

Preface

It is our great pleasure to share our activities in the year 2011-2012. 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 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 their all kind of support, guidance and encouragement and enable us to carry forward the programme. We also thank to Government Department Officials 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

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District Community Development Programme
Brief Activity Report

Period: **April-2011 to March-- 2012**

Project Title: Community Based Food Security Programme

1. INTRODUCTION

a) Organization:

In the year 1986, the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) initiated the development activities in Bheludanga 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 full-fledged 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 & SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

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

OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. Formation of Area Development & Village Development Committee and strengthening the capacity of Area Development Committee as wel as Yubak Sangha, Mahila Sangha and other grass root level organization on the process of development through right based approach.
2. Promoting community health/economic empowerment activities and sustainable agriculture.
3. Promoting self-reliance and sustainability among the poor.
4. 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.
5. Enhance the capacity of the poor household to improve agriculture animal husbandry.
6. Encouraging people to organize themselves into cooperative and to facilitate marketing of local produces.
7. Enhancing people's capacity on resource mobilization.
8. To promote Gender sensitization among the people VDC, Mahila Sangha and other likeminded organization
9. 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.

10. 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 47villages 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.

Brief Introduction on the Project:

It was great experience throughout the year beginning from the project period which was started from October 2009 and now already completed 30 months at the end of March 2012. There were series of consultations, trainings, workshops, seminars conducted and enabled people to understand their rights, concept on food security and basic entitlement under Government Schemes. It was great privileged for DCDP to accomplish the Goal & objective with active cooperation with community and the Government department.

District Community Development Programme (DCDP) had undertaken the following activities during the period from April-2011 to March- 2012. In these periods the organization has conducted several activities in the area. The activities are carried out according to the following components.

To meet the project goal and objectives the organization underlined with the following components and enabled people towards understanding their Rights.

1. Community organization.
2. Issue based support.
3. Capacity building.
4. Advocacy Lobbying.

Community organization: The community organization is one of the components which can help to organization to aware community in various aspects. The aimed of this component is to create community in that process in which community can achieved their actual rights. More over these components the organization initiated and facilitated the process of educating the poor people on PDS, ICDS, RTI, on right based approach.

1.1: Training for SHGs on Self Governance and Development:

There are 34 nos Self Help Groups in Bheluadanga and Selaikhati area organized during the year 2001 and 2005. The Group members all are from below poverty line and who were involved in their house hold activities. They never thought about savings and other social activities which will help towards their welfare in their family and the society. In continuation of the various developmental programme and activities there were series of consultations, trainings and workshops organized and gradually the women who are the active members of the self help group came forward and empowered on the following areas-

- ✓ 300 women from 20 SHGs can write and read and they can signed
- ✓ 24 SHGs are trained on books of accounts, proceeding and they are maintaining well.
- ✓ All SHG members are well understood on their role & function and initiated advocacy role at gram panchyat level for proper implementation of NREGA and PDS.

These impacts are noted down during the last follow-up programme which was conducted on March 2-3, 2012 at Duflaghur where all together 87 participants such as president, Secretary and 2 members from each group were participated in the programme.

1.2: Consultation with Financial institute on financial management:



Sri. Rudra Sharma, Programme Assistant of DCDP attended the training programme on Project Proposal Development and Financial Management which was held at Balipara from March 23-27th 2012 organized by the Ant & Idea. Mr. Kausik Sarkar from the Ant, Bongaigaon facilitated the programme in the following areas.

1.4: Awareness on Over Population:

January 18th 2012 at Missamari, Halem

DCDP organized one day awareness programme on over population on January 18th 2012 at Misamari, Halem where more than 200 students including local youth from the youth club participated. A documentary on Family planning was showed and same were briefly elaborated by Ms. Swapna Devi ANM under Kawripather new PHC. The measurable steps for family planning were discussed and disseminated among the participants. Dr. J Dutta, Medical & Health Officer attended as resource person and encouraged participants with his speech on Family Planning and NRHM intervention towards Family welfare Schemes. The Chairman of DCDP executive board Mr. Indra Chetry delivered his short speech and encouraged all the participants to keep continue such active participation in near future and concluded the programme with vote of thanks.



