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Chairman's Message



Most Rev. Linus Neli, D.D.



Dear Friends,

It gives me joy and gratitude to commend the remarkable work of the Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS), Imphal, as presented in this Annual Report for 2024-2025. In a time marked by pain and uncertainty, DSSS has remained a steadfast beacon of compassion, service, and hope across the length and breadth of Manipur.

The continued suffering caused by ethnic strife has deeply affected our people. Yet, through its dedicated outreach, DSSS has responded with courage—accompanying the displaced, supporting the poor, and promoting peace and reconciliation. These efforts are a true reflection of the Gospel in action.

I deeply appreciate the commitment of the Director, the staff, and all who support this mission. May our shared service continue to bring healing, unity, and renewal to our beloved state.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Linus", with a cross symbol to its left.

**Most Rev. Dr. Linus Nelli,
Archbishop of Imphal**

Director's Message

With profound gratitude and renewed resolve, I present the Annual Report of the Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS), Imphal, for 2024-2025. This year has been a journey of resilience and hope amid continuing challenges across Manipur.

Even as two years have passed since the ethnic violence of May 2023, its impact lingers. DSSS has remained deeply engaged in relief, rehabilitation, and peace-building—providing essential aid to displaced families and fostering dialogue toward reconciliation and unity.

In parallel, we have continued our mission across all 16 districts—promoting sustainable agriculture, organic value chains, fisheries development under the PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, and livelihood initiatives that support recovery and growth. Our work in maternal-child health, ecological sustainability, and capacity-building has empowered the most vulnerable, especially women and children.

Education remains a cornerstone of our efforts—supporting displaced and underprivileged children and reaffirming our belief in a future built on knowledge and opportunity.

I sincerely thank our staff, partners, donors, and Board members for their tireless support. Above all, I salute the unyielding spirit of the people of Manipur, whose courage continues to inspire our work.

As we look ahead, may we walk together with compassion and determination—restoring dignity, rebuilding lives, and renewing our commitment to a just and peaceful society.

With gratitude and hope,



Fr. Kanmi Dominic

Executive Director
DSSS, Imphal



Fr. Kanmi Dominic

Director
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Diocesan Social Service Society (DSSS) Imphal is the development wing of the Archdiocese of Imphal which initiates, co-ordinates, plans, formulates, implements, monitors and evaluates all the development projects. DSSS is established on 21st April 1980, registered under the Societies Registration Act, Reg.No.254/M/SR/1991.

OUR VISION

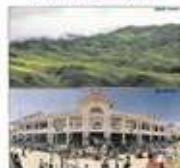
A developed, self-sustained, mutually caring, harmonious society based on Gospel values of love, justice, peace and unity.

OUR MISSION

To build self-sustaining developed communities in partnership with people and civil society institutions, through animation, value education and organization in the cultural milieu.

