



# Guwahati Gana Seva Society

*To Communicate To Empower To Sustain*



## Annual Report 2014-15



**Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS)** is the social development wing of Archdiocese of Guwahati. GGSS commenced its development intervention in 1992 with spectrum of interventions leading to sustainable development.

### **Vision**

**A self Reliant Society based on Love, Justice, Unity and Peace.**

### **Mission**

**To empower the poor and marginalized ethnic groups by promoting self reliance among them through awareness creation and people's organization.**

### **Objectives of GGSS**

- ✓ **To create awareness and mobilize the less privileged groups of the society and help them to improve their conditions and find solutions to their problems**
- ✓ **To assist and train the animators to integrate, mobilize and develop human resources**
- ✓ **To formulate and undertake different developmental projects on education, health and agriculture for improving the socio-economic status of the people**
- ✓ **To collaborate with government and other secular organizations to promote development for humanitarian activities**
- ✓ **To undertake relief, rehabilitation and welfare services for the victims of flood, ethnic violence, fire etc as the situation demands**
- ✓ **To initiate and undertake research, field study and documentation for better planning, monitoring and evaluation of development activities**

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## From the President

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The work of Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) is one of the noblest forms of social action taken up by the Archdiocese of Guwahati in its area of operation. It embodies the power of self sacrificing love which reaches out to the poorest of the poor. The poor and marginalised farmers, women, children, and youths are reached out through various suitable interventions by pooling various resources towards enabling them to enjoy better standard of living. It is noteworthy to acknowledge that GGSS is expanding its services to providing vitamin tablets to small children in villages, promoting SRI cultivation, organic farming among rural farmers and schools, ensuring food security and improved income, empowering rural women through enhanced civil society organisations, strengthening the school dropout tribal youths through vocational trainings and supporting the less privileged school children with educational aids. Moreover, GGSS is always at the reach of poor and needy in times of emergencies.

It is my privilege to congratulate each and every member of GGSS staff both in the office and in the villages for their timely help, support and training given to the people in the target area. May the coming year bring about various opportunities for GGSS in its quest to achieve its vision of a self reliant society based on Love, Justice, Unity and Peace.

+John Moolachira  
Archbishop of Guwahati &  
President of GGSS





# From the Director's Desk



Glancing through the past year, we are delighted to see that Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) as a growing social work organisation could grab better opportunities and expand its areas of interventions. The year witnessed a rapid progress of various development projects and initiation of need based interventions.

GGSS could reach out to more than 1500 families who were the victims of flood in Goalpara, Morigaon and Nagaon Districts with emergency relief support and medical camps. We could also support the neediest BPL widows in rural villages in Goalpara District with safe drinking water facilities. The vocational trainings for the rural unemployed and school dropout youth enabled more than 100 youths to learn a trade to become earning members of their families. The FARM Project brings in sustainable farming technologies and marketing techniques to the 2000 marginalised poor farmers in Kamrup Metro District. GGSS could also collaborate with the model project on constructing individual household latrines for the BPL families in Kamrup Metro District as part of the Swaach Bharat Mission programme funded by the Department of Public Health Engineering.

The Community Based Organisations like Women SHGs, Federations, and Farmers Clubs are gaining strength to help themselves towards improving their standard of living by engaging in viable income generation activities and marketing their products. The rapport built with NABARD is bringing good results leading to the formation of Farmers Clubs in our operational areas and undertaking a model project on SRI (System of Rice Intensification) cultivation in 196 bighas of land with 196 farmers in Baksa District.

Further, through the new effort and collaboration with the Vitamin Angels, USA, 9000 children between one to five years and 3500 infants (6- 11 months) from the rural villages of our operational areas benefited receiving Vitamin A and Albendazole tablets.

We express our gratitude to our General and Governing Body members for their valuable guidance, insight and strategic inputs, funding agencies for their partnership and support, staff for their commitment and dedication, communities for their whole hearted co-operation and collaboration. The more intensely we work, the more phenomenal will our outcomes be.