Capacity Building workshop for Governing Board Members

1. November 1st 2011 &

2. March 24th 2012

Two workshops on Capacity Building for Governing Board Members organized at DCDP



DCDP Executive Meets March 2012

Conference hall on November 1st 2011 & March 24th 2012 & both workshops meeting presided by Mr. Indra Chetry Chairman of Governing Board. There were 15 members (male- 12 female- 03) including 3 staff of DCDP was participated in the workshops on November 1st 2011 and 12 executive members & 3 staff of DCDP participated on March 24th 2012. The following key activities and decision was taken in the workshop meeting



DCDP Governing Board Meeting November 2011

for resource mobilization and organization sustainability.

- CEO of DCDP reported to the participants about the past activities which were carried out during the period of 1st April-2011 to December-2011 and made clear among the Governing Board members.
- The Action Plan for the period of 1st October-2011 to 31st March-2012 & April 2012 to September 2012 are finalized for submission to donor agency and all the Governing Board members are assured their participation in the ongoing and upcoming activities.
- In the both workshop the Service rule and financial policy was the major discussion in the workshop and requested sub-committee to look into the matter and bring it in the next workshop for finalization.
- Adopted resolution for replacing the installation of Mini Modern Rice mill due to technical difficulties and power supply in the Nagabil area. Looking to the demand and more essentiality in the area one tractor to be purchased for economic improvement and the house decided to continue the process because of pending and discussed to raise fund to meet the purchasing capacity or to take up alternative. The house hand over the matter to the sub-committee to come out with concrete decision.

- Resolution adopted to withdraw the reserve fund and keep fix deposit for 5 years at HDFC bank at Biswanath Chariali branch by opening fix deposit account in the name of District Community Development Programme.
- Resolved to develop proposal for resource tapping from within and outside to address the local issues and mobilize for ground reality.
- The Motor Cycle No. AS-12D-6578 to be sold at the rate of Rs. 20,000.00 due to major repairing & keep the amount in the local account till next decision.
- All the respected members are requested to participate at the annual General meeting of Collective Action of People's Empowerment (CAPE) at Biswanath Chariali from March 24th to 29th, 2012.
- Annual Meeting of DCDP is to be organized with 2days programme during May 2nd week and Date to be finalized by the Chairman & Secretary.

The workshop concluded with vote of thanks and prayer by Mr. RV Horo, ex-chairman of Governing Board.

Issue Based:

2.1: Development of Herbal Nursery:

DCDP initiated for development of herbal Nursery in the DCDP Campus, Bheludanga and so far measuring of 2 kotha land has developed and prepared for nursery.

2.4: Community Level Village Meeting:

DCDP organized 7 Community Level Village meeting at different remote villages during the period from October 2011 to March 2012. The details are narrated here under.

1. Community Level Village Meeting at Dullungmukh Village



Death of wild elephant

District Community Development Programme (DCDP) organized one day long a Community Level Village meeting at Dullungmukh Village particularly for Dullungmukh villagers. The meeting



Meeting presided by Mr. G. Subedi, President Karibil GP

presided by Mr. Ghanashyam Subedi, President, Karibil Gaon Panchayat. The prepared Agenda was followed with active participation of the participants. After welcome address the objective of the meeting is briefly elaborated and discussed on the matter.

