Community Based Food Security Programme



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It is our great pleasure to share our activities in the year 2010-2011. At the completion of the period it is really amazing to look back. There are some satisfaction for the tremendous changes in the right direction and some disappointment for not achieving the expected outcome due to undesirable circumstances, but since we have already built up a culture of work that it can continue working effectively in spite of changes. There are numerous activities undertaken during the period estranged in four components e.g. Community Development, Issue Based, Capacity Development and Advocacy & Lobby.

In the entire pages we have narrated many of the activities carried out and achievement. In many areas we acknowledge that we could have done better or we need to do more. The important things we have learnt from the beginning is that until and unless the attitude of each individual is change and derivation will take place then the achievement will take place.

We extend our grateful to all our respected members under village Development Committee, area Level Committee and the District Level Committee for their active cooperation and their support in various capacities for making all these possible towards journey of development.

We also appreciate with heartfelt gratitude to EED and CASA for all kind of support, guidance, encouragement and enable us to carry forward the programme. We also thank to Government Department Officials, our likeminded organization and forums for their cooperation and active participation with various capacities and enable us to work with community and mitigate the need during period.

Finally, DCDP extend heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all the staff and volunteers well wishers and all the family of DCDP for rendering their faithful work and commitment towards the journey of Development.

With best wishes

Kretofil Bhengra CEO, DCDP

1. INTRODUCTION

a) Organization:

In the year 1986, the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) initiated the development activities in Bheluadanga under Development Programme in NORTH EAST India in cooperation with North bank Baptist Christian Association NBBCA. As a apart of te process, a District Level Committee was formed to plan and implement the development activities within 21 selected villages. Through the process of development, the district level committee promoted as fulfledged organization by acquiring the legal status in the name of" DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME" (DCDP). In the year 1997-98 to carry forward the process of development activities with the objectives framed in the constitution.

VISION:- The DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME" (DCDP). Visualizes a society where all citizens irrespective of caste, creed and colour live together with peace justice, harmony and equality. The DCDP strongly envisages a society where poor, marginalized and under privilege have equal opportunities for their active involvement in the development process, which is value based.

MISSION:- The DCDP actively involves toward a sustainable society by creation condition for active and meaningful involvement of people and their organization in the sustainable development process. The DCDP also respond to emergencies and disasters and enhance people's capacity for disaster mitigation.

Overall Goal: (Organizational)

'To strengthen and upliftment of the socio-economic and cultural life of the poor people'.

Specific Objectives:

Formation of Area Development & Village Development Committee and strengthening the capacity of Area Development Committee as well as Yubak Sangha, Mahila Sangha and other grass root level organization on the process of development through right based approach.

- 1. Promoting community health/economic empowerment activities and sustainable agriculture.
- 2. Promoting self-reliance and sustainability among the poor.
- 3. Enhancing the capacity of the grass root leaders to Ana lays critical issues like Environment & Ecological, Imbalance, Food Insecurity, Drugs, AIDS, Disaster and plan appropriate steps to solve them.
- 4. Enhance the capacity of the poor household to improve agriculture animal husbandry.
- 5. Encouraging people to organize themselves into cooperative and to facilitate marketing of local produces.
- 6. Enhancing people's capacity on resource mobilization.

- 7. To promote Gender sensitization among the people VDC, Mahila Sangha and other likeminded organization
- 8. To promote and strengthen the capacity of Community Based Organizations towards advocacy and lobbying on prevailing issues through networking in collaboration with likeminded organization for the rights of the poor.
- 9. To respond human sufferings and distresses caused by manmade and natural calamities and integrate emergency relief and rehabilitations and promote people's capacity for disaster mitigation.

STRATEGIES:

The Organization strategies are as follows:-

- Formation/ Strengthening of community based organization.
- Capacity building of Villages, CBOs/NGOs.
- Protection/ promotion of indigenous knowledge and practices.
- Advocacy and networking with likeminded organization/ groups.
- Linkage with Govt. department, other financial institutions.
- Promotion of community based action
- Strengthening and facilitating issues based movement and network.
- Conduct seminars, trainings, consultations, workshops and awareness campaign.

ROLES & PROGRAMME OF THE ORGANIZATION:

ROLES OF THE ORGANIZATION: - are as follows

- Facilitation.
- Research, documentation, sharing and interaction.
- Monitoring
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Enabler and resource mobiles.
- Coordination.

Area of Operation:-

The intensive action area is stretched in 47 villages encompassing 2 Blocks in the District of Sonitpur. It has a wide networking through the District with Bheluadanga under the Chaiduar Development Block of Gohpur Sub Division and Selaikhati Area Development Committee under the Biswanath Development Block of Biswanath Sub Division.

BACKGROUND

District Community Development Programme, DCDP Bheluadanga has been very actively involving in the socio-economic development for the community those who are economically and politically exploited. The organization very deeply understands the condition of the poorest of the poor, marginalized and downtrodden. The organization has been playing a vital role in the socio-economic upliftment of the downtrodden poor people of these areas. So the organization realized very genuinely and prepared an assessment and detailed the documentation to Church's Auxiliary for Social Action CASA Guwahati to provide support towards the upliftment of these communities especially in its operation areas. As per the request of the organization CASA provided support towards the development of these marginalized, poor, and downtrodden people of its operation areas under the project Community Based Food Security Programme Phase ii Programme. The organization has been struggling against the different issues and problems of the society as well as the environment under the Gohpur Sub-Division and Biswanath Sub-Division in the district of Sonitpur Assam.

