



GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY

To Communicate To Empower To Sustain



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GGSS Profile:

Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) is the Social Work Wing of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, having its principal office at Peace Centre, G.N.B. Road, Ambari, Guwahati. The Society was formed in 1992 with the aim of supporting and empowering the poor and marginalized people irrespective of their caste, creed, or religion, living in the operational areas of the Archdiocese. The Society lays its focus on livelihood promotional activities among rural farmers with sustainable farming practices and initiating agri-product marketing, group wise viable income generation activities among the rural SHG women and vocational trainings for school dropout and unemployed tribal youth. Disaster Risk Reduction is also an important focus area. It also tries to tap various Govt. schemes and benefits for the target groups.

Legal Status:

GGSS is registered under Societies Registration Act 1860, with registration number 2163/1992-93. It is also registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs under FCRA 1976 vide FCRA No., 020780064. It has also 12 (A) registration for tax exemption vide Registration No.12A/38/2001-02/1272-74. The Society's PAN No. is AAATG5227D.

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:

- 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 the better planning, monitoring, and evaluation of our developmental activities.

Major thrust areas of interventions:

- Socio-Economic Development
- Community Health, Nutrition, Communicable Diseases, HIV/AIDS
- Water and Sanitation
- Emergency Response and Community Focussed Disaster Risk Reduction
- Education of poor children
- Vocational Training
- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution
- Natural Resource Management

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Looking back with content, Moving forward with confidence...

It is indeed a joy for me to pen down the growth and development of GGSS - the Social Work wing of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, as it arrives in its Silver Jubilee Year. Anniversaries give us a moment to pause, to reflect, and to consider how we have spent our time. The journey of GGSS began in a simple way by reaching to the people in need with welfare support. As the years passed by and the social work approach changed, GGSS also adopted the community development approach towards bringing positive changes in the lives of the target groups. It is really evident that GGSS has well utilised the time, resources and gained community support towards its socio-development programmes in all the 7 target district in Assam. Now it has matured enough to march forward with the experiences gained through the last decades to follow the latest development approaches in Social Work.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who have contributed towards nurturing GGSS as a development organisation and all the staff and community volunteers who rendered their dedicated service in all its intervention. Moreover, the compassionate help from different national and international donors/agencies have also aided for the timely growth of GGSS.

May GGSS grow more and more, gaining lots of experience to be able to do noble works among the people of Assam. All good wishes to GGSS team to move forward with confidence. May GGSS have a bright future ahead!

+ John Moolachira
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From the Director



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Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) is travelling in its 25th year of journey of development works for the welfare of the people. In this significant occasion, we cherish the memories of good works we could render for the poor and marginalised in their efforts for improving the socio-economic and health conditions.

GGSS has been active since its inception in 1992, building rapport with the people and reaching them with need based support. We feel so proud that GGSS's long-standing work in favour of local culture and in safeguarding local values, in health care and education, emergency relief, peace building, promotion of food security, sustainable agriculture/livelihood opportunities, vocational training for school dropout, and in so many undertakings, great and small, aimed at social development were/are appreciated and received by the people.

The sustaining Community Based Organisations such as SHGs, Farmers Clubs, Producer Organisation formed by GGSS are real evidence for the people's readiness and commitment to walk along with GGSS for their betterment. It is a noticeable fact that our constant awareness creation among the target groups during the past years on pooling different resources related to livelihood, education, health, social security, water and sanitation etc are bringing good results in terms of availing schemes and benefits/services from different agencies. The major specific and visible outlook is of the rural tribal women and school dropout girls who have taken/are taking keen interest in this regard.

At this juncture, I wish to thank all the previous directors, staff who worked hard, various donors for their kind support which helped in making GGSS to cross the silver lines with high confidence and happiness.

Through the experience gained during the last twenty-five years, GGSS looks forward to continue to play a substantial role in encouraging and coordinating development and progress in the targeted area of operation. We ensure to retain the same commitment, sense of responsibility and confidence which are the highly essential ingredients to ensure the quality of work.

The journey is to be continued "With the People; for the People; promoting the efforts by the People."


Fr. Anil Joseph
Director, GGSS



SUPPORTING TRIBAL ADOLESCENT GIRLS TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT, AMITY AND DEVELOPMENT (STEAD) IN BAKSA DISTRICT, ASSAM

The STEAD in Baksa District is a three years (1st July 2016 to 30th June 2019) intervention supported by Manos Unidas, Spain. It is implemented in 20 rural villages in four centres (Tamulpur, Nagrijuli, Kumarikatta and Sashipur) under Tamulpur Block, Baksa District, Assam. The project focuses on the integrated development of 350 tribal adolescent girls belonging to BPL (Below Poverty Line) families in the target villages through awareness creation on their basic rights and reproductive and sexual health, life skill education programmes, formation of Adolescent Girls Clubs, initiating Savings Bank Accounts and Income Generation Activities. It is expected that the project will enhance their capacity to be productive members of the society as well as stand in good stead in their future lives.

Activity Highlights:

- ❖ **Appointment of Staff:** Appointed Project Manager, Project Coordinator and Animators from the project target area for the timely implementation of the Project.
- ❖ **Project orientation for Staff:** Two days project orientation programme for the Project team was organized on 21st and 22nd July 2016 at Shanti Mahila Vikas Kendra, Tamulpur, Baksa District. Fr. Anil Joseph, Director and Sr. Jessy Mathew, Administrator, GGSS detailed the project goals and objectives to the team. It enabled the project team to be equipped with the needed knowledge and skills in group management, mobilization of different stakeholders for the successful implementation of the project.
- ❖ **Capacity building training for the staff:** Four days training on Adolescent Management was organised for the project staff from 2nd to 5th August 2016 at Shanti Mahila Vikas Kendra, Tamulpur, Baksa District. The training focused on how to deal with adolescents especially the girls. Sessions included on how to make groups, how to help the girls to mingle in groups and undertake group based activities for their common good. The importance of inculcating positive attitude, dealing with stressful situations, management of emotions etc were also emphasised.
- ❖ **Village level project orientation meetings:** Village level project orientation meetings were organized in the 20 target villages during the months of August and September 2016, participated by the parents and elders of the target group. The meetings emphasized on the importance of their involvement and knowledge in adolescent girls rearing to enhance the socio-economic development of the adolescent girls.
- ❖ **Formation of Adolescent Girls Clubs (AGC) in 20 target villages:** In every project target village, one AGC each are formed with the aim of bringing the adolescent girls together to act as a group for their common good, learn from each other, improve their social and life skills etc.
- ❖ **Village level Training on Adolescent reproductive and sexual health, nutrition & general health:** Village level trainings were organized to create awareness among the targeted girls on the importance of having nutritious food during the adolescent period, the emotional and physical changes that need to be



tracked for providing need based support, the need of improved personal hygiene, how to take care of the physical health etc. The participants found the sessions as an opportunity to clarify various doubts with the resource persons.

