Nongstoin Social Service Society

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About Nongstoin Social Service Society (NSSS):

Nongstion Social Service Societies (NSSS) is founded in 2006 and was registered on 7th May 2007 under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act 7, of 1990 with its registrar office at Nongstion, Meghalaya India. NSSS is working for the development of the poor and the marginalized in the region. It aims to equip marginalized people and communities with the necessary skills and knowledge and enables them to obtain inclusive and sustainable development.

Our Vision: "We envision a holistically developed Society where Justice, Peace and Love reign

Our Mission: "Our Mission is to empower the people especially the vulnerable and marginalized section of the society by working in partnership with them.

To achieve the vision mission of the organization, NSSS is striving towards:

- Empowering farmers for sustainable livelihood
- Promoting and strengthening livelihood activities of the poor and the marginalized
- Creating awareness on different health issues such as, TB, HIV/AIDS, Ill-effect of coal mining, and other diseases affecting the people of West and South West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya.
- Networking and advocating for the vulnerable and the people in need
- Empowering women to achieve their potential as the prime movers of change in society
- Training youth in technical training for income generation and promote entrepreneurship
- Creating environmental awareness and natural resource management

PROGRAMS

1. Facilitation Agricultural Regeneration Measures (FARM) North East III

The Project FARM Northeast phase III started from November 2019 to October 2022. It is sponsored by Caritas India, Zonal Office Guwahati. The programme is implemented the People Led Development Approach (PLA). The main objectives of the programme is empowering communities towards leading healthier life through improving their food sovereignty, sufficient food production and nutritional intake as per their cultural food habits, adopted and promoted indigenous seeds for cultivation and consumption. It is also aim to facilitate the marginalized farmers to have control over the local market. The programme is implemented in 14 villages of Mawkyrwat C& RD Blocks of South West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.

NSSS conducted the **EDN programme** in all 14 villages, observed the Laudato Si week and Celebrated Caritas Foundation Day on 2nd October 2020.



Construction and repairing of drinking water pond at Nongbahrangblang, Laddommawiong, Laitjynrai, Sumsir and Domjajew villages: During the sensitisation meeting in village level, the communities raised the issue of non-availability of clean drinking water. People have to walk long distance to fetch water especially in winter it was more difficult for them. The village durbar had taken up the issues of drinking water. The Community took the initiative in implementing the program by contributing sand, stone and labour whereas NSSS contributed cement for the construction and repairing of the drinking water pond.





Construction of washing pond at Mawiong&Mawthong West village: People of Mawiong village did not have a common washing pond. With the intervention of FARM Project, the community mobilizer had a series of meeting with the villagers. During the village level sensitisation meeting the villagers shared the issue regarding the common washing and the community agreed contribute towards construction of the washing pond.



Public Dustbin constructed at Pyndenmawramhah, Mawthong southLaitlawsnai, umsaitshriew, Pawphlang&Sasniang Villages: During the sensitisation meeting the community raised the issue of not having a public waste disposal. After a series of discussion, the community took up the initiative in identifying the place and getting the permission from the owner and the village authority for constructing a public dustbin. After receiving the permission, the community contributed sand, stone, paint and labour whereas NSSS contributed cement for construction of public dustbin. Since then the community and other travellers make use of the common dustbin. The village committee took responsible to keep the surroundings clean.



Seed Mapping: Community Mobilizers conducted meeting with the communities and identifying the indigenous seeds that are available in the project areas and documented the same. People are taking active part in sharing the knowledge of preserving the seeds and expresses their willingness to promote the indigenous seeds



Documentation of medicinal herbs: Community Mobilizers along with the community identified the non-cultivated food plants that are available in the villages. During the interaction the elders shared their knowledge on the medicinal use and the other usefulness of the plant.











Promotion of NTFP at Mawthong Village: During the meeting of identification of NTFP, community shared that some of the NTFP were available in the village earlier but now it is no more to be found. The community mobilizers encourage the people to preserve and plant in their owned garden and also promote other farmer in the village to cultivate the plant in their field and at the same time these species are in high demand in the market.



Demonstration of seasonal Multi cropping by promoting Semi-Poly house: Community mobilizers along with the people of the 14 villages were taking the initiative in demonstration of the seasonal multi cropping and constructed a semi poly houses in 14 groups.

