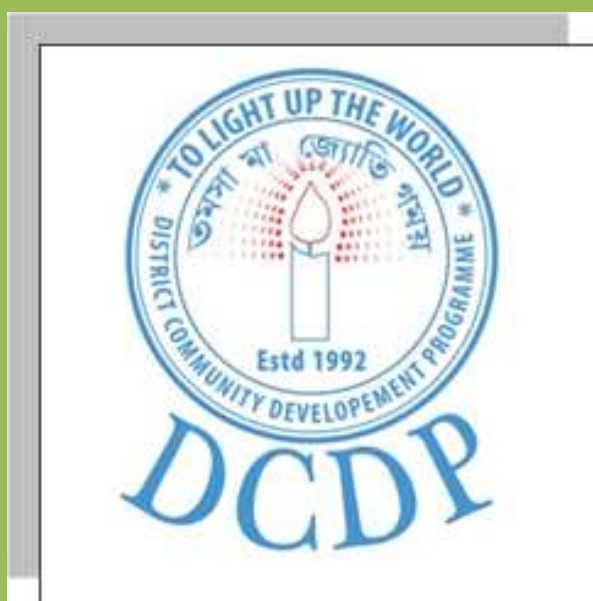


# DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

## BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT

*APRIL-2012 TO MARCH-2015*



**Compilation  
Report of  
Three Years**

**April-2012  
To  
March-  
2015**

**APRIL**

**2012**

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**2015**



BHELUADANGA, KARIBIL BONGALI: 784 170, SONITPUR, ASSAM

**Activities carried out during the period**

April – 2012 to March 2015

*Background: Sonitpur District is a heart of state of Assam comprising three sub-Division- Tezpur, Biswanath and Gohpur*

*District community Development Programme (DCDP) carried out the following activities during the period of April-2012 to March-2015.*

*Presently there are only 2 full time workers in the office which has been supported by CASA under the project "Community Based Food Security Programme" and this will continue till September 2015. As per the action plan of October-2012 to till March-2015 the following activities are carried out.*

**Project start up Workshop:** DCDP conducted one day Project start up workshop on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at DCDP conference hall where 9( Male-6 & Female 3) members from DCDP Governing Board, 21 Members from 16 Village Development Committee and 4 members from the local church participated in the workshop. The details of the project activities were highlighted and made understand among the participants for their active participation in the process during the implementation.

### **1.1. A: Survey & Update Data collection:**

*4 Active volunteers are engaged for collection of primary data from each village covering 45 villages under DCDP operating area and so far we have received the collected data only from 18 villages.*

**RECOPE Meeting:** DCDP is a part of Regional Co-operation for People's Empowerment (RECOPE) comprising 21 NGOs forum covering 5 states in North East India. The Executive meeting was held on May 15-16, 2013 at CASA Training Centre, Guwahati. The Sr. Coordinator from CASA facilitated on the finalization of Action Plan of each PIO (Project Implementation Organization). He suggested that Each PIO must have data at their respective area and after collecting data each PIO has to conduct consultation programme to analyze data for further action.

### **1.1. C District Level Seminar on Climate Change:**

*According to the action plan the venue of the programme has changed and organized at the ACA College and educated the collegiate students, Community leaders and Church leaders in cooperation with the Assam Science Society through the following programme.*

### **National Environment Awareness Campaign:**



*District Community Development Programme organized one day **National Environment Awareness Campaign: 2012-2013** at Anand Chandra Agarwal Junior College,*





Misamari, Halem on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2013. Mr. Indra Chetry, Chairman of DCDP Governing Board moderated the session which was started at 10:30 AM. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO of the organization briefly elaborated about the programme and Mr. Rudra Sharma, staff of DCDP welcomed the guest of honor and all the participants attended in the meeting. The thematic part on Global warming & Climate Change were very briefly elaborated by respected retired professor Mr. Rana Hazarika from Biswanath College as resource person. Mr. Nilomonisen Sharma, State member of Assam Science Society attended in the meeting and encouraged with his valuable speech. He has very deeply consecrated on the topic on importance towards preserve and protection of environment. The session of the National Environment Awareness Campaign were inaugurated with the inaugural speech delivered by the respected Mr. Churamoni Dahal, Principal of ACA College. This National Environment Campaign 2012-2013 were supported by the Ministry of the Environment & Forest, Government of India and Assam Science Society where 230 participants including collegiate students participated and experienced with very insight able massages. After long discussions following decisions were made by the participants-

1. Each student committed to bring at least one tree plants to plant inside the college boundary and that will be taken care by themselves.
  2. Be observed as Dhoritry dibah at every year during March 27<sup>th</sup> day by the community and let it be start by the participants who attended in the meeting.
- The programme concluded with vote of thanks offered by the moderator.