- ❖ **Field Monitoring Visits:** Fr. Anil Joseph, Director, GGSS visited the project centers and interacted with the AGC members, parents and the village leaders to learn about the status of the project implementation. These visits enabled to guide the project team to better deal with the project target groups to ensure their whole hearted participation and effective implementation of the activities in the target villages.



- ❖ **Observation of Internationally Declared important days:** The AGCs observed various internationally declared important days like International Girl Child Day and Women's Day respectively by organising rallies, input sessions, public functions, games and cultural programmes etc. The AGC members along with their parents, village leaders took active part in it. It was organised with the aim of marking the importance of women and girls in the development of the society.

- ❖ **Montly Project staff review meetings:** Monthly meetings of the project team were conducted to task the progress of the project as well as developing the action plan for the current month and reviewing the activities conducted during the previous month. The meetings are the platform for the project team to share their achievements and the challenges they face at the field level and make necessary strategies.



- ❖ **Monthly AGCs meetings:** The Adolescent Girls Club members from the 20 target villages organised their group meetings every month with the support of the field animators. They started conducting meetings, maintaining attendance register, meeting minutes, discussing on project activities. The group meetings also become platform for them to organise cultural programmes such as competitions on public speaking, dance, songs etc towards improving their social and interpersonal communication and community interaction skills.

Highlights of Achievements:

- ❑ 20 Adolescent Girls Clubs (AGCs) are formed in 20 rural tribal villages in Baksa District, Assam
- ❑ The AGCs have started coming together, organize group meetings and show interest to attend various programmes and activities conducted as part of the project.
- ❑ The target girls started taking lead roles to engage in group activities to improve their social skills, social involvement and undertake viable Income Generation Activities.



Way Forward:

- ✧ Training on developing Household level nutrition kitchen garden.
- ✧ Distribution of seeds and seedlings to the AGC members to initiate kitchen garden.

- ✧ Observation of internationally declared important days.
- ✧ Village level Awareness seminars on social harmony.
- ✧ Leadership camp for the AGC members.
- ✧ Awareness seminars on saving habits and financial management.
- ✧ Opening individual Savings Bank Accounts for the AGC members.
- ✧ Skill training on various trades for IGA development.



COMMUNITY USHERED REGIONAL EFFORT (CURE) IN HEALTH CARE IN NORTHEAST INDIA

The CURE in North East India is a three years (October 2016 to September 2019) venture supported by North East Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS), Guwahati. The project envisages reducing the Infant and Maternal Mortality and Malaria Death in selected 254 remote villages spread in Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Mizoram States. GGSS is entrusted with the responsibility to implement the project in the 46 rural interior villages under its operational area in five centres (Kumarikatta, Nagirijuli, Mallangkholna, Mariampur and Panishali) where health facilities are minimum. The intervention targets more than 10000 rural families and reaches them through the Health Facilitation Centres (HFCs) functioning under the Archdiocese of Guwahati.

Activity Highlights:

- ❖ **Project Orientation:** Fr. Anil Joseph, Director, Sr. Maria Chacko, Project Coordinator, GGSS along with five health Supervisors and the accountant attended the project orientation meeting held on 25th & 27th November 2016 at NEDSSS organized by NEDSSS. There were participants from all the project implementing partners. The aims and objectives of the project, the process of field level project implementation etc were clearly explained in detail. The team prepared the activity plan for the first year together with the resource persons.
- ❖ **Baseline data collection from 46 target villages:** Village level health survey was conducted in 46 target villages by the CURE project team as an initial step of the project implementation. The survey included major topics related to the mother and child health, immunisation details, details of pregnant and lactating women, infant and mother mortality, pregnancy/ANC/PNC/home/institutional deliveries, incidence of malaria, current measures on malaria management etc. It brought out the need to focus on promoting institutional deliveries, encourage the pregnant women to have ANC/PNC checkups, create awareness on malaria management measures etc.
- ❖ **Nutrition camps:** Organised one day nutrition camps at all HFCs for the selected ASHAs, SHG women and adolescent girls from the target villages. Sr. Maria Chacko, the Coordinator, GGSS led the camps in which the participants were taught to prepare homemade tonics and horlicks to meet the nutritional needs of mothers and children. A total number of 171 women and adolescent girls actively participated in the camps.



❖ **Health awareness seminars:** Organised awareness seminars on topics such as personal hygiene, Worm Infestation and Herbal Medicine among the target groups such as mothers, pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls etc under the target HFCs. A total Number of 270 persons from the target area participated in the sessions facilitated by the CURE team.

❖ **HFC level monthly review meetings:** Monthly review meetings are conducted in the HFCs. The meetings are attended by the VHWS/ASHAs, facilitated by the concerned Health Supervisor in which the activities of the month are reviewed and action plan for the next month is prepared. During the meetings, detailed village level monthly data collected by the VHWS/ASHAs on various aspects such as immunisation, number of institutional and home deliveries, pregnant woman, number of malaria cases identified, number of families using bed nets and issues of adolescent girls are reviewed.



❖ **Motivation/Animation sessions for VHTFS/VHSNCs/HCCs:** The Coordinator and health supervisors along with ASHAs conducted animation meetings on Malaria management under 5 project target Health Facilitation Centres, participated by a total number of 139 persons representing Village Health Task Forces/Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committees/Health Coordination Committees.

❖ **Partner level quarterly review meetings:** Quarterly review meetings were organised in December 2016 & March 2017 at GGSS Office, Guwahati. It was participated by the 5 Health Supervisors and the Project Coordinator. The meetings were facilitated by the Director and Office Administrator, GGSS reviewing various project activities with the reports and financial utilisation.



❖ **Half yearly review meeting:** Fr. Anil Joseph, Director and Sr. Maria Chacko, Project Coordinator, GGSS participated in the 2 days project progress review meeting organised for the CURE partners on 28th & 29th March 2017 organised at NEDSSS, Guwahati, coordinated by CURE Project Coordination team, NEDSSS.

❖ **Family visits by ASHAs/Health Supervisors:** Daily home visits are conducted by the ASHAs. They are able to cover at least four to five families per day spending time with the target groups on identifying various health issues in the families, provide need based support/advice to mothers/adolescent girls on personal and environmental hygiene, prevention and management of malaria/jaundice, balanced diet, use of latrines, drinking boiled or purified water etc to keep various diseases away. Health Supervisors also visit the target households and interact with the villagers towards addressing the identified health issues from the target area.

Highlights of Achievements:

- ❑ 64 women learnt to prepare homemade Horlicks out of locally available grains and tonics with flowers & fruits.
- ❑ Organised an eye camp in collaboration with Lions club, Guwahati at St. Joseph's Health Facilitation Centre, Mariampur, attended by 142 persons. Three



persons were identified with cataract problems and underwent surgery at the eye hospital at Guwahati run by the Lions Club and received spectacles free of cost.