Fr. Anil Joseph  
Director, GGSS



# Year in brief

**APRIL  
2014**

- ✓ Demonstration on rain water harvesting and weed composting in FARM Project villages, Kamrup Metro District
- ✓ Formation of Seed banks in FARM Project villages
- ✓ Field monitoring Visit to IRDP Project operational areas in Baksa District
- ✓ Training on SHG Management and book keeping for SHG leaders in PHT Project area, Nagaon District

**MAY  
2014**

- ✓ GGSS Governing Body Meeting
- ✓ Organisation Performance Assessment by Caritas India and NEDSSS
- ✓ Advanced training in solar lantern making for IRDP Project beneficiaries, Baksa District
- ✓ Training on Office Document maintenance support and AGBM, GB meeting minutes keeping, facilitated by Fr. Oscar Pereira at GGSS Office, Guwahati
- ✓ Training on Sales and Marketing for SHG Federation members in IRDP Project area, Baksa district
- ✓ Field monitoring visit to IDRT Project areas in Nagaon District
- ✓ Capacity building training for SHGs and Farmers Club Members on micro credit and IGAs in four IDRT Project centres and PHT Project area in Nagaon District

**JUNE  
2014**

- ✓ Appointment of new Office Accountant
- ✓ Distribution of water filters to 52 tribal widows in Goalpara District, supported by Caritas India
- ✓ Summer internship supervision of MSW student from Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- ✓ Initiation of Beautician Course for 15 School dropout girls at Tamulpur, Baksa District, supported by FVTRS, Bangalore
- ✓ Participation in workshop organised in connection with the International Day of Domestic Workers, at Library Hall, Guwahati
- ✓ Participation in feedback session on Organisation Performance Assessment of all DSSSs in Northeast India, conducted at NEDSSS, Guwahati organised by Caritas India and NEDSSS

**JULY  
2014**

- ✓ Training on Documentation & PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) for GGSS field staff, facilitated by CB (Capacity Building) Team, NEDSSS, Guwahati
- ✓ 7 days training in tailoring for SHG members at Silchang, Morigaon District under the SHG strengthening Project, supported by NEDSSS
- ✓ FARM Project field visit by Caritas Partner Support Officer
- ✓ Farmers Club inauguration in FARM Project villages, Kamrup Metro District
- ✓ Exposure Visit by IDEA team, Itanagar to FARM Project fields
- ✓ Participation in quarterly project review meeting of FARM Northeast at NEDSSS, Guwahati, conducted by Caritas India
- ✓ Exposure visit by FARM Northeast Project Partners to FARM Project fields

**AUGUST  
2014**

- ✓ Submission of annual project progress reports on IDRT and IRDP projects to Manos Unidas, Spain and Andheri Hilfe Bonn, Germany
- ✓ Training on Joyful method of learning for Alphabetisation Centre Instructors under IDRT Project, Nagaon District

**SEPTEMBER  
2014**

- ✓ GGSS Governing Body meeting
- ✓ Farmers Club inauguration at FARM Project villages, Kamrup Metro District
- ✓ Field Monitoring visit to IRDP and Vocational Training Project areas, Baksa District
- ✓ Participation in 7th Caritas National Assembly 2014 at Bangalore
- ✓ Exposure visit of 25 IRDP Project beneficiaries to TSSS (Tezpur Social Service Society), Tezpur
- ✓ GGSS annual General Body Meeting





# Year in brief

## OCTOBER 2014

- ✓ Distribution of relief materials to flood affected families at Nagaon and Goalpara supported by Caritas India and NEDSSS
- ✓ Participation in SARATHI-NE Region coordination meeting at NEDSSS, Guwahati
- ✓ Participation in workshop on financial management and legal compliance aspects for Andheri Trust /AHP partners in India at Chennai
- ✓ Monitoring Visit to GGSS by Manos Unidas team, Spain
- ✓ Medical camp for victims of flood at Christ Jyoti school, Silchang in collaboration with St. John's hospital, supported by NEDSSS, Guwahati

## NOVEMBER 2014

- ✓ Medical camp for victims of flood at Christ the King School, Mallang, Kamrup Rural District in collaboration with St. John's Hospital, supported by NEDSSS, Guwahati
- ✓ Participation in RBM (Result Based Management) Training at Seva Kendra, Kolkata, organised by Andheri Trust, India
- ✓ Medical camp for victims of flood at Christ Jyoti School, at Silchang, Morigaon District in collaboration with St. John's Hospital, Guwahati
- ✓ Participation in Silver Jubilee celebration of NEDSSS and linkage fest 2014 at NEDSSS premises, Guwahati
- ✓ Training on candle making to SHG women, IDRT Project area, Nagaon District