2. Community Mental Health (CMH)

CMH is supported by the HANS Foundation and Implemented by Bethany Society through NSSS. The project objectives are to provide Quality Comprehensive Services. Promotion, prevention and treatment of mental health in Partnership with NHM and other stake holders in selected location. The activities under taken is free Health Check-up, Medical assistance (half subsidy), Psycho education and counselling. The project identified the 139 PWMI in 48 villages. Altogether 109 patients take medicins from SANKER Hospital with 50% subsidised rate supported from the project. There are 34 patients with Severe Mental Illness, 37 patients with Common Mental Illness, 38 patients with Epilepsy, and 30 persons with Intellectual Disability.

Activities carried out are:

- **Follow up of patients who are mainly under medication:** The CMH project team communicated with the patients and families about the illness and any other information regarding livelihood activities and also given psycho education and counseling to both PWMI/PWE and their families.
- **Health Camp:** CMH team together with the doctors and staffs from SANKER Hospital organized one day health camp for the persons with mental illness and epilepsy. This camp is conducted quarterly and approximately 80 to 90 patients come regularly and receive free health checkup and treatment.
- **Awareness Program:** The Project team conducted awareness program in the communities and schools regarding the Community Mental Health programme and the inclusion of members in the community. Also to provide support and assistance that the patients need to cope with the situation.
- **Attending Online Training**: All the team members attended 6 days online training regarding the promotion of community mental health.
- **DPO meeting:** DPO meeting was conducted for 5 groups. The agenda was to register the groups at MSRLS/ NRLM and to allow them to withdraw money from their account and distribute among themselves.
- **Follow up disability certificate:** The team members took the opportunity to help the disabled to get their right and entitlement from DDRC Nongstion.
- The project team is always in contact with all the stakeholders to support the PWMI and PWDs and look for schemes to support the PWMI/PWDs.
- During the lockdown due to COVID-19 NSSS responded and reached out to 36 families of PWMI and PWDs with dry ration and emotional support by providing counseling.

Challenges:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the team could not conduct regular health check-ups as planned. Many Patients are in financial crisis and not able to pay the half amount for their medicine.

3. CHILDLINE Nongstoin

CHILDLINE is a National, 24 X7 hours, free, and emergency phone outreach service for Children in need of care and protection. Any child or concerned adult on behalf of the child can dial 1098 to access the CHILDLINE service.

The CIF is a Nodal organization of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development for the CHILDLINE service.

Types of Children can access CHILDLINE Services:-

- A Child in need of emergencies of medical assistance.
- Child Labour.
- A Child in need of Emotional Support & Guidance.
- An Abuse Child (physical/ emotional/ sexual).
- Missing Children.
- Differently-abled Children.
- Run away Children.
- Domestic help, especially girl domestics.
- Victims of Child Trafficking.
- Children whose families are in crisis.

No. of cases received/ Intervened (Jan 2020 to December 2020)

Sl.no	Case Category	Total
1	Medical	51
2	Shelter	4
3	Protection from Abuse	6
4	Run Away	1
5	Parents asking help	1
6	Child found as Lost	4
7	Sponsorship	57
8	Emotional support and Guidance	3
9	Other Intervention (Corona Under food and PPE support)	333
Total		**460**

Activities carried out by CHILDLINE during the last one year:

Open House:

The staffs were able to conduct only 6 numbers of Open House programmes due to COVID-19 restrictions from the District Administration as well as from the villages. The program were

conducted at the community level. The topic discussed consisted on the prevention method of COVID 19, like hand washing techniques, use of masks, SOP protocol and this was discussed with the aim to ensure that the children have the knowledge and awareness on the consequences of the deadly disease. The project team requested all the children to follow strictly the protocols of COVID-19 for their safety.

Awareness Programme:

Altogether 47 numbers of awareness programme including Community awareness (Gram Panchayat) programmes, ASHA, ANGANWADI Workers, Youth Club, Children's Club, Non -Governmental organization, VDPs and others were conducted at different locations of West Khasi Hills District. During the awareness programme, the CHILDLINE Team gave a detail information about CHILDLINE 1098 service and various laws related to children.



Outreach cum Orientation programme on CHILDLINE National Toll-free Number 1098 and child related issues was conducted in 5 schools. Three Wall Paintings on the theme CHILDLINE 1098 were painted at different locations during this financial year

Special Programme/ Observation of children's day

Poshan Maah 2020 (01st-30th September, 2020): In collaboration with ICDS Five (5) Poshan MAAH Programme were conducted at different locations of West Khasi Hills District. The program was conducted with the aim to for identify, refer and manage the Children who are suffering from Suffering Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM).