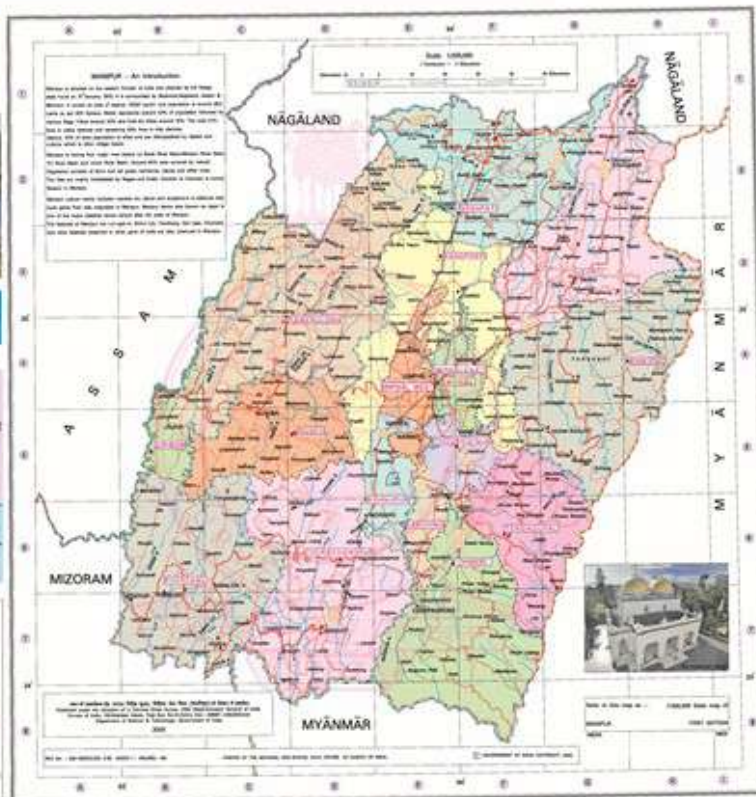


MANIPUR STATE MAP
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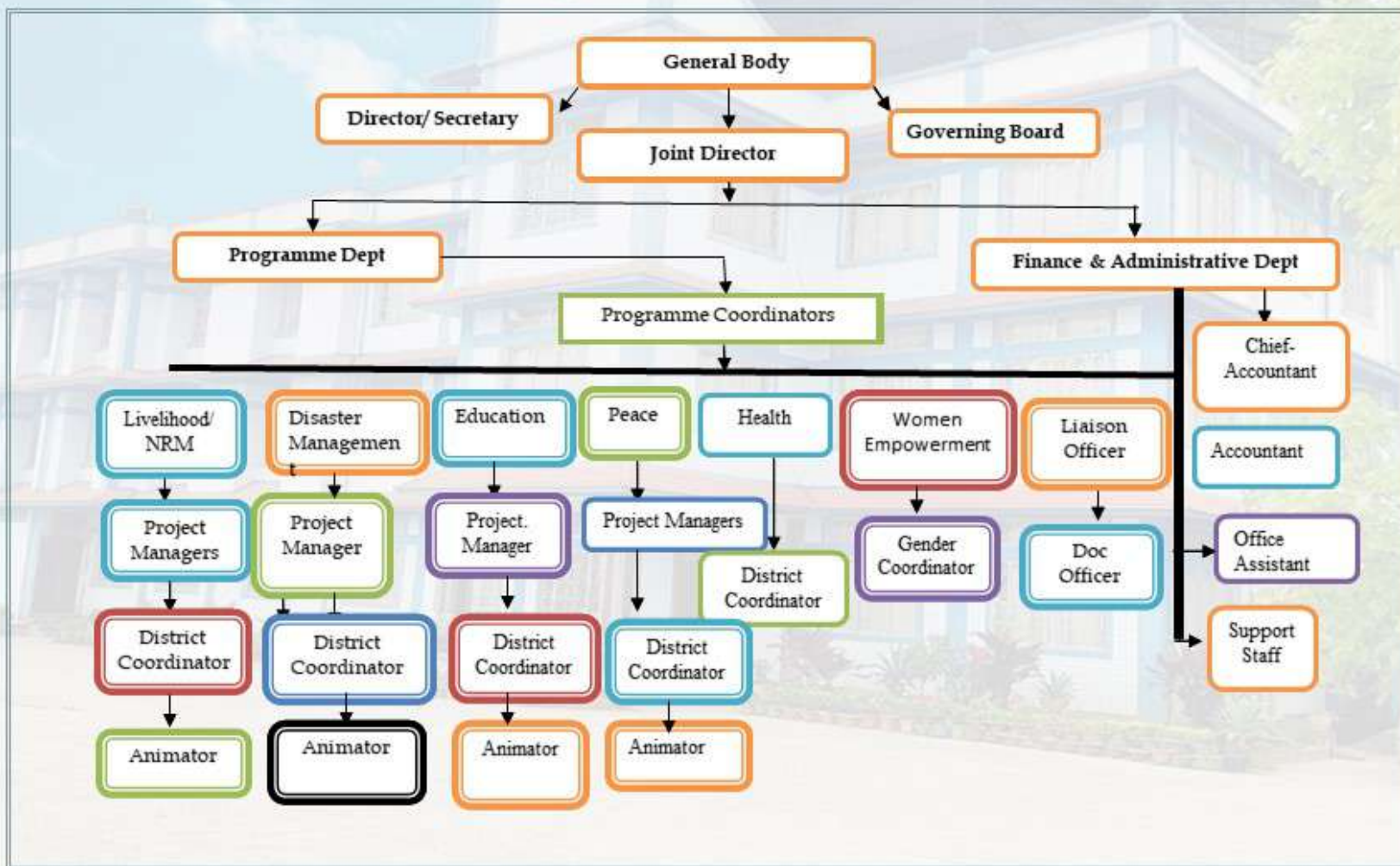
OPERATIONAL AREA OF DSSS

Manipur, a state in northeastern India, covers an area of approximately 22,327 square kilometers and has a population of around 3 million people.