## DECEMBER 2014

- ✓ Finance Review on FARM Northeast and Emergency Relief Projects 2014, by Caritas India
- ✓ Inauguration of 'Akash' solar lantern assembling and mobile repairing units, Tamulpur under IRDP Project, Baksa district
- ✓ Training for farmers club members on SRI (System of Rice Intensification) cultivation by Dept. of Agriculture at Mushalpur, Baksa District
- ✓ Medical camp at Mariampur village, Goalpara District
- ✓ GGSS Governing Body Meet-2014
- ✓ Participation in workshop on linking with Department of Textiles and Handicrafts at NEDSSS, Guwahati
- ✓ Participation in Strategy Planning Workshop of NEDSSS, Guwahati
- ✓ Project launching cum training on SRI Promotion for 196 farmers in Baksa District

## JANUARY 2015

- ✓ Submission of 6 months (July-December 2014) project progress report to FVTRS, Bangalore
- ✓ Submission of 6 months project progress reports (July-December 2014) to Manos Unidas Spain and Andheri Hilfe Bonn, Germany
- ✓ Orientation and Distribution of Vitamin A tablets to partner organisations
- ✓ Workshop on PLDA (People Led Development Approach) for FARM beneficiaries by FARM Partner Support Officer, Caritas India
- ✓ Distribution of paddy seeds to farmers in Baksa District as part of the project implementation on SRI promotion supported by NABARD
- ✓ Advanced training in tailoring for 6 girls from Baksa and Nagaon Districts, at WDC, Guwahati
- ✓ GGSS staff picnic to Sandubi, Loharhut
- ✓ Monitoring visit by CB (Capacity Building) team, NEDSSS on documentation at IDRT and IRDP Project fields

# Year in brief

## FEBRUARY 2015

- ✓ Monitoring field visit to FVTRS supported Project area, Baksa District
- ✓ Project evaluation on Emergency Relief by Caritas India Northeast Zonal Office Team, Guwahati
- ✓ Training on Women's rights and issues for IRDP Project beneficiaries under 2 project centres, Baksa District
- ✓ Monitoring field visits to IDRT and PHT (Prevention of Human Trafficking) Project areas
- ✓ Meeting with Sri. Shankardev Nethralaya, Guwahati on possible collaboration in conducting corrective surgery for cataract for poor rural tribal people in the GGSS operational area
- ✓ Construction of 10 sanitary toilets for 10 BPL Households under Chandrapur Block, Kamrup Metro District under Swachh Bharat Mission Scheme
- ✓ Monitoring visit to SRI (System of Rice Intensification) fields, Baksa District
- ✓ GGSS Governing Body Meeting

## MARCH 2015

- ✓ Women's Day Observation
- ✓ Participation in 2G Animation consultation meeting organised at NEDSSS, Guwahati by Caritas India
- ✓ Capacity building training for GGSS field staff at Regional Office, Rangiya facilitated by CB Team, NEDSSS, Guwahati
- ✓ Participation in Project Coordinators Meet organised by FVTRS, at Seva Kendra, Kolkata
- ✓ Project monitoring visit to the SRI fields by Agriculture Development Off



## FARM NORTHEAST

**FARM (Facilitating Agriculture Regeneration Measures) Northeast** is a Caritas India supported program that focuses on sustainable livelihood option mainly agriculture and allied to help the farmers to increase their income. The project is implemented in 16 villages of Demoria Block under Kamrup Metro District.

