

DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



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BRIEF ACTIVITY REPORT OF DCDP FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL-SEPTEMBER-2015

District Community Development Programme (DCDP) carried out the following activities during the period of April to 15th September- 2015. Due to insufficient fund during the period of April to June-2015 some of the activities as per Action plan of April-September-2015 bit changed and continued according to possibilities and situation.

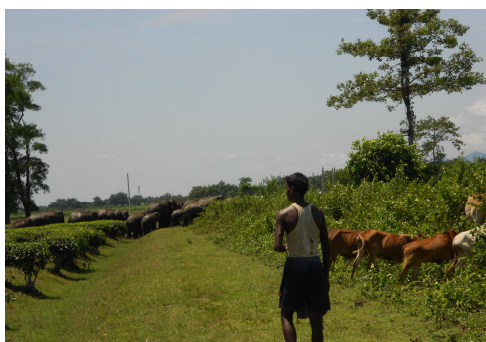
District Level Workshop on National Social Security Schemes:

DCDP organized 2 days Workshop on National Social Security Schemes at DCDP Conference hall on **May 13-14, 2015**. There were 48 participants (Male 37 and Female 11) were participated. The National Social Security Schemes like Indira Gandhi National Old age Pension Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 were briefly discussed among the participants and enable to understand about the schemes by



Mrs Manju Karki (President of Gram Panchayat, Karibil GP) and Mr. Ghanashyam Subedi, Chairman of Halem Cooperative Society. **Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme** provides for old age pension of Rs.200 per month to persons above the age of 60 years. For the persons above the age of 80 years the amount of pension has been raised to Rs.500 per month. The Government is implementing various other employment generation/social security schemes for workers in the unorganised sector, such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yogana, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, Handloom Weavers' comprehensive Welfare Schemes, Handicraft Artisans' comprehensive Welfare Schemes, Pension to Master craft persons, National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen and Training and Extension, Janani Surksha Yojana, National Family Benefits Scheme, Janshree Bima Yojana New Pension Schemes (Swavalamban scheme) through various Ministries/Departments were highlighted by the resource persons.

Workshop on Government Schemes & Policy (Special Focus on Human- Elephant Conflict):



A herd of wild Elephant came out from the Chenglijan Reserve Forest and damaged 17 houses and killed 2 persons at Bhulaguri area during the month of March 2015. And it is known from the public that such kind of problem is facing by the public several times and though there is no any security measure has been taken by the forest department, no compensation has been received by the victims from the Forest department for which villagers from Bhulaguri, Brahmajan, Daflaghur,

Boroi Tea Estate started conflict with the Forest department for their rights.

In this situation, DCDP in cooperation with World Wide Fund (WWF) North Bank Landscape, Tezpur visited to these villages and met the people. After meeting with the public DCDP organized a day long Workshop on "Understanding the Government Schemes / Policy and Roll of the Community" to bring peace and reduce human elephant conflict at Mohatma Gandhi High School, Daflaghur on **April 9th 2015**. During the workshop 39 participants (Male: 30 and Female: 09) were participated.



From the Forest Department Mr. Ajit Gogoi (Ranger, Borgang Range) Mr. Subhasis Das (DFO, East Sonitpur Division) were attended and clarified about the Government Schemes. They clarified that all the situation and regarding compensation has been reported to the higher authority, Deputy Commissioner but till now due to lack of scarcity of fund still keeping pending by the Government side and this will be done after releasing of fund by the Government side. After prolong discussion following resolutions adopted and accepted to execute by all participants both Government officials and public to mitigate the situation in the area.

Resolutions:

1. A joint action committee be formed by **19th April 2015** and measurable steps to be taken by the action committee when necessary to reduce the conflict.
2. Be constructed Power fence fencing within **May 20th 2015** from Uttar Kekurijan to Boro (Sirajuli) at 4 KM distances by the Joint action committee and community with the help of WWF, Forest Department and DCDP for protection measures from the wild Elephant.