- ❑ No malaria/maternal/infant death is reported during the reporting period.
- ❑ Total coverage of immunisation of children below 2 years is being regularised.
- ❑ Organised general medical camp in collaboration with PHC- Lakhimpur under Ferrando Health Centre, Panisahli, Goalpara District. 280 persons benefited with free medical check up and treatment by the medical team consisting of doctors, lab technicians, nurses and pharmacists
- ❑ Organised awareness seminars on various schemes for Differently Able Persons under Nagrijuli HFC in collaboration with NECHA and Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Guwahati. During the occasion, 416 persons were screened for disability.
- ❑ More than 200 children participated in the awareness seminars on nutrition, health and sanitation organised for school/ hostel children at St. Jude's School, Nagrijuli, Baksa and St. Mary's School, Mariampur, Goalpara.
- ❑ Hon. MLA Mr. Emmanuel Mushahary, Tamulpur Assembly Constituency, Baksa visited Ozanam Health Centre, Nagrijuli on 19th March 2017 offering support to the health services of the HFC towards the people from the tea gardens.



Way Forward:

- ✧ Health Awareness seminar for adolescent girls.
- ✧ Public Consultation meeting with Primary Health Centre and other Government stakeholders.
- ✧ Training/orientation on MCH and Maternity benefits to various stakeholders at HFC level.
- ✧ Networking with PHCs/Govt. Departments/people's organisations
- ✧ Training/Awareness program on health Schemes/adolescent health/nutrition/malaria management/ anaemia.
- ✧ Sensitization meetings with People's Organisations on Malaria/ medicated mosquito net, cleaning the surrounding etc at HFC level.



Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have."
- Winston S. Churchill

FACILITATING AGRICULTURE REGENERATION MEASURES (FARM), NORTHEAST PHASE I & II

FARM Northeast is a three years intervention supported by Caritas India. The 1st phase of FARM Northeast was successfully completed in July 2016 and the 2nd phase began in August 2016 in 15 villages under Dimoria Block in Kamrup Metro District. The 1st phase focused on the improved income for rural farmers through sustainable livelihood through agriculture and allied activities. The 2nd phase of the project focuses on the promotion of traditional agriculture good practices, traditional governance, collective action for socio-economic development and promotion of traditional health practices etc. People-Led Development/Empowerment approach is the lead strategy of the project.

Activity Highlights:

- ❖ **Evaluation of FARM Northeast Phase I:** Caritas India conducted a project end evaluation to know the effectiveness and proper implementation of the project, to find out whether the intended objectives have been achieved and how far it has been contributed towards the intended impact of the Project. Mr. Rajesh Upadhaya, Caritas India, Delhi and Prabal Sen, Caritas India, Guwahati visited the field and interacted with the FARM staff as well as the community. The first phase of the project began in 1st April 2013 was ended in March 2017 with an extension of a preparatory phase of 4 months before the initiation of the 2nd phase.
- ❖ **Inauguration of FARM Northeast Phase II:** The 2nd phase of FARM Northeast was officially inaugurated on 1st November 2016 at Taloni village. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the plantation of 100 tree saplings at the community place in the presence of 200 farmer representatives from the project villages, officials from Dept of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, PRI and Caritas India etc.
- ❖ **Identification & promotion of traditional farming practices:** Traditional farming practices followed by the target farmers were identified and promoted through demonstrations in the target villages. During the demonstrations, the farmers who follow such traditional farming practices shared the process and benefits of those traditional practices with cost benefit analysis.
- ❖ **Identification of traditional herbal medicinal plants:** More than 35 different varieties of medicinal plants have been identified from the 15 project target villages and promoted through the traditional herbal medicinal practitioners of the respective project villages.
- ❖ **Bamboo propagation:** 230 bamboos were propagated in three *bighas* of land at Taloni - one of the project villages by making use of the barren land, as an initiative of bamboo promotion among the target farmers.
- ❖ **Women Farmers initiate Pig and Duck Farming:** 10 women farmers from Amrapathar village initiated rearing of local ducks with 25 pairs. They rear the ducks in a farm managed by the group members and sell the duck meat and eggs in the local market and share the income among the members. Similarly 2 pig farms are also initiated by two women groups in Nangaon and Taloni villages.



- ❖ **Women's Plant Nursery:** As a result of the training on developing a plant nursery organized as part of the project, 2 women farmers group with 10 members each started plant nurseries in Nibira and Bhadaikuchi. The women groups meet once a week and develop saplings of various vegetables and medicinal plants. The production cost is being equally contributed by the members and the profit is shared among the members.



- ❖ **Promotion of labor pooling system in farming:** 4 groups of farmers with 10 members each are doing SRI cultivation through labor pooling system in Namgaon, Taloni and Bhadaikuchi villages. In the labour pooling system all group members come together to complete the entire farming process at every member's land. The system helps to avoid hiring of labours from outside and the labor costs. The group members share the jobs for everyone.

- ❖ **Plantation of trees through community initiative:** 300 tree saplings were planted by the villagers along the road at the Ulubam village, as a community initiative led by the Farmers Club and financed by the Public Works Department (PWD).



- ❖ **Awareness creation on the importance of Village Level Micro Plan:** The project team in collaboration with the respective *Panchayats* facilitated the process of creating awareness about *Gram Sabha* known as *Amar Gaon Amar Asoni* (Our Village Our Schemes). The team also supported the villagers to prepare village level action plan on the issues and needs to be addressed so that they could raise the issues during the *Gram Sabha* meetings.

- ❖ **Women farmers' group initiate multi-cropping:** 2 groups of women from Bhadaikuchi and Nibira villages are doing ginger and turmeric cultivation in 2 bighas of land. They have also planted drumstick in between the ginger and turmeric.

- ❖ **School children in environment protection:** 780 tree saplings of different varieties of fruits and medicinal plants were planted in 6 village primary schools with the active participation of the children and the school authorities.



Highlights of Achievements:

- ❑ Villagers' collective effort paved way for sanctioning of 576 meter road at Gaondimoria village from the MP (Member of Parliament) Fund Scheme.
- ❑ The constant follow up of the villagers resulted in posting of an Asst. L.P. School Teacher at the No 1 Oujari village school.
- ❑ Farmers club from Ulubam village received 400 tree sapling of different varieties from Dept. of Forests, Assam.
- ❑ 10 farmers joined as a group in Namgaon village and initiated organic vegetable garden in a two *bighas* of land, which was otherwise used only for one time paddy cultivation.
- ❑ More than 1200 tree saplings have been planted in the target villages.
- ❑ 2 women farmers group with 10 members each started plant nurseries.
- ❑ 10 women farmers from Amrapathar village initiated rearing of local ducks.

Way Forward:

- ✧ Support the target groups in the project target villages to identify and prioritize their issues with common solution.
- ✧ Support the community's efforts on finding solutions for the common problems related to education of the children, livelihood etc.
- ✧ Networking with various line Departments.
- ✧ Promotion of low cost farming practices in the project target villages.
- ✧ Monitoring of the growth and development of the tree saplings in collaboration with the school authorities.



SUCCESS STORY

Community's collective effort makes the village road a reality.....

