

Annual Activities Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The dynamics of conflict in the north East Indian states vague. Political assertion and aspirations for freedom and its movement through arms struggles have been going on for decades in almost in the entire region. In view of these movements, economic liberation has been push with wide range of economic exploitations with different policies and programmes enacted. People were not aware and not well inform of the fact that this liberation is targeted to exploits their natural resources. There has been wide range of human rights abuse followed by social chaos in the ground. People feel insecure, threatened and their hope for survival is dim. On one hand, political dialogue with the GOI and different insurgents groups is taking place. But, in reality ethnicism, communalism and factionalism could not be erased.

SDF approach will be to capacitate and strengthen the community organization through mass mobilization process on the child rights, environment protection, human rights, right to life and food, violence against women, Climate Change and other related issues. These Process will include training, workshop, meeting and orientation by the senior staffs of the SDF, educating the villages peer educators, child care takers, women groups leaders, youth groups etc. SDF will facilitate the interface activities in between the women leaders and local panchayat, elected representative and the government department etc. the purpose of interface activity to put pressure in the government delivery mechanism.

SDF will also approach to the policy maker at state level to understand the issues as cited above of the operational areas and also beyond the areas. It will mobilize the stakeholder at state level through interface, consultation, workshop programs. At the same time attempt will be taken to recognize the fact finding visit at community with the help of media person to highlight the aforementioned issues.

1 Programme

1.1. Environment and Climate Change

During the reporting period SDF could organize two numbers of community interaction program with the villagers of Thayong and Awang Heirok of Imphal East District of Manipur in November, and December, 2019.

The sensitization work was mainly focused to bring together the neighboring villages to develop inter village policy to protect the catchment area of streams, to formulate hunting policy, to minimize consumption of firewood and other climate change mitigation activities.

The program was participated by the women society, village authority and youths of the villages of Thayong and Awang Heirok of Imphal East District of Manipur.

1.2. Awareness on Drug and Its Impact on Youths

Two numbers of community interaction program was organized at Khangabok of Thoubal District and SingjameiChingamakha of Imphal West was organized in collaboration with the Youth's Forum for Protection of Human Rights (YFPHR) to make the youth and parents aware about the negative impact of use of drugs. The drug issue in the state was in peak during the 1980s as large number of youth of the state were addicted in heroine who are mostly belong to the upper middle class family. However, the deaddiction center was only 3 in numbers as authorized by the Central Government which has very less capacity to accommodate and deal with the drug issue in the state. Humiliation of Drug Users friend by shaving their heads and arresting them being kept at the police custody were some of the trend which use to be adopted by the law enforcement agencies of the state. However, as time changes the mechanisms and approaches to deal with the addicted people was developed and more humane approach was adopted by people working for the cause of drug issue and also the state's institutions.

1.3. Awareness on Gender and Crime Against Women (VAW)

1 number of community awareness program on Gender and Masculinity was organized at KeishamthongKabuiKhul, Imphal West. The Program was attended by the Thoubei (Village Chief) and discussed about the problem face by the community in terms of Gender inequality and violence women and children in the Village.

The historical background of Gender and Sex, masculinity, Patriarchy and others were some of the topics highlighted during the discussion.

Key Achievements:

- The community members of the Thayong and Awang Heirok have given their commitment to develop intervillage policy for protection of environment.
- Have received cooperation from the parents of drug users to consult psychiatrist, counselor and other experts working on drug issue to curb drug use among the youth of the locality.
- Collaboration with other NGOs was also developed.

Constraints:

- Increase in demand Lack of coordination on the issue of drug by the community.
- Lack of Cooperation from the Law enforcement with dealing with the cases of violence against women and children.
- Reactions from the male sections on Patriarchal structure and need of transformation during the awareness on gender issue and not able