The Bheluadanga area is very badly affected by the wild elephant's disturbances throughout the year. This problem is a core and long lasting problem of these areas. In this regards various measures have been taken like construction of elephant patrolling towers, distribution of Charge lights and crackers are been distributed to keep away the herd of elephant from residential areas but everything gone in vain. So the organization has been looking for a permanent solution of the problem. And in the year 2009 a programme was introduced to make a barrier to keep away the elephant from the area, and it was Bio-Fence. The organization in collaboration with the WWF-India Tezpur North Bank Landscape extended helping hand in this programme. In this programme now in two VDC areas are covered.

The organization had implemented different activities, through these activities and trying to formulate a healthy atmosphere in the society.

b) The Project:-

The Community Based Food Security Programme (CBFS) is a unique project of **DCDP** for Phase -II supported by Church's Auxiliary for social Action CASA to address the basic needs towards the socio-economic development in selected **47** villages under in two pocket areas Bheluadanga and Selaikhati respectively in Gohpur Sub-Division and Biswanath Sub-Division in the District of Sonitpur in Assam. As the Phase ii programme is running the organization trying to bring a tremendous change especially on the fundamental rights of the poor and marginalized people under its programme areas.

To address the issue of Food insecurity the organization underlined with the following Goal & Programme Objectives and carried out the activities with active participation of the community as a whole.

Goal: 'Access to adequate staple food and strive for secure food for every poor household.'

Specific Programme Objectives:

- To strengthen the village Development Committees (VDCs) and Pathar Parichalona Somitee (PPS) or Field Management Committee (FMC) to address issues related to Food insecurity.
- To strengthen and promote the Self Help Groups (SHGs), Women's Federation (Kanaklota Mohila Mancha) to support food insecurity issues and campaigns.

• To Network, build and partner alliance to address local, state and regional issues.

To meet the above goal and objectives DCDP engaged in various key activities and addressed the issues and needs. The activities are segregated with following components.

- → COMMUNITY ORAGANIZATION
- → ISSUE BASED SUPPORT
- → CAPACITY BUILDING
- → ADVOCAY AND LOBBYING

With the above components the organization addressed the issues and needs relating to Food insecurity in the area through the capacity empowerment for both inside the house and outside the organization towards poor, marginalized and under-prevailed. The capacity empowerment also dealt with social economical, educational and political problems which are existing in the area and transformed. DCDP mainly consecrated on the following dimensions on the Food Security.

- » Physical availability of Food
- » Physical access to Food
- » Production feasibility and Consumption

Activities for the period of April 2010 to March, 2011

The District Community Development Programme (DCDP) had implemented various programmes during the period of April 2010 to end of 31st March 2011. The programmes were related to various problems of man and society, which were very essential to build up the healthy atmosphere in the society. The organization conducted several programmes in different places in the district of Sonitpur Assam. The activities are briefly narrated under the following components.

- 1. Community Organization
- 2. Issue Based
- 3. Capacity Building
- 4. Advocacy & Lobbying

Summary of the programmes **1.0. Community Organization**

The community Development Programme is a process that is designed to create a condition of sustainable approach through Socio-Economic development for the community. The organization shared information with community on various Government schemes and provided necessary guidance to apply them. The organization also deals with the issues related to common health. The organization shares preventive measures giants the various kinds of diseases often seen among the community. More over these components the organization initiates and facilitates the process of educating the poor people on PDS (Public distribution System), RTI (Right To Information), consultation on Human Elephant conflict mitigation process etc.

PLANNING & MONITORING AREA LEVEL:

There are 47 village Development Committees in 2 pocket areas in Sonitpur district such as 20 nos Villages Development committee in Gohpur sub-division and 27 nos Village Development Committee in Biswanath Sub-Division. The VDCs required to be reformation and was done by the community in cooperation with the DCDP staff and strengthened on understanding in food ecurity. Total 20 VDCs under Bheluadanga area conducted their Generl Meeting and reformed their committee. The details are given in the table below.

Sl	Name of the VDC	Name of President	Name of Secretary	Ν	IEMBI	ERS
				Μ	F	Total
1	Bheluadanga	Mr. Nathaniel Sinduri	Mr. Thomas Kerketa	16	5	21
2	Karibil Bongali	Mr. Rudra Br. Chetry	Mr.Ratneswore Narjari	7	4	11
3	Nagabil	Mr. Doyal Medhi	Mr. Philip Lomga	8	5	13
4	Bhelasapori	Mr. Baliram Santal	Mr. Mahan Baskey	07	04	11
5	Halem Sapori	Mr. Philip Lomga	Mr. Deepak Medhi	11	4	15
6	Sirajuli	Mr. Biren Engti	Mr. Khagen Engti	12	02	14
7	Dullungmukh	Mr. Albis Kerketta	Mr. Badol Ramsyari	08	05	13
8	Karibil Kachari	Mr. Mohon Ganju	Mr. Ramsing Ganju	13	04	17
9	Kemai Jaroni	Mr. Benjamin Topno	Mr. Jakrius Kujur	08	04	12
10	NC Karibil	Mr.Mohan Bassumateri	Mr. Bogiram Rabha	07	04	11
11	Karibil Sapori	Mr. Netra Bharoti	Mrs. Dipali Kardong	05	12	17
12	Tokowbari	Mr. Punaram Guwala	Mrs. Anamika Saikia	11	03	14
13	Buroighat	Mr. Diliram Upadhyay	Mr. Puspa Chetry	16	04	20

14	Hatimara	Mr. Sorbeswar Pahari	Mr. Binod Nayak	09	04	13
15	Morasengeli	Mr. Somaru Daimari	Mr. Sanu Ganju	09	04	13
16	Tinikunia	Mr. Abanti Dey	Mr.ManikBassumateri	07	04	11
17	Karigaraj	Md. Saley Ahmed Ali	Mr. Wiliam Kerketta	80	06	14
18	Kekurijan	Mr. Sankar Dey	Mr. Arun Sagar	09	06	15
19	Galu Basti	Mr. Susen Kuldeep	Mr.Amrit Topno	10	05	15
20	Rongajan	Mr.Budhan Borah	Mr. Puran Kamar	12	03	15
21	Purnigaraj	Mr. K. Majumdar	Mr. Ritu Rabha	13	03	16

The village Development Committee Galu Bosti is not in our project proposal. This village is located within the project area but due to limited source of fund the organization did not cover under the project. But the villagers from that villages approached DCDP to assist them and they are very much stimulated by seeing the DCDP activities in other area and they came to the organization for necessary guidance specially RTI and other issue based programme so that village is also taken care by organizing Village Development Committee besides other projected area.