Manipur is characterized by a diverse ethnic composition, including the Meitei, Naga, Kuki, and several other tribal communities, each contributing to the state's multicultural identity. The primary language spoken is Meiteilon (Manipuri), which is also the official language, alongside English. Agriculture forms the backbone of the state's economy, with rice being the main crop, while handloom and handicrafts are also significant contributors. Manipur has faced periods of ethnic tension and insurgency, leading to efforts by the state and central governments to address security and development challenges. Despite these, Manipur is noted for its achievements in sports, particularly in disciplines like archery, weightlifting, and boxing, producing many national and international athletes. It also holds geopolitical significance due to its strategic location along the India-Myanmar border, acting as a gateway to Southeast Asia.

The state is divided into 16 districts, with Imphal as its capital and largest urban center. DSSS's developmental interventions extend across all 15 districts of Manipur.

ORGANOGRAM OF THE SOCIETY



Sectors of DSSS' Involvement



Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCDNER), Phase IV

Under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India
Implemented by DSSS Imphal as Service Provider under Manipur Organic Mission Agency



Scope & Reach

- 2050 farmers empowered across 104 villages in Imphal east, Noney, Tengnoupal, Ukhrul, Senapati, & Kamjong
- Formation of 202 Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) federated into 11 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs)

DSSS, under MOVCDNER, has laid a strong foundation for organic farming in Manipur through farmer empowerment, infrastructure, certification, and market linkages. The project not only promotes environmental sustainability but also ensures dignity and livelihoods for thousands of farmers.

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Capacity Building 139

- training sessions on group management, post-harvest handling, seed preservation, ICS, and agribusiness.
- Hands-on trainings in vermicomposting & entrepreneurship development.
- Consumer awareness programmes on organic benefits.

Infrastructure & Market Support

- Establishment of processing units, aggregation centers & FPC offices
- All FPCs acquired Bolero pick-up vehicles & machinery for collective marketing
- Organic certification (NOP) renewed & extended for Phase I-III farmers
- Increased farmer participation in marketing, sales & shareholding to strengthen FPC financials

Awards & Recognition

- Best Performing FPO Award (Jaivik India Awards 2023) 1st & 2nd prizes – Best Organic Farmer at Agri Horti Expo, Manipur.
- Exhibitor Awards at Orange Festival (Manipur) & Organic NE Expo (Assam)

Impact

- Strengthened organic value chains & farmer cooperatives
- Enhanced market access & income opportunities for smallholders.
- Promoted sustainable agriculture & preserved indigenous farming practices



Promotion of Sustainable Cultivation for Economic Enhancement (POSOCEE)

Manipur Organic Value Chain Development For North East Region (MOVCDNER)

Scope & Reach

400 farmers | 17 villages in Machi & Tengnoupal blocks
Crops promoted: Turmeric, Ginger & Kachai Lemon
1 Farmer Producer Company (Masouching FPC) formed





Key Highlights

- 29 trainings conducted on soil management, pest control, post-harvest handling, bookkeeping & entrepreneurship
- Processing units, aggregation centres & FPC office completed
- Vermi compost hands-on training promoted organic farming practices
- Exhibition participation at Agri Horti Expo, Manipur
- Organic In conversion 2 certificate received under One Cert International 100% share price collection achieved for the FPC

Impact

- Enhanced organic crop production & market linkage
- Strengthened Farmer Producer Company governance
- Improved post-harvest processing & value addition
- Farmers empowered to achieve sustainable income & certification readiness

Facilitating Agricultural Resilient Measures for North East (FARM NE IV)

Supported by Misereor Germany | Implemented by Caritas India & DSSS Imphal

Where We Work

- 12 villages across Thoubal, Tengnoupal & Kangpokpi districts
- 1,117 families (4,467 people) engaged in sustainable farming