## World Environment Day- 2013:



District Community Development Programme (DCDP) observed World Environment Day-2013 on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 in collaboration with ACA College to promote awareness on the importance of preserving our biodiversity, the need to identify problems related to the environment and ways to take corrective action. On behalf of DCDP Sri Rudra Sharma welcomed all the respected guest and participants attending on this important programme on World Environment Day and the CEO of DCDP Sri. Kretofil Bhengra briefly

highlighted about the importance of observing World Environment Day-2013. He elaborated that it was on this day in the year 1972 that the United Nations Conference

on the Human Environment was formed and the first celebration of World Environment Day was 1973. World Environment Day popularly known as Environment Day which means to tackle environmental challenges that include climate change, global warming, disasters, conflict, harmful substances, environmental governance, ecosystem management and resource efficiency. He also emphasized about the thematic area of this year's World Environment Day celebrations. The theme for this year's World Environment Day celebrations is Think, Eat and



*Save. Think, Eat and Save is an anti-food waste and food loss campaign that encourages all to reduce our foodprint.*

*Dr. Dhoroni Dhungel from ACA Jr. College also briefly highlighted about the Environment and importance of preserving our biodiversity. He encourages all the participants to participate and promote awareness on the importance of preserving our bio-diversity.*

*After the meeting 60 nos of varieties tree plants were planted at the surroundings area of ACA College by the students and participants from the public.*

*There was Mr Surya Gogoi- Rtd. Teacher & the Chair person of Governing Bord - ACA Jr College, Mr. C Dahal, Principal of ACA Jr. College, Mr. Bijoy Chetry, ACA Jr College and Mr. Indra Chetry- Chairman, Governing Board- DCDP encouraged with their speech on Environment. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.*

### ***Awareness Meeting on Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation:***

The incidence of human-elephant conflict (HEC) appears to be escalating. Growing frustration amongst people living in the area is exacerbating negative perceptions towards the causes of, and reactions to their dilemma. The situation is complex and for effective management interventions and mitigation strategies in order to address the issues of human elephant conflict District Community Development Programme (DCDP), World Wide Fund (WWF-India, NBL) and Department of Environment and Forest felt the need to organize series of Awareness meeting at the community level jointly and prepared a tentative plan as given here under.

Date & Day	Place	Time
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2013 Saturday	Dullungmukh LP School	11:00AM
June 29 <sup>th</sup> 2013 Saturday	Sirajuli Karbi LP School	11:00 AM
July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Labour Club, Brahmanjan	1:00PM to 3:00PM
July 8 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Daflaghur LP School, Daflaghur	11:00AM to 2:00 PM
July 10 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Bhulaguri TE, LP School	11:00AM to 2:00PM



According to the above plan 4 meetings were conducted in the four places such as at Dullungmukh LP School on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sirajuli Karbi LP School, on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2013, at Daflaghur LP School on July 8<sup>th</sup> and at Bhulaguri Tea estate on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 where altogether 165 participants participated and attained in the objective of the meeting. The meeting was presided by Mr. Philip Sinduri- Ex AP member of Chaiduar Anchalik Panchayat on the first day of the programme on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Dullungmukh LP School. On behalf of the organizing team Mr.Kretofil Bhengra (CEO DCDP) briefly

elaborated about the objective of the meeting. He has mentioned that the aim of this meeting is to share information and experiences from people working on HEC issues and mitigation in their respective areas there are representatives from community, NGOs and Department of



Environment & Forest where we

are in an appropriate group to share experiences, challenges and successes with HEC mitigation and elephant conservation efforts. Through sharing information today, whether from the community, Government or an NGO, we hope to explore the problems people are facing, what are the possible solutions to these problems, what are the challenges people are experiencing and discuss a way forward to address these challenges.

#### **DFO's comments on his speech:**

The Divisional Forest officer of Sonitpur East Division



Mr. A Dey briefly elaborated on his speech that the department of Environment and Forest and Wild life division as a whole area are experiencing quite a number of human-wildlife conflicts here in this region and also other parts of Assam state, especially with elephants. These conflicts are mostly caused by an increase in the human population and consequently an increase in agricultural fields to provide food for more people. This increase in fields leads to a decrease in land for wildlife, often blocking routes for wildlife migration. Less land for wildlife leads to an increase in conflict incidents, including wildlife destroying crops and property. People often see wildlife as a nuisance and this can lead to the indiscriminate killing of wildlife. Many people don't see the benefit of wildlife and therefore, may try to poach wildlife species.

