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Message from the President

To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind.

- Pearl S. Buck

In the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic the year has been a very challenging year for WODWICHEE in many ways. The organisation has intensified and improved its interventions and strategies over the last twelve months making some notable achievements. With some new opportunities opening up in the domains of women empowerment, care and protection of senior citizens, entrepreneurship etc. We are looking forward to a promising future.



Based on an analysis of the efforts, WODWICHEE has increased its efforts in human resource development. Along with training of the regular staffs, the organisation has taken some initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the volunteers and other involved with various projects. There is also an increasing emphasis on expanding and strengthening network based partnerships, especially in the projects for senior citizens, women, children and youth. There is also a structured plan to expand and strengthen the efforts towards protection of women from domestic and other forms of violence.

The organisation has faced some challenges including those resulting from shrinking of resources for humanitarian purposes as compared to the increasing need. We are trying to address these issues through exploring ways to increase diversity as well as self-reliance in our funding sources.

The achievement WODWICHEE has made so far in meeting its commitment to the society have been an outcome of the support from our sponsors including the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India. None of these would have also been possible without the support of our volunteers, philanthropy partners, beneficiaries and the relentless effort of the staffs engaged with different projects. I take this opportunity to thank each one of them looking forward to an even brighter future.

Bidyut Debnath
(BIDYUT DEBNATH)
PRESIDENT

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A BRIEF PROFILE

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

WODWICHEE is a voluntary organisation with registered office at Hailakandi district of Assam and operating in three districts of Barak Valley region comprising of Hailakandi, Karimganj and Cachar districts. WODWICHEE was founded in 1989 by a team of humanitarian with the goal of uplifting and empowering the underprivileged and marginalised section of the society. Since inception, the organisation has been supporting the neediest people from different corners of Barak Valley with different projects on Skill Development, Child Care and Protection, Women Empowerment, Education, Empowerment and Rehabilitation of Persons with Disability, Youth development. In all its efforts, the organisation has maintained a special focus on the marginalised groups including women, girls, children, the elderly and persons with disability. There are a total of 121 nos. of personnel including staff and volunteers engaged with the organisation at present who come from diverse socio-cultural and professional backgrounds. WODWICHEE believes in absolute social inclusion and partnership for positive social change.

VISION

WODWICHEE's vision is humanity, tolerance and social justice, where women and children and the underprivileged population live with dignity, security and justice.

MISSION

Building and enhancing core socio-economic competencies of grassroots communities with an aim of bringing the rural poor communities especially the vulnerable sections from the margins to the mainstream of development.

MAIN AREAS OF INTERVENTION

WODWICHEE emphasises multifaceted programmes with holistic goals and believes in both institutional and community based interventions. In the areas of protection and empowerment of women and girls, the organisation carries out interventions in the areas of education, vocational training, shelter, legal aid and other need based support services. In meeting the needs of children and elderly people, it runs services mainly in the domains of care and protection, health services, special needs etc. The interventions with persons with disabilities are primarily in the areas of social and economic empowerment along with other special needs. Apart from these, the organisation has carried out significant interventions in the areas of de-addiction, youth development, disaster management etc.

LEGAL STATUS

- Registered under S. R. Act, XXI of 1860
- Registered under FCR Act, of 1976
- Registered U/S 12(A) & 80(G) of IT Act, 1961
- Registered under PWD Act, 1995
- Registered under D V Act, 2005
- Registered under Juvenile Justice Act, 2000
- Registered under Immoral Trafficking Prevention Act, 1956

CHAPTER-I

■ INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

IRCA : INTEGRATED REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ADDICTS

Location : 584/B/4, Ward No. 14, Sarat Pally,
M M Road Bylane, Sonai Road,
Silchar, Dist. Cachar

Project ID : DR/AS/CCH/00314

An addiction-free Nation has been a core dream of WODWICHEE, and to realise this dream, the organisation has been running the Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA) at Sonai Road, Silchar, Cachar district since 2007 with support of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. With the growing communication and transport facilities with the bordering states of Manipur and Mizoram, the district of Cachar has remained an easy place of operation for paddlers and drug traffickers. In such scenario, the Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts run by WODWICHEE has been a relief to many people struggling with addiction.