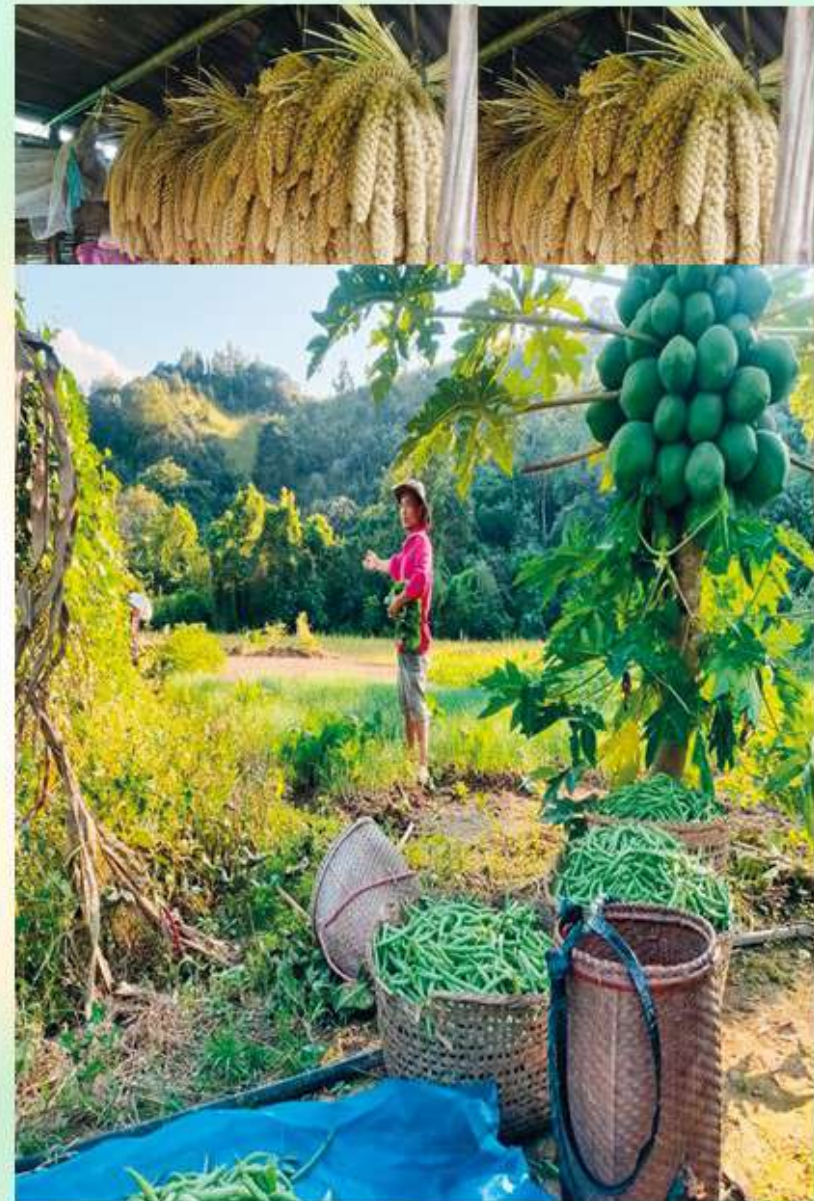
FARM NE IV has revived traditional wisdom while equipping farmers with modern techniques. With the continued support of Misereor Germany and Caritas India, the project is sowing seeds of food security, dignity, and sustainable growth for Manipur's rural communities.

Key Achievements

- Eco-friendly composting promoted in all project villages (vermi, azolla, bio-dung, pipe & pit methods).
- Revival of traditional millet & indigenous seeds through “Seed Savers” initiative.
- 2 storage huts built for safe post-harvest management.
- 41 farmers trained in mushroom cultivation – unlocking new income streams.
- 5 multi-tier orchards developed (lemon, mango, kinnow, litchi, sweet lemon).
- 95% of households now maintain nutritious backyard vegetable gardens.

Impact

- Improved food sovereignty and household nutrition.
- Increased resilience against climate change & market instability.
- Farmers empowered with skills, confidence & sustainable practices.



Improving Access to Comprehensive Maternal and Child Health Services; and for Diseases/Conditions of District Level Importance

In collaboration with DSSS Imphal & NEDSSS Guwahati | Supported by MISEREOR

We Operate:

3 Districts: Ukhrul, Senapati & Tengnoupal

5 Health Centres | 40 Villages | 80% Institutional Deliveries



This project is a lifeline for mothers and children in Manipur's most underserved villages, not only reducing illness and mortality but also empowering communities to take charge of their health.