List of the children were sent to ICDS through Anganwdi workers.

One week CHILDLINE SE Dosti Campaign starting from 14th -20th /November/2020 was organized in different locations of West Khasi Hills District-Meghalaya in collaboration with different Allied Systems. The main objectives of the campaign is to create awareness amongst the people to take responsibility of all for the protection and safe guard of every child. Also to give them an awareness of the services of CHILDLINE 1098.

4. CHILDLINE, MAwkyrwat

The CHILDLINE Mawkyrwat was blessed on 20th July 2020 by the Parish Priest of Nativity Fr. Venky Friding Kharsyiemiong in the presence of Director NSSS Fr. George Jarain, Proogramme, Manager Sister Lilly Luka, FARM project team and all the staff of CHILDLINE Mawkyrwat. The office was officially inaugurated on 30th July 2020 by the former DC of South West Khasi Hills District Madam Isawanda Laloo in the presence of SP, DCPO, CWC Member, JJB Member, Parish Priest of Nativity Fr. Venky Friding Kharsyiemiong, Fr. George Jarain Director NSSS, Sister Lilly Luka, Programme Manager of NSSS, Mr. Adventure, Centre Coordinator CHILDLINE, Nongstion and the staff of FARM Project.



The CHILDLINE staffs in south West Khasi Hills District have conducted different programmes like outreach, awareness, celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, Childline Se Dosti and distribution of nutrition under Corona Food Support. Besides, they were also able to take part in different programmes organised by different organisations in the villages.

No. of cases intervened from August 2020 to December 2021

Sl.no	Case Category	Total
1	Medical intervention	4
2	Shelter	1
3	Protection from Abuse	5
4	Other Intervention (Corona Under food and PPE support	48
	Total	58

No of Activates Conducted

Sl.no	Activities	Total
1	Out reach	47
2	Open House	2
3	POSHAN MAAH	3
4	Registration of Entitlement	1
5	Children's Day Celebration	4 Centers
6	Cleaning Drive	1
7	Formation of children's Club	1
8	CHILDLINE Se Dosti week	5

The team conducted three POSHAN MAAH programme in 3 villages that is Rangdkhew village, Mawlangwir Village, Domjyrti Village. As part of COVID-19 response, the team distributed food kits which includes rice, potato, onion, mustard oil and dal as nutritional support. After the program, the team member went for providing counselling in Rangdkhew village along with the counsellor from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU).



The Childline team members conducted the Open House Program at BalangMawlangwir Higher Secondary School in collaboration with the AWW and ASHA of Mawlangwir Village,.

Formation of Children's Club: The Children's Club was formed in a school where the members were chosen by the children's vote. The Children's Club include the President the Vice-president, the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary; they formed different committees namely the Cleanliness Committee, Sports Committee, Children Committee, Education Committee, Health and Sanitation Committee. The Secretary of the village approved the formation these Committees.



CHILDLINE Se Dosti: It was a week long Campaign that involved a wide range of events and activities for spreading awareness on CHILDLINE 1098 emergency phone helpline number for Children in need of Care and Protection. Children's day celebration was conducted at St. Xavier's college Umoid, Umdohlun Angan Wadi Centre**,** Pawphlang village, Domjyrti village, Mawkyrwat Anganwadi Centre. Drawing, and Mono Action and other programs were organized as part of the Children's day celebration.

5. Promotion and Incubation of Market Driven Enterprises (PRIME) Hubs

Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) Shillong, in collaboration with Nongstoin Social Service Society (NSSS) implementing the PRIME-Hub project in Mawthadraishan and Mairang Blocks, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.



Project Objectives:

- To create value chain development infrastructure on identified products.
- To form Producer Group/Cooperatives and other collectives.
- To train the partners in Technical and Business skills.
- To create and establish credit linkages to partners.
- To update the capacity building on technical, management and marketing.

- To create market linkages for inputs and outputs.
- Empowerment and follows up to partners to ensure sustainability andownership.

Activities carried out:

Mairang Block:

Value Chain Survey: Based on the Primary data collected directly from the farmers through household visit and Group discussion, Value Chain Survey was conducted in 49 Villages and 11 GS Circles under Mairang C&RD Block. The total household covered in one year is 1083. The team formed 34 Producer's Groups with 620 farmers.

Identified Products: Naga king chili, squash, potato, ginger and fruit are identified as the major products for the project.