The objective of the meeting was to assess the situation faced by the community of Dullungmukh Village. Through discussion it was found that the villagers of Dullungmukh identified one dead wild elephant which was spreading bad smelling in the surrounding area and they have buried without informing to the concerned department. After few days a Army team from Assam Rifle Halem camp visited in Dullungmukh village and found the buried spot and exposed the



Community Level Village Meeting

dead body of wild elephant and reported to nearest forest check out post. The villagers acknowledged to the Army team that they buried the dead body of the wild elephant which was

spreading unbearable smell in the surrounding area and they did not inform any one. After that event, the people of the area felt awful situation by themselves and they don't stay at their home after evening. They started to frightened government officials particularly police & forest department. To eliminate the situation and re-buildup good relationship with Government department especially police and forest department along with panchayat re-preventative of the area all the invitee guest and social workers discussed the matter very closely with the community. During the discussion with the community and concerned officials it was made amply clear to the villagers that community has to cooperate with the department in any kind of situation and if any problem they face in near future in the village they have to inform to Local forest check out post, Panchayat representatives, Local VDP, VDC. The following resolutions are adopted in the meeting.

1. It is resolved that the community not to take any self decision regarding forest related matter but they have to inform nearest forest check out post or the local panchayats if they face any kinds of problem in the area.
2. It is resolved that the department of forest be requested to depute more forest personals and protection force for proper monitoring the Chenglijan RF area and also to cooperate with the community in the fringe area.

The following invitee officials and representatives were attended and devoted their feelings and suggestions for active cooperation with the government concerned department, Local Panchayat & NGOs,

Mrs. Lukomaya Acharya, ZPC member, Halem B,

Mr. Philip Sinduri, AP Member, Karibil GP

Mr. B R Bora, Officer in-Charge, Halem Police Station

Major Amorjeet Singh, Assam Rifle, E Company, Halem

Mr. Khagen Khound, Ex- servicemen

Mr. Santiram Chetry, BO, Kawripathar Forest Check out post.

Mr. Indra Chetry, Chairman- Governing Board, DCDP & Mr. Kretofil Bhengra- CEO, DCDP

2. Community Level Village Meeting at Karibil Bongali Village

DCDP organized one day long Community Level Village Meeting on November 30th 2011 at Karibil Bongali Village in coopecton with Karibil Bongali Village Development committee where Mr. Rudra Br Chetry President of Karibil Bongali VDC presided the meeting. The main objective of the meeting briefly highlighted in the meeting that the various social problems like non availability of electricity, lack of safe drinking water facility, scarcity of irrigational water, human elephant conflict etc are hampering to the people in the locality. The above problems and issues were discussed with the community and empowered the participants to initiate how to process in delivering their thoughts, their dignity of life and the scenario of the village to the respective government authority as well as local Gram Panchayat for appropriate implementation of the Government Schemes.

After prolong discussion the participants realized the facts and came out with the following aspiration.

1. Decided to re-approach with formal application to the SDO, Assam Electricity Board, Gohpur for electrification in the village through local Gram Panchayat.
2. Decided to approach to the Major of Assam Rifle, Halem Branch for solar light in the village.

3. Decided to approach to the Hon,le Member ZPC Halem “B” to extend priority to this remote village and undertake development schemes for improvement of weaker section in karibil Bongali village.
4. Decided to approach DFO, Sonitpur east division to control over the illegal collection of stone from the Boroi River and to take protection measures from the threat.

One charge light and two packets of creeker containing 12 nos in each packet also distributed among the participant to get relaxation from wild elephant in the area.

In the meeting 31 male & 25 female participants has actively participated and shared their views.

3. Community Level Village Meeting at Kekurizan:



Kekurijan Village is one of the remote villages under Helem revenue circle. The village is about 9KM distant from National Highway (NH52), community are still suffering for safe drinking water, there is no proper road communication, provision of electricity in the village. To discuss such burning issue of the locality the DCDP organized one day long community level village meeting on October 10th 2011 at Siva Mandir campus Mikirchang under Kekurijan VDC.

The workers of DCDP facilitated the community about their Rights.

The following areas were briefly discussed with the community.

1. Discussed the norms & importance regarding opening of BPL account in Post Office as per the circular given to the Post offices by the Government department of Postal department.
2. Role of VDC, SHG, leader for proper implementation of govt. schemes.
3. Analyzed the schemes under taken by the Local Gram Panchayat and decided to approach Senior BDO to provide information through RTI Act 2005 by the job card holders.
4. Decided to invite local MLA to show the tragic situation of the area and extend his concern to the area.

