empowered to prevent, mitigate conflict and foster peaceful co-existence.

Output 1: 60% targeted individuals' capacities are built and are engaged in peace promotion activities.

Objective 2: Community structures/networks at the village/district/state/regional levels are strengthened to encourage reconciliation, violence reduction, mutual exchange and learning leading to peace and harmony.

Output 2.1: 23 districts have community structures whose capacities are built to address local issues of peace & social justice.

Output 2.2: Existing networks of opinion shapers at regional/state/district levels involved in peace processes network and dialogue and take proactive measures when violent conflicts are imminent.

Output 2.3: 60% communities are educated through peace education (IEC) materials and increase in inter-ethnic and inter-cultural dialogue and building mutual respect, confidence and trust among different communities.

Objective 3: Educational institutions are enabled through peace building measures and peace education to mitigate conflicts, built mutual respect, confidence and trust among children from different communities.

Output 3.1: 60% education institutions in the target districts have peace education component as part of school system.

Output 3.2: 60% Members of peace clubs critically question conflict patterns, deal with conflict constructively and are actively involved in building mutual respect, confidence and trust among themselves.

AREA OF OPERATION

Sl.N	Name of Districts	No of villages	No of Schools
1	Churachandpur	5	3
2	Chandel	5	3
3	Senapati	5	4
4	Ukhrul	5	3
	4	20	13

Below are the activities carried out during the Reporting Period

(April, 2024 to 28th February, 2025)

Budget Code	Name of Activities	Total targets	Achievement			
			No of activities conducted	No of Male	No of Female	Total participants
A4.1	Training of village leaders on peace building	60	50	480	450	930
A4.2	Training of religious leaders on conflict resolution, mediation and dialogue	1	1	35	15	50
A4.3	Workshop on Conflict sensitivity across projects for project coordinators of different projects	1	1	15	10	25
A4.4	Training programme for Women leaders on peace building, mediation and dialogue	3	2	NA	47	47
A4.5	Training programme for Youth leaders on peace building, conflict resolutions, mediation, resource mobilisation	8	6	180	150	330

A4.6	Orientation and peace building techniques training for project staff	1	1	4	3	7
A4.7	Monthly Review Meeting for the Field Staff	12	11	4	3	7
A4.8	Inter-District Task Force Meet cum Training for owning up of the programme	4	2	102	92	194
A4.9	Community Based Workshops	4	4	60	65	125
A4.10	Consultation/Networking meetings at district level	8	6	108	98	206
A4.11	Interfaith dialogue and networking meetings at state level	1	1	27	8	35
A4.12	Joint community (Inter-ethnic) cultural events to promote peace culture, harmony and acceptance.	16	10	340	320	660
A4.13	Documentation and Newsletter	1	1	50	50	100
A4.14	Seminar and Training for School heads and teachers.	2	2	45	33	78
A4.15	Peace Club Meetings & Celebrations.	91	85	1365	1375	2740
A4.16	Capacity building training of peace club leaders at state level	2	1	21	19	40
A4.17	Annual inter-school programme	4	4	795	780	1575
	Total No of activities	219	188	3631	3518	7149

Overall outcome of the activities:

A4.1: Training of village leaders on peace building: Village leaders comprising of village authority members, youth leaders and women leaders in the village have been trained on the concept of peace, peace building techniques, mediation, negotiation and conflict resolution. As a result they have started initiating the process of mediation and discussion with their neighbours about peaceful coexistence among different ethnic communities.

A4.2: Training of religious leaders on conflict resolution, mediation and dialogue: Religious Leaders from different faiths/Christian denominations attended two days' workshop on conflict resolution, mediation and dialogue. They have affirmed and resolved to start initiating the process of dialogue with different community leaders to build up mutual understanding and respect for diverse cultures.

A4.3: Workshop on Conflict sensitivity across projects for project coordinators of different projects: A One Day Workshop was conducted for Project Staffs of DSSS and have affirmed that the project coordinators and the project field staffs will incorporate peace building awareness for communities in project fields.

A4.4: Training programme for Women leaders on peace building, mediation and dialogue: Women leaders from different districts attended the programme and they are aware of the important role & responsibilities of women on peace building, mediation and dialogue.

A4.5: Training programme for Youth leaders on peace building, conflict resolutions, mediation and resource mobilisation: Youth leaders participated at the programme conducted in 20 villages of 4 districts. They have learned that youths play a vital role on peace building, conflict resolutions, mediation and resource mobilisation. Youth leaders have started organising sports for children and youth, cleanliness drive in their villages with an aim to bring children and youth together so that they get a chance to interact with one another and build up cordial friendship.

A4.6: Orientation and peace building techniques training for project staff: 7 Project Staffs were oriented on peace building techniques training and documentation.

A4.7: Monthly review meeting for the Field Staff: The Project Field Staffs from 4 districts along with the Project Director, the Project Coordinator and the Project Researcher reviewed the progress of activities in the field and discussed on strategies to overcome challenges/issues being faced in the field.

A4.8: Inter-District Task Force Meet cum Training for owning up of the programme: District level youth leaders have been trained and equipped with skills on conflict resolution and mediation. They have been initiating peace process at grassroot levels with the communities in the villages.

A4.9: Community Based Workshops: Parents and guardians were given awareness on child psychology, Juvenile delinquency, causes of suicide cases and child rights. They have gained the basic knowledge of child's rights and the essential role of parents and guardians about good parenting.

A4.10: Consultation/Networking meetings at district level: Different local level CSOs and organizations such as Youth Club, Women Society and religious leaders came together and discussed about their role and responsibility on conflict resolution and mediation.

A4.11: Interfaith dialogue and networking meetings at state level: Different faith leaders across the state attended a one-day workshop on peace building process on the context of the current situation in the state. The participants have resolved to start initiating intra-community dialogue on rebuilding mutual understanding for peace and harmony.

A4.12: Joint community (Inter-ethnic) cultural events to promote peace culture, harmony and acceptance: Participants from different ethnic communities came together and celebrated cultural day to mark their unity in diversity in a common social platform where they could interact with one another promoting and appreciating each other's culture for communal peace and harmony in the state.

A4.13: Documentation and Newsletter: 50 copies of booklet about the principles, procedures and steps of peace celebrations & meetings for school peace clubs were printed and distributed to the school peace club children.

A4.14: Seminar and Training for School heads and teachers: Teachers from 13 schools of 4 districts: Churachandpur, Chandel, Senapati and Ukhrul were trained and equipped with the basic knowledge for the effective functioning of peace clubs in the schools. As a result, the school peace clubs are functioning well with the active participation of school children and support of the school authority.