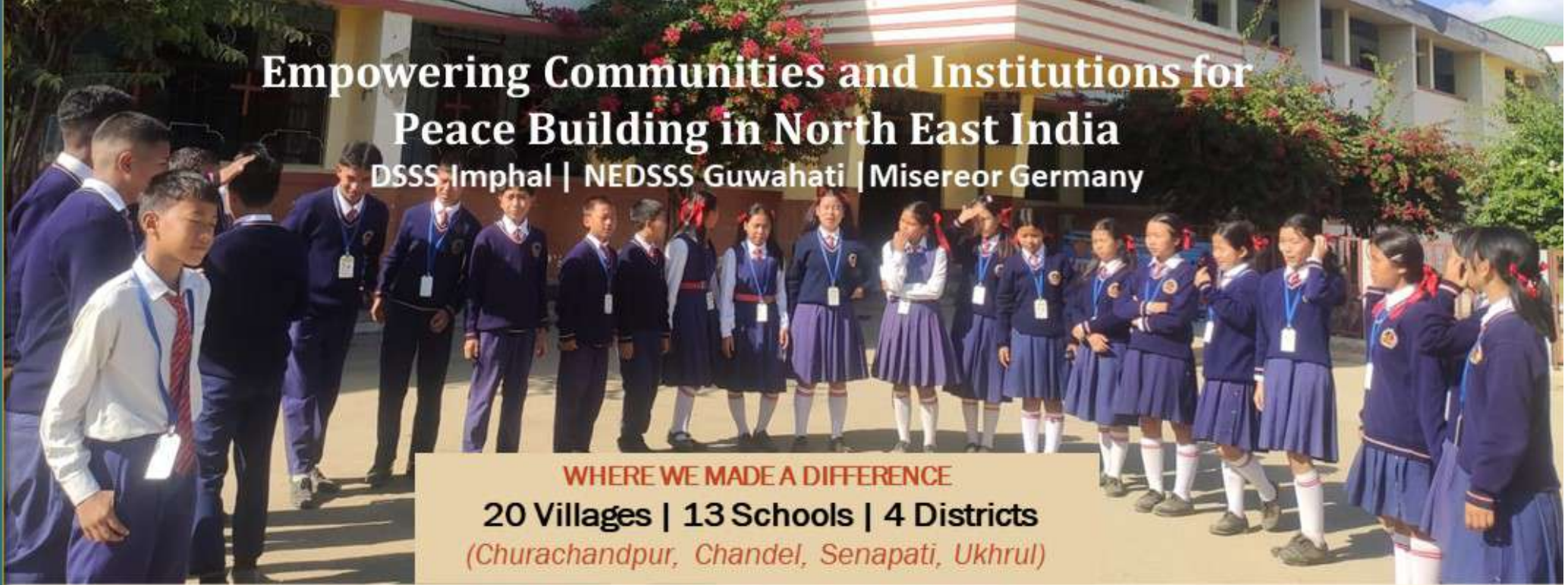


Impact at a Glance

- Reduced malnutrition in children under 5.
- Vaccination coverage for women & children significantly increased.
- Pregnant women accessing regular scans & nutritious diet awareness.
- 9,600 home visits by peer educators reaching over 45,000 people.
- 240 community meetings with 3,892 participants.
- Health camps & awareness programs improved hygiene, self-care & disease prevention.

Key Achievements

- 90% of women now opt for institutional deliveries
- Improved sanitation reduced infectious disease spread
- Greater openness among women to share health concerns with health workers
- Increased awareness on maternal nutrition, breastfeeding, and timely vaccination



Empowering Communities and Institutions for Peace Building in North East India

DSSS Imphal | NEDSSS Guwahati | Misereor Germany

WHERE WE MADE A DIFFERENCE

20 Villages | 13 Schools | 4 Districts

(Churachandpur, Chandel, Senapati, Ukhrul)

IMPACT SUMMARY

- 188 Activities Conducted
- 7,149 People Reached
- Peace training for leaders, youth, women, and faith figures
 - School Peace Clubs in action across all target schools
 - Dialogue, unity events, and inter-ethnic collaborations
- Competitions, workshops, and clean-up drives for students



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Village & Faith Leaders Step Up

- Trained in peacebuilding, mediation & dialogue
- Initiated community-level reconciliation efforts

Women Lead Peace Efforts

- Equipped to mediate, speak up, and promote harmony
- Took active roles in workshops and village actions

Youth Champions of Change

- Organized sports, clean-ups, and cultural events
- Promoted cross-community friendship

Peace Clubs in Schools

- 2,740+ students involved in weekly activities
- Focus on conflict resolution, respect, and environment
- Annual inter-school meet: joy, learning & unity through arts



Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

By the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)



