

DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Quarterly Report-April-June 2013

Under Community Based Food Security



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DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (DCDP)
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Brief Activity Report of DCDP

For the Period of

April –June 2013

District community Development Programme (DCDP) carried out the following activities during the period of April-June 2013.

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 April 2013 to September 2013 the following activities are carried out during the period April-June 2013.

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 12 villages and the work of data collection is in continuous process by the same 4 volunteers and expected to complete by the end of August 2013.

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 25th 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 27th 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:

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observed World Environment Day-2013 on June 5th 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 Dahan,

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 nd 2013 Saturday | Dullungmukh LP School | 11:00AM |
| June 29 th 2013 Saturday | Sirajuli Karbi LP School | 11:00 AM |
| July 7 th Sunday | Labour Club, Brahmanjan | 1:00PM to 3:00PM |
| July 8 th Monday | Daflaghur LP School, Daflaghur | 11:00AM to 2:00 PM |
| July 10 th 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 22nd at Sirajuli Karbi LP School, on June 29th 2013, at Daflaghur LP School on July 8th and at Bhulaguri Tea estate on July 25th 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 22nd 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 25th -26th 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 20th 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.

Financial Audit: The Financial Audit for the period from 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 is completed on April 24th 2013 examined by the charter accountant Anupam Baruah & Co. Guwahati. Summary of statement is given below.

As per the Audited statement:

General Account: (Own Means) (1st April-012 to 31st March-2013)

RECEIPTS:

| PARTICULARS | AMOUNTS(INR) |
|--|--------------|
| Opening Balance (Including Staff Welfare Fund) | 1,80,164.00 |
| Membership fee from the Board Members | 1,300.00 |
| Local Contribution/Donations (Public/Well-wishers) | 5,500.00 |
| Staff Welfare Fund | 1,15,810.00 |
| Total | 3,09,328.00 |

PAYMENTS:

| PARTICULARS | AMOUNTS(INR) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| By Projects & Programme: | |
| World Environment Day | 1,240.00 |
| Executive Meeting | 2,330.00 |
| SHG orientation prog | 788.00 |
| Administrative Expenses: | |
| Travel & Communication | 600.00 |
| Office up-keepments | 1,600.00 |
| Stationery | 235.00 |
| Staff welfare Fund Paid to staffs | 2,64,399.00 |
| Total Payments | |
| Closing Balance | 38,136.00 |
| | 3,09,328.00 |

Financial summary – October 2012 to June-2013

| SL No | Particulars | |
|-------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Expenditures of Oct. 2012 to Mar. 2013 | 1,94,960.00 |
| 2 | Expenditures of April to June 2013 (Quarterly) | 9,490.00 |
| | Grand total | 2,04,450.00 |
| 1 | Total Receipts from CASA: | 1, 49,500.00 |
| 2 | Credited to Bank Interest | 3,260.00 |
| 3 | Previous Balance as on 30 th Sept/12 | 55,345.47 |
| | (RECEIPTS) Grand Total | 2,08,105.47 |
| 1 | Total Expenditure during the period: | 2,04,450.00 |
| 2 | Closing Balance (Cash & Bank) Rs. | 3,655.47 |
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Website Development: DCDP has developed its website and has been lunching from the month of May 2013. Website of DCDP is www.dcdponline.org.

Conclusion: It was a great challenges throughout the period that when ever we proposed any kind of programme like consultation, Seminars or our Governing board meeting there was call for bundh, strike etc but by the grace of Almighty God we could done something. On behalf of DCDP I thank all the respected members of DCDP, Village Development Committee, Staff of DCDP, Government, Local Panchayat officials and well-wishers from Community, NGOs for their active participation. I also thank to CASA who has contributed a lot with their support and guidance and enable us to success the programme activities during the period.

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