Ulubam is one of the remote villages under Khetri Gaon Panchayat, Kamrup Metro District, inhabited by 104 families. The villagers mainly depend on agriculture and allied activities as the source of income. The villagers were struggling due to the pathetic road condition to connect with the outer areas/markets. Due to this, they had to face hardship to market the agricultural and allied products in main markets.

Through the project intervention, the community brought out the need to construct the road. The participatory village level problem analysis led the villagers to come together to find a solution to improve the condition of the road. The lead role was taken by the farmers club Ulubam Kasmari Farmers club formed as part of the project in 2013. They collectively raised the issue in the Gaon Sabha meeting and a community action plan was then submitted to the Gaon Panhayat. The constant follow up of the villagers with the officials in the Panchayat made it



possible to move the petition to the office of the concerned MLA. The community's unvarying efforts resulted to obtain sanction letter from the MLA's office directing the Public Works Department to construct 820 meter out of the proposed 1 K.M Road. The villagers collectively came forward and worked together to construct the remaining 180 meter road. Finally, a pedestrian and vehicle friendly road is made benefiting the entire villagers to easily connect to the Highway and to the other villages and markets.

The villagers are so happy since the newly constructed road is helping them to cut down the transportation cost of the agri-products to the external markets. The pucca road has also reduced the burden over the travel during the rainy seasons. The road has become a reality mainly because of the united action by the villagers and the constant support of the FARM staff.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DROPOUT AND UNEMPLOYED YOUTH UNDER ARCHDIOCESE OF GUWAHATI

GGSS implemented a project on vocational training for 100 school dropout and unemployed youth from January 2016 to December 2016, funded by Functional Vocational Training and Research Society (FVTRS), Bengaluru. The beneficiaries were selected from the operational areas under Archdiocese of Guwahati. The project targeted to equip 40 girls with skills in Tailoring and doing embroidery works, 30 girls in Bag and handicrafts making and 30 girls/boys in Food Processing and bakery making.

Activity Highlights:

DETAILS OF TRAININGS/ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED							
Trades/Activities including EDP	No. of batches	No. of men			No. of women		
		Dalits	Tribals	Others (OBC/ GEN)	Dalits	Tribals	Others (OBC/ GEN)
1. Food Processing and Bakery Making	2	-	2	-	24	4	-
2. Garment Making and Embroidery	2	-	-	-	40	-	-
3. Bag and Handicrafts making	2	-	-	-	29	1	-
4. EDP training on HIV/AIDS and Gender Sensitization	2	-	-	-	93	5	-
Total		-	2	-	93	5	-

Highlights of Achievements :

Food Processing and Bakery Making:

- 3 trainees jointly opened a tea stall at Guwahati city and started earning an average profit of Rs 400/- per day.
- 3 trainees are employed in a tea stall run by SHG Federation at Nagrijuli, Baksa District and earn a daily income of Rs 150/- per person.
- 3 trainees gained employment as kitchen maids at hostels run under the Archdiocese of Guwahati on a monthly payment of Rs 5000/-.
- 6 trainees initiated a school canteen at Christ Jyoti School, Silchang and earn an average daily income of Rs 600/-.



Garment making and Embroidery works:

- 6 trainees are working in the tailoring shop opened near St. Francis Assisi School, Rangjuli, Goalpara Dist.
- 7 trainees are working in the tailoring shop opened near Christ King School, Malang, Kamrup Rural District.

Bag and Handicrafts making:

- 7 trainees gained employments in different shops/tailoring units.
- 1 trainee put up a shop in the village.
- 5 trainees have joined for a 6 months advanced training in tailoring at Shanti Mahila Vikas Kendra, Tamulpur, Baksa District, Assam.
- 3 trainees enrolled to write 10th examinations under the NIOS scheme.



Way Forward

- ✧ Setting up tailoring centers in Christ King Parish at Malang, Kamrup Rural District and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Rangjuli, Goalpara District, to provide opportunities for the trainees to have a common space for tailoring.
- ✧ It is planned to link the trainees of the bag making and embroidery works and food processing with various shops run by SHG federations and SHGs under GGSS located in different parts of the project operational area to market their products.



'POHAR'- EDUCATION AID

The fund reached 8 students in the current year and supported to meet the cost of admission and tuition fees.

LIST OF STUDENTS SPONSORED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR

S.L No	Name of the Student	Name of the School	Division
1	Acnastush Sangma	St. Francis Assisi School, Rangjuli	V
2	Preniash Momin	St. Francis Assisi School, Rangjuli	VI
3	Jonitha Sangma	St. Paul's School, Panishali	III
4	Aiby Dora Marak	St. Paul's School, Panishali	VI
5	Emmanuel Basumatary	St. Jude's School, Nagrijuli	VIII
6	Willson Hasda	St. Jude's School, Nagrijuli	VI
7	Manchame Sangma	Christ King School, Malang	IV
8	Savio Marak	Christ King School, Malang	VII

FOOD SECURITY AND PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING AT HOSTELS UNDER ARCHDIOCESE OF GUWAHATI

The project on Food Security and Promotion of Organic Farming at 12 hostels under the Archdiocese of Guwahati is a two years (1st August 2016 to 30th July 2018) undertaking supported by Kindermissionswerk, Germany. The focus of the project is to ensure food safety and sufficiency of the school children of 12 target hostels within the stipulated time. It aims to develop organic farms in the target hostels towards providing chemical free vegetables, fruits and pulses to the children as well as to educate the children on farming process and the ill effects of chemical farming. The project also targets to reduce the purchase cost of the vegetables, fruits and pulses. 12 Farm Support staff and one Field Monitoring Officer are appointed for the smooth implementation of the project.

Activity Highlights:

- ❖ **Project Orientation:** 2 days orientation was conducted for the project team on 3rd & 4th September 2016 at St. Paul's Pastoral Centre, Rangia. Dr. D. N. Dutta, Consultant-Agri., GGSS and Dr. Utpal Jyoti Sharma, Program Coordinator, KVK, Baksa were the key facilitators. Hostel wardens and Farm Support Staff from the target hostels actively participated in the two days programme, exploring the scope and their roles in the project.
- ❖ **Hostel Level Awareness Workshop on promotion of organic farming at target hostels:** Awareness workshop on the relevance of organic farming for the inmates, hostel wardens and Farm Support Staff was organized in every target hostel under the project in August 2016. The objective of the workshop was to introduce the project concept to the Hostel wardens, support staff and hostel children. The workshop included sessions on introducing the project concept, project operational strategy, difference between chemical and organic farming and familiarizing nutrition gardens, method of growing vegetables, pulses and fruits organically etc. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. D. N. Dutta, Consultant (Agri.) and Mr. Bishnu Das, Field Monitoring Officer, GGSS.
- ❖ **Distribution of seeds and seedlings, farm tools and equipments to target hostels:** In order to initiate the planting process of vegetables, seeds of 20 vegetables and 9 types of farm equipments were distributed among the 12 target hostels. The children were also oriented on the planting process of each vegetable-'the journey of seed to a plant'- with practical sessions, like preparation of nurseries, transplantation, irrigation, manure, the importance of seed preservation etc.
- ❖ **Hostel level training cum demonstration on organic farming for the inmates:** 2 days hostel level training cum demonstrations on organic farming were organised for the target children at 6 target hostels. Dr. D. N Dutta, Consultant-Agri. and Mr. Bishnu Das, Field Monitoring Officer, led the



sessions that included the process of land preparation with locally available resources, bio-inputs and pest preparation, seed conservation, nursery preparation etc. A leaflet containing the information on five bio-inputs and pesticides were distributed among the children.