PLANNING & MONITORING DISTRICT LEVEL:

There were 3 Executive board meeting conducted during the period of March 2011. The following areas were discussed during the meeting.

- 1. Planned and Programme of the Organization and Project on Community Based Food Security,
- 2. Strengthening the Village Development Committee on various capacities Especially on Right to Food.
- 3. Networking with like minded organization and Forums.
- 4. Strengthening the ability/ skill of the staff, volunteers and members of the organization.

Sl No	Date	Venue	Participants
1	$ m August18^{th}$, $ m 2010$	DCDP Office, Bheluadanga	Male- 07 F- 03
2	November 22 nd , 2010	DCDP Office, Bheluadanga	Male- 05 F- 03
3	February 3 rd , 2011	DCDP Office, Bheluadanga	Male- 06 F- 04

The details of the meeting are shown in the table:

1.1.3. <u>AWARENESS ON ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY:-</u> WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

1. The organization has conducted an observation and awareness programme on Environment and Ecological imbalance. In this regard an environmental week was observed. This programme was conducted in collaboration with the Village Development Committees under Bheluadanga area. During the programme total 2000 plants were planted in various places like school compound, Church compound, Temple and Namghar Compound in cooperation with the local student, farmers, youth as well as women. And thus the environment week was observed whole week from 5th June to 12th June 2010. Following major areas were focused.

- 1. Climate Change and its affect on the living beings.
- 2. World environment day and its importance in grassroots level.
- 3. Role of VDC to protect environment.
- 4. Pollution like water pollution, Soil pollution, Air pollution etc.
- 5. Degradation of forest and natural resources and its consequences.

Sl No	VDC	Date	Venue	Participants
1	Bheluadanga	5 th June 2010	LP School Bheluadanga	43
2	Karibil Kachari	5 th June 2010	Durga Devi Temple,	37
3	Karibil Bongali	7 th june 2010	community hall, Karibil Bongali	25
4	Dullungmukh	7 th June 2010	Dullungmukh LP School	35
5	Halem Sapori	11 th June 2010	Halem Sapori LP School.	40
6	Nagabil	11 th June 2010	Nagabil Community Hall	32
7	Kekurijan	12 th June 2010	Kekurijan LP School	27
8	Tokowbari	12 th June 2010	Tokowbari LP School	45

2. Public Meeting on the protection of Soil Erosion.

District Community development Programme organized one day long consultation programme on Soil Conservation at Bheluadanga LP School on 26th August 2010. The programme was moderated by Mr. Indra Chetry Chairperson of DCDP executive board. The objectives of the meeting were highlighted by Mr. Rudra Sharma Programme assistant DCDP.

The topics discussion in the meting were as follows

- 1. Free the soil conservation from the encroachment.
- 2. Pressurize the Soil conservation Department in conservation of Buroi Soil.
- 3. Submission of Memorandum to Chief Minister of Assam through Deputy Commissioner.
- 4. Formation of convener committee.

In the meeting Panchayat president, Youth leaders, prominent community leaders, Vulnerable groups of soil erosion, VDC, ADC, SHG, Mahila Groups along with the church leaders extended their participation during the programme. The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

- i. Submission of Memorandum to Chief Minister of Assam through Deputy Commissioner.
- ii. Five Junior college and School student decided to submit Submission of Memorandum to Chief Minister of Assam through Deputy Commissioner for the conservation of Buroi Soil , Senjlijan RF and Behali RF.
- iii. The Government fails in making free from encroachment withing the stipulated period than the community will be bound to take self eviction in the Buroi Soil Conservation area.

Out comes of the programme.

- i. People interested to preserve soil conservation.
- ii. School and college student started to play advocacy role in the process of save environment and ecology
- iii. Community realized the advantages for the protection from soil erosion and grazing land. Total No of Participants: 200 (Male: 179 Female: 21)

3. ToT on Community Health & Education:

6 days Training of Trainees on Community Health Education were conducted jointly with North Bank Baptist Christian Association (NBBCA) at Shakomato, Biswanath Chariali from November 15-20, 2010. 26 Community leaders (Male: 14 Female: 12) from BTAD, Sonitpur and Dhemaji district of Assam were participated in the programme. The main theme of the programme was **'Truth roots are the foundation of our Life**'

Following areas were emphasized & practiced to spread among the community.

- Relationship with God
- Relationship with Nature
- Relationship with others
- Relationship with Self

Sessions were covered with Sharing the information/ Environmental scenario, Group discussion and activities, practice session and visit to community. The following decisions were adopted in the ToT by the Participants.

- Trainers visit to the Community
- Trainer's buildup the relationship among the community
- Trainers discuss about the problems
- Trainers train the community leaders
- Trainers form the committee with active participation of Community
- Trainers help the Committee
- Trainers train the Volunteers of Community Health & Education with active support from the community.

The Resource Persons:

Mr. Prabhat Narjinary, West Bengal Dr. David Sorley, USA Mr. James Evenezar, Bengalore Ms. Sikha Devi, Darjeeling, WB

Facilitators:

Rev: Puhor Daimari, General Secretary, NBBCA Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP Mr. Swaram Daimari, Adm. Secy, NBBCA

2.0 Issue Based

While we talk about the issues, the issues are nor born but it is created by man and other living beings like man & nature, health, flood and natural disaster, riot etc. are common in our society. Now-a-days the issue of Man and Wild Elephant is the burning problem in these areas.