In these meeting total 85 male & 46 female participants were participated.

4. Community Level Village Meeting at Bheluadanga

Awareness on Age at Marriage:

An awareness programme on Age at Marriage was jointly organized by DCDP and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Gohpur Primary Health Centre at DCDP conference hall on December 16th 2011. The main objective of this programme was to educate the family specially women lady on safe delivery and to reduce the mortality rate of pregnancy women. The objective of the programme Sri Jiten Borpujari briefly elaborated to the participants that there are many cases existed in the community.



Participants in the programme

Stanally Hall said “Adolescence is the storm & Stresses period of life.” This proverb is quite meaningful in human life. So many mistakes are committed by people in this period. Presently it is observed that out of 1000 women, 48 women’s are died in maternity case. Due to mental Maturity some teenage women’s false in blind love and they got marriage in pre- marriage age and lastly as a result of this love they lost

their life in maternity case. To mitigate such problem in the area DCDP organized one day long awareness programme on 16th December 2011 in collaboration with NRHM (National Rural Health Mission) Gohpur Branch at DCDP conference hall. The objective of the meeting is highlighted by Mrs. Deepali Devi ASHA supervisor of Kawripather new PHC. In her speech she said that still some parent's guardians are ignorant about proper marriage age. Lack of education some guardians make comp ails their child to marry in bellow 18 years age which can create major problem in her life. Main motto of this programme is to aware teenage women's and their parents in age at marriage.

In the meeting under mention matters were discuss very thoroughly.

1. Scientific analysis of age at marriage.
2. Social problem and role of community.
3. Poverty & its effects on BPL category people.
4. Social Barden (Some tribes think that girls child is Barden of family).
5. Mental maturity.

Dr. Goutam Rajak Madical & Health Officer Kawripather New PHC and Mr. K. Bhengra CEO DCDP aware the community and teenage and they motivated their parents guardians to marry their child when they mentally mature.

In the programme total 10 male & 18 female participants has participated.

Facilitator:

1. Dr. Goutam Rajak Madical & Health Officer Kawripather New PHC
2. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra CEO DCDP Bheluadanga.
3. Mr. Jiten Borpujari Field Assistant DCDP
4. Mrs. Baijanti Bora ANM Kawripather New PHC

5. Community Level Village Meeting at Sirajuli Village:

District community Development Programme has organized one day long village meeting on 20th April 2011 at Sirajuli LP School. The main objective of meeting is to discuss the burning problems of village which is located near by Senglijan reserve forest, and popularly known as wild elephant conservation forest in Sonitpur District of



Assam. Due to degradation of forest, the wild life is very badly affected in the area and created lots of problems of like human elephant conflict, crops damage etc in the area. The following decisions are taken

1. Decided to relook for alternative cultivation instead of paddy as a livelihood support.

2. More attention to be given towards taking care of lemons cultivations & fill up the gap in the track where lemons plants are dried.
3. VDC need to play active role for mobilization of community in various aspects in the area and approach Government department for their implementation of the schemes and to provide power supply through the electricity department.
4. Ginger & Haldi (Curry powder) to be cultivated as alternative source of income in the middle of lemon plantation.
5. The existing JFM Committee need to play active role and approach respective forest department for their guidance and support in the area as per the departmental schemes.

6. Community Level Village meeting at Tinkonia Pather

District Community Development Program organized one day long village level meeting on 4th January 2012 at Tinkonia Pather in collaboration with Tinkonia VDC. The main intension of organizing this meeting is to facilitate and strengthen the Village Development Committee on how to deal with the prevailing issues and to find out the strategies for challenges and address with collective approach with the community. Due to degradation of reserve forest people of the area facing lots of problems from wild elephant in the area like crops damage, livestock damage, house damage, and damage of other property was the prime discussion matter in the meeting. In the discussion other subject matter also carried out, these are as follows:

1. Role of Village Development Committee towards Development perspective.
2. Importance & impact on RTI act 2005 through community.
3. Role of community for mobilization of government schemes in the area.