- ❖ **Developing organic farms at the 12 target hostels:** Initiated the process of developing organic farms in every target hostel. As part of the project implementation, soil tests were conducted and based on the scientific results, the soil is prepared for vegetable cultivation.
- ❖ **Monitoring visits to the target hostels:** Fr. Anil Joseph, Director and Dr. D. N Dutta, Consultant (Agri.) conducted visits to the target hostels and the farming sites to see the progress of the farming operations and the quantity and quality of the vegetables cultivated through project support. They also collected the feedback of the target children, farm support staff and the hostel wardens over the project implementation.

Highlights of Achievements

- ❑ 12 hostels under Archdiocese of Guwahati started cultivating various seasonal vegetables and the children at the hostels are able to enjoy the chemical free vegetables during their daily meals.
- ❑ Department of Agriculture, Baksa District, Assam has come forward to sponsor a 20 square feet land for vegetable cultivation at St. Francis Xavier's Girls' Boarding, Tamulpur under the scheme 'Frontline demonstration on Nutritional Security by Kitchen Garden' by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) functioning under the aegis of Assam Agricultural University. It adopted the land to cultivate vegetables like cabbage, cauliflower, radish, green pea, tomato, brinjal and spinach as a model plot.
- ❑ Various vegetables were cultivated in the winter season such as Knol khol, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Tomato, Lady's finger, Radish, Spinach, Dhania, Onion, Potato, Brinjal, Bottle gourd, Pumpkin, Seem, Bitter gourd and Cucumber.



Way forward:

- ❖ Interface meeting with local farmers/organic cultivators.
- ❖ Exposure trips for the target children to local organic farms/community gardens.
- ❖ Developing and distribution of seasonal farming calendar/farm records/posters on organic farming to every target hostel.
- ❖ Distribution of prizes to best 3 farms from the 12 target hostels
- ❖ Distribution of vegetable seeds and seedlings for monsoon season to the target hostels.
- ❖ Monitoring visits to target hostels.



SUCCESS STORY

*"Our Vegetable garden is a source of tasty and healthy vegetables
And an inspiration for our neighbours"
Testifies the children from St. Francis of Assisi Boarding Rangjuli, Goalpara*

Name of the Hostel : St. Francis of Assisi Boarding, Rangjuli, Goalpara

No of Children : 49

Name of the hostel In charge : Mr Linus Soreng

As part of the project implementation, vegetables such as Cabbage, Cauliflower, Tomato, Bottle gourd, Pumpkin, Seem, Bitter gourd, Cucumber, Radish, Knol khol, Spinach (Palak), Dhania, Loofa, Bean, Potato, Onion, Chilly, Brinjal, Lady finger etc were cultivated following natural farming methods and consumed by the children during their daily meals. They have stopped purchasing many of the above vegetables since the sufficient quantity is available in the garden. In the winter season, they could harvest more than 4 quintal of tomatoes and **sold 398 Kgs in the market and earned Rs 3980 /- at Rs 10/kg.** The vegetable garden is becoming a source of inspiration for the neighbouring villagers to grow chemical free vegetables at their households. Moreover the hostel children get the opportunity to learn about the farming operations and enjoy home grown vegetables during the meals.



INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL TRIBAL (IDRT) OF NAGAON DISTRICT OF ASSAM

The IDRT project is implemented in 20 villages in Nagaon District, Assam supported by Manos Unidas, Spain since July 2013 for a period of three years with an extension of six months to be completed in April 2017. The project aims at the improved socio-economic conditions of targeted people in the targeted rural interior villages.

Activity highlights:

- ❖ **Alphabetization Centers:** 10 Alphabetization centres are functioning and more than 300 students benefit from the services. The students who gained admissions in the formal schools also continue to attend the classes after the school timings.
- ❖ **Exposure Programme for SHG Women Leaders:** 30 SHG women leaders from Nagaon District visited a dairy farm run by a farmer's co-operative society at Hojai. The team gained knowledge on managing a group enterprise by the farmers themselves. They had a look at the cow rearing unit, production units of ghee and paneer as well as the vegetable garden attached to the dairy farm.



- ❖ **Leadership and Capacity building training for 40 Women SHG leaders:** Organised one day capacity building training on leadership for the selected forty Women SHG leaders at Women Development Centre, Hojai. Sr. Anila SND, Mr. Pavitro Sangma and Mr. Martin Singha facilitated the sessions through role play, lecture and video shows focusing on who is a leader, major traits and qualities of good leader, the need of good leadership in a group like SHG etc.
- ❖ **Exposure Programme for selected 40 Lead Farmers:** A forty (40) member farmer team along with the project staff visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Nagaon. The farmers had the opportunity to interact with the agriculture scientists and had practical learning on cultivation process of paddy and seasonal vegetables by visiting the demonstration plots and attending the input sessions by the KVK faculty.
- ❖ **Skill training for Differently Able Persons (DAPs) and caretakers:** 10 Differently Able Persons (8 children and 2 adults) and their family members from the project operational villages were trained on Income Generation Activities (IGAs) such as pig and goat rearing. It is planned to distribute 2 pigs each to the identified DAPs and the families of the DAPs to initiate pig rearing to find additional income to manage the daily needs of the DAPs.
- ❖ **Women's Day:** The Women SHGs observed the International Women's Day by organising public functions, cultural programmes and competitions at the project target area.
- ❖ **Sports Day, Children's Day and Teachers' Day:** Organised programmes in connection with the observation of important days like Teachers' Day and Children's Day at every alphabetisation centres. Also organised sports day in order to bring out the extracurricular talents among the targeted children.
- ❖ **Monthly review meeting:** Conducted monthly review meetings participated by the field animators, alphabetisation centre instructors, facilitated by the Project Manager/Director, GGSS towards ensuring the timely implementation of the project activities.
- ❖ **Field monitoring by Director, GGSS:** Fr. Anil Joseph, Director, GGSS visited the project target villages, the IGA programmes by the SHG groups like piggery, goat rearing individually and in groups, cow rearing, kitchen gardens, puffed rice making, mushroom cultivation and farming of various crops by taking the land on lease. He interacted with the SHG women, farmers groups and the children attending the alphabetisation centres collecting their feedback on the project implementation.