Survey on Ginger Local Traders: The staff conducted market survey of Ginger at Umsning Market, Ri-Bhoi District where most of the farmers from Mairang Block sold their product. During the survey it was found out that in every market there are strong trader's groups, in which they control the market prices according to the demand and supply.



Land Identification: Under Mairang C&RD Block, 3 sites were identified for setting up of PRIME HUB Centre. Two private owned lands of about 2 to 5 acres were identified in Nongthliew areas. The other land was identified in Mawlyntriang village which is a community land.

Observations:

- Farmers do not keep records. So there are no documents for reference.
- Jhum and Shifting cultivation is still practiced
- 50% farmers lease the land from their neighbors for cultivation
- Use of chemical fertilizers in potato plantation is very high
- Potato plantation is only seasonal; therefore it is difficult to meet the needs.
- The producer group, make the farmers realized their strength and start visualizing the long term plan.



Mawthadraishan Block

The Growth Hub at Mawthadraishan C & RD Block was initiated on December 2019.Field work began in the months of Jan-Nov 2020 with various awareness



programme, value chain survey, village survey, follows up, awareness programme on FPG's (Farmer Producer Group) and formation of FPG.

The study of value chain analysis of Chayote and tomato is conducted in West Khasi Hills district at Mawthadraishan C & RD Block in 41villages.Total Household reached is 2097 numbers and 52 producer's groups have been formed with 765 farmers.

Land identification is done in Nongkasen village in Mawthadraishan Block for setting up the PRIME HUB Centre.

6. Customer Service Point (CSP)

For supporting rural communities in availing banking facilities at their door steps, Meghalaya Rural Bank with the objective to reach the unreached and extending banking to unbanked areas NSSS is implementing the programme in collaboration with the MRB in 3 Centers, that is in Rangblang, Maweit and Umdoulang for bridging to link between branch and rural customers including financial inclusion.

The activities conducted from January 2020 to December 2020 under CSP are as follows:

S.no	Activity	Amount
1	Opening New Account	53
2	Deposit	7,61,696.00
3	Withdrawal	25,11,800.00
4	Life Insurance	47
5	Loan Recovery	2 individuals from one CSP
6	Loan Sanction	5 (SHGs)
7	Loan follow up	5 (SHGs)
8	Financial Literacy Campaign	5 in one CSP

The Aim/Objective is to support the rural communities in availing banking facilities at their door steps.

7. Pilot Unit for the Production and Promotion of Bio-pesticides and Bio-nutrients



This project is funded by the District Innovation Fund, Deputy Commissioner Office, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya. The project started with baseline survey to collect information from twenty villages randomly selected from the nearby villages of the Nongstion C&RD Block-West Khasi Hills District Meghalaya and during interaction with the farmers it was found that most the farmers are aware of the impact of chemical pesticides and fertilizers but lack in knowledge on how to use bio-pesticides techniques.



When the baseline survey completed it was clear about the problems faced by the farmers. and the mobilizer started making Bio-pesticides (*Bamboo vinegar, Bio-Concoction, Tobacco, Dry peeled Onion*) and Bio-Nutrients (*Lactic Acid Bacteria, Indigenous Micro Organism, Fermented Fruit Juice, Fish Amino Acid, Oriental Herbal Nutrients, Weed Composting*) to experiment in the target areas.

Activities completed:

1. Baseline survey
2. Production of bio- nutrients and bio- pest repellent
3. Demonstration of bio-nutrients and bio- pest repellent in the field



Intervention/Finding:

The farmers of one village in Mawthadraishan C & RD Block had called up the community mobilizer, when their crops were destroyed by pests. The Community Mobilizers were able to use the bio-pesticides made in NSSS by spraying on the affected vegetables like cabbage, beans, potato tomato and maize. The feedback received from the community was that the bio-pesticides was found to be effective. The experiment of the usage of bio-pesticides was conducted in Mawthoh, Mawkadiang and pyndengrei village of Nongstoin C& RD Block.

9. Self-Help Promoting Institution (SHPI)

NSSS facilitates in the formation and strengthening of 85 SHGs under this programme. SHPI is sponsored by NABAD. This initiative has enabled the poor and the marginalized to form themselves into and institutions and empower themselves to avail credit and other facilities.

Human Resources of NSSS

S.No	Designation	Female	Male	Total
1	Director		1	1
2	Programme Manager	1		1
3	Project Coordinators	3	3	6
4	Field Staff	10	12	22
5	Accountant		1	1
6	Driver		2	2
7	Multiple Helper	1		1
	Total No. of Staff	14	19	34

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