He has also briefly shared about the compensation package for the lost or damages of property and if killed by the wild elephants and other community based support programme such as electrical power fence can be effective to discourage elephants moving into human habitant area or chase elephants away as preventive measures. There have also been problems with fencing materials being stolen i.e. solar panels and wire has been used for poaching snares so Community ownership and responsibility is essential for the success of such initiatives. These all suggestions and comments were very helpful to the community in the area. Finally he approached to the community to see the existing electric power fence along with local beat officials and submit report to him for further improvement of the power fence if necessary.

Mr. Hiten Boishya from WWF-India also encouraged to the participants with his valuable speech. He stressed on community perceptions and needs regarding HEC mitigation through community initiatives.

He also expressed his views and approached to the community to have an appropriate group to share experiences, challenges and successes with HEC mitigation and elephant conservation efforts. Through sharing information whether from the community, Government or an NGO, we hope to explore the problems people are facing, what are the possible solutions to these problems, what are the challenges people are experiencing and discuss a way forward to address these challenges.



During the meeting Mr. P Kanu BO from Gohpur Forest Beat office and other forester from Kawripathar Beat office, Mr. David Smith and Susanta Borthakur from WWF=India also attended and shared their views in the meeting. The Chair person offered his comments and encouraged all to keep cooperation in near future and concluded the meeting with vote of thanks.

### **Workshop on FCRA & Income Tax:**

2 days workshop on FCRA & Income Tax at regional level was organized by CASA at Regional Resource Centre, Mawlien, Meghalaya on June 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> 2013. The workshop followed with devotion led by Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO of DCDP on the first day and here after the business session started. The following topics were led by the resource persons during the session.

- Introduction to FCRA-2010
- The scope , Applicability and non Applicability
- Multiple Bank Accounts for Utilization of Fund
- Filing of Return & Method of Accounting
- Reporting By Bank
- Renewal of Registration every 5 years
- Income Tax

Mr. S Sahu a prominent Charter Accountant from New Delhi was the resource person for the business session on the above topics. Mr. Upen Kumar- Executive Secretary of SBCA & Member of DCDP, Mr. Philip Sinduri- Treasurer of SBCA and Mr. Kretofil Bhengra-CEO of DCDP attended at this important workshop from the DCDP with other parts from Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Monipur and Nagaland. Mr. L Meru Senior Coordinator, (CASA) Mr. Pradip Surin, (CASA) Mr. Subhas Das (CASA) and other officials from CASA were facilitated the programme.



### **Medical Camp at Dullung LP School:**

One day Medical camp was organized by the Mobile Medical Unit of Government of Assam, Gohpur, in cooperation with DCDP on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Dullung lower primary School, Dullungmukh Village. 243 patients were checked up their health. There were two medical & health officer from

Gohpur FRU, one ANM nurse from Kawripathar new PHC and laboratory staff attended and dedicated their service to the community.

### **Perspective & Capacity Building:**

During the period from September to March 2014 DCDP Had conducted Meeting, Seminar and rally with the different issues related to Food Insecurity, Gender, Climate Change & Global Warming and made exchange of learning among the Farmers, Students and SHGs members.

**Local Capacity for Peace:** During the moment at the critical situation DCDP organized 2 days workshop on Local Capacity for Peace (LCP) at Binapani Natya Mandir on February 23-24, 2014 where 45 participants from 13 organizations under Sonitpur District participated.

**Workshop on Food Security:** To make an awareness among the household in the area of Karibil, Tokowbari, Nalanibari and Kekurijan DCDP Conducted Awareness meeting and focused about the Rights and Entitlement of the house hold. This awareness was organized at DCDP Community hall from November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup> 2013.

**2014: April to March 2015**

**(1) Understanding the Development perspective (Right & Entitlement) :** DCDP organized



Seminar and Consultation programme on Understanding the Development perspective (right & entitlement) in co-operation with village development committee at DCDP Conference hall on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 and Hatimora Missing Ranga Mansa, Hatimora on August, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Where Mr. Pradip Sonwal SDAO of Gohpur Agri Department facilitated and encourage to practice organic farming for sustainable approach.

Mr. Putul Borah, Field Organizer of DCDP welcome all the respected guest and participants attending on this seminar and Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO of the organization is briefly highlighted about the programme. The coordinator of WWF Mr. Hitten Boisya also briefly elaborated on food security act and animal planet. There were 42 participants from 27 Self help Groups during the programme.