### Activity Highlights

#### Capacity building programmes

Capacity building programs for the farmers were conducted as per the need and in the context of that particular area, with field level practical demonstrations to enhance their traditional knowledge and skill and at the same time find solution of a problem with the use of available local resources. Programs that were conducted for capacity building are as follows:

- Training on organic farming and bio-pest management
- Training on off season vegetable cultivation
- Training on medicinal and aromatic plant cultivation
- Training on SRI (Systematic Rice Intensification)
- Training on market linkages
- Training on fodder management, feeding practices & fodder treatment
- Training on livestock management
- Demonstration on organic manure preparation
- Demonstration on traditional rain water harvesting



#### Awareness programs and campaigns

Awareness programs and campaigns concerning various issues of the villages were carried out to empower the community for sustainability, to ensure that they know about their rights, and are willing to come together to collaborate with the local government and public institutions. Programs done among the community for the empowerment are as follows:

- Wall painting on RTI
- Wall painting on promoting participation of women in Gram Sabha
- Wall painting on social audit process
- Wall painting on NREGA
- Training on RTI and facilitation in filing RTIs
- Facilitation in village level micro plan development



#### Linkages

Activities to establish linkages with line department were organised by facilitating the process and hand-holding support to bridge the gap and make the services of all the institutions and departments available at the door step of the farmers. Services from these departments include technical, financial (both monetary and subsidy) and resource (agricultural inputs) support for the promotion of sustainable agriculture and allied actions. Activities conducted to establish linkages with line departments are as follows:

- Interface of farmers clubs with NABARD
- Interface meeting with the line departments e.g. Dept. of agriculture, KVK, SIRD, NEDFi etc.
- Interface of community with Banks, PRI and NREGA officials



## Promotion of organic farming

Programs to encourage the farmers to go for organic farming were undertaken to preserve the land and recover the soil health, and at the same time ensure that there is reduction in the input cost with increased production through locally available resources. Focus was also given on better live-stock management in terms of providing sufficient fodder and care for cattles through proper fodder management techniques and securing their health. Activities linked with organic farming promotion and livestock management are as follows:

- Sensitization on usage and negative impact of synthetic fertilizers and hybrid seeds
- Establishment of Kissan Center cum Demonstration plot cum Model Farm
- Village Level Farmers Field Schools (FFS)
- Initiating organic kitchen gardens in schools
- Campaign on soil testing and seed treatment
- "Kisan Sammelan" for sharing of learning from demonstration related to agriculture and livestock management
- Organizing livestock health camps
- Crop insurance camps
- Wall paintings on usage of organic inputs in local language



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▶ 760 farmers started preparing organic manures and bio-pest repellents in farming
- ▶ 839 farmers started earning income by selling organic vegetables, fruits etc
- ▶ 812 farmers began to prefer local seeds and seedlings for farming instead of hybrid seeds
- ▶ Village level plan of actions were developed by the communities of 16 villages and submitted to the Panchayats
- ▶ 720 farmers have received various schemes such as seeds, spray machine, KCC loan, fishery loan, agriculture machines, tricycle rickshaw etc. from the concerned departments





# ENHANCED LIVELIHOOD THROUGH EMPOWERED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN BAKA DISTRICT



## ENHANCED LIVELIHOOD THROUGH EMPOWERED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN BAKSA DISTRICT, ASSAM (IRD-Phase II)

✓ **Participation in workshop on FCRA, Best Accounting Practices and Good Governance:** Fr. Anil Joseph attended 3 days workshop on FCRA, Best Accounting Practices and Good Governance organized at St. Thomas Retreat Centre, Chennai. The workshop enabled to have better understanding on best accounting practices, FCRA Act and other legal compliances that to be taken into consideration in the accounting practices by Non Government Organisations

✓ **Staff review meetings:** Staff review meetings were conducted on last working day of the every month at the GGSS Regional Office, Rangiya facilitated either by Director or Project Manager, GGSS ensuring the timely submission of the activity reports and formation of action plans for the next month. The monthly meetings provided

the platform for the field staff for mutual learning and sharing of field level experiences, the risks, challenges they face in project implementation such as marketing SHG products, availing Govt schemes for the project beneficiaries

✓ **Women's Day Observation:** The SHG federations under 4 project centres observed the women's day by organising a public function consisting cultural programmes, competitions, sports, games etc