Mr. David Smith from WWF as assured to the community WWF provided solar machine and electric wire for the Power fence and community people along with Joint action committee initiated to install the fencing with local contribution by laboring themselves. Mr. Subhasis Das (DFO) and Mr. Ajit Gogoi (Ranger) also provide wooden post as per requirement for the installation work. The community appreciated and agreed to extend their participation on this monitoring of the project. The work has been completed by 30th June 2015 as it was decided during the meeting on April 9th 2015 at Duflaghur.

Medical Camp:



During the Month of April most of the people were suffering from fever, jaundice, malaria and other diseases in the area. To take the measurable steps DCDP contacted Medical department at Gohpur and with the collaboration of Gohpur Civil Hospital one day Medical Camp were organized at DCDP campus on May 9th 2015. There were 130 patients from Bheluadanga, Karibil Nepali and Karibil Bongali villages attended at this camp and checked their health. The

Government Medical department provided required medicines to the patients. We appreciate to the Medical and Health Officers, Laboratory Technician, Nurses and all the medical staff for their active services and response during the situation.

District Level Consultation on Climate Change & Global Warming:

DCDP organized two days long Consultation programme jointly with Sonitpur Baptist Christian Association and Green Bud School, Shakomato on Climate Change & Global Warming in relation with World Environment Day on June 5th & 6th, 2015 respectively at Green Bud School, Shakomato Christian Centre under Biswanath Sub-Division and Calvary English High School, Boroighat under Gohpur Sub-Division.

On June 5th 2015 300 varieties fruit bearing plants were planted in the School campus by the students and other participants. Art competition on "Impact of Climate change and Role of Community towards Good Environment" was conducted by the Green Bud School where 60 students from Class- VIII (Eight) to Class- X (Ten) participated in the competition. After competition and plantation programme there was a panel discussion on the theme "One World and One Environment" Mr. Kushal Sharma (Faculty of Environment department, Biswanath Agriculture University) shared about the threatening impact of Global warming and



importance/ role of human being to reduce the carbon foot print towards better environment. A decision is adopted during the consultation as follows- Every 1st week of June be observe as Green Environment Day at all level irrespective of Church, other faith based societies and institutions by taking initiative in cleaning surrounding and tree plantation.



Same time on 5th June 2015 World Environment Day was observed by the Calvary English High School at Boroighat. The students along with local community moved with mass procession and displayed the message on “Save tree and save Life” after the tree plantation at the surrounding area of the school campus. 250 fruit bearing tree plants planted at the School Campus and road side by the students and villagers after the meeting. There were 98 participants attended in the programme and Mr. Bijoy Upadhyay (Ex GP President of Tokobari GP

and Mr. Abilal Chetry were facilitated the programme.

District Level Consultation on Emerging Issues:

There are schemes and policy for the Minority community which was launched during 1992 by the Government of India. Minorities Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. As per Census 2001, the percentage of minorities in the country is about 18.4% of the total population of the country, of which Muslims are 13.4%; Christians 2.3%; Sikhs 1.9%, Buddhists 0.8% and Parsis 0.007%. as per the guidelines the projects to be taken up under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) would be related to the provision of better infrastructure for education, skill development, health, sanitation, pucca housing, roads, drinking water, besides schemes for creating income generating opportunities. The objective of the scheme would be to fill the gaps in the existing schemes of the Govt. of India by providing additional resources and to take up non-gap filling projects (innovative projects) for the welfare of the minorities. But it seems that the above schemes are not reached to these minorities' community areas and till today Chaiduar and Pub-Chaiduar Block Development not yet declared as Minority concentration Block.