**(2) Training Programme on Gender Equity:** The two days district level training programme on Gender Equity held on August 28 & 29, 2014 at DCDP conference hall. Mr. Putul Borah, Field Organizer of DCDP welcomed all the respected guest and participants attending on this programme. Mrs. Nilima Pathak, Child Development Project Officer was the chief guest on this training programme. She was the valuable speech on gender equity and discuss with participant on Gender Equity. After that Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO of DCDP is briefly highlight about the training programme. Mr. Pranjyoti Mattak, Facilitator of the organization also a good speech on this programme. Mrs. Renuka Devi Bhengra also a speech for this training programme.

**(1) Farmers Training:** DCDP organized 10 days farmers training at Tokowbari. This programme started on September 11, 2014 and continues every Thursday from 11 September, 2014 to 27 November, 2014. The farmers training trained by Mr. Pradip Sonowal, SDAO, Gohpur. He was briefly highlighted about this programme. The farmer was satisfied on this programme. Mr. Meru. Sr. coordinator of CASA was valuable speech on this programme and Mr. Kawa, Field Officer of CASA also a good speech on this programme. The 64 participant attended on this programme.

**(2) SHG & VDC Programme at Karigeraj:** DCDP organized one day programme on SHG & VDC at Karigeraj Tiniali dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, CEO of DCDP briefly high lighted this programme. Mr. Meru, Sr. coordinator of CASA also a valuable speech on this programme. Md. Sale Ahmed Ali, VDC leader of Karigeraj also a good speech on this programme. The 45 participant attended on this programme.



(1) **Organic Farming Training:** DCDP organized one day organic farming training at Pavoi Organic Firm. Mr.



Nilam Dutta was the proparetor on this firm. Mr. Dutta Briefly high lighted on this programme. Mr. Dutta said about the kesu sar, System Right Intensification (SRI) of agriculture and fisary development. 30 Farmers attended this training programme and they were very happy to train by Mr. Dutta. Mr. Dutta said to the farmer that every farmer started the production of Kesu Sar with local Kesu for first time. After that when experience the farmers

of production Kesu Sar then they were use high bride Kesu.

(2) **Human Elephant Conflict:** DCDP & WWF organized one day meeting on Human Elephant Conflict at Jalukbari Namghar on October 20, 2014. The president of this meeting is Mr. Arbinda Borah. Mr. Arbinda Borah welcomed all the respected guest and villagers attending on this meeting. Mr. Sarmah, Circle Officer of Halem was a good speech on this programme. Range Officer Mr. Ajit Gogoi also a valuable speech on this programme. Police I.C. Ghahigaon also said we are ready to protect elephant with villagers. In the last stage Mr. Das DFO, Sonitpur was briefly discuss with villagers and a valuable speech to public. The 120 villagers attended on this programme.

#### **Football Tournament:**

Bheluadanga based CASA Sports Club organized Football tournament to bring peace initiative among the community in between Assam & Arunachal Boarder. The tournament started on August 31, 2014 at Bheluadanga play ground and end with the final game between Halem Vs Amlokhi Doloni on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. Amlokhi Doloni won the match with two goals. There were 32 teams participated including Balijan team from Arunachal.



#### **Ethnic Conflict & Relief Distribution:**



It was very unfortunate that such kind of violence has taken place in Kokorajhar, Chirang and Sonitpur District of Assam. The attacks in all three districts began around 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday, almost simultaneously. The killings have been blamed on the anti-talk faction of the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB).

The affected areas include Tinkhuti, Samukjuli, Behali-Moithali Basti, Gwjunphur, Sonajuli, Naharbari, Lakhpathar, Ompur, Simangpuri, in Biswanath subdivision and Hograjuli and Ghogra Kochari Gaon at

Dhekiajuli in Tezpur subdivision. As per the statement received from the Government sources 37 persons has died including 13 children and 15 persons are injured. Out of 37 persons 4 persons are from Bodo community and the rest are all adivashi community in the area.

After burning of seven villages in the tinikhuti area of Biswanth Sub-Division more than 2500 families had to stay in the Relief camps at Primary Health Centre, School campus in Tinikhuti. It was so painful in observing their

living condition as they were in need of basic requirements like food and clothes.





The police department provided adequate deployment of security forces so that no one takes law in their hands.



DCDP involved in the assessment work in those areas and provided relief support to the victims. Relief support like non food items- Blanket, Bedsheet, Cotton clothes, Mat, kitchen utensils, bucket and mug to 900 families in 24 villages under Biswanath sub-Division were distributed in cooperation with Church's Auxiliary for Social Action during March 11-16, 2015 at Fulbari, Tinikhuti and Noumorah area in cooperation with local administration.



### **Ethnic Relief distribution at Fulbari**

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