A4.15: Peace Club Meetings & Celebrations: School Peace Club children under the guidance of their respective School Teacher Animators and the Teacher Coordinators have learned the Seven Principles of Peace Building and the Seven Steps of Peace Meetings & Celebrations. As a part of an activity for Peace with Environment, the school peace club children have been carrying out cleanliness drive once in a week in and around their school campus.

A4.16: Capacity building training of peace club leaders at state level: Peace Committee Leaders from 13 school peace clubs of 4 districts attended a Two-Day capacity building training programme. The school peace club leaders were trained and equipped with skills to conduct the programme effectively in the schools.

A4.17: Annual inter-school programme: Peace Club Children from three and four different schools in each of the four districts came together and celebrated the joy of meeting one another again and making new friendship with the new members. Solo, group Singing and Painting/drawing competitions on peace were conducted for the children. Prizes were given away to the participants of the competitions.

Conclusion:

The implementation of the peace program in the state of Manipur continues to take place with the active engagement of youth leaders, village leaders, women leaders, Faith leaders and social activists in the communities internalizing and putting in to practice the learning on peace in the midst of ethnic violence in the state. We are hopeful of better times ahead so as to successfully implement the program and achieve the goal of communal peace & harmony in the society.

PRADHAN MANTRI MATSYA SAMPADA YOJANA (PMMSY)



Executive Summary:

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is a Central govt. scheme under Ministry of Cooperatives implemented by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) with an aim to achieve inclusive and sustainable transformation of the Fisheries sector through the creation of a holistic and supportive ecosystem. The project is being implemented in two districts of Manipur: Bishnupur and Chandel since February, 2023. The central Implementing Agency (NCDC) empaneled DSSS as a Cluster Based Business Organization (CBBO) to nurture and promote Fish Farmers Producers Organizations (FFPOs). Henceforth, Bishnupur District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited was formed and registered at Bishnupur District Cooperative Society on 11th January, 2023 initially with 350 fish farmers as members of FFPO and Chandel District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited was formed and registered at Chandel District Cooperative Society on 10th January, 2023, initially with 100 fish farmers as members of the FFPO. The targeted No. of fish farmers for Bishnupur District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited is 500 and 300 for Chandel District FFPO during 3 financial years; 2022 to 2025. As of April, 2024 to February, 2025, Bishnupur District FFPO has enrolled 375 fish farmers and Chandel District FFPO has enrolled 125 fish farmers.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT DURING APRIL, 2024 TO FEBRUARY, 2025

Sl.No	Activities	Month & Year	Location	Total No of participants/Members
1	Mobilisation and Awareness Programmes for Fish Farmers	18 th April, 2024	Bishnupur & Chandel	550
2	Chandel District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited registered	10 th May, 2024	Chandel District Cooperative Society	125
3	Bishnupur District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited registered	15 th June, 2024	Bishnupur District Cooperative Society	400
4	Distribution of Fish feed to fish farmers	20 th October, 2024	Bishnupur District FFPO	250
5	Distribution of fish fingerlings to fish farmers	16 th October, 2024	Bishnupur District FFPO	250
6	GST, FSSAI, ONDC completed and obtained for Bishnupur and Chandel FFPOs	20 th June, 2024	Bishnupur & Chandel FFPOs	
7	Mobilisation & Awareness Programmes for new fish farmers conducted	30 th & 31 st July, 2024	Bishnupur and Chandel Districts	120
8	Field Visits by Deputy Director, NCDC, Regional Office, Guwahati (NE) to assess the progress of FFPOs.	11 th December, 2024	Bishnupur and Chandel District FFPOs	Staff of CBBO & FFPOs
9	Monthly online review meeting conducted by NCDC			
10	Submission of weekly & Monthly Report to NCDC Regional Office, Guwahati (NE)			
11	District level awareness programme on PMMSY, FIDF & LIFIC	17-01-2025	Kiyamba Shanglen (Community Hall), Bishnupur	420

Action Plan: CBBO-DSSS, Imphal has been carrying out activities as per the milestone and guidelines of NCDC and has achieved the targets till date. Distribution of certificates for share-holders/fish farmers of Chandel District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited and Bishnupur District FFPO Cooperative Society Limited are under process to carry out in the next financial year, 2025 -2026.

Challenges: Delay in fund release from NCDC/Ministry has caused financial constrain to carry out activities in time

ACTIVITIES PHOTOS GALLERY

Mobilisation & Awareness Programmes



IMPROVING ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES; AND FOR DISEASES/ CONDITIONS OF DISTRICT LEVEL IMPORTANCE



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INTRODUCTION

Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS) in Manipur has been actively involved in health-related initiatives, particularly through MISEREOR project which is organized by North East Diocesan Social Service Society Guwahati Assam. The project covers three districts Ukhrul, Senapati and Chandel. Project is implemented in 5 health centres containing of 8 villages each, that is of total 40 villages. The centres are situated in Chingjaroi and Longpi in Ukhrul district, Purul and Willong in Senapati district and Tengenoupal in Chandel District. Since the project covers three important districts of Manipur where the most poor and vulnerable people reside/live. Mainly their occupation is agriculture and daily wages. There are lots of positive changes in the life of women and children. Especially in the areas of scanning of pregnant women has been improved, mortality rate has been reduced and the rate of vaccination has gone high. Women became more aware of taking nutritious food during pregnancy and during breast feeding. People cooperate with the activities of the project because they get opportunity to update knowledge regarding health and self-care. Pregnant women are more access to health care centres. Compared to last year the rate of immunization of lactating women and children has gone high. Around 80% of women go for institutional delivery. Malnutrition in children under the age 5 is found 0% in Manipur compared to the data presented last six months. People became more aware of personal hygiene. This project is a blessing for countless women who nurture their lives daily and the lives of their children, and saving number of children from childhood illness and even from early childhood death. Through this project not only women and children but entire target group communities are benefiting through

various activities like non budget activity, medical camp and home visit not only women and children but all men young and old are benefiting the project.

There is also negative impact that becomes hindrance for community's growth. Like - people may become over dependant on external support, reducing local initiative for sustainable solutions. Miscommunications and rumour report creates distrust in health interventions. Such as vaccines, institutional deliveries and scanning's etc.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES:

Objective No 1. Pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under the age of five are provided complete cascade of maternal and child health services (including ANC, institutional delivery, appropriate feeding, growth monitoring, nutrition, immunization and treatment of various ailments).