At present Centre is a 15-bedded facility specialized with a multi-faceted program that reaches people from different walks of life who are struggling with addiction to alcohol, heroin and other harmful substances. Focusing on awareness, de-addiction treatment and rehabilitation, the program covers individual & group therapy. The Centre strongly believes in maintaining and restoring patient's relationships with friends and family. And for restoring the relationships, it makes use of a diverse range of therapies along with creating support systems within the family. A team of highly competent counsellors are engaged in helping the clients develop their personalities in order to fight addictive habits. The recovery rate of the centre has been up to the expected level of more than 80%.

Services at the IRCA

The IRCA has been working actively for intervention, treatment, training and rehabilitation of addicts and for generating awareness and sensitivity around the issues of addiction. The core services provided by the Centre comprises of the following components:

- Preventive Education & Awareness Generation.
- Detoxification & Medically Managed Withdrawal.
- Counselling and Life-skills Training.
- Vocational Rehabilitation.
- After care, reintegration into the social mainstream and follow-up.

A comprehensive drug treatment program addresses both the physical and psychological components of addiction, thus providing a whole person approach to treatment that helps achieve and maintain sobriety for years. The indoor clients receive treatment according to a five weeks (34-day) de-addiction programme. The details of beneficiaries under the IRCA is given in the table above.

Beneficiary Summary of IRCA for 2021-22

Nos. of beneficiaries	370
Nos. of Indoor clients admitted	172
Nos. of Out-door clients	198



ODIC - OUTREACH AND DROP IN CENTRES

Location : 584/B/5, Ward No. 14, Sarat Pally,
MM Road Bylane, Sonai Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar

Project ID : DR/AS/CCH/00320

The Barak Valley Region comprising of Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj districts of South Assam has borders with the state of Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura which makes it vulnerable in terms of drug abuse and is an easy field of activity to the drug paddlers and traffickers. School and College going students are the main target group of drug traffickers.

The Govt. of India has selected Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj districts for targeted intervention under National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR). In the backdrop of prevailing scenario WODWICHEE started the Project Outreach and Drop in Centre (ODIC) at Sonai Road, Silchar, District Cachar on 1st Jan, 2020 in accordance to the sanction of grant in aid from NISD with an aim to conduct outreach activities in the community for prevention of drug abuse with a special focus on youth who are dependent on drugs. Requisite staff have been recruited and deputed to training to RRTC. After training of the staff the ODICE has began functioning. Safe and secured drop-in space has been accommodated for drug users in the community. The Centre has a provision of screening, assessment and counselling and referral and linkage to treatment and rehabilitation services for drug dependents. The focussed activities carried out by ODIC are given below:



- 1) Outreach activities in the community among young vulnerable population
- 2) Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) one to one / group sessions in community.
- 3) Screening and assessment of clients on substance use disorder
- 4) Drop-in-Centre facility for people vulnerable/dependent on drug use
- 5) Individual, group and family counselling
- 6) Consultation with doctor for referral and linkage with treatment facility
- 7) Follow up care including family counselling

During 2021-22 the project has been

implemented in the midst of COVID-19 restriction. Besides all the restriction, more than 85% target as given in the guidelines have been achieved. The details of the beneficiaries/clients covered during 2021-22 are given in the Table above.

Beneficiary Summary of ODIC-2021-22	
Nos. of client contacted	916
Nos. of client referred to IRCAs	137
Nos. of client home detoxified	10
Nos. of client referred to other centres	769
Nos. of Outreach program conducted	12
Nos. of clients discharged	137

DDAC - DISTRICT DE-DDICTION CENTRE -KARIMGANJ

**Location : Jatrapur Road, Nilambazar
Dist. Karimganj, PIN 788723**

Karimganj district has a long international border with Bangladesh and it is one of the targeted district and has a large victims of drug abuse. There is no existing Government sponsored IRCA available and no drug abused related services being provided by any hospital in the Karimganj district.



In the backdrop of prevailing scenario WODWICHEE started the DDAC project at Jatrapur Road, Nilambazar, District Karimganj in a rented building.

With an aim to mobilizing communities to create favourable local environment by encouraging synergy and convergence of services, awareness and orientation about referral and linkage to counselling, treatment and rehabilitation a series 10 nos. of Sensitization and motivational programs for drug abused in Patherkandi and RK Nagar Blocks of Karimganj district have been organized. Further counselling and rehabilitation services to more than 725 victims of drug abuse have been provided. The details of beneficiaries covered during 2021-22 are given in the table.