To alleviate such problems the organization initiated various consultation and precaution measures with the Community were taken care.

Measurable assessment to reduce Human Elephant Conflict:

1.2.9. HUMAN ELEPHANT CONFLICT MITIGATION PROGRAMME

Bio-fencing means organic fruit cultivation, tree cultivation, and viable alternative to protect the crops as well as the household properties and human from the Wild Elephants. The areas identified as the corridors of the elephant there were planted the Finest Chilly (Bhoot Jalakia), Lemon. The organization very deeply realized about the mater because it is very effective way and also an income generating source to the people of these areas to stand their own support and it was discussed with the community people.

<u>CONSULTATION ON BIO-FENCE:</u> The organization has been running the Bio-fence programme in the boarder areas of Senglijan towards the lessen of Human Elephant Conflict in this area.

The organization has conducted 10 nos. consultation programmes during the period. The main themes of the discussion were on the Bio-Fence programme in Halem Sapori, Sirajuli and Dullung nearby the Senglijan Reserved Forest. The programmes were conducted in collaboration with WWF-India NBL Tezpur.

The main objective was to encourage the community and to plant more lemon saplings.

- 1. Benefits of Lemon and Hot Chilly cultivation.
- 2. Analyze the damage of Lemon cultivation created by the pest.
- 3. Plantation of Lemon in Halem Sapori.

<u>Involvement of Community:-</u> Total 23 farmers in Sirajuli and 19 farmers are actively involved in the cultivation of lemon plantation. The farmers are always monitored and technically are also supported in this process. In percentage ratio 90% farmers are seen their involvement and the rest 10 farmers are still to understand on the Bio-Fence. In these farmers mostly the youth group's involvement has been observed.

<u>Problems:-</u> The problems regarding the lemon plantation are as follows..

- 1. Pest problems
- 2. Heavy rain fall
- 3. Disturbances of wild elephants.
- 4. Labor based farmers.
- **5.** The community is busy in paddy field.

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON BIO FENCE: District Community development Programme organized one day long awareness programme on bio fence at Sirajuli LP School on 18th August 2010. The programme was organized in collaboration with WF India NBL Tezpur. The main objective of the programme was to enhance the capacity on lemon and Hot chilly cultivation of the community of Halem Sapori and Sirajuli.

The following topics were mainly brought into the discussion.

- * Bio-Fence is preservation measure to control disturbances of wild elephants.
- * Bio fence is the way to challenge the economic condition of people boundary area.
- * Bio-Fence helps to reduce deforestation on boundary areas.
- * Feed back from farmers.

<u>Facilitators</u>

- 1. Mr. Daniel Millik specially facilitated the participants in Karbi language.
- 2. Mr. Seniram Terang School teacher Sirajuli LP School.
- 3. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra CEO, DCDP
- 4. Mr. R.P. Sharma Programme Assistant DCDP

Out comes

- * People started to control cattle
- * Women also come forward in the cultivation process of Bio-Fence.
- * Group discussion among the farers.

Participants: 35 Male: 29 female: 06

CONFLICT MITIGATION PROGRAMME: The boundary issues between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh are high in boundary area and some times the issues lead toward the conflict between the neighbors. A consultation was organized by the organization to mitigate the problems in collaboration with the Village Defense Party (VDP) on 10th April 2010 at Dullungmukh LP School.

The meeting was presided over by the supernatant of police Sonitpur district Mr. Jitmal Doley. The objectives were.

- \rightarrow To build good relationship between the people.
- \rightarrow To aware on aforestation in RF.

There were all together 250 participants from Arunachal Pradesh and Assam were present in the meeting. A peace committee was formed in the meeting.

Participants: 250 Male: 169 female: 81

3.0 Capacity Building

1.3.2. LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO KEY LEADERS:

WOMEN LEADERSHIP TRAINING: The organization has conducted a training programme for the women. The training programme was held at the Shakomatto Christian Centre, Biswanath Chariali. The programme was conducted from 9th to 20th July 2010.

The women from 36 churches of Sonitpur district participated and were benifited.

The topics capacitated were:

- ✓ Women Rights.
- ✓ Women and Development.
- $\checkmark~$ Christian Responsibilities.
- ✓ Social responsibilities.
- ✓ Accountability.

Resource Persons:-

Mr. Sowaram Daimari, Administrative Secretary.

North Bank Baptist Christaian Association.

Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP

Participants: 65 Male: 4 Female: 61

WORKSHOP ON LCP:- The Churches Auxiliary for Social Action CASA Guwahati organized two days long workshop programme on "Local Capacity for Peace" at the Training Centre Umran, Meghalaya. The workshop programme was conducted on 18th April and 19th April 2010.

The two days sessions were carried out on following areas during the programme.

- \rightarrow Understanding the content of the conflict.
- \rightarrow Analysis of the sources of tensions.

The two days sessions were carried through case study, finding out the tension and connectors out during the workshop programme.

There were 38 participants participated in the programme from North East India. The following persons participated in the programme from DCDP, Bheluadanga.

- 1. Mr. Rudra Sharma, Programme Assistant, DCDP
- 2. Mr. Jwel Topno, Support Staff.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON FOOD SECURITY:-

The District Community Development Programme organized a consultation programme on Food security on 31st May 2010 at the conference hall of DCDP, Bheluadanga and made the conceptually understand on Food Security among the VDC leaders.

The areas were discussed in the consultation.