Objective No. 2: Comprehensive (primary to tertiary treatment) medical services are made available to the people with Skin diseases, cancer and eye care, substance abuse

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Training to peer educators and field coordinators
- ❖ Community Meetings
 - Peer group meeting
 - Meetings of community leaders and FLWs
- ❖ Referral services
- ❖ Implementation of government guidelines
- ❖ Linkages
- ❖ Social and Behavioural Change Communication (SBCC) and IEC:
- ❖ Networking and Partnership with Government:

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES EMPLEMENTEDIN IN THE YEAR 2024-25

S.L.	ACTIVITIES	No of activities	No of Participants	
			Male	Female
1.	Refresher training to peer educators and health coordinators (with inclusion of inputs on F-IMNCI& C-IMNCI	1	03	44
2.	Social and behavioural change communication (SBCC) and IEC	1	02	37
3.	Community meeting VHW -peer educators meeting (Village level)	240	706	3186
4.	Awareness activities at community level (Health Centre level)	20	226	669
5.	Monthly review and planning meeting (health centre level)	60	26	507
6.	Quarterly review and planning meeting (State level)	04	04	22
7.	Daily home visit and monthly reporting by peer educators (Village level)	9600	40246	44520
Total activities		9926	412113	48528

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The number of participants in the activities are more this year , compared to last year.
- 90% of women go for institutional deliveries.
- Due to improved sanitation, deduced the spread of infectious diseases.
- Malnutrition in children under the age 5 is found 0% in Manipur compared to data provided last six months.

CHALLENGES

- ❖ Communication barriers due to bad weather in rainy season in some of the target Areas.
- ❖ Heavy rainfall of this year, have caused road blocks due to land slide, it is difficult to travel in the villages and to come to the market.
- ❖ Since then, the ethnic clash took place in the state, it is hard to get transport facility for Tengenoupal to Imphal
- ❖ In the time of plantation people are not available to conduct activities.
- ❖ Transfers of supervisors every year is another great challenge.

STRATEGIES FOR EVALUATION:

- + Meetings and report presentation with the Staff members in the state office together with other project members: It helps the coordinator to be up to date with the reports and to fulfil the activities within the time bound period. It is also an opportunity to make comparison with other projects progress.
- + Meetings with field supervisors and peer educators: During field visit meeting with VHWs and supervisors helps to know more deeply about the real situation of the target area. Because each centre and village is unique with different needs and problems. It also helps to know the progress of the work and to evaluate its successes and drawbacks. It also provides platform to clarify various doubts, in order to bring better results in the next activities.
- + Quarterly Review and Planning Meetings (state level): Every quarterly there is regular review meeting in which the supervisors are guided by the director, coordinator and accountant. It is a platform where supervisors present their quarterly reports and are given better directions for the upcoming activities.
- + Field visit: Every year field visit is done by our project manager and assistant project manager. It is one of the most important project evaluations where Activity reports and photos are monitored. Guidance is provided to project coordinator, supervisors and Peer- educators and make them understand more better the project objectives, activities and outcomes.
- + Gives better direction to the project implementation, result and conclusion?
- + The field workers are clear about the goal and objectives of the project.
- + The field workers are aware of the importance of Vaccination and able to encourage village community.
- + They are responsible for their work but some are not able to write in English.

Photos of each activity of the year 2024-25

Activity1. Refresher Training to Peer Educators and Health Coordinators



Activity 2. Community Meetings VHW- Peer Educators Meeting



Activity 3. Social and Behavioural Change Communication on (SBCC) and IEC



Activity 4. Awareness activity at Community Level / Health Camp



Activity 5. Monthly Review and Planning Meeting (At Health Centres level)



Activity 6. Quarterly Review and Planning Meetings (At State Level)



Activity 7. Daily Home Visits Monthly Reporting by Peer Educators



Conclusion:

This report provides an overview of health activities conducted in 40 villages across five centers over six months. Implemented by the North East Diocesan Social Service Society in collaboration with DSSS Imphal, the project aimed to empower rural communities with better health awareness and rights. A significant number of men, women, youth, elderly, and children, including village leaders, actively participated in various programs. Special focus was given to lactating mothers, children under five, and adolescent girls. Key lessons emphasized nutrition, personal hygiene, and self-care, with increased awareness about timely vaccinations and prenatal check-ups. The project proved highly relevant in Manipur's hilly regions, where basic healthcare remains scarce due to political challenges. However, there is a growing demand for expanded primary medical care during house visits. Additionally, including men in health programs could enhance family health planning and support for pregnant women, given their role in decision-making. This initiative has been a vital support for countless families, fostering improved health practices in vulnerable communities.

SAFE PROTECTIVE ENABLING ENVIRONMENT & DIGNITY FOR POC (SPEED)



INTRODUCTION

SPEED project was initiative with the core areas on Health, WASH & Shelter, Protection & Food security for the most vulnerable Population of Concerns under Tengenoupal and Kamjong District of Manipur. The Project was funded by BPRM-US government through the partner of CRS-Catholic Relief Services.

Under this project DSSS has achieved significant milestones through various activities aimed at empowering the community and promoting sustainable development through “**Safe Protective Enabling Environment & Dignity for POC**”. Through various activities, we are able to reach an approximately 8970 individuals included host community roughly of 520 individuals.

1. CVA Food Distribution Tengenoupal:

CVA food was distributed for the 314HH for two months of 252 POCs and 62 host (POCs 514/522 & Host 159/154). Additional 4 months CVA food support was given to 200HH pocs and 77host community with a total 277HH. A total of 1189 beneficiaries of male 414 & female 437 POCs & male 178 & female 160 hosts. CVA Food Support Kamjong: CVA-food support was given to 781HH under Kamjong district namely, Phaikok, Thana (Ramphoi), Skipe, Pilog, Kaka Ashangkullen, Wanglee and Namlee. The support was for two months. We are able to reach a total of 2962 beneficiaries of which 1450 male and 1512 female. So, both Kamjong and Tengenoupal we are able to reach 5500 individuals of 4849 POCs (2378 male/2471 female) and 651 Host (337male and 314 female).



2. Dignity Kits:

During this quarter the staff conducted **Dignity Kit distribution** at different POCs location. A total of 1105 kit was successfully distributed to girls and women from 12-49 yrs. Another additional 36 kits was also distributed at Kamjong distributed for the POCs as in the previous distribution we are unable to reach out to all.

3. Reception Kits:

During this **Quarter reception kits distribution was done for a total of 89 POCs household** The kits included Blankets, sleeping mat, Mosquito net, washing soap, Bathing soap, Lungi, baby cloth, Sanitary pads, Mug, Plastic bucket, solar etc. The project reaches out 385 individuals where male – 198 & female- 187 through the reception kits.