The PMMSY project continues to bring sustainable growth to the fisheries sector in Manipur. Implemented in Bishnupur and Chandel districts, the project nurtures and promotes Fish Farmers Producers Organizations (FFPOs), strengthening livelihoods through collective action.

under
BISHNUPUR DISTRICT FFPO
Date : 20-10-2024

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Highlights

- 500+ fish farmers mobilized through awareness programmes
- Two FFPOs registered – Bishnupur (400 members) & Chandel (125 members)
- Fish feed & fingerlings distributed to 250 farmers each, boosting production
- FFPOs obtained GST, FSSAI & ONDC certifications, enabling formal trade
- District-level awareness programme engaged 420 participants
- Regular monitoring & review meetings with NCDC ensured accountability



Women Centered Inclusive Development and Sustainable Agriculture

For Tribals Supported by Manos Unidas/DSSS Imphal



After the May 2023 ethnic conflict, 10 villages were displaced to relief camps in Churachandpur. DSSS accompanied these vulnerable families, especially SHG/OFG women, to rebuild their lives with dignity. 447 displaced persons reached in 10 villages after ethnic conflict.



Highlights at a Glance

- 100 women trained in organic soap making – now earning & self-reliant
- 50 women supported with looms & raw materials – reviving shawl weaving
- Counselling sessions healed trauma & restored resilience
- Recreation & group activities built confidence & community spirit
- 175 displaced members regained bank passbooks via SBI & CRISIL

Impact

- Women gained skills, income & dignity
- Families became less aid-dependent
- Communities kept culture & hope alive



OUTCOME ACHIEVED



CHILDREN SPONSORED
615



FAMILIES EMPOWERED
449



ACTIVE CIRCLE GROUPS
31



POST-SECONDARY SUPPORT
02



EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID
(₹46,461) – life-saving support



DRY FOOD-GIFT CATALOGUE
₹1.97

Direct Family Funding (DFF) **Chalice Canada Sponsorship Program**

Since 2011, Chalice Sponsorship Program under the Direct Family Funding has reached out to seven villages of Manipur, namely: Keihao, Shandangsenba, Yaipharok, Phunal Khunjao, Phunal Khunou, Lamlongei, Taoramphai.

Direct Family Funding Chalice Sponsorship Programme Intervention includes:

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



Angphun Angson Maring



"Growing up in a small village with very little, I never imagined I'd one day be studying to become a doctor. The Chalice Sponsorship Program came into my life like a ray of hope when things were darkest, and with their unwavering support and the love of my parents, I found the strength to pursue my dream. I am deeply grateful to my sponsor and the Chalice family—your kindness has changed my life, and I promise to serve others with the same compassion you showed me."

Francis Konghay



"Coming from a poor farming family, I often wondered if my dreams would ever take flight—but the Chalice Sponsorship Program changed everything for me. With their support and my sponsor's generosity, I was able to complete my education and get admitted to Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences to become a doctor. I am forever grateful to the Chalice family—your faith in me gave me hope, and I will carry that hope to serve others in need."



Chalice Circle Group Meeting



The sponsored child PKN1022 during treatment in the hospital



The sponsored children received Christmas Gift



Promotion of Poor Children to Attend School

Saint Vincent Guilds (SVG), Denmark

The project was implemented across seven remote villages in the hill districts of Manipur, reaching out to 80 economically backward children (44 boys and 36 girls) from Grades 2 to 10, including six students affected by ethnic violence who were supported to pursue higher education.



OUTCOME

PAID ADMISSION & MONTHLY TUITION FEES - EDUCATION ACCESS

PROVIDED STATIONERY & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FORMED PARENT SAVINGS GROUPS - FAMILY MINDSET SHIFT

CONDUCTED MOTIVATIONAL TRAINING WITH SCHOOLS TO BOOST CONFIDENCE AND GOAL-SETTING

REGULAR MONITORING VISITS BY DSSS TO TRACK STUDENT PROGRESS

INCOME GENERATION FROM ROTATIONAL GROUP SAVINGS

ENHANCE EMPLOYABILITY THROUGH VOCATIONAL AND SKILL TRAINING FOR MIGRANT YOUTH

Supported by: Conferenza Episcopale Italiana (Italian Bishops' Conference)



Reached 450 migrant adolescents | 600 migrant youth

Impact

- ✓ Youth gained income-generating skills
- ✓ Women empowered with home-based work opportunities
- ✓ Promoted eco-conscious farming practices
- ✓ Improved digital literacy & employability



Highlights at a Glance

- Organic Farming Training – Farmers equipped with eco-friendly cultivation, composting & pest control methods.
- Marketing Skills – Youth trained in pricing, branding & local market linkages.
- Food Processing – 200 participants trained in preservation, pickling & value addition.
- Homecare Products – Making eco-friendly soaps, detergents, and cleaners.
- Garment Making – 40 youth trained; several started local tailoring services.
- Basic Computer Skills – 25 youth trained in MS Office, digital tools & job search.