- > The indigenous farming systems of agriculture.
- > Establishment of Vermi Compost at the respective place of the VDCs.
- > FAITH gardening initiatives by selected VDCs.
- Fish cum Paddy cultivation initiatives by selected VDCs and PPS.
- Establishment of Seed Bank

Participants: 34 male 32 female 2

Fishy Cum Paddy Culture:

The 4 active Farmers from Sirajuli, Karibil Kochari, Hatimora and Karibil Bongali Practiced for fishy culture cum Paddy culture and they are encouraged, they all are benefited by minimum extra self support along with Paddy. Though there were heavy rain fall during the period of Fishy culture some how they could able to save fish at their paddy field.

Vermi compost Unit:

A small Vermi compost unit is developed at Bheluadanga DCDP campus with 3000 warm. Presently the productions are mobilizing at Lemon plantation at Halem Sapori & Sirajuli Village. 4 qntls of Vermi production and now increased the warm from 3000 in the Unit. 14 Farmers trained through this Vermi compost unit and they are encouraged for their respective areas. **Lemon Plantation**: There are 53 Lemon cultivator in Sirajuli and Halem Sapori Villages and covering 3 Km length and 30 ft broad sizable lemon plantation initiated by the Community to protect Wild elephant and as well as self economic support through lemon fruits. There were 16,500 lemon plants planted by the 53 Lemon cultivators in the boarder of Chenglijan RF.

Workshop on Local Capacity for Peace:

The Collective Action for People's Empowerment (CAPE) conducted three days long workshop programme on Local Capacity For Peace at the conference hall of Dhudhumia Goan Panchayat Naharkatia, Dibrugarh from rd June 21-^s 23, 2010.

The main objective of conducting the workshop programme on Local Capacity for Peace was to capacitate the participant in mobilization of community in peace process. The four volunteer organization respectively DCDP, CRMS, KAUS, DMDIC participate din the programme. The workshop programme was supported by CASA Guwahati.

The workshop programme on Local Capacity for Peace was commenced with a inauguration programme. In this programme devotion was done which was headed by Mr. Bhobesh Nahardeka, Chairman, DMDIC, Naharkatia, and Executive Board. In the devotion every one prays for the good health and good knowledge. Latter introduction and the programme were kicking off.

The recourse persons were as follows.

- > Mr. Pradip Surin, Field Officer, CASA Guwahati.
- ➢ Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP.
- Mr. Pradeep Poul, CEO, DMDIC.

They capacitated the participants on the topics as given below.

The main themes of workshop were as follows.

- ✓ To have clear understanding conceptual understanding about the LCP.
- ✓ To make participant to apply LCP tools in their programme areas.
- ✓ To help in maintaining LCP in future programme.
- ✓ Understanding the content of the conflict.
- ✓ Analysis of the sources of tensions.

The following personals participated from DCDP area along with other participants covering 4 Districts of assam in programme and were benifited.

- 1. Mr. Indra Chetry, Chairman, DCDP Executive Board.
- 2. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP.
- 3. Mr. Rudra Sharma, Programme Assistant, DCDP.
- 4. Mr. Kalpana Mahalia, Vive Chairman, DCDP Executive Board.

Mrs. Kiran Handique Kanak Lata Mahila Manch, Sonitpur.

Staff Meeting & Capacity Programme for Organizational Staff/ Executive Board:

Staff Meeting programme was conducted on February 1st – 3rd m2011 at DCDP office where Mr, P Surin, FO, Assam Ms. Anamika Gogoi, Programme Asst, CASA and Ms. Nusalu, Programme Asst. RECOPE attended and facilitated the programme. Mainly the following areas were stressed in the staff meeting.

- 1. Reporting & Documentation
- 2. Active participation with State Network (CAPE) & Regional Network (RECOPE)

- 3. Resource Mapping
- 4. Staff Policy Matter and Financial Policy Matter.

There were 2 village meeting held on 2nd & 3rd day of February 2011 and representative from CASA & RECOPE visited and interacted with the community leaders along with the Executive board members of DCDP. The villagers from Puronigeraj, Nagabil, Karibil Bongali and Bheluadanga were shared with the team about the RTI act, Public Distribution System and

availability of the commodities in the respective Ration shops. They reflected their problems and challenges how they are in process with mass movement. The team has encouraged them for strong unity and cooperates with the Village Development Committee.

4.0 Advocacy and Lobbying

1.4.1. CONSULTATION PROGRAMME ON RIGHT TO FOOD

District Community Development Programme a consultation programme organized in collaboration with THE EAST Tezpur on RIGHT TO FOOD at Binapani Natya Mandir Biswanath Chariali on 8th June 2010.

The themes were brought into the discussion were as......

- \rightarrow The Public Distribution System
- \rightarrow National Rural Employment Scheme.
- \rightarrow National Rural Health Mission Scheme.
- \rightarrow Integrated Child Development Schemes
- \rightarrow Mid day Meal Scheme
- \rightarrow Right to Information Act in regulating the Governmental Schemes

The facilitators were respectively....

- 1. Mr. Janki Pegu State Coordinatior People's Right Forum, Assam.
- 2. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP
- 3. Mr. Pradeep Kawa CEO, PAJRA, Tezpur
- 4. Mr. Sanjib das
- 5. Mr. Meghnath Sharma, Chairperson Right to Food Forum, Sonitpur.
- The NGOs extended participation during the programme were as follows.
 - 1. DBSS Tezpur
 - 2. Right to Food Forum, Sonitpur.
 - 3. Kanaklata Mahila Manch, Sonitpur
 - 4. People's Right Forum, Assam
 - 6. District Community Development Programme, Bheluadanga
 - 7. SURAJ GSS, Tezpur
 - 8. THE EAST, Tezpur
 - 9. PAJRA, Tezpur
 - 10. MASK, Balipara
 - 11. GPP Gohpur
 - 12. DASK, Dhekiajuli.
 - 13. JYOTI PUTHI BHORAL YUVAK SANGHA, Gamiri
 - 14. CADAT, Biswanath Chariali
 - 15. VDC Gohpur
 - 16. M.S. Pabhoi Biswanath Chariali

WORKSHOP ON FOOD SECURITY: Right to Food Forum Assam Chapter has organized a workshop programme in collaboration with THE EAST on 27th May 2010 at the Conference Hall of THE EAST, Tezpur.