Beneficiary Summary of DDAC-2021-22	
Nos. of Awareness & Sensitization Camps	10
Nos. of Participants	695
Nos. of Outreach program conducted	7
Nos. of clients provided with counselling	725

CPLI : COMMUNITY BASED PEER LED INTERVENTION FOR EARLY DRUG USE PREVENTION

**Location : Sonai Road, Silchar
Dist. Cachar, PIN 788006**

Besides the successful and sustained functioning of the IRCA at Silchar, District Cachar WODWICHEE started the Community Based Peer Led Intervention For Early Drug Use Prevention at Sonai Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar, on 1st April, 2019 with the objectives to Conduct primary prevention activities through awareness programs, engage in risk mitigation of substance use among children, adolescent and youth and to provide awareness about referral and linkage to counselling, treatment and rehabilitation services for substance dependent adolescents identified in the community.



During the 2021-22 the main activities under the project conducted are :

- Identification and Training of adolescents as Peer Educators to lead Peer led community intervention
- Providing psychosocial therapies
- Follow-up care including family counselling

During the year 2021-22, a total of 872 nos. of beneficiaries have been covered.

CHILDREN'S HOME UNDER J. J. ACT

**Location : Silchar Road, Rangauti
Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788155**

The Children's Home at Silchar, district Cachar which was running since 2012 has been shifted to Hailakandi district at Silchar Road, District Hailakandi with approval from the State Child Protection Society, Assam for functional convenience. The home is located in a middle class neighbourhood, and this facilitates a lot of community participation and interaction.



The infrastructure and accommodation facilities has been upgraded. It is a loving residential home, where vulnerable children are cared for in a holistic family environment.

The purpose of the Home is to nurture children with comprehensive child care facilities for ensuring their all-round development and enhancing their capacities and life-skills while working with their families for their rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream. The children who are covered by the Home include parentless, abandoned or abused children in need of care and protection. The programme functions upon the belief that children must be ensured a good education, nutritious food, good physical and mental health and plenty of opportunities to grow.

A committed team of experiences and qualified care givers consisting of professional social workers and other child or mental health care professionals work together to provide care, protection and guidance that children need to flourish.

Specific Activities of the Children's Home

- Admission and registration of Children who drop in and fall under Children in Need of Care and Protection.
- Providing food, nutrition, and lodging facilities to the children.
- Health check-up of children.
- Counselling to children;
- Restoration of the Children.
- Maintaining database



Beneficiary Summary of Children's Home

Nos. of Children admitted	24
Nos. of children restored	18
Nos. of children as on 31.03.2022	15

SCHOOL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

WODWICHEE has established school named SPARROWS ACADEMY- The School of Optimism and Creativity where economically and socially marginalised children of Hailakandi district are educated free of cost.. The school uses an innovative model of schooling where both academic and humanitarian trainings are provided to the learners.

During 2021-22, a total of 65 nos. of marginalised students have been enrolled into the school. Regular classes were conducted after lifting of lockdown and partial withdrawal of COVID-19 protocol. Along with academic learning, they have been provided life-skills training, moral education, study tours and various extra-curricular trainings in sports, music, martial art, painting and other areas. The project is expected to make some expansion in the next session to accommodate another 50 students from different underprivileged families.

CHAPTER-II

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZEN

SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME : HAILAKANDI

Location : 138/A, Ground Floor,
Vill. & P.O. Lakshirbond,
Pin- 788155, Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

Project ID : IP/AS/HLK/00324

The Senior Citizens' Home at Lakshirbond district Hailakandi is functional since 1999. The Home is housed in its permanent building. Senior citizens whose lives are affected by lack of care and protection are admitted into the Home. The beneficiaries are provided with shelter, food and nutrition, medical care, mental respite through recreation and need based counselling. Some of the beneficiaries are also restored to their families after checking out the care and protection elements available in the family. In such cases, a thorough counselling process is adopted with the family members who are responsible for the care and custody of the senior citizens being restored.

The Home has a good scenic atmosphere with flower gardens and a spacious compound suitable for movement and activity and has good ventilation in all parts. Simple exercise equipments and recreational facilities are also available for the beneficiaries.