Impact

- Migrant youth gained sustainable livelihood skills.
- Women empowered with home-based income opportunities.
- Enhanced digital literacy & entrepreneurship potential.
- Promoted eco-friendly and self-reliant living.



COVID-19 Response & Recovery Program in Manipur/ Safe Protective Enabling Environment & Dignity for POCs (SPEED)

Supported by CRS & BPRM (US Govt.) | Implemented in Tegnoupal & Kamjong

**The SPEED Project has been a lifeline
— ensuring that even in conflict, families live with safety, dignity, and hope.**

Key Achievements

8,970 Individuals Reached | 120 Shelters Supported | 5,500 People Received Food Aid | 1,105 Dignity Kits for Women & Girls





Highlights at a Glance

- 14 mobile health camps – 1,500+ treated
- Medical supplies delivered to 2 PHCs
- 301 parents trained in positive parenting
- 22 couple sessions strengthened relationships
- 63 children received life skills training
- 5 Child-Friendly Spaces for 84 children
- WASH upgrades – new toilets, repairs, safe water
- Safety walks in 19 sites – better lighting & safer streets
- 94 individuals gained language skills
- 18 small entrepreneurs trained in business & farming

Impact

- Restored dignity, health & food security for displaced families.
- Made villages safer for women & children
- Strengthened family resilience through skills & psychosocial support
- Promoted peace & inclusion across communities



Reach to Unreach (R2U)

Supported by CRS India | Implemented by DSSS Imphal

The R2U project has been a lifeline for over 10,000 displaced persons, ensuring not just survival, but the restoration of dignity, protection, and hope in the midst of crisis.