The main objective of the workshop programme was to share the schemes related to Right to Food implemented by the Central and State Government.

- 1. Mr. Rudra Sharma, Programme Assistant.
- 2. Mr. Meghnath Sharma, President Right to Forum, Sonitpur
- 3. Mrs. Lilabati Patiri, Kanaklata Mahila Manch.
- 4. Mrs. Jostns Dutta, Kanaklata Mahila Manch.

The above persons were attended in the workshop programme from the DCDP and were empowered. Total **8** NGOs of Sonitpur District extended their participation during the programme.

CONSULTATION PROGRAMME The organization organized a consultation programme on 26th April 2010 at Karibil Community hall.

The following areas were briefly discussed in the meeting.

- > Regularization of Public Distribution system.
- > National Rural Guarantee Employment Scheme.
- ➢ Mis-utelization of ZPC, AP and GP fund.
- ➢ Integrated Child development schemes.
- ▶ Regularization of Mid Day Meal scheme.

Participants: 26 Male: 19 Female: 07

CONSULTATION PROGRAMME ON RIGHT TO FOOD

North East India Peoples Right Forum has organized one day long consultation programme on Right To Food on 3^{rd} August at Hotel Meghduth Palatan Guwahati .In this programme two members from DCDP participated . They were Mr, Rudra Sharma & Mr. Kamal Bhorali from Community. Mr. Kamal Bhorali nominated to attend at the national convention on Food Security held in Rourkela, Orrisa from August $6^{th} - 10^{th}$, 2010

The DCDP form one forum known as Right to Food Forum Sonitpur which is actively involved in various social activities which is related with right to food .The forum collected data about PDS, ICDS,Mid day Meal ,NREGA .The goal of the forum to systematized the system which is related with right to food .

In the meeting the following subject matter is briefly discussed, these are as follows

- 1. Problems of PDS system,
- 2. Problems faced by activist in collection of data.

3. Role of Gram Panchayat Samabai Sammiti to systematize the system which is related to right to food .

- 4. Election system of GPSS of Assam.
- 5. Renoval of ration card of BPL.
- 6. Role of N et work to systematized the GPSS in Sonitpur District.
- 7. Preparation of participant for Orrisa.

In the meeting the participant shared their views with case study .Mr. Kamal Bharali member of Right to Food forum shared his problems what he have faced in tine of collection data on NREGA schemes which is implement in Gammiri GP under Chaiduwar Block .He said that though he is BPL card holder the BDO asked huse amount to provide data. Mr Bharali sends one petition to chief

information commissioner highlighting the story what is happened to him. After one month Chief information commissioner call for hearing to all Govt. Official who is related with it. The Commissioner order to pay all amount to Mr Bharali whith in 15 dayes of issuing the order. Chief commissioner order to BDO to paid of Rs 2000 as a compensation for giving him mental harassment

Mr Sanjiv Das a volunteer of DBSS Tezpur also shared views on PDS system. Mr Das faced various problems in time of data collection of distribution of ration materials' through ration shop in the Dekiajuli area. Mr Das said that instead of getting data he got life threaten from ration shop holder. The ration shop holder announced wrongly among the beneficiary due to Mr Das they are deprived from ration material. They also put false

Convention Programme on Right to Food:-

The North People's Right Forum has organized one day long consultation programme on 3rd August 2010 at hotel Meghdooth Guwahati. The progamme was supported by Action Aid.

In this programme 20 Nos Non Government Oraniazations extended their participation during ther programme.the following topics were discussed during the session.

- → Role of north East People's Right Forum.
- \rightarrow Analysis of relating problems in PDS,ICDS,Mid day Meal, NREGA etc.
- → Case studies from the participants.
- → Nomination of delegates to attend Nation Convention on Right to Food at Raurkela Orissa.
- \rightarrow Collection of data in various issues related to Right to Food.

Dr. Sunil Koul and Mr.Mrinal Gunhain were resource personals for the programme.

Mr. Janki Pegu state coordinator of People's Right Forum highlighted the main theme of the programme.

Mr. Rudra Sharma Programme Assistant and Mr. Kamal Bhorali volunteer of DCDP participated in the programme. Mr. kamal Bhorali was nominated to attend the National Convention which was going to be held at Raurkela, Orissa from 6th August to 8th August2010.

National Convention on Right to Food:-

Mr. Kamal Bhorali attended at the National Convention on Right to Food Forum from August 6th - 10th, 2010 at Raurkela, Orissa organized by National Advisory Committee Right to Food Forum. The main objective of the convention was to enhance the capacity of the participants on various rights regarding the various Government Schemes.

The participants from various NGOs, CBOs, Women Federations, Farmers groups extended their participation in the convention. As per report received from the representative of our organization Mr. Kamal Bhorali acknowledged the followings.

The convention carried out ion three sessions. The topics discussed in the sessions were...

- A) First Session:-
 - 1. Agriculture pattern of India and how it is related to Food Security.
 - 2. Agriculture pattern of North East India and how it is related to Food Security.
 - 3. Traditional agriculture system and analysis its defects.
 - 4. Development of agriculture in North East India to ensure the food security.
- B) Second Day's Session:-
 - 1. Order of Supreme Court on Food Security.
 - 2. Analysis of legal foundation of the right to food issue.
 - 3. Analysis of food for work scheme and its defect on implementation.
 - 4. Group discussion among the participants on right to food.
- C) <u>Third Day's Session:-</u> the Third day's session was open session. All the participants from the various States come together and shared their views towards the right based issues privileged

in their respected areas. Many prominent layers, Reporters, NGO workers, CBOs, Women Federations, Farmers groups extended their views and opinions with the participants.