4. Mobile Health Camp:

A total of 14 mobile health camp was conducted during this quarter in both Tengenoupal and Kamjong District. Through this support we are able to reach a total of 1286 POCs (455m/831f) and 246 host community (91m/155f). A total of 10 Mobile health camp was conducted at Moreh with a total individual reach out 820 POCs and 246 host community under Tengenoupal. The mobile health camp was conducted in collaboration with Assam Rifles and MACS (Manipur Aids Control Society).

Mobile health camp was also conducted at Kamjong district at four locations. A total of 466 individuals were reached out (150 male & 316 female). The camp was conducted in collaboration with PHC-Kamjong along with the SDC-Kamjong.

5. Essential Medical Supply:

Two times medical supply was given to PHC-Moreh both medicines and non-medicines during this quarter. And also, medical supply was given to PHC-Kamjong for two times. The supply includes both medicines and non-medicines. So, a total of 4 times medical supply was done in two district.

6. Couple Session:

A total of 22 group sessions was conducted with a total individual reached out was 154 of which 75 males and 79 females. The sessions took place in a mix of rural and urban areas with a focus on reaching

out to various villages in the operational areas of Tengenoupal district. The sessions were structured by including pre and Post-test to assess the effectiveness of the program delivered.

7. Positive Parenting:

Through Positive parenting a total of 301 participants were engaged across 22 groups. The sessions included 140 males and 161 females, indicating a relatively balanced gender representation of couples within the program.

8. Life Skills Education:

The field staff were able to facilitate 63 children's (31 male & 32 female). Life skills education facilitation was conducted for POCs children with an objective to enhance their communications among them so as to enable them to make new friends. They were also taught how to accept others as they are and respect the views of other and develop better self-awareness regarding individual responses to conflict situation, to enable PoCs children to understand that assertive skills reduce vulnerability.

9. Events for CFLS-Centre:

One day annual events for the children of child friendly space was conducted in all the five location 2 in Kamjong and 3 in Tengenoupal.

For Tengenoupal it was conducted at Lhangcham village for the three CFLS centre (Jangnoi village, New Shijang village, Lhangcham village). There were about 84 POCs children (50 female & 34 male) from the three centre. The Project staff had a collaboration with the AR (Assam Rifles) for security and transportations of POCs children. Another program for CFLS was also conducted at Kamjong for Phaikok and Thana-CFLS. At Phaikok one day games and sport were conducted and at Thana drawing competition was conducted. In both the location the winners were acknowledge with prize.

10. User Group Promotion:

User Group Promotion was conducted by the field staff in 9 location (T.Leijangphai village, T.V Gamnomphai village,Haolenphai village, Y. Ngahmun village, H.Munnom village, Lhangcham village, New Salbung village, Bongyang village, Jangnoi village) where WASH (toilet) construction and repaired/ improved was conducted . A total of 15 groups for the User Group Promotion were conducted in different location with a total participants of 125 individuals (male 47&78 female).

11. Refresher Training on learning methodologies (CFLS and Language skill Training)

Refresher training for CFLS and Language Skill Training facilitators was conducted on Date: 25th July, 2024 with an accompaniment of BFCs at DSSS field office. A total of 10 individuals participated with the breakdown of 3 males and 7 females out of which 2 Language facilitators and 3 CFLS facilitators have successfully participated. The workshop was aimed for effective teaching techniques aimed at enhancing the teaching-learning process.

12. Training with frontline workers:

CHV training with frontline workers was conducted two times. There were 54 participants of which 5 male and 49 female). The training was conducted with the frontline Worker like the ICDS/ Anganwadi , ASHA worker and CHVs. The facilitation was conducted by ASHA Presidents of Tengenoupal District.

13. Interface meeting with CHVs and health care professional:

An interface meeting was held between CHVs and Healthcare professional Dr. Haominlun. The meeting at PHC included 8 participants (3 male and 5 female) with Dr. Haominlun. Discussions focused on CHVs role in referrals for pregnant mothers, vaccinations and immunization. Emphasis was placed on the necessity of medical vehicle for POCs transportation and a knowledgeable nurse on medicines so

as to assist the doctors and provide similar generic medicines to ensure consistent care during mobile health camps. The establishment of an emergency medical centre in remote areas was also proposed.

14. Refresher Training of BFCs on Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Mental Health and psychological support (MHPSS):

During the recent training session, participants engaged in a comprehensive learning experience focusing on (PFA) and related topics. The aims were to enhance the BFC capabilities as compassionate and resilient helpers.



The first segment of the training delved into the definition of PFA and highlighted the key focus areas of PFA. BFC participants and the facilitators participated in discussions centering on the fundamental principle of “DO NO HARM”, emphasizing the importance of prioritizing safety, dignity and rights of individuals in need of PFA support.

BFC were also briefed about the role of helper delivering PFA and MHPSS and the third Basic Action principles of PFA i.e. Look, Listen and Link (LLL) and essential skills and quality of a Helper.

15. CBO interface meeting with Protection Stakeholders.

The CBO interface meeting with Protection Stakeholders. CWG (centre for women and Girl), OSC (One stop Centre) and NEEDS (New Era Environmental Development Society) were the main protection stakeholders with the different Community Based Organisation . There was a total participant of 65 were 41 male and 24 female from different community-based organisations. The main topics discussed during this interface meeting was on Child Protection and Child Right, Mental Health Sensitization, Legal awareness for women.

16. CVA-PSWN:

A total of 150 individuals were given PWSN support in two district (Tengnoupal & Kamjong of which 28 male & 122 female.

The staff has reached out 85 POCs individuals (18male & 67 female) through PWSN who are Physically and mentally disable, Pregnant women, Lactating mother, old age, and POCs with Chronic illness like HIV/Aids, TB, Hep-B, Hep-C etc. The staff selected the POCs who are most vulnerable.

Another 67 individuals were also reach out at Kamjong district. The beneficiaries for it were handicap, PWSN, pregnant women, lactatcing women, UCM etc. The materials were also distributed along with the CMO, SDC and OC incharge. Total number of male is nine (9) and 58 female.

17. Interface meeting with BFC and Government Stakeholders:

The meeting was conducted on 5th of July, 2024 with a total of 15 individual with the breakdown of 5 males and 10 Females. Out of which 3 males and 4 females were from the government staff. Interface meeting with BFC & Govt. Protection Service Provider was conducted at Tengnoupal along with CWG (Centre for Women & Girl) & Sakhi One Stop Centre (OSC) which mainly support and educate the people on Gender Equity, Child Rights, Promote Peaceful Coexistence among the different community and also support Livelihood for GBV survivor. CWG & OSC is a team of young men and women from different Ethnic communities working in the foothills of Manipur.