✓ **Field monitoring visits:** Fr. Anil Joseph visited the project fields and interacted with the SHG federation leaders, collecting their feed backs on the project implementation.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- All the four SHG federations put up small market outlets under each project centre and SHG members are selling various products like seasonal vegetables, mushrooms, rice, handi-crafts, dress items, pickle, bakery items etc.
- The 4 SHG federations jointly opened one Cooperative Shop called 'Akansha Mahila Seva Kendra' at Tamulpur, Baksa and sell various SHG products and share the profit under the ratio of 10:90 on sale of every product
- The SHG members also sell their products by participating in the village level weekly markets and in exhibitions and melas organised during festive seasons
- The SHG members started accessing various Govt Schemes like:
  - 36 families availed IAY (Indira Awas Yojana) Village housing Scheme
  - 162 families availed Sainatory toilets under sanitation Scheme
  - 202 SHG members availed MGNREGA job card
  - 11 members availed Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme
  - 45 families availed free electricity connection under RGGY Scheme





## INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL TRIBAL (IDRT)

The project on Integrated Development of the Rural Tribal (IDRT) of Nagaon District of Assam is supported by Manos Unidas, Spain. The objective is to mobilize and empower inhabitants of 20 villages in Hojai, Chapramukh, Kathiyatoli and Bebejia parishes of Nagaon District through information and skill to strive for their development.

### Activity Highlights:

★ **Awareness creation in villages on right to education:** Village level awareness sessions on right to education were conducted in 20 project villages in order to motivate the parents, children and villagers

★ **Training for instructors in Joyful method of learning:** Conducted 3 days training for 10 Alphabetization Centre Instructors at NWDC Hojai facilitated by Mr. Ajit Kumar Nath (Faculty-Sarva Shiksha Abhayan) from 29th August to 31st August 2014 and conducted a further follow up training for 2 days at NWDC Hojai under the Facilitation of Sr. Shilpa SND

★ **Alphabetization Centres in 10 villages:** 10 alphabetisation centres are operating in the project operational area and almost 400 children have enrolled. The instructors look after the learning needs of the students. They also support the children to gain admission in Govt. schools

★ **Sports Day and Cultural Competitions:** Extracurricular activities like dance & music, sports competitions etc were organized to boost up the children in every centre. The winners were awarded with prizes and all the participants with complements like book, pen and pencil.

★ **Celebration of Children's Day and Teachers' Day:** Observed Teachers day & children's day in every centre by organising competitions on elocution, songs, skit etc.

★ **Women's Day Observation:** Organised a public function consisting of cultural programmes, input session on women's rights on 8th March 2015. It was also an occasion for the project participants (women, children and farmers club members) to come together and showcase their various talents. The SHG women took the lead role in organising the day's events.

★ **Support to gain admission to formal schools:** Out of the 400 children who were enrolled in the alphabetisation centres 120 children were able to gain admission in Govt. Schools by the effort of the project team.

★ **Training on Income Generation Activities:** Conducted trainings under 4 centres on soap powder making, candle making, herbal medicine making and bakery items preparation for SHG members.

### Details of IGAs initiated by SHGs

| Name of the Village    | IGA initiated        | No of SHGs |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Singaribasti           | Poultry farming      | 2 SHGs     |
| Singaribasti           | Bakery shop          | 1 SHG      |
| Meticulla&Singaribasti | Soap powder making   | 3 SHGs     |
| Christianbasti         | Mushroom cultivation | 1 SHG      |
| Chitalmari             | Mushroom cultivation | 1 SHG      |
| Chitalmari             | Poultry farming      | 1 SHG      |
| Dhansheela             | Soap powder making   | 2 SHGs     |





## INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL TRIBAL (IDRT)

### ★ Formation of Farmers' Association:

Farmers associations are formed in project villages. Also formed Farmers clubs in project villages as per the NABARD guidelines and they are on the process of obtaining registration under NABARD.

### ★ Training on weed composting and pest repellents making:

Conducted training on weed composting for farmers and they have started to train the rest of the members of the farmers in the villages. Also conducted training on making pest repellents to prevent diseases and pest attacks on the agriculture crops for farmers and they have started applying the solutions in the fields as well as sharing the idea to the rest of the farmers in their villages.

★ **Monthly Staff meeting:** Conducted review meetings of field animators and Alphabetization centre instructors facilitated by either the Director or the Project manager, GGSS

★ **Revolving fund support for SHG members under 4 project centres:** 8 SHGs (2 SHGs each) under 4 project centres were supported with Rs 25000/- each to undertake mushroom cultivation.