Highlights of Achievements:

The project intervention has paved way for many SHG women/farmers and villagers to avail various schemes and benefits related to livelihood, health & sanitation, vocational training, education etc from various Government and other agencies like;

- ❑ 5 boys underwent training on Tea Garden development under the TDC (Tea garden Development Council).
- ❑ More than 50 children gained admission in nearby Government schools.

- ❖ **Two days training on prevention of human trafficking:** Organized two days training for the project staff on prevention of Human trafficking at Notre Dame Women Development Centre, Hojai. The sessions contained: major causes of human trafficking in the district, trend of migration, how to motivate the villagers to adopt safe migration measures etc.
- ❖ **Advocacy and interface program with development authorities such as NABARD, DIC, Local and Nationalized Banks:** Advocacy and interface programs between the farmers, SHGs and youth with officials from NABARD and local banks were organised to create awareness on various Government schemes and policies.
- ❖ **Three days training for women leaders on prevention of Human Trafficking:** Organized a three days training for the women leaders from the target villages at Derapather facilitated by Mr. Povitro Sangma and Mrs. Bagya Sangma. The sessions included: relevance of the scenario of the human trafficking in the region, cause of human trafficking, trend of migration, motivation to adoption of safe migration policy, creation of livelihood opportunities and creation of awareness on the issue of human trafficking to the people in the villages.
- ❖ **Skill training for school dropout and unemployed youth:** Selected school dropout and unemployed boys and girls from the target villages were supported to enrol in various skill and trade related education in various technical education institutions to learn tailoring, driving, beautician, food processing etc.
- ❖ **Training on book keeping for SHGs:** In collaboration with the NRLM, organised training on Book Keeping for 40 SHGs facilitated by Mr. Povitro Sangma. The SHG members were taught on relevance of record maintenance, writing meeting minutes, financial records, loan application and repayments etc.
- ❖ **Monthly SHG & Farmers Club meetings:** The field animators and project coordinator attended the SHG & Farmers Club Meetings and assessed their functioning, the progress of the various IGA initiated, schemes availed and fresh applications submitted to different agencies related to livelihood, health sanitation etc.



Highlights of Achievements:

- ❑ 15 school drops out and unemployed youth from the project target area have successfully completed the trainings on motor mechanic, tailoring, beautician, dairy and quail farming from Rural Development and Self Employment Institute (RUDSETI), Nagaon.
- ❑ 12 SHG received 120 bundle thread for weaving from Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Hojai.
- ❑ 3 SHGs received RS 75000/- as subsidy loan for weaving from Assam Garmin Vikas Bank (Chaparmukh Branch).
- ❑ 100 farmers received 300 kg paddy seeds from Dept. of Agriculture

Way Forward:

- ✧ Awareness creation on the rights of domestic workers.
- ✧ Placement of domestic workers in positions advantageous to them.
- ✧ Training for law enforcement authorities on the issue of human trafficking.
- ✧ Vocational Trainings for school drop outs on viable activities.



TRAINING ON HERBAL MEDICINE MAKING AND LOW COST HOME BASED NUTRITIONAL REMEDIES FOR TOURING SISTERS UNDER ARCHDIOCESE OF GUWAHATI

GGSS has undertaken an intervention to promote herbal medicine and low cost home based nutrition titled "Training on herbal medicine making and low cost home based nutritional remedies for touring sisters working under Archdiocese of Guwahati" supported by Missio Munich, Germany from 1st October 2015 to 30th September 2016. The major focus of the intervention was on promoting natural remedies for common illness among the rural villages in GGSS's operational areas. The intervention imparted knowledge on the preparation of herbal medicines and low cost nutritional home recipes among the touring sisters and capacitated them to orient rural tribal villagers to use herbal medicines for common diseases and low cost nutritional home remedies. The Parish Priests, touring and other religious sisters, school dropout youth and the villagers actively supported towards the successful implementation of the project.

Activity Highlights:

- ✧ **Training on herbal medicine:** Organised a 7 days (11th - 14th April 2016, 18th - 20th August 2016) residential training programme at St. Paul Pastoral Centre, Rangia on herbal medicine and low cost home based nutritional remedies for the selected touring sisters and village representatives from the parishes. The training sessions were facilitated by :-
 - Rev. Fr. Vilasal Godfrey Thappo, Director, Holistic Healing Centre, Jaluki, Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland, Northeast India
 - Rev. Sr. Nalini SND, Health Coordinator, North East Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS), Guwahati
 - Rev. Sr. Deepa Scaria, CFMSS, Health Supervisor, Community Health in Assam & Rural Meghalaya (CHARM) Northeast, Guwahati
 - Sr. Aldrina and Sr. Madona, Congregation of St. Ann's, Khetri, Guwahati.



The participants were trained in making multi-purpose massage oil and tablets made up of more than 65 herbal plants available in Northeast India. They have also gained knowledge on preparing specific medicines suitable to treat commonly found diseases in the rural target villages like; malaria, jaundice, fever, cough, cold, typhoid, sore throat, head ache, minor skin diseases, minor cuts and burns, diarrhoea, vomiting etc.

❖ **Setting up parish level model herbal Gardens:**

Set up model herbal gardens at parish level in collaboration with and active support of the parish priests, youth, parishioners, and village touring sisters etc. GGSS distributed saplings of various herbal plants purchased from Research and Development Centre for Medicinal and Aromatic plants, Khetri, Kamrup Metro District to parishes. The villagers also contributed some plants identified from the nearby localities. Herbal gardens are set up in common places with name plates for plants indicating the medicinal values and the usage.



❖ **Monitoring visits:** The Project Coordinator

conducted frequent visits to the parishes and also accompanied the touring sisters in visiting the villagers, organising and facilitating awareness sessions.

Highlights of Achievements:

- ❑ Villagers have started seeking help of the touring sisters and ASHAs on herbal curative measures for jaundice, malaria, kidney stone, anaemia etc.
- ❑ Model herbal gardens which are set up at parish level are being frequently visited by the villagers.
- ❑ Village touring sisters have started organising trainings on preparation of various herbal medicines for small groups at village level especially participated by SHG women members and school dropout youth and traditional health practitioners.
- ❑ Touring sisters are becoming herbal healers: Testimonials from the villagers who have benefited from using the herbal medicines prepared by the touring sisters from different areas are really a highly appreciative indicator that the project intervention is bringing positive outcomes.



Care for life and physical health, with due regard for the needs of others and the common good, is concomitant with respect for human dignity.
Salvatore J. Cordileone

PROMOTION OF FARMERS PRODUCER ORGANISATION ON PIG HUSBANDRY, TAMULPUR BLOCK, BAKSA DISTRICT

GGSS is undertaking a three years project (December 2015 to November 2018) on Promotion of Farmers Producer Organisation on Pig husbandry, in Tamulpur Block, Baksa District with the support of NABARD under its PRODUCE Fund since December 2015. As part of the project implementation, GGSS formed and registered a Women Producer Organisation (PO) on Pig Husbandry namely; Basundhara Producer Organisation on Pig Husbandry, Tamulpur, currently having 85 members. The main objective of the project is to capacitate the rural tribal women on profitable Pig Husbandry as an Agri-business. GGSS is the Producer Organisation Promotion Institution (POPI) of the project.