18. Training for CBOs Representative

Training for CBOs Representative was conducted at Haolenphai village where different stakeholders like CSOs, CBOs, Village authority, POCs leader, Women Leader and Educational administrators etc participated in the training, there were 30 indivials (male 11 & 19 female) participated in the training. Most of the participants were unaware of the possible risk and GBV cases in their locations or settlement

areas. The training included the awareness of the available protection services for children and women and its appropriate support pathways.

19. Safety Walk Improvisation:

Safety Walk Improvisation proper street light was done in 19 locations where the POCs women and children identified vulnerability during the safety walk facilitation. After the Safety Walk improvisation most of the women and children no longer feared to move out at night and the cases like eve teasing and bullying at night have ceased to exist. With the safety walk improvisation the POCs women and children movement no longer restricted.

20. Training for POC entrepreneurs:

Training for the POCs entrepreneurs was conducted at Kamjong for the 9 entrepreneurs and Tengnoupal 9 entrepreneur. The training aimed was to enhance the entrepreneurs for better management of their business and how to scale the growth of the business. During the training the beneficiaries were also taught how to manage their finance and how to record their daily income. They were also taught how to rear the chicken example, proper lighting, water, feeding in time and protect from rain and wind etc. Other entrepreneurs who choose farming were also given instruction how to plan the vegetables and how to nurse the nursery during a tender period. For the grocery they were taught how to manage the stock and also check daily the needs of the customer and accordingly purchase the goods.

21. Language Skill Training:

A total of 94 individuals participated in language training sessions designed to enhance communication skills and promote social integration within the community place, market language, by-passing the security personnel and promoting inclusiveness among individuals from diverse backgrounds.

22. CVA-Shelter create Living Space:

Through the project a total of 55HH were given support for new shelter. A total of 259 individuals were able to reach out of which 91 male and 168 female.

23. CVA-Shelter Improve Living Space:

A total of 65HH were reached out through shelter repair (improve living space) with a total individual of 272 (131 male and 141 female). The aim of this support was for the safe space, privacy and also promote dignity for women and girls.

24. WASH New & WASH Repair:

A total of 55HH individuals were given new WASH support. Through this we are able to reach 228 individuals with 86 male and 142 female population. This support will enhance safe and dignity for women and girls child. The project had been able to give support to 40HH of which 83 male and 95 female. This support was given to those individuals whose shelter required repaired like, window, door, roof, wall and pit.

25. Coordination Meeting District Level.

Coordination Meeting with 5th AR was done for the security concern and safety of the staff travelling during office hour due to the ethnic conflict in the state. A coordination was done with the DC-Kamjong along with the other NGO's and CBOs like REACH-M, Adra (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) RTA-Raizan Traders Association, Tangkhul Catholic Association MSF (Doctor Without Border) Action Aid India. The main objective is for better collaboration & coordination



FACILITATING AGRICULTURAL RESILIENT MEASURES FOR NORTH EAST PHASE-IV (FARM NE IV)

MISEREOR



Project Goal:

Empowering communities in 12 villages of Thoubal, Tengnoupal, and Kangpokpi districts of Manipur to lead healthier lives by achieving food sovereignty.

Overall Impact: Through self-help and increased self-confidence, the living conditions of empowered communities have significantly improved in terms of economic stability, Panchayati Raj participation, and health.

Project Objectives:

1. **Food Security:** 1,117 targeted families can produce enough food to meet their nutritional needs both in quantity and quality.
2. **Climate Resilience:** 1,117 targeted families have increased their resilience against the massive impacts of climate change.
3. **Market Access:** 536 smallholder farmers (48% of 1,117 families) are able to sell their produce in local markets.

Project Area and Coverage:

The project is implemented across three districts, covering 12 villages with a total population of 4,467. The following table provides the details:

District	Block	Names of Villages	Total no. of HHs	Total Population		Total Population
				M	F	
Tengnoupal	Machi	KangoiKhunou	45	132	118	250
		KhunbiTuinem	47	126	133	259
		Thamlai	55	132	148	280
		LaichingKhunman	53	146	156	302
		LaichingMinou	130	414	386	800
		Wabaching	36	78	65	143
Kamjong	KasomKhullen	Chakama	45	108	114	222
		Irong Tangkhul	97	152	161	313
Kangpokpi	Island	Kongleiram	50	121	126	247
		Sandangsenba	155	357	346	703
		Laipharok	102	328	344	672
		Poirou Tangkhul	57	137	139	276
3	3	12	872	2,231	2,236	4,467

Key Activities Implemented:

1. Promotion of Composting Techniques

- Conducted in all 12 project villages (December 2023 - January 2024).
- Facilitators trained under MSRLM demonstrated various composting methods, including vermi-compost, weed compost, azolla compost, bio-dung, NADEP, and pipe composting.



- Farmers learned how to use natural raw materials such as banana stems and vegetable waste to produce organic compost.

2. Village Development Planning & Action Plan Integration

- Distributed Parkia and Tolhao saplings for plantation in community farms.
- Farmers' collectives in Laiching Minou planned large-scale foxtail millet and ginger cultivation as part of a mixed cropping system.
- Challenges: Ethnic clashes between Meitei and Kuki communities have disrupted market systems and transportation.



3. Orientation for Smallholder Institutions & Seed Preservation

- Conducted in January and March 2024.
- Encouraged farmers to create individual seed banks to preserve indigenous millet, cereal, and paddy varieties.
- Shared traditional seed storage methods, such as using bamboo baskets and dried gourds.



4. Promotion of Smallholders as "Seed Savers"

- Conducted in February and March 2024.
- Farmers were educated on the importance of preserving traditional seeds in the face of increasing hybrid and high-yield seed adoption.
- Foxtail millet seeds were sourced from Diphu, Assam, to aid in seed preservation efforts.



5. Promotion of Mushroom Cultivation

- Training held on March 27, 2024, at Poirou village with 41 participants.
- Mr. P. Loken from Manipur Industries Development Council (MIDC) provided hands-on training on oyster mushroom cultivation.
- Participants learned about proper substrate preparation, spawn layering, and ideal growing conditions.



6. Multi-Tier Orchard Development

- Conducted in April 2024 across five villages.
- Developed five orchards with lemon, litchi, Parkia, kinnow, mango, and sweet lemon trees.
- Barbed wire was provided to protect the farms from livestock.



7. Promotion of Post-Harvest Management

- Conducted in Poirou and Laiching villages in October 2024.
- Constructed two small storage huts for better farm produce storage.



Challenges Faced:

1. **Limited Market Access:** Ongoing ethnic tensions and lack of transport facilities hindered farmers' ability to sell their produce.
2. **Availability of Hybrid Seeds:** The preference for modern hybrid seeds threatens traditional seed varieties.
3. **Climate Change Impact:** Unpredictable weather patterns are affecting farming practices and yields.
4. **Delayed Funding:** Some planned activities for November 2024 to February 2025 were postponed due to funding delays.
5. **New Communities' Mindset:** Ten new villages joined the project, requiring additional time to familiarize them with FARM NE IV's objectives and methodologies.