There fore DCDP initiated interaction with the community leaders of Christian, Muslims, Buddhist and Sikhs and finally organized one day Awareness cum General Meeting on August 17th , 2015 at Swahid



Mukanda Kakoti Bhaban, Missamari where all together 61 participants from Christian, Muslims, Buddhist and Sikhs were participated. After series of discussions, comments from the participants a Block Level Committee as Religious Minority Welfare Forum (RMWF) under Chaiduar Development Block were formed with the 21 members. Mr. Roosevelt Horo as Chairman,(Christian) Mr. Suhan Singh Vice-Chairman (Sikhs), Mr. Kretofil Bhengra, General Secretary (Christian), Md Akhlaque Ahmed, Jt Secretary (Muslim) and Mr. Birkha Tamang, Adviser (Buddhist) are the main office bearer and there are 15 executive members in the Committee is accepted by the general council. The following resolutions are accepted.

- Resolved that an amount of Rs. 500.00 (Rupees five hundred) to be collected to run the Religious Minority Welfare Forum for Chaiduar Block Level Committee from each Churches, Mosjid, Buddhist group and Sikhs group (Gorudowara) and amount to be collected only once as one time donation.

- Resolved that an amount of Rs 5,000.00 (Rupees Five thousand) only to be donated to the Sonitpur istrict Level Forum as one time donation from Chaiduar Block Level Committee.
- Resolved that a saving Bank account be open at Assam Gramin Vikash Bank at Chandamari branch in the name of Religious Minority Welfare Forum, Block Level Committee, Chaiduar with the joint 3 (Three) signatories of Chairman Mr. Roosevelt Horo, General Secretary Mr. Kretofil Bhengra and Treasurer Mr. P Joshua Raj and be operate the financial transaction with any two signatories out of three signatories. The Chairman and General Secretary are authorized to do the necessary work to open the saving account.
- Resolved to do the census of minority community as per the prescribed format and prepare compilation data under Chaiduar which need to be submitted to the concerned department for further action of the Government schemes and declaration as minority concentration Block.



Rev. Ranjit Iswary, Chairman Sonitpur District Religious Minority Welfare Forum, Mr. P Josua Raj, Treasuer Sonitpur District Religious Minority Welfare Forum attended in the meeting and extended their cooperation in the process. After this consultation till today data census almost 70 percents completed among Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Sikhs.

Assam State Network Meeting (CAPE MEETING):

CAPE meeting was held on 29th May 2015 at CASA Training Centre, Satribari, Guwahati. Mr Kretofil Bhengra (CEO) and Mr. Putul Borah from DCDP attended in the meeting on behalf of the Organization. In the meeting, the following items were discussed and resolved the followings -

- ✓ Workshop on Watershed Management to be conducted on July 3-5, 2015, at Mahur in cooperation with CRMS.
- ✓ Community Health Programme to be organized on July 20-21, 2015, at Chabua in cooperation with DMDIC, Dibrugarh.
- ✓ CAPE level meeting to be conducted 28th July 2015, at CASA Office, Guwahati.
- ✓ Food Security Programme to be conducted at Barpeta, Date need to be finalized.

District Level Workshop on Watershed Management:



As per decision in the CAPE meeting a day long Workshop on Watershed Management was organized in initiative by the Community Resource Management Services (CRMS) Mahur in collaboration with CASA & CAPE at Nchureloa, Mahur on July 4th 2015. There were altogether 26 participants (Male: 22 Female: 4) from CRMS-Dima Hasao, DMDIC-Dibrugarh, KAAUS- Karbi Anglong, DCDP-Sonitpur and CASA Officials participated and facilitated the Programme.

The Programme was moderated by Smt Iwangle Jeme, Vice President, CRMS. At the outset, Field Officer, Mr Austin Macklin Kawa presented a key note address. Brief highlight was given by Mr Kretofil Bhengra on Forest Act and Mr Beeman Agarwala on Tea plantation. Mr Hungkeukam Nriame, Joint Secretary, NCHAC, Haflong attended as Resource Person and very briefly elaborated on the importance of Watershed Management and role of community in the process. He made understanding among the participants. Finally, two areas namely- in **Longkhai** and **Asalu** Village area identified to protect for watershed management.