Activity Highlights:

- ❖ **Training on Scientific Pig farming:** One day training on scientific Pig Farming was organised for the members of the PO on 6th August 2016 at the office premises of the PO, Tamulpur, Baksa District. 64 members participated in the training, facilitated by Dr. Balen Choudhury, Veterinary Officer, Baksa District. Various topics like differences between traditional system of pig farming and scientific pig rearing, benefit and scope of large scale pig farming, profitability of pig rearing, importance of vaccination, prevention and treatment of various diseases etc were discussed in detail in the training.
 
- ❖ **Mobilisation of farmers:** As a first step of initiating scientific pig rearing as a group, the rural women mobilised likeminded women farmers who rear pigs as a major source of income. The FPO began with 50 members and the farmers' mobilisation is being continued by the existing members; at present there are 85 women who actively involved in the FPO activities.
- ❖ **Exposure visit to NRC on Pig Farming:** An exposure programme for the members of Basundhara Producer Organization was organised on 18th August 2016. 37 WPO members visited the National Research Centre (NRC) on Pig located at Rani, Guwahati. The team had the opportunity to interact with Scientist; Dr M. K. Tamuli and Dr. Rajib Kr. Das and learn the theoretical and practical aspects related to Scientific Pig rearing. The team visited the Pig Farm set up at the premises of NRC (Pig) Centre. They could learn more about the artificial insemination of pigs being promoted by the Centre, technologies for establishment of pig farms (small, medium to large scale), innovative feeding practices, health management protocols, pork production including slaughter operations and pork product development. The team also had a glimpse at the weekly marketing unit run by the Centre.
 
- ❖ **Revolving fund support for PO members:** Distributed revolving fund worth Rs 2000/- each to selected 25 members of the PO towards initiating scientific pig rearing at household level. The members make use of the fund to buy piglets, pig feed, repairing and making of sty etc. The members to return the amount in a stipulated time period enabling other members to benefit from the fund.

- ❖ **Training for PO Directors:** A one day training on 'FPO Management' was organised for the Board of Directors on 24th of March 2017 at the Basundhara PO's Office, Tamulpur, Baksa District. Mr Rupak Banarjee from Associated Tea and Agro Management Service Pvt. Ltd.(ATMS) was the key facilitator who dealt with the topics such as; the relevance of Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO) concept, benefits it brings to the small producers, Rules and responsibilities of FPO members and CEO etc.



- ❖ **Monitoring visit by DDM:** Mr. Dibajyoti Biswas, DDM (Baksa) NABARD conducted monitoring visit to the PO on 24th October 2016. He interacted with the PO members and the Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) members, collected their response over the project implementation and encouraged the PO members to work in groups for their livelihood improvement. During the occasion, the meeting of the PMC was also held in which the members assessed the progress of the PO, its activities and the utilization of funds etc. The PMC consists of selected members of PO, GGSS project in charge, representatives from NABARD, Dept. of Animal husbandry, Assam Gramin Vikas Bank, etc.

- ❖ **State level Review meeting at NABARD:** The Basundhara Producer Organization's Representatives Mrs. Lolita Rabha & Tarali Barman along with the GGSS's project in charge Mr Bishnu Das attended the one day State level review meeting organised by NABARD at its regional Office Guwahati on 24th Feb 2017. The review meeting participated by the entire FPOs and promoting NGOs from the Assam state. During the occasion, the physical and financial progress of the project were reviewed by the NABARD officials pointing out the strengths and the gaps to filled for further better project implementation.



- ❖ **Extension services from Veterinary Hospital:** Dr. Balen Choudhury from Tamulpur Veterinary Hospital visits the villages regularly for pig health check-up. During his visits he emphasise on the need of regular vaccination of Pigs/Piglets among the target groups.

- ❖ **Monthly meetings:** Monthly meetings of the FPO were organized on every 2nd day of the month at its registered Office at Tamulpur, Baksa District. The meetings were also attended by the project monitoring committee members, GGSS's Project in charge etc.

- ❖ **Monitoring visit by the Director, GGSS:** The Director, GGSS made monitoring visits to the FPO quarterly and assessed the functioning of the FPO, its financial utilisation, field level activities etc.



Achievements:

- More women from the villages show interest to become share holders in the FPO.
- Set up a common Model Pig Farm and Pig feed selling centre at Mazdia, Tamulpur
- FPO received a swing machine from Village Council Development Committee (VCDC), Tamulpur.
- 7 FPO members were gained selection and participated in the 10 days training on scientific Pig farming organised by Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Baksa.

Way forward:

- Capacity building training for the members of FPO.
- Strengthen Pig feed selling centre & expand the Model Pig Farm.
- Set up a common Pork selling centre under FPO.
- Establish credit linkage for the members.
- Network with Govt. /non Govt organizations for availing schemes/Funds for FPO.



REGIONAL ACTION FOR INITIATING SAFETY AND EMPOWERMENT (RAISE) OF WOMEN, NORTHEAST INDIA

The Project 'RAISE Women' is supported by Northeast Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS), Guwahati for a three years period since 2014. The project aims at building the capacity of the women led community organisations to take initiatives to address women related issues and strengthen the women leaders with the knowledge and skills to support the villagers to tap various schemes and benefits. The project also tries to institutionalise the Gender Concept in all levels of interventions among the Project Partner Organisations in Northeast.

Activity Highlights:

- Training on Leadership:** 2 days orientation programme on the concept of women and leadership was organised for the elected women leaders under the project operational area on 16th & 17th August 2016, at St. Paul's Pastoral Centre, Rangia. 45 women leaders from various parishes participated in the programme, facilitated by Sr. Celine SMI.
- Women's Day:** Organised public functions and cultural programmes at parish level by the women groups in connection with the International Women's Day.



- ❖ **Training on Women's Rights:** Organised a 2 days training on Women's Rights for 25 women leaders to form Women advocacy groups under Archdiocese of Guwahati on 5th & 6th December 2016 at NEDSSS, Guwahati. The training sessions included PowerPoint presentations, interactive learning, field visits, group work and exercises facilitated by Mrs. Shobha Kosa, CEO, Young People for Life India, Hyderabad. The training focused on how women can play a vital role in presenting women's issues in common platforms, what are the strengths of group efforts in solving an issue. The participants were led to explore the major problems and issues faced by women in their target areas and on possible actions to solve them collectively.



SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (SBM) SCHEME:

GGSS in collaboration with the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), Assam, facilitated the construction of 237 Individual Household level Latrines in 6 villages under Chandrapur Block, Kamrup Metro District. The toilets are constructed as part of the Government's SBM Scheme implementation.