Lessons Learned:

- Continuous awareness and counselling are necessary to help farmers understand and embrace the project's goals.
- Field staff must adapt to the cultural and geographical context of new villages for effective implementation.
- Farmers showed renewed interest in millet cultivation due to intervention efforts.
- The process of community mobilization and training is as crucial as the results achieved.

Conclusion:

Despite challenges such as ethnic conflicts, climate change, and funding delays, FARM NE IV has made significant strides in improving food security, seed preservation, and sustainable farming practices. The project has empowered farmers with knowledge, skills, and resources to enhance their livelihoods. Moving forward, strengthening market linkages, increasing climate adaptation efforts, and ensuring timely financial support will be crucial for sustaining and expanding the impact of FARM NE IV.

PROMOTION OF POOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL



The new phase of the project began on 1st April 2024. In the initial stage of implementing the project the village authority members along with the school authority selected the most deserving students from the respective 7 villages of the Hill districts of Manipur. The project coordinator collected the appeal letters, details of the family and the photos from the respective selected students for documentation. The same documents collected by the project coordinator is being submitted to the respective schools as the educational expenses is being transferred to the respective school accounts. The bills are collected from the respective schools for the amount paid and documented in DSSS office. The project coordinator/DSSS director visited the respective sponsored family and the schools where the sponsored students are studying. The project coordinator assisted the sponsored family in forming a small group consisting of 10 members each by the representative of the sponsored family members for creating a platform to save a little amount from their wages which ensure the saving habit of the family. Moreover enabling the family to look after other sibling to attend the school. Every month the group have meeting and discussed about the performance of the children. The members lend out the little savings they have in rotation wise to take up an income generation activities such as selling of vegetables, poultry, piggery etc. In collaboration with the respective schools authorities where the sponsored children are studying, conduct motivational training of the children apart from the payment of school admission fee, monthly school tuition fees and stationery items. The project fund has been utilized for the payment of admission fees, school tuition fees and purchasing of stationery item for 80 economically backward students. The project has helped 6 students who are affected by the ethnic violence for pursuing higher

studies with the additional amount of the project fund received. The project coordinator along with the pay the school visit annually and monitor the performance of the students. Annual progress report of the students is being maintained by the project coordinator. The respective school authority, DSSS director and project coordinator are involved in implementing the project.

The target groups are the students belong to economically backward, orphan, semi-orphan from the far flung villages of the 7 hill districts of Manipur. The students are in the age group of 7- 15 years. The school authority along with the village authority member selected the most deserving students from the respective villages.

The details of the target groups are as follows:-

Grade	Number of Students	
	M	F
2	3	2
3	4	2
4	5	2
5	6	4
6	4	5
7	8	8
8	6	3
9	7	5
10	1	5
TOTAL	44	36

The project is benefited by 80 students of which 44 are boys and 36 are girls. The students could avail the requirements of their educational expenses as per the budget allotted from the project

We have a great learning that there are many more deserving students in the respective villages where we are implementing the project. In the on going project we are focussing only to the students who are reading upto grade 10 but after grade 10 some of the students are unable to pursue further studies due to poverty. We felt that it would be more effective in eliminating poverty and to achieve substantial result by supporting some ambitious students for higher studies.

The project was based on promoting the economically backward students to attend the school upto grade 10 as the education is the far dream for the children living in the remote areas of the hill districts of Manipur. Agriculture is the preferred occupation, followed by hunting and few trade opportunity. Due to lack of exposure, poor education and market exposure, hill people tend to live clandestinely. Infrastructure and hill terrain has caused serious challenges in exposing and gearing towards socio-economic improvement. The project have been implemented with the aim to transform the lives of those economically backward families through educational support. The project has impacted the lives of those economically backward students from the 7 villages of the hill districts of Manipur. Despite of the challenges faced by the sponsored families, the parents or guarduans send their children to school with the strong believe that education is the only means to overcome poverty.



Fig 1: Ms. Abigail Singson, the one wearing brown colour is the sponsored child, reading in grade 7 at St. Dominic School. This year 2025, she will be reading in grade 8. She has the desire to become a nurse.



Fig 6: Ms. Kimparmoi prepare lessons of the day before and after she comes back from school.

Ms. Kimparmoi Tryte, a sponsored student reading in grade 9 at St. Dominic School of Phaitol village, Jiribam District, Manipur. She is 15 years old girl. She has 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Her parents are labourer, surviving hand to mouth. With the unstable income the parents are finding difficult to meet the educational expenses of the children and maintain the family as well. She is the 4th child of the family. Her older sibling are not able to pursue further studies after grade 10 due to poverty. Ms. Kimparmoi Tryte was chosen for the sponsorship program as she is a hard working and ambitious student among the siblings. She has the desire to pursue higher studies after grade 10 and aim to become a teacher and help the other younger siblings to support for their education. Science is her favourite subject and loves to play basketball.





Mr. Simon Muanminlal, a sponsored student of St. Xavier's school, Hanlon village, Manipur is now appearing grade 10 Board examination. He was in the SVG sponsorship programme for the past 6 years when he studied grade 5. His parents are daily wage labourer. He has 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Among the sibling he is the most hard working and ambitious student. He is a cheerful boy and loves to help others. He has the desire to be a civil service officer. After grade 10, he wants to go for further studies at a better place but his hope shattered seeing the financial conditions of his parents. Nevertheless, he has a strong determinaton to achieve his goal. On the otherhand he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to SVG for rendering the educational support that enabled him to appear grade 10 board examination whivh was commenced fro 19th February 2024.



Fig 5: Ms.Kimparmoi Tryte with the school uniform along with her mother and 2 younger siblings.



ENHANCE EMPLOYABILITY THROUGH VOCATIONAL AND SKILL TRAINING



Introduction

The project aimed to equip migrant youth, particularly those who returned home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with sustainable livelihood skills. The training programs were designed to enhance their employability and provide them with opportunities for self-reliance.

Project Goal: -

“To enhance sustainable alternative livelihood skills and stable income for 450 migrant adolescents and 600 migrant youth through the vocational training centre at DSSS Imphal by 2024”.

Specific Objectives of the project are:

- To establish Vocational Training Centre which promote skill building and provided skill building and livelihood promotion every year.
- To enhance the knowledge on environment consciousness and promoting sustainable agriculture/organic farming
- To form economic group of Adolescents and youths in every village of the target area
- To train the Adolescents and Youths on various skill training for economic empowerment.