In program 1nos charge light is also offered from DCDP to get reduction from disturbance from wild elephant. 6packet creekers among community.

Total 21 male & 19 Female participated in the program.

7. Community Level Village Meeting at Karibil Sapori:

Karibil Sapari is the most remote village under Bheludanga pocket area. 95% people are Below poverty people live in the village where no provision of drinking water, Electricity facility, Road communication etc. Due to majority of illiterate people there is problem of domestic violence, irregularity in public distribution system, integrated child development schemes, National Rural Guaranty Schemes etc. To discuss such type of problem the local Karibil Sapari VDC has organized one day long village meeting On 7th January 2012, in co- operation with DCDP and SAVE (District Community Development Programme & SAVE, a wild life trust of Tezpur) .The meeting is presided by Mrs. Lila Maya Devi President of Karibil Sapari VDC and the above problems were elaborated by the village leaders and after discussions the followings were underlined to undertake in the action by the village development committee.

Problem of Electricity: So many school going children are there but lack of provision of electricity created problem in study and other community also badly effected in their economic side , because they have to parches rice so that they cannot effort other secondary need.

1. Ration Card: In discussion it is also found that still 60% people are deprived from ration Card Though 95% BPL people are lived in the village, Most of the people ignorant about GPSS(Gram Panchayat Samabai Samitee) share & role and function .
2. I A Y (Indira Abwas Youjana) : Though most of the people are poor but still they are deprived from IAY schemes ,it is also come out from the discussion in the meeting .
3. Provision of drinking water: Out of 10 families one ring well is as a provision of drinking water, according to the survey done by VDC leader in the area is come out in the meeting.
4. Problem of grazing land for community cattle: Near by the village, about 70 hectors land is planted as a social forest to reduce the soil erosion created by Boro River in the year of 1960. In the initiative of local Gram Panchayat and Social Forest Department Govt. of Assam. But at present some ignorant people started to destroy the social forest in the area which created problem of grazing land and soil erosion in the bank of Boro River is also the main focus in the meeting.

Regarding wild life protection Mr. Ajay Sharma very clearly shared with community. He request community to love any kind of wild life in their area. Last year in 2011, in month of July one big near about 35kgs Tortoise is killed by some community in the Boro River. The Tortoise was pregnant, in her stomach big and small 1500 egg is found, it is said by the community who involved in this case. They apologized that due to ignorance they killed the Tortoise. Mr. Rudra Sharma Program Assistant DCDP also shared his views with community and request not to do any harmful activities in near future.

2.7: Supporting SHGs & Farmers to promote Agriculture activities in the area:

DCDP provided 10 qntls of potato seeds and 60 trips of cow dung to selected 20 farmers & SHGs for 5 bighas of land in Sirajuli and Halem sapor area as alternative agriculture activities instead of paddy cultivation.

Human elephant conflict mitigation programme:

The DCDP has organized one day long consultation programme on 19th October at Sirajuli LP School in cooperation with Sirajuli VDC. The main objective of organizing the programme is to discuss burning problem of wild elephant in the area. Due to hues degradation of forest in the Sengelijan R/F wild elephant creates major problems of community like damage of houses, paddy field, lost of property etc. In the meeting it is also came out that, peoples are not getting support from forest department properly.

In the meeting mainly following matter were discussed.



1. Alternative cultivation should introduce in forest based village.
2. Relationship buildup with govt. department for compensation damage by wild elephant.
3. Improving of lemon cultivation in boundary of forest in community land.

In the meeting some important decision are adopted by the community that's are-

- a. It is decided to pressurize to forest department to implement Joint Forest Management schemes in the boundary of Sengelizan R/F.
- b. Community decided for details survey and data collection for further development plan and programme as community initiative programme.

From the organization Mr. Rudra Sharma Programme Assistant & Mr. Jiten Borpujari Field Assistant attended and facilitated with community.