Training on Organic Agriculture Farming:

District Community Development Programme (DCDP) organized 2 days Training on Organic Agriculture Farming on August 14-15, 2015 at DCDP Conference hall, Bheluadanga. There were 31 Agriculture farmers participated in the training. Mr. Pradip Sonuwal Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Gohpur and Area Development Officer of Agriculture department, Gohpur facilitated the sessions. The provisions of



Agriculture departmental schemes were highlighted and encouraged to the farmers to come forward. Agriculture department provides seeds, machinery, power tiller, tractor and other equipments at subsidiary rate besides technical support to the farmers group. The Sub-Divisional Agriculture officer encouraged all the participants to form Farmers club and extend their active participation and interest to go for multiple cropping and increase production level which will improve their economic status. He encouraged going for organic agriculture system for better environment and healthy soil for sustainability. 2nd day the farmers visited one of the Organic Farm at Pabhoi, Biswanath Chariali where one of the prominent farmer Mr. Dutta setting up Organic farm and many farmers able to obtain experiences /know how about organic agriculture farming. The participants from this training very much encouraged and assured with their comments to start the practice for organic farming and to form farmers club.

Emergency Assessment and Respond:



There was heavy rainfall during the month of July to August 2015 and erosion by Buroi river take serious turn due to continuous rainfall. Within very short period 32 families' worst affected and taking shelter at Bheluadanga and Karibil Bongali Lower Primary School till today. From the Government side only Rice, Mosur Dal and salt provided to these affected families. DCDP also raised

resources like beaten rice (Chira), Rice and Mosquito net from the Local Churches and well-wishers and responded to the affected families. The community came together on September 4th & 5th 2015 and collectively collected bamboo and constructed bamboo porcupines at Boro river to control the rid of erosion. Out of 34 families of Himang subori in Karibil Bongali area 21 families have lost their houses and other belongings. Till now they are taking shelter at School and trying to get safety place for their habitat. DCDP with local Gram Panchayat already intimated to the local Administration to look into the matter both problem of soil erosion and about the rehabilitation of worst affected families. The Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) visited to the affected areas and assured to the community that they will take necessary steps by the Government department.



DCDP Governing Board Meeting:

DCDP Governing board meeting was convened on **August 18th 2015** at its office conference hall. Due to heavy and continuous rainfall some of the members could not come and attend in the meeting. However with the presence of Vice - Chairman along with 6 Executive members have discussed about the programme activities and Gohpur area flood situation matter. The following decisions were taken during the meeting-

- ❖ Renewal of DCDP under Societies registration Act to be done immediately. The Secretary if DCDP and Chairman entrusted to workout and do the process as soon as possible.
- ❖ Renewal of FCRA to be completed with the help of CA Mr. S. Sahoo & Co. Necessary requirement to be sent and the Secretary is entrusted to fulfill the needful.
- ❖ A request letter be sent to CASA for emergency response to the flood affected families after the assessment by the staff of DCDP.
- ❖ The project on low cost sanitation under Sacha Bharat Mission (SBM) may be taken for construction work at DCDP operational area. The Secretary is entrusted to communicate with the concerned department for necessary requirement and process.

Conclusion:

DCDP appreciate and offer thankful to all the well wishers, community leaders of Village Development Committee, Self Help Groups, Farmers Club, Youth Club, Governing board members for their active support and cooperation. DCDP extend gratitude to CASA for their long time support and guidance to implement planned programme activities in the area and enabled to meet the need among the community. We are also thankful to WWF (NBL), Tezpur for extending guidance, technical and economic support at the time of conflicts situation and enabling the needs. During the month of July to August- 2015 there were lots of struggle faced to organize the programme activities due to rainfall, busy schedule by the community on registering their name at National Registration Certificate and our staff also involved in the process on NRC by helping people towards registration process till 31st August 2015 for which we could not organize some of the planned activities as per the action plan however we are trying to complete accordingly.



QUILTS DISTRIBUTION AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN SUPPORTED BY CASA