Activities Achieved/Interventions:

1. Training on Sustainable Agriculture Practices/Organic Farming

The trainings were conducted to promote eco-friendly farming techniques, training sessions were conducted on sustainable agricultural practices and organic farming. Expertise in the field facilitated sessions on the importance of organic farming and various techniques such as organic fertilizers, composting, and natural pest control methods.



2. Food Processing Training

Training on food processing was organized to help participants learn preservation techniques and explore market opportunities. The training enabled participants to add value to their produce, thereby reducing waste and increasing income generation.



3. Training on Garment Production

30 young girls were provided with sustainable employment options through training on garment production. Participants were equipped with tailoring and stitching skills, enabling them to work from home and generate income.



4. Training on Homecare Items

Workshops were conducted on producing home care items such as detergents, soaps, phenyl, hand wash, dish wash liquid and toilet cleaners.



5. Basic Computer Training

25 Adolescent girls and boys were given basic computer training. Participants gained proficiency in basic computer operations, word processing, spreadsheet management, and other essential digital skills. This training enabled them to secure jobs in offices and other business establishments.



MISSION ORGANIC VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTH EAST REGION (MOVCDNER)



Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, implemented across eight North-eastern states: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. The scheme promotes certified organic production through a value chain approach, linking growers with consumers and supporting the entire process—from inputs, seeds, and certification to collection, aggregation, processing, marketing, and brand building.

The reporting period also marks a significant milestone for the MOVCDNER project, as it encompasses the completion of Phase III, which concluded in March 2024.

During this phase, the Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS), serving as a Service Provider under the Manipur Organic Mission Agency, was entrusted with the task of empowering 4,325 organic farmers

across 104 villages in the districts of Noney, Tengenoupal, Ukhrul, and Kamjong. Through extensive mobilization efforts, 202 Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) were formed, which were subsequently federated into nine Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs). Building on the progress from earlier phases, where two FPCs were established in Phase I and II, DSSS successfully expanded the network to 11 FPCs by the end of Phase III.

TRAININGS CONDUCTED

During the reporting period, a total of 139 training sessions were conducted to strengthen farmers' capacity and knowledge in organic farming practices. Of these, 7 training programs were organized at the DSSS level while the 132 trainings, were held at the field level across the project districts: Noney – 46 trainings, Ukhrul & Kamjong – 68 trainings and Tengenoupal – 18 trainings.

The topics of the trainings conducted were:

- i) Training on Group Management and Book Keeping (conducted at cluster level) ii) Training Program on Post-Harvest Management and Seed Preservation (conducted at cluster level)
- iii) One Day Training on Improved Agricultural Practices and Internal Control System Management (conducted at cluster level) iv) One Day Training Programme on Post-Harvest Management (conducted at cluster level)
- v) Training Programme on Post-Harvest Management and Seed Preservation (conducted at cluster level)
- vi) One Day Consumer Awareness Programme (conducted at Farmer Producer Company level by Semka FPC of Ukhrul)
- vii) Training on Post- Harvest Management and Seed Preservation (conducted at DSSS level)
- viii) Training for FPOs (conducted at DSSS level)
- ix) One Day Training Programme on Marketing and Sales of Agribusiness for the CEOs and Key Functionaries of FPOs (conducted at DSSS level)
- x) One Day Training Programme on ICS Management in Organic Farming for the ICS Managers, BOD, CEO, LRP & CDE of FPCs (conducted at DSSS level) xi) Handing over of ICS documents to Respective Authorized Representative of 11 FPCs (conducted at DSSS level)
- xii) 3 Days Residential Entrepreneurship Development Programme on Production, Processing and Value Addition of Economically Important Crops for the lead farmers of Farmer Producer Companies FPCs) (conducted at DSSS level) xiii) Hands-on Training Programme for making of vermi compost (conducted at DSSS level)

ANNUAL MONITORING VISITS TO FPCS

DSSS conducted nine monitoring visits to Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) during the reporting period. Led by the project manager and DSSS staff, some visits also included officials from the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA).

The team inspected Farmer Interest Group (FIG) farms, reviewed FPC office records, and assessed processing units, aggregation centers, solar drying houses, and other infrastructure. Additionally, they visited progressive farmers from each FPC to recognize and encourage their contributions.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS) under MOVCDNER has been honoured with multiple awards across various categories and exhibitions, recognizing its efforts in organic farming promotion, value chain development, and farmer empowerment. Below is a summary of the key awards received during Phase III of the project:

1. 3rd place in showcasing departmental activities at the Orange Festival (Dec 17–19, 2022) in Tamenglong HQ, Manipur, organized by the Government of Manipur.
2. Exhibitor Award at the Expo One Organic North East 2023 (Feb 3–5, 2023) in Guwahati, Assam, organized by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Assam.
3. 1st and 2nd prizes in the Best Organic Farmer category at the Agri Horti Expo & Buyer-Seller Meet (April 28–30, 2023) in Manipur, organized by the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Manipur.
4. Best Performing FPO Award under MOVCDNER to Reangluang Organic Farmers Producer Co. Ltd, Noney, by the Jaivik India Awards 2023 for contributions to the organic/natural farming sector (2022–23).

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS (APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2024)

During the reporting period, several significant activities and milestones were accomplished under MOVCDNER. These efforts contributed to strengthening Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), enhancing infrastructure, and promoting organic farming.

1. Awareness & Outreach: Poster campaigns conducted by all FPCs.
2. Infrastructure Development: Completion of processing units, aggregation centers, and FPC offices under the scheme.
3. Procurement Initiatives:
 - Machinery acquisition by FPCs.
 - Vehicle procurement (Bolero pickup) for all FPCs.
4. Market & Business Activities:
 - Various FPCs engaged in marketing initiatives to promote organic produce. □
 - Share price collection to strengthen FPC financials.
5. Capacity Building & Governance:
 - Board of Directors (BOD) meetings for all FPCs.
 - Annual General Body Meeting of the FPCs
 - Monthly review meetings for field functionaries and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of FPCs.
6. Field Operations & Production:
 - Regular field visits for farm inspections, progress monitoring, and identification of progressive farmers.
 - Harvesting of promoted crops by Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs).
 - Food processing activities, including turmeric drying and powder production, across various FPCs.
7. Certification & Compliance:
 - Renewal of organic certification for Phase I & II completed.
 - All FPCs successfully obtained National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) certification.

CONCLUSION

The Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS), under MOVCDNER, has made significant strides in promoting organic farming in Manipur. Through extensive training, infrastructure development, market integration, and certification, DSSS has strengthened the organic value chain while ensuring sustainable agricultural practices. The successful completion of Phase III in March 2024 marks a key milestone, with DSSS receiving multiple awards and recognitions for its contributions. These efforts lay a strong

foundation for continued growth, ensuring better opportunities and long-term sustainability for organic farmers in the region.