Capacity Building:

3.6: Workshops on Joint Forest Management

Under the initiative of Forest department, Sonitpur east division a Joint Forest Management Committee initiated in comprising with 6 villages in the fringe area of Chenglijan Reserve Forest. The name of the JFMC is known as Bheludanga Joint Forest Management Committee where 21 members including office bearers are involved and so far they were not much aware on what is JFMC. While interacting with some of the members of the JFMC it was felt the need to have a workshop to empower the community along with committee members for effective functioning of JFMC towards protection and preservation of Chenglijan RF and wildlife along with their livelihood approach. There for District Community Development Programme organized 2 workshops at Sirajuli village on November 28th 2011 where 35 (Male-24 & Female- 11) participants participated in the workshop.

The main objective behind this workshop was to educate the participant's particularly existing committee members/leaders about JFMC and how they should be functioning. The workshop also allowed the participants to discuss and interact with the officials of the forest department and also to clear their doubts.



Resource person Md. Dilwar Hussain (Member Secretary of Laokhowa Burhachapori Wild life Conservation Society, Nagaon) during his address explained the roles and responsibilities of JFMC. He also very briefly elaborated on how the committee body should be formed and function towards protection of forest and wildlife along with their livelihood approach.

Further briefing the participants about the various schemes under FDA, resource person Md. Hussain stated that the every JFMC should also contribute in conservation of forest from fire, illicit activities, grazing, poaching and many more such activates in forest. Not only the members of the JFMC but even all the people should join hands together in the conservation mission. He also explained the participants about the objective of micro plans based on the possibility and opportunity in the area.

Local beat Officer Mr. P. Kanu represented from the forest department and explained the participants about the Genesis of JFMC and its objectives. In his briefing he supported and encouraged participants particularly JFMC for micro plans and entry point activities along with soil and moisture conservation.

The workshop presided by Mr. Philip Sinduri (Ancholik Panchayat Member, Karibil GP) where Mr Khem Chandra Khaund, Adviser of the Bheludanga JFMC participated and responded in the workshop that now this workshop has given clear thoughts and enlightened to the participants especially to the members of the JFMC about the role & responsibility.



Participants



Beat officer addressing to Participants

Mr. Hiten Boisa from WWF also attended and made aware to the participants on elephant psychology and concluded the workshop with vote of thanks offered by Mr. Rudra Sharma Programme Asst. DCDP. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Kretofil Bhengra CEO, DCDP along with the resource persons.

3.7: Training on Gender issue on Self reliance:

The North East Network (NEN) organized two days training programme on **Training on Gender issue on Self reliance/Micro Finance** on 13th & 14th October 2011 at TATA institute of social science, Uzanbazaar, Guwahati.



Dr. Manisha Behal CEO, NEN started the programme with her welcome address. In her speech she said that, the main aim of organizing the programme is to capacitate participant about gender lens with micro-credit/ micro-finance. In these programme total 17 participants from various districts from North East participated. She gave an example of the Nirantar which is an organization working for women's in livelihood process through micro- finance & micro-credit. In the first day she interacts with participant under mention topics.

Sri Rudra Sharma, Programme Assistant of DCDP represented the programme.

The following key points were highlighted in the training.

- Understanding the goals of micro- Finance& micro-credit programme.
- Understanding basic concepts, Gender, omens Rights, Women's Empowerment, Poverty, Micro-Credit or any other significant words that come up from participant's presentations.
- Claims & Realities of Microcredit a presentation of Nirantar , the organization make research on micro- credit and micro –finance.
- Group discussion among participant on Micro-credit µ-finance.
- Unraveling and understanding challenges faced by participants at field or organization level, with regards to women's empowerment ,poverty alleviation ,financial inclusion are also discuss.

In the second day mainly under mention matters are discussed.

- Charting ways forward to strengthen gender equity and women's rights within micro-credit/microfinance programme in grass-root area.
- Recent efforts to inform and influence policy and programme on micro-credit / micro-finance through gender lens.
- Reflections and feedback on two days training programme from participants.