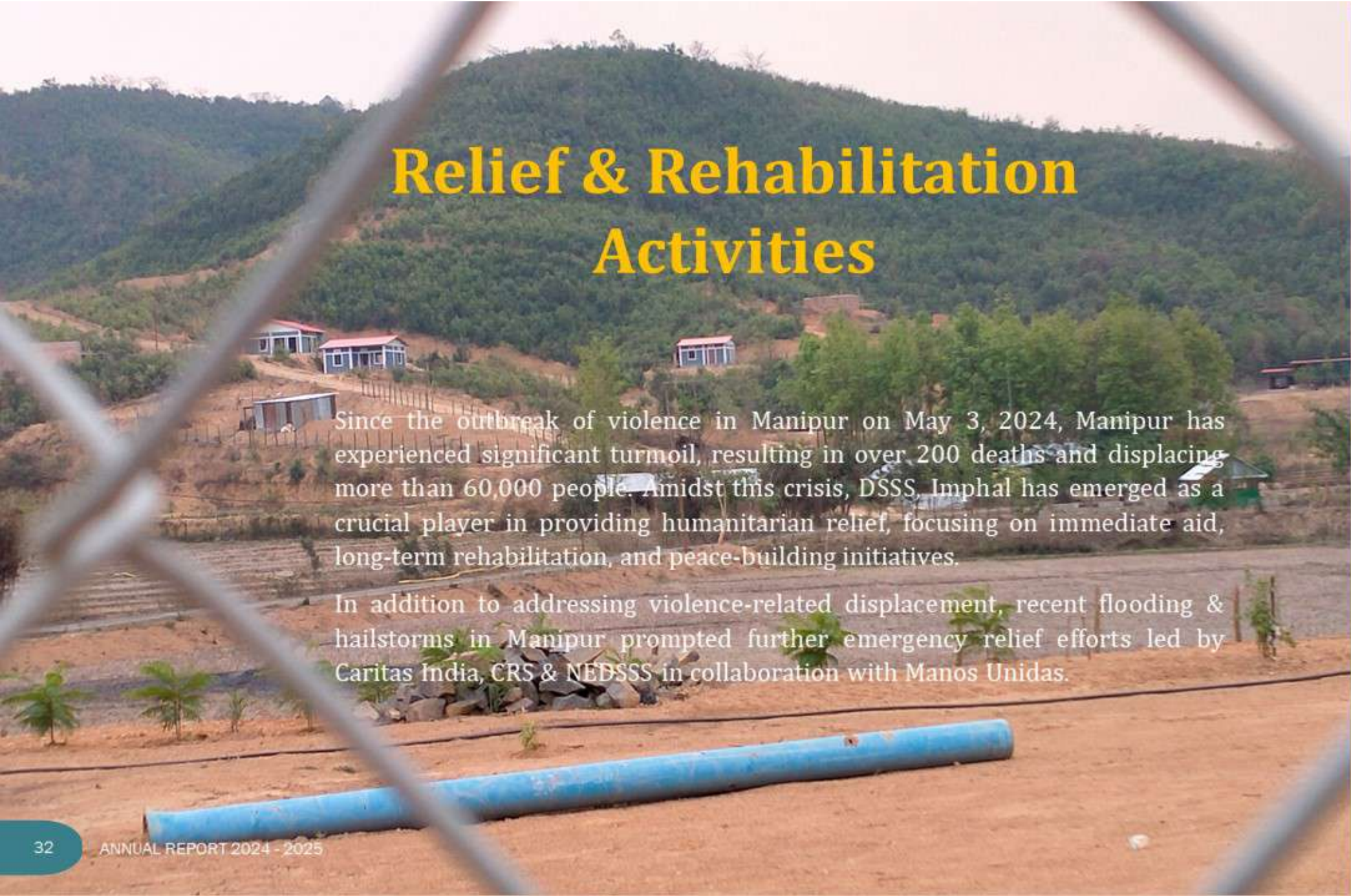
Key Interventions & Achievements

- Community Protection Committees - 395 members trained to address protection concerns in 32 camps.
- Awareness Campaigns – 7,810 participants oriented on GBV, child rights & laws (POCSO, Juvenile Act, DV Act).
- Tree of Life Sessions – 1,140 adolescents (11–18 yrs) equipped with coping skills & self-awareness.
- Couple Sessions – 3,100 couples engaged in dialogue on safety, dignity & gender-sensitive protection.
- Legal Support – 500 individuals received Aadhaar, voter IDs, PAN, ration & job cards.
- Coordination Meetings – 14 consultations with Govt., CSOs & NGOs for joint action.
- Dignity Kits – distributed to 1,592 women & adolescent girls to ensure hygiene & safety.
- Voucher Assistance – 100 vulnerable persons (PWDs, elderly, widows, lactating mothers) supported.
- Food Vouchers & Kits – 1,165 households provided with food relief.

Impact

- Ensured safety, dignity & resilience for displaced families.
- Reduced risks of GBV, exploitation & neglect.
- Strengthened legal identity & access to services.
- Fostered community-led protection networks in camps.





Relief & Rehabilitation Activities

Since the outbreak of violence in Manipur on May 3, 2024, Manipur has experienced significant turmoil, resulting in over 200 deaths and displacing more than 60,000 people. Amidst this crisis, DSSS Imphal has emerged as a crucial player in providing humanitarian relief, focusing on immediate aid, long-term rehabilitation, and peace-building initiatives.

In addition to addressing violence-related displacement, recent flooding & hailstorms in Manipur prompted further emergency relief efforts led by Caritas India, CRS & NEDSSS in collaboration with Manos Unidas.



Relief Highlights

- 2,084 families supported with essential food materials, household items, and shelter kits after the hailstorm.
- 59 permanent houses constructed for IDPs in Churachandpur.
- 60 conflict-affected children sponsored for education.
- 29 households in Laii village received shelter kits and food after the hailstorm.

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DSSS in Action: Work, Fun & Fulfillment



Under the service provider of DSSS, Mr. Joy Kamei receives the Best Organic Farmer Award by Regional Center for Organic and Natural Farming Imphal.



DSSS achieved all the seven minimum safeguarding standards



DSSS staff in action during the weekend drainage clean-up



DSSS Staff in collaboration with NEDSSS Organized workshop on Revisiting Strategic Plan



Our Director, Fr. Kanmi Dominic, championing organic farming in the NE Region meet.



Casting lines and sharing smiles – DSSS staff fishing day

DSSS in Action: Work, Fun & Fulfillment



Team DSSS Reflecting, Reviewing, and Planning Ahead



Celebrating the Gift of Our Director, Fr. Kanmi Dominic, on His Birthday



Feast Day Blessings and Joy with our Joint Director, Fr. Somi Thomas

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