Activity Photos





REACH TO UNREACH (R2U)



Specific objective: The People of Concerns (PoCs) and (Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) have improved and uninterrupted access to essential resources for dignified living.

Number of unique beneficiaries:

Female	5,383
Male	4,968
Total	10,351

Age	Total	Female	Male
0-4 months	1,759	915	844
5-17 years	3,002	1,561	1,441
18-49 years	4,348	2,261	2,087
50 years and more	1,242	646	596

KEY INTERVENTIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

A. COMMUNITY BASED PROTECTION COMMUNITY (CbPCs)

The CbPC members are trained address any protection concerns of Children, adolescent, women in 32 camps. The CbPCs enable communities to advocate for protection concerns, identify vulnerabilities, and developed tailored strategies to address them. Altogether there are 395 members across 32 camps trained on protection issues.





B. STRENGTHENING PROTECTION AWARENESS THROUGH INFORMATION DISSEMINATION IN THE COMMUNITY FACILITATED BY THE CbPCs.

The Protection awareness meeting on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child protection were conducted in all 32 camps in four districts of Manipur. Altogether 7810 project participants received the awareness facilitated by the CbPCs. Resource person expert on Domestic violence, Juvenile Acts, POCSO ACT oriented the participants.

C. SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND BOYS ON PROTECTION CONCERNS USING THE TREE OF LIFE MODULE

During the project period, altogether 1140 boys and girls who age from 11 – 18 are oriented using the 'Tree of Life of Module'. This session empowers them to develop self-awareness, decision making skills, and coping mechanisms, identify potential risks, build their support network, identify resources within themselves, their families, peers, and communities, such as skills talents, trusted relationships and access necessary child protection services. knowledge, hopes and their dreams.



D. SESSIONS WITH MEN AND WOMEN ON ADDRESSING THE PROTECTION CONCERNS AMONG THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

After ethnic violence broke out in Manipur in the year 2023 between the Meitei community in and Kuki Zo community, both communities were affected adversely. Many families were compelled to live together in relief camps coming from villages and districts. This situation exposes them to a range of protection risks, including violence, exploitation, and lack of access to essential services. Both men and women experience displacement differently, and their protection concerns require gender-sensitive approaches to ensure their safety and dignity. DSSS Imphal R2U



staff in collaboration with CbPC members were able to conduct couple sessions in 32 camps reaching out to 3100 couples.

Some of the major protection concerns discussed are;

1. **Physical and Sexual Violence:** IDPs, especially women and girls, face heightened risks of gender-based violence (GBV), including sexual assault, exploitation, and trafficking.
2. **Access to Basic Needs:** IDPs often lack access to food, clean water, shelter, healthcare, and education.
3. **Psychosocial Trauma:** Displacement, conflict, and loss of livelihood can result in significant mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression, and trauma.
4. **Livelihood and Economic Security:** Displaced persons struggle to secure stable livelihoods, increasing their vulnerability to exploitation, especially women, who often have fewer opportunities to earn income.

E. PROVIDING LEGAL AND DOCUMENTATION SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS TO ENHANCE THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY

During the project period, altogether 500 individuals received their documents like Aadhaar card, Voter Cards, Birth Certificate, Death Certificate, PAN, Ration Card, Job Cards.



F. COORDINATION MEETING WITH GO-NGO BODIES AT STATE, DISTRICT AND LOCAL LEVEL

Numerous coordination meetings were held in 4 districts with multiple stake holders working in target locations. Altogether 14 coordination meeting were held with leaders of CSOs, NGOs and with Government officials.



G. TARGETED PROTECTION TO WOMEN AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION OF DIGNITY KITS.

Dignity Kits were distributed to 1592 adolescent girls and women to reduce their exposure to health risks in absence of safe and hygienic toilet in villages and camps.



H. VOUCHER BASED ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE POCS AND IDPS.

Voucher based assistance were to 100 beneficiaries to address their specific needs of persons with disabilities, unaccompanied minors, pregnant and lactating mothers, Single women and individuals with chronic illness and elderly.

I. PROVISIONS OF FOOD ITEMS THROUGH FOOD VOUCHERS

To address the food shortage faced by the PoCs and IDPs, DSSS Imphal distributed Cash Voucher Assistance - Food Kit to 1165 households in Imphal East, Kangpokpi, Tengnoupal and Churachandpur districts.



J. PROVISIONS FOR FOOD-IN-KIND



HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES REPORT



During the year 2024 – 2025, DSSS remained committed to supporting vulnerable communities, particularly Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) affected by conflict and natural calamities. Through various humanitarian interventions, the organization extended assistance to those in dire need, ensuring access to education, shelter, and essential livelihood materials.

1. Educational Assistance

Recognizing the impact of displacement on children's education, DSSS provided school fee assistance to 450 internally displaced children, enabling them to continue their studies without interruption.

2. Housing Assistance

To ensure safe shelter for displaced families caused by the 2023 Ethnic Violence in Manipur, DSSS supported 100 IDP households with housing assistance, helping them rebuild their lives with dignity.

3. Disaster Relief Support

In response to the hailstorm in Lai, DSSS assisted 29 affected families by providing tin sheets for roofing and essential supplies, aiding them in their recovery process.

4. Livelihood Support

Essential livelihood materials were distributed to approximately 600 internally displaced families, helping them sustain their daily needs and regain economic stability.

Through these interventions, DSSS reaffirmed its commitment to humanitarian service, offering hope and relief to the displaced and disaster-affected communities. The organization continues to work towards sustainable solutions for the well-being and resilience of those in need.





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Diocesan Social Service Society invites applications from eligible candidates for the following position:

Place of posting/district	Department	Position	No. of post	Essential Qualification	Salary
Ukhrul, Senapati, Tamenglong/Noney & Imphal East	Farmer Producer Company	CEO cum ICS Manager	4	Graduate degree or higher in the preferred fields of Agri-business management/ Rural Management / Social Entrepreneurship / Agricultural Science / Finance & Marketing Desirable: Management graduate & experience in relevant field	Upto 24,000
Ukhrul, Senapati, Tamenglong/Noney & Imphal East	Farmer Producer Company	Accountant cum data entry operator for ICS	4	Proficiency in MS Office, Tally and accountancy Prefer at least 1 year of experience	12,000

Interested candidates may send their updated resume to dsssrecruitment@gmail.com mentioning "the relevant position" in the subject line or may be delivered in person at the DSSS office, Mantripukhri, Imphal on or before 24th June 2024 during office hours.

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