The programme is end with the vote of thank from Dr. Behal. She offered her thanks to all participants for their kind participation. She request to all participants to apply the policy in regards of microfinance through the gender lens.

3.9: Capacity Building for staff and Volunteers on Organization sustainability:

Conducted 5 staff meeting at DCDP office conference hall in every 1st Tuesday in the month and discussed about the problem and challenges faced by the staff and volunteers where some of the Governing board members also participated along with the chairman of Governing Board. The following importances were discussed during the staff meeting for smooth functioning of the organization.

- Regular and timely attendance in the office and monitoring the activities.

- Well cooperation among the staff and volunteers as well as with other partners, members and with the community.
- Well transparency about the projects and organizational rule and function among the staff and volunteers towards the sustainability of the organization.

Mr. K Bhengra CEO DCDP, Mr. P Surin field officer CASA, Assam along with Ms. Anamika Gogoi CASA Guwahati and Mr. Indra Chetry, Chairman of Governing Board facilitated the programme.

Advocacy & Lobby:

Workshop on Food Security

The People Right Forum, Assam organized one daylong workshop on Food Security at Tezpur University on November 5th 2011 where DCDP also collaborated with PAJHRA and The East. The faculty of Tezpur University facilitated on the Global scenario on the Food security. In the present context the food items in the hotel, dhaba is become more compatible and modernized. Varieties of food items are available in different occasion in the hotel, dhaba and restaurant with different prices. All these are the luxurious food and these are not familiar with the rural people even if poor people cannot effort of this. Other hand the poor people always striving for food, clothes and shelter for which the Government adopted policy and under taking different schemes to alleviate weaker section and providing opportunity for the rural area where poor people can improve their living condition and reduce the ratio of the below poverty line.

But in view of that, the Government schemes are not much practically reached in the ground reality so far. There are so many problems, anomalies, corruptions are hindering and still poor and marginalized people are suffering for their rights.

Looking to the situation, Peoples Right Forum, Assam conducted series of workshop at state level for the NGOs and updated various information related to National Food schemes for sharing with the community in the respective areas. So far most of the NGOs conducted workshop on Right to Food at their respective areas and educated people on RTI-act, NSSF, NREGA/NREGP and PDS.

During this workshop the following decision was taken to approach Government department for effective functioning of Public Distribution System, and implementation of other Government schemes.

- Each NGO should cooperate to the community during BPL survey at their respective area.
- Data & other RTI related documents to be collected from the RTI activist by the respective NGOs.
- Each NGO should provide Data of BPL survey and records and status of Ration shop/ PDS centre/ ICDS Centre/mid day meal in the school.

Mr. Kretofil Bhengra represented DCDP at this important workshop.

District Level Workshop on Right to Food:

District Community Development Programme (DCDP) organized 2 days workshop on Right to Food at Biswanath Chariali, Sonitpur, Assam on December, 28-29th 2011. The objective of the programme was to strengthen and promote women's Federation call Kanaklota Mohila Mancha

and Right to Food forum in addressing the issue of Food insecurity. There are altogether 73 participants (Male 42 and Female 31) from Kanaklota Mohila Mancha & Right to Food Forum including DCDP staff/ Volunteers participated in the meeting. The following decisions are adopted after prolong discussions on the issues and information collected by RTI activist which are hampering to the underprivileged and poor people in the entire Sonitpur, District.

- A Memorandum to be submitted to the Honorable Deputy commissioner, Sonitpur, jointly by the Kanaklota Mohila Mancha & Right to Food Forum for the following consideration and necessary action.
- Regularization of PDS by the Food & Civil Supply department.
- Proper implementation of National Rural Guarantee Programme implemented by the Block Development office and Gram Panchyat.
 - One day Meeting at Panchyat level at each Panchyat under Chaiduar Block Development & Biswanath Block to be organized and completed by the end of March-2012. Panchyat Representatives and leaders from Village Development Committee to be involved in the meeting where the entire respective job card holders to be invited and shared their views & issues.