★ **MANOS UNIDAS monitoring Visit to GGSS:** The Project in Charges from MANOS UNIDAS for India region, visited GGSS and reviewed the progress of the Project.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

- ☞ 120 children who attended the alphabetisation centres gained admission in Govt. Schools
- ☞ SHGs under the project villages have initiated various viable Income Generation Activities (IGAs) like mushroom cultivation, bakery unit, soap powder making, poultry farming, piggyery etc
- ☞ Collaboration with Block Development Office, Hojai, Nagaon: 2 SHGs received Rs 50000/- each for pig farming, 2 SHGs received Rs 25000/- each for goat farming and 1 SHG received Rs 100000/- to undertake weaving
- ☞ Farmers clubs in the project villages are under the process of gaining registration under NABARD
- ☞ Farmers club members started using bio pesticides and inputs in farming





## VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SCHOOL DROPOUT YOUTH

The one year project (May 2014 - April 2015), supported by Functional Vocational Training and Research Society (FVTRS), Bangalore is being implemented in Tamulpur Block, Baksa District, Assam with the aim of providing livelihood opportunities for the 100 school dropout and unemployed youth in the targeted area who could not proceed in formal education due to poor economic condition of the families.

### Activity Highlights and Achievements

| Name of the Trades/activities                           | Number of Batches | Trainees (Men) | Trainees (Women) | Achievements   |
|---|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--|
| 1. Six months training in Garment making and Embroidery | 2                 | -              | 42               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 23 trainees gained employment in Assisi Garments, Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, India and earns Rs 6000/- per month with free food and accommodation</li> <li>• 2 trainees put up a tailoring shop 'Akansha Ladies Tailors' at Tamulpur, Baksa, earns an average monthly income of Rs 3000-4000/-</li> <li>• 9 trainees are employed in Shanthi Mahila Vikas Kendra, Tamulpur, Baksa, earning Rs 3000/- per month</li> <li>• 8 of them are engaged in Home based tailoring earning Rs 50/- per day</li> <li>• 4 trainees of garment making joined in the Secondary Course equivalent to class X under the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)</li> </ul> |
| 2. Three months training in Solar Assembling            | 2                 | 28             | -                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 trainees are working in Akash Solar Assembling Unit, Tamulpur, District earning Rs 50/-daily</li> <li>• 5 trainees working in electric shops outside the state as apprentices (Bangalore and Chennai) earning Rs 150/- per day</li> <li>• 3 trainees are earning Rs 1000/- per month by marketing solar products in nearby villages and towns, Baksa District</li> </ul>  |
| 3. Three months Beautician Course                       | 2                 | -              | 30               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 of the trainees are employed in shops and gains monthly income of Rs 2000/-</li> <li>• 21 trainees are offering home based customer services to their neighbours and village women earning an average daily income of Rs 30/-</li> <li>• 2 of the beautician course trainees joined in the Secondary Course equivalent to class X under the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)</li> </ul>  |
| 4. EDP training   | 2                 | 20             | 51               | The EDP trainings helped the trainees to have clear understanding on how to move forward after the completion of the trainings in order to gain income through meaningful employment   |



### Success Story

**Mrs. Pokila Das & Ms. Arppana Koch sharing the joy of working together for better tomorrows**

Mrs. Pokila Das, 25 yrs old, married, hailing from Bhakatpara, a rural tribal village, under Tamulpur Block, Baksa District, underwent a six months Training in Garment making and embroidery works conducted by GGSS with the support of FVTRS, Bangalore. Soon after the training she approached the GGSS coordinator expressing her interest to put up a tailoring shop. She herself motivated one of her fellow trainees, named Ms. Arppana Koch, from nearby village to join with her. Their search for a suitable space didn't go in vain and the women SHG federation in Tamulpur under GGSS expressed the willingness to rent one of the rooms that they used to run their cooperative shop. GGSS provided them with interest free loan of Rs 20000/- to purchase tailoring machines. Mrs. Pokila and Ms. Arppana started stitching salvars, sari blouses, skirts etc and now earning an average daily income of Rs 150/-. They are also able to gain more customers by building rapport with the buyers who come to the cooperative shop too. The happiness of a rural village lady who was once unemployed and now being into a meaningful employment makes GGSS proud and as she puts it;