The table below depicts the beneficiary details:

S.L.No	Name of the Village	Women headed family	Male	BPL			APL				Total
				SC	ST	Other	SC	ST	M/F	PWD	
1	Govali	5	36	14	0	7	9	0	9	2	41
2	Kajali Chaki	2	8	0	0	4	0	0	6	0	10
3	Kamarpur	0	19	2	0	6	0	0	11		19
4	Niz Gobardhan	13	32	9	16	8	7	3	2	0	45
5	Nalani	12	46	11	0	23	9	0	12	3	58
6	Ghoramara	21	43	28	6	9	13	2	4	2	64
Total	6 villages	53	184	64	22	57	38	5	44	7	237



LITERACY AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

GGSS has organised literacy awareness programmes among the school going children from the rural areas with the support of Archdiocese of Guwahati. It is implemented in 11 centres covering four parishes of the Archdiocese of Guwahati. It focuses on imparting all round development of children through quality education and extracurricular activities. The children are taught by using Joyful Method of Learning for their easy understanding besides sports, various competitions for their physical and emotional growth.

Activity highlights:

- ❖ **Alphabetisation centres:** The rural children of the target schools were supported with special coaching for two hours every day, after school. Major focus of the coaching is on enhancing the academic performance of the children in whichever subjects they find difficult to learn. The coaching hours also include sessions on personality development, group games and group work towards improving their interpersonal communication skills and self confidence.
- ❖ **Extracurricular activities:** In order to promote integral development in children, various extracurricular activities such as singing competition, dance competition, speech competition etc are held in the centre weekly. The children are also given the chance to have regular games daily.
- ❖ **Observation of Teachers' Day and Children's Day:** Observed Teachers' Day and Children's Day in the centres marking the occasion as an opportunity for the children to understand the importance of respecting their teachers and elders. The children greeted their teachers with flowers and gifts. The days were made more active with the cultural programme and also various games were held to mark the occasion.
- ❖ **Capacity Building of the teachers:** In order to make teaching simple and useful for the students and make the learning centres as a place where children are valued and nurtured, and where children enjoy learning through activity-based and child-friendly learning processes, a three days training for the teachers working in the Alphabetisation centres under Archdiocese of Guwahati was organised at St. Paul's Pastoral Centre, Rangia. A total of twelve teachers participated in the programme facilitated by Mr. Ajit Kumar Nath, Sarba Skisha Abhayan.
- ❖ **Monitoring visit to the target schools:** Director, GGSS conducted monitoring visits to the target schools, interacted with the target schools and collected their feed back over the support they receive from the after school centres and the personal gains on academic and non academic areas.



HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (HRD) PROGRAMMES

Sl. No	Name of the training/workshop/meeting/conference etc	Date & Venue	Organised by	Participants
1	Training on Children's Parliament	11th-12th May 2016 @ NEDSSS, Guwahati	NEDSSS, Guwahati	Sr. Jessy Mathew
2	Regional Consultation Meeting	15th -16th May 2016 @ Lutherns Church Compound, Ranchi	Andheri Hilfe Bonn	Sr. Jessy Mathew
3	Training on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)	17th-18th May 2016 @ NEDSSS, Guwahati	Caritas India	Fr. Anil Joseph, Mr Prabin Minj
4	Training on Promotion of Producer Organisation (PO)	25th -29th July 2016 @ Guwahati	NABARD	Mr. Bishnu Das
5	Project Coordinator's Meet	24th-26th August @ Gossner College, Lutherns Church Compound, Ranchi	FVTRS	Sr. Jessy Mathew
6	TOT program	24th-26th August @ Gossner College, Lutherns Church Compound, Ranchi	FVTRS	Sr. Sangeeta
7	National Skill Conference-2016	24th- 26th October 2016@ Christ University, Bangalore	FVTRS	Fr. Anil Joseph
8	Project Progress review meeting of Producer Organisation	18th November 2016 @ Guwahati	NABARD	Fr. Anil Joseph, Mr. Bishnu Das
9	Project review Meeting-FARM	2nd- 4th February 2017 @ Brookdene, Shillong	Caritas India	Mr. Prabin Minj



FINANCIAL REPORT

GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,
G.N.B. ROAD, AMBARI, GUWAHATI : ASSAM
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2017

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Project Expenses (Sch A)	86,74,202.00
Cash in Hand	3,50,066.40		
Cash at Bank	25,31,775.54		
	28,81,859.94	* Programme Expenses	
* Project Receipts (Sch- A)	57,35,100.90	Promotion of Farmers Producers Organisation (NABARD)	1,12,300.00
* Program Receipts	22,09,182.00	Programme on Capacity Building	1,00,000.00
* Bank Interest Received	1,35,315.00	Programme on Women Empowerment	75,142.50
		Training on Water Making	1,44,099.00
		Swachh Bharat Mission Expenses	18,07,801.00
		Educational Help to Poor Students	57,149.00
			22,96,541.00
		* Administrative Expenses	
		Audit Fees	25,875.00
		Electricity Expenses	5,029.00
		Newspaper & periodicals	1,237.95
		Staff Training	1,190.00
		Vehicle Running & Maintenance	20,726.00
		Printing & Stationery	15,108.00
		Travelling Expenses	4,240.00
		Bank Charge	335.00
		Telephone & Internet Expenses	7,699.00
		Charity & Donation	11,285.00
		Refreshment Expenses	8,766.00
			1,10,000.93
		* Capital Expenditure	
		Water Making Machine	52,600.00
		Furniture & Fixture	5,000.00
			57,600.00
		* Closing Balance	
		Cash in Hand	83,754.47
		Cash at Bank	27,57,289.44
			28,41,043.91
Total (Rs.)	1,09,79,457.84	Total (Rs.)	1,09,79,457.84

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,

PLACE : GUWAHATI
DATE : 13.07.2017



AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
FOR: H.K. AGRAWALA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
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CA. HARISH K. AGRAWALA
PARTNER
MEMBERSHIP NO.: 054776

GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,
G.N.B. ROAD, AMBARI, GUWAHATI : ASSAM
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2017

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
GENERAL FUND		FIXED ASSETS	
Opening Balance	20,01,806.44	(As per Schedule 'B')	7,33,328.00
Less: Net Deficit Transferred to General Fund	1,53,346.93		
	18,48,459.51	CURRENT ASSETS	
PROJECT FUND		Cash-in-hand	83,754.47
(As per Schedule A)		Cash-at-Bank	27,57,289.44
	17,25,912.40		28,41,043.91
Total (Rs.)	35,74,371.91	Total (Rs.)	35,74,371.91

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

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,

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Sr. Jolly Francis
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Sr. Anila
Co-ordinator



Prabin Minz
Co-ordinator



Bishnu Das
Co-ordinator



Jaisy George
Documentation Officer



Pavitro Sangma
Co-ordinator



Joseph Joshi
Accountant



Pulen Talukdar
Field Co-ordinator



Sanju Sangma
Driver



Jaya Kakoti
Office Assistant



Anjali Wary
Support Staff

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- ❖ FVTRS, Bangalore
- ❖ Archdiocese of Guwahati
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