The following facilitators were facilitated during the programme.

1. Mr. Indra Chetry, Chairman, Governing Board, DCDP
2. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP
3. Mr. Ghanashyam Subedi, GP, President, Karibil GP
4. Mrs. Rupa Parza, Chairman, Zilla Parishad, Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam

Dignity of Life:



She is a widow brought from the street. Her name is Romba Paik, age is about 60. She could not pronounce properly about her address and her family details so could not know about her address. She came from Gohpur 3 days before to see her relatives according to her statement. 2-3 days she was walking here and there and spent the night at road side, School Veranda, paddy field without food and clothes. On December 14th 2011 at



7:00am she was found by Sri. Jiten Borpujari one of volunteer of DCDP that a old women is lying on the roadside in a small jungle nearby Rongajan River at Bheluadanga without having warm cloth. He came to near and asked her about her background. In that moment Jiten Borpujari informed to Sri. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO, DCDP and narrated the fact. Meanwhile Mr. Bhengra took initiative to take her at the centre of Karunalaya, Tezpur. Mr. Bhengra call Asha worker of Bheluadanga for helping in washing of this old women, Mr. Bhengra asked his wife Mrs. Renu Devi

Bhengra to provide warm & wearing cloth. Asha worker Mrs Premi Tirkey, Mrs Renu Devei Bhengra and Ms Susistra Hemrom came forward and washed in a bath of this widow. After taking bath food was provided but she could not eat properly. Later on same day we took her at Karunalaya, Dhonua Nagar, Tezpur and handed over to the Sisters and Mother care under Missionaries of Charity. Her life is rescued and She received a new life.

Quilts Distribution at Tezpur Orphan Home:



District Community Development Programme (DCDP) distributed 110 nos quilts to 110 Orphanages on December 17th 2011 at Korunaloy under Missionaries of Charity, Dhonua Nagar Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam where Superintendent of Police, Sonitpur District invited for inauguration of distribution. Mr. Denish Yem one of the Church Leader volunteered during distribution. Missionaries of Charity appreciate CASA for supporting the Quilts.

QUILT DISTRIBUTION at Gilgal Children Home at SBCA campus:



Quilts distribution at Gilgal Children Home, SBCA

Quilts distributed by DCDP among the orphan children at Gilgal children home, Shakomato Christian Centre, Biswanath Chariali under Sonitpur Baptist Christian Association in the presence of respected Mr. Gajilal Tosa, President of North Bank Baptist Christian Association and Mr. Upen Kumar Executive Secretary SBCA on February 13, 2012 which was supported by CASA, Guwahati.

MOSQUITO NET DISTRIBUTION:



DCDP distributed 340 nos medicated mosquito net to 340 families at Bheludanga Village on February 1st 2012 in cooperation with Bheludanga Village

Development Committee and 370 families at Karibil Sapori village in cooperation with Karibil Sapori Village Development Committee on February

8th 2012. The mosquito net was supported by Malaria department of Gohpur civil Hospital under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).

Mr. Dilip Rajput accountant of DCDP was nominated by the Executive board of Sonitpur Baptist Christian Association (SBCA) to do the Audit of Financial Accounts of Sonitpur Baptist Christian Association and he has attended with other 3 members on February 7th to 10th 2012 at SBCA office Shakomato Christian Centre, Biswanath Chariali.



Conclusion:

The period starting from October to till December is one of the most important periods for the agriculture farmer and also to all villagers. However during this crucial time most of the people, family members whole heartedly accepted our request and participated in the meeting and workshop. We thanks all the participants, resource persons and facilitators for active involvement in the programme and made successful as it was planned. We also thank all the Governing Board members, government department officials and representatives of Gram Panchayats for their effort and enable us to carry forward the activities. It is our great pleasure to give thanks to CASA for supporting, guidance and enabling us to address the issues and problems in times of situation.

We expect your continuous cooperation and active involvement in near future in building the people of power.