D) <u>The Decisions taken during the pro0gramme are as follows.</u>

- 1. It is resolved that no food grains from being wasted due to misguided policies of Government of India.
- 2. It is resolved also that all will work together to mount pressure on the Government to bring a comprehensive national Food Security Act.
- 3. The Convention has resolved to observe the" National Action week" GODAM KE TALE KHOLO all over the India from 22nd September to 28th September 2010.
- 4. The Convention also resolved to have a Dharna Programme in every District Headquarter by the partner organizations.

CONSULTATION ON RIGHT TO FOOD:

People's Right Forum organized a consultation on Right to Food at the Conference hall of Diocese Board of Social Service Tezpur on 15th September 2010.Mr. Janki Pegu shared the main objectives of the programme. He shared the decisions taken during the National Convention on Right to Food at Raurkela Orissa. He also discloses the nation programme "Godam Ke Tale Kholo" to unlock the Goodowns from 22nd to 28th September all over the county.

The decisions taken during the programme were as follows...

- 1. Deputy Office Dharna Programme on Right ot Food.
- 2. Preparation of Memorandum.
- 3. Printing and Dissemination of leaflets among the community.
- Total 8 NOs extended their participation during the programme.

Mr. Rudra Sharma Programme Assistant, DCDP representated the programme from DCDP.

NETWORKING MEETING ON RIGHT BASED APPROACH:

The people's Right forum and District Community Development Programme jointly organized one day networking meeting where 8 NGOs from Sonitpur District participated. The programme was conducted on 4th September 2010 at Conference Hall of DBSS Tezpur.

The following areas were brought into the discussion.

- To Systemize the Mauza samabai sammittee
- Role of Government and national Food Security.
- Gathering of data on PDS
- Involvement of Panchayat representatives.
- Role of Media on highlighting PDS.

Mr. Janki Pegu the state coordinator of People's Right Forum shared about the order passed by Supreme Court on PDS.

Outcome:

- i. 5 members filled the RTI application regarding collection of data on PDS.
- ii. Community started to advocate on PDS.
- iii. Community started to question Panchayat on NREGA schemes for clearance of work.
- iv. The Food & Civil Supply department called all the agent of Ration Shop and advised to put the signboard and reflect the entire price including availability of commodities and No of beneficiary's status in the respective Ration Shop.

4. **DEVIATION:**

A. Activities which could not carry out.

1 Nos. Planning Monitoring area level meeting could not be carried out at Selaikhati because of Assam band and some un-desirable situation happened during the period.

B. New activities taken and carried out.

The following new activities are under taken during the period.

1. NETWORKING MEETING ON RIGHT BASED.

A Networking Meeting on PDS in collaboration with People's Right Forum on 4th September 2010 organized at Conference Hall of DBSS Tezpur and submitted memorandum to honorable deputy Commissioner regarding harassment situation occurred by the Agent of Ration Shop and Police officer while filling RTI application by the Community specially Mr. Kamal Bhorali from DCDP area and Mr. Sanjib Das from Dhekiajuli.

5. CHALLENGES/LEARNINGS:

Challenges:

- Unfavorable weather, Assam band, misbehavior of Govt PIOs on RTI was the challenges during the collection data and programme activities.

Learnings :

- Involvement of the community in Programme activities
- Other networking organization extended support in carrying out the activities.
- It seems difficult in convinced the community regarding their rights but still not impossible.

6. CONCLUSION:

- → DCDP acknowledged with appreciation to WWF India NBL Tezpur for supporting Bio-Fence management programme towards the mitigation of Human Elephant Conflict in Bheluadanga areas along with guidance & suggestions in carrying out of overall activities.
- → DCDP also extend appreciation to CASA for supporting necessary guidance time to time including financial support towards the project 'Community Based Food Security Programme and enhancing the capacity towards community transformation.
- → DCDP experienced the cooperation from various organization like, Action Aid, People's Right Forum Sonitpur Chapter, North East People's Right Forum, The EAST, DBSS, PAJHRA etc. come forward to extend support for the highlighting the Right Based Issues in the state and advocate the community on various Rights.
- → The wings of DCDP like Right to Food Forum, Kanaklata Mahila Manch Sonitpur. Village Development Committee, Area Development Committee, Selp help Groups, Pathar Parichalona sammittee, Block Level Mahila Manch also equivalently extended cooperation in the programme activities.

Hence, DCDP will remain grateful to the peoples and the organizations who extending their support to our organizations.

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Annexure: Audited Report & Balance sheet:

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We have audited the account of **DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRO-GRAMME**, having its Registered Office at Bheluadanga, Dist. Sonitpur, Assam bearing Registration **020620010** under FC(R) Act. for the year ending 31st March, 2011 and examined all relevant books and vouchers relating to Project No. .20090334G/BFEW-K0230/2009 under the title **Community Food Security Programme** and certify that according to the audited account.

- (i) The brought forward foreign contribution at the beginning of the year was Rs.1,299/-
- (ii) Foreign Contribution of/worth **Rs.6,15,500/-** and Interest thereon of **Rs.4,082/-** was received by the Society during the year 01/04/2010 tp 31/03/2011
- (iii) The balance of unutilised foreign contribution with the Society as on 31st March, 2011 was Rs.1,927/-
- (iv) Certified that the Society has maintained the accounts of foreign contribution and records relating thereto in the manner specified in Section 13 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 read with sub-rule (1) of rule 8 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 1976.
- (v) The information in this certificate and in the enclosed Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Payment is correct as checked by us.