"Togetherness makes me more confident and enables me to earn good income and as time passes we expect to have more trainees to join us to enjoy the joy of working together. Thanks to FVTRS for reaching their helping hands to the youth in interior villages like ours in Assam"



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## CAPACITY BUILDING OF DSSSs IN ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (PHASE II)

**The project is supported by CRS and Caritas India under the coordination of NEDSSS, for a period of one year from July 2014 with aim of strengthening the organization's capacity towards building better collaboration with various Government Agencies and avail schemes and benefits for the target groups of the organization.**

### Activity Highlights

- ✓ TRAINING ON NETWORKING AND LOBBYING SKILLS ON GOVERNMENT RESOURCE MOBILIZATION.
- ✓ SEMINAR ON SCHEMES AND PROJECTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
- ✓ ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT (OD) ASSESSMENT





## ‘POHAR’-THE EDUCATION AID

### Aim

‘POHAR’ aims to ensure better education and personality development of the socially and economically backward students in the rural villages of Assam

### Target group

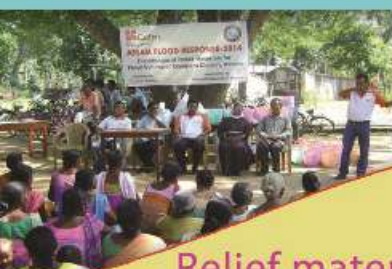
Students of the schools functioning under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Guwahati

The fund reached 7 students in the current year and supported to meet the cost of admission, tuition, books & computer fees.

| Name of the student | Class               | School                          |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nitu Sangma         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> std | St. Thomas School, Kathiatoli   |
| Hilary M Sangma     | 9 <sup>th</sup> std | Christ King School, Mallangkona |
| Savio S Marak       | 6 <sup>th</sup> std | Christ King School, Mallangkona |
| Raphel Momin        | 5 <sup>th</sup> std | St. Luis School, Chhaygaon      |
| Goroty .G. Momin    | 5 <sup>th</sup> std | St. Luis School, Chhaygaon      |
| Venita Sangma       | 7 <sup>th</sup> std | St. Thomas School, Kaki         |
| Anija Sangma        | 1 <sup>st</sup> std | St. Thomas School, Kaki         |

## EMERGENCY RELIEF

*GGSS carried out emergency and relief support among 1000 families in Goalpara District, Assam with the support of Caritas India and among 500 families in Nagaon District, Assam with the support of NEDSSS, Guwahati*



### Relief materials distribution

Distributed relief material kits to 1000 families containing milk, bleaching powder, candle and match boxes, buckets, mosquito nets, cloth, washing and bathing soaps

Distributed kits to 500 families containing rice, dal, salt, turmeric powder, mosquito nets and blankets



### Medical camps

Organized one day medical camps for the flood victims at Christ the King School, Mallang in Kamrup Rural District, and at Christ Jyoti School, Silchang in Morigaon District in collaboration with St. John's Hospital, Guwahati with the support of NEDSSS & Archdiocese of Guwahati. 800 victims benefited from the camp enabling them with the opportunity to get free general checkup on various diseases and distributed medicines free of cost.





## ***CORE TEAM, GGSS***



**Fr. Anil Joseph  
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**Joseph Joshi  
(Accountant)**



**Jaisy George  
(Documentation Officer)**



**Pulen Talukdar  
(Field Co-ordinator)**



**Pobitro Sangma  
(Co-ordinator)**



**Anjali  
(Support Staff)**



**Jeremias Dhanwar  
(Driver)**



**Jaya Kakoti  
(Office Assistant)**



# Financial Report

GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,  
G.N.B. ROAD, AMBARI, GUWAHATI : ASSAM

## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2015

| RECEIPTS                    | AMOUNT (Rs.)        | PAYMENTS   | AMOUNT (Rs.)        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>To Opening Balance</b>   |                     | By Project Expenses (Sch B)                        | 54,18,536.00        |
| Cash in Hand                | 1,32,722.40         |  |                     |
| Cash at Bank                | 11,99,818.04        |  |                     |
|                             | 13,32,540.44        | <b>" Programme Expenses</b>                        |                     |
| " Project Receipts (Sch- B) | 57,30,218.00        | Cairboard Training Expenses                        | 45,000.00           |
| " Donation & Contribution   | 1,13,500.00         | Training on System of Rice Intensification(NABARD) | 3,35,175.00         |
| " Program Receipt           | 16,01,513.00        | Programme on Capacity Building                     | 25,500.00           |
| " Bank Interest Received    | 41,812.00           | Programme on Gender Equity                         | 13,800.00           |
|                             |                     | Programme on Human Rights Education                | 50,826.00           |
|                             |                     | Medical Camp                                       | 56,989.00           |
|                             |                     | Programme on Resource Mobilisation                 | 8,500.00            |
|                             |                     | Programme on SHG Strengthening                     | 96,400.00           |
|                             |                     | Social Survey Expenses                             | 21,035.00           |
|                             |                     | Training on candle Making for self employment      | 30,000.00           |
|                             |                     | Training on Wafer Making for self employment       | 64,347.00           |
|                             |                     | Educational Help to Poor Students                  | 46,170.00           |
|                             |                     |  | 7,93,742.00         |
|                             |                     | " Distribution of Water Filter                     | 1,17,740.00         |
|                             |                     | " Charity & Donation                               | 25,300.00           |
|                             |                     | <b>" Administrative Expenses</b>                   |                     |
|                             |                     | Computer Maintenance                               | 650.00              |
|                             |                     | Functions & Celebrations                           | 12,500.00           |
|                             |                     | Professional Fees                                  | 16,854.00           |
|                             |                     | Registration Fees                                  | 5,732.00            |
|                             |                     | Telephone & Internet                               | 730.00              |
|                             |                     | Printing & Stationery                              | 656.00              |
|                             |                     | Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance                      | 37,906.00           |
|                             |                     | Web Hosting Expense                                | 2,628.00            |
|                             |                     | Electricity Expenses                               | 3,942.00            |
|                             |                     | Audit Fees   | 14,607.00           |
|                             |                     |  | 96,206.00           |
|                             |                     | <b>" Capital Expenditure</b>                       |                     |
|                             |                     | Wafer Baking Machine                               | 44,082.00           |
|                             |                     | <b>" Closing Balance</b>                           |                     |
|                             |                     | Cash in Hand                                       | 9,36,890.90         |
|                             |                     | Cash at Bank                                       | 13,87,086.54        |
|                             |                     |  | 23,23,977.44        |
| <b>Total (Rs.)</b>          | <b>88,19,583.44</b> | <b>Total (Rs.)</b>                                 | <b>88,19,583.44</b> |

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,

PLACE : GUWAHATI  
DATE : 03.08.2015

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE  
FOR: H.K. AGRAWALA & ASSOCIATES  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
FRN-319293E

CA. HARISH KR. AGRAWALA  
PARTNER  
MEMBERSHIP NO.: 054776

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2015

| LIABILITIES                                     | AMOUNT (Rs.)        | ASSETS                | AMOUNT (Rs.)        |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                             |                     | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>   |                     |
| Opening Balance                                 | 12,12,035.44        | (As per Schedule 'C') | 808,050.00          |
| Add: Net Surplus Transferred to<br>General Fund | 6,34,883.00         |                       |                     |
|   | 18,46,918.44        | <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b> |                     |
| <b>PROJECT FUND</b>                             |                     | Cash-in-hand          | 9,36,890.90         |
| (As per Schedule B)                             | 12,85,109.00        | Cash-at-Bank          | 13,87,086.54        |
|   |                     |                       | 23,23,977.44        |
| <b>Total (Rs.)</b>                              | <b>31,32,027.44</b> | <b>Total (Rs.)</b>    | <b>31,32,027.44</b> |

## SCHEDULE 'C' OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

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- *NEDSSS, Guwahati*
- *NABARD*
- *Dept. of Public Health Engineering*
- *COIR BOARD*
- *NEDFi, Guwahati*
- *Dept. of Agriculture & KVK*
- *Dept of Animal Husbandry*
- *Dept. of Veterinary Science*
- *USHA International Sewing School, Guwahati*
- *National Agriculture Insurance Company Ltd.*
- *Assam Development Foundation*
- *St. John's Hospital, Guwahati*
- *Shankar Dev Netralaya, Guwahati*
- *Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati*