Date : 21/05/2011, Place : Guwahati

Anupam Baruah, FCA)

(Anupam Baruah, FCA) Partner, Anupan Baruah & Co., Mem. Reg. No. 55383

DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BHELUADANGA, SÓNITPUR (ASSAM)

(Foreign Contribution Account)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March,2011

	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.
То	Projects & Programmes (As per Receipts & Payments Account annexed)			By Grants from Churches Auxiliary for Social Action, Calcutta	615500.00
	Community Development Issue Based Capacity Building Advocacy & Lobbing Co-Ordination	24807.00 65590.00 98877.00 170512.00 259168.00	618954.00	" Interest from Bank	4082.00
"	Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT		628.00		
	Total		619582.00	Total	619582.00

Signed in terms of our separate report of even date.

For, ANUPAM BARUAH & CO., Chartered Accountants

21st May, 2011, Guwahati.



(CA Anupam-Baruan) Partner. Mem. No. : 055383. Firm Reg. No. : 320223E

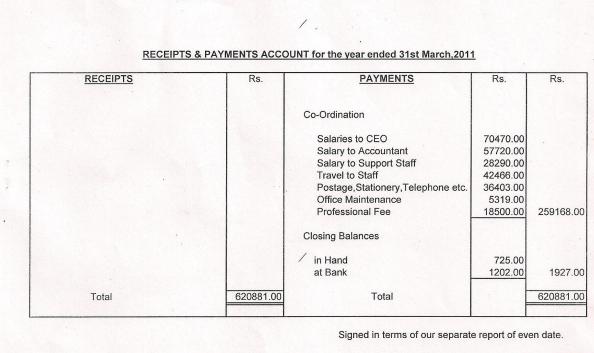
DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BHELUADANGA, SONITPUR (ASSAM)

(Foreign Contribution Account)

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st March,2011

	RECEIPTS	Rs.	Rs.	PAYMENTS	Rs.	Rs.
Го	Opening Balances			By Projects & Programme		
	in Hand	1.00		Community Development	No.	
	at Bank	1298.00	1299.00			
				Community Health Prog.	14200.00	
"	Grants from Churches Auxi	liary		Consultation/Executive Meeting	2113.00	
	for Social Action, Calcutta		615500.00	Orientation Programme	2597.00	126.55
				VDC Reformation	3207.00	
				Awareness Programme on		
	Interest from Bank		4082.00	Environment & Ecology	1890.00	
				Travel to CDO	800.00	24807.00
				Issue Based		
	~			Issue based		
				Salary to Programme Asstt.	49380.00	
				Panchayatiraj Institution Prog.	1000.00	
				Vermi Compost	7210.00	
				Economic Support for Paddy		
		1		Cum Fishi Culture	8000.00	65590.00
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				Capacity Building		
				Consultation Programme on		and the second
				Right based Approach	670.00	
				Women Leadership Training	13266.00	
				Bike Maintenance	5749.00	
				Economic Support for Land		
				development	74000.00	
				Staff Meeting	5192.00	98877.00
				Advocacy & lobbing		
				Consultation Programme	18716.00	
				Consultation Programme(CAPE)	33116.00	
				Support Fund to RECOPE	43293.00	
				Networking Meeting	17426.00	
		1		Documentation	18000.00	170710
				Action Fund for Forum Activity	39961.00	170512.00
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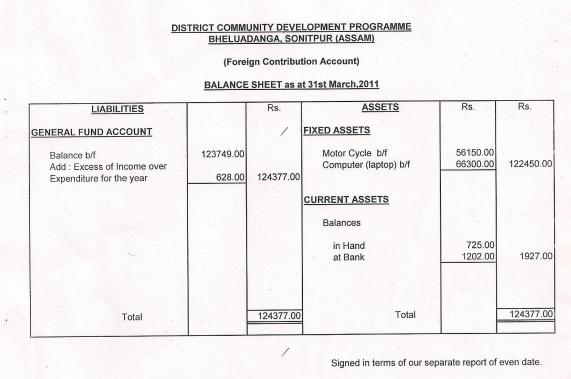


For, ANUPAM BARUAH & CO., Chartered Accountants

21st May, 2011, Guwahati.

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Balance sheet:



For, ANUPAM BARUAH & CO., Chartered Accountants

21st May, 2011, Guwahati.

(CA Anupam Baruah)

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Activity	Source	Туре	Cash	Non-cash	Total
Consultation programme on Soil Conservation	VDC, Local Community, Govt. Officials	Manual works for programme arrangement, fooding etc.	Rs.2500/-	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 3000/-
BIO-FENCE towards the mitigation of Human Elephant Conflict	WWF India NBL Tezpur & VDC	Consultations/Technical Support/ manual work etc.	Rs/- 2000/-	Rs/- 20,000.00	Rs/- 22000/-
Conflict Mitigation of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh inhabitants	VDP/VDC/Youth Groups/ Police/Students	Arrangements/ manual work for peace process	Rs/-0.00	Rs/-3000	Rs/-3000
NETWORKING MEETING ON RIGHT BASED ISSUES	Like minded NGOs of Sonitpur	Consultations/Technical Support/ manual work etc	Rs 5000/-	Rs. 0.00/-	Rs 5000/-
CONSULTATION PROGRAMME ON RIGHT TO FOOD	Like minded NGOs of Sonitpur	Consultations/Technical Support/ manual work etc	-	-	-
PLANNING & MONITORING AREA LEVEL:	20 Nos. VDC	Arrangements/ manual work	Rs.2000.00/-	Rs.2000.00/-	Rs.4000.00/-

7. LOCAL RESOUCE MOBIZATION (OWN MEANS)

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