To encourage active and productive ageing, vocational trainings are provided to the beneficiaries. Elderly-friendly production activities are carried out in the Home through which the senior citizens are helped to make small earnings. This component has been found really meaningful in giving the senior citizens a sense of being productive and the required confidence to lead a dignified life. The project is sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

During 2021-22, the 34 nos. of senior citizens have been provided with residential care services covering their health and safety needs, social and economic life, recreation and other special needs. The details are given in the table.



Beneficiary Summary of SrCH- Hailakandi	
Beneficiaries covered	34
New Beneficiaries admitted	09
Beneficiaries restored	08
Nos. of Beneficiaries as on 31.03.2022	26

ADVOCACY ON RIGHTS OF SENIOR CITIZEN

The project on advocacy with an aim for promoting and protecting the rights of senior citizens has been functional since 2017. Under the project, information is disseminated on the rights of senior citizens in accordance with the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. It also facilitates advocacy on cases of violation of these rights by family members and others who are responsible for the care and protection of the senior citizens. A network of relatives of senior citizens has been formed to discuss and promote responsible behaviour towards senior citizens. During 2021-22, a total of 67 nos. of cases have been provided with services of the project.



SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME AT CACHAR

Location : 62, Vill. & P.O. Uttar Bariknagar,
B. K. Road, Fokir Tila Bazar,
Silchar, Dist. Cachar

Project ID : IP/AS/CCH/01797

WODWICHEE has been running a Senior Citizens' Home in Cachar since 2005. The Home is situated at Uttar Bariknagar of Cachar district in a scenic location. Sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, the Home is equipped with all-inclusive care facilities for 25 persons. The Home provides shelter, food, nutrition, medical aids, recreation and counselling while encouraging active ageing through training and production activities suitable to the elderly.

Some of the beneficiaries are also restored to their families after checking out the care and protection elements available in the family. In such cases, a thorough counselling process is adopted with the family members who are responsible for the care and custody of the senior citizens being restored. The details of beneficiaries covered during 2021-22 is given in the table.



Beneficiary Summary of SrCH, Cachar

Beneficiaries covered	46
New Beneficiaries admitted	21
Beneficiaries restored	21
Nos. of Beneficiaries as on 31.03.2022	25

MOBILE MEDICARE UNIT (MMU) FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Location : 138/A, Ground Floor,
Vill. & P.O. Lakshirbond,
Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

Project ID : IP/AS/HLK/00329

The Mobile Medical Unit is dedicated to provide outreach medical services to the beneficiaries who can't access the existing medical services. The services are provided to the senior citizens residing in rural and remote places having poor transportation networks.

The project is sponsored by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India. During 2021-22, a total of 4831 nos. of senior citizens have been rendered medical services by the MMU Team. The team reaches to the designated locations in a specially designed van equipped with medicines, lab equipment, emergency kits etc. The details of beneficiaries covered during 2021-22 is given in the table.



Service Summary of Mobile Medical Unit

Total beneficiaries	Referrals made	Lab tests conducted	Treatment provided
4831	131	1753	4700

Main Services

- Referral services, Diagnostic services, Basic laboratory tests
- Free Medicine distribution
- Physiotherapy as and when required.
- Home visits and relevant services for bed-ridden senior citizens.



CHAPTER-III

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CARE AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

SAKHI - ONE STOP CENTRE

Location : Ward No. 13, College Road

Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788155, Assam

WODWICHEE has been entrusted with the responsibility to run the SAKHI-One Stop Centre at Hailakandi by the District Administration and Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam wef 7th September, 2021. Since then the OSC-Hailakandi has been run by WODWICHEE.

The objectives of the Scheme are:

- To provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof.
- To facilitate immediate, emergency and non-emergency access to a range of services including medical, legal, psychological and counseling support under one roof to fight against any forms violence against women.

Target Group

The "Sakhi" One Stop Centre (OSC) supports all women including girls below 18 years of age affected by violence. For girls below 18 years of age, institutions and authorities under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 will be linked with the "Sakhi" One Stop Centre (OSC).

Types of Services:

- Emergency Responded & Rescue Services.
- Medical Assistance.
- Assistance to women in lodging FIR/NCR/DIR.
- Psycho-Social Support/ Counseling
- Legal aid & counseling
- Shelter

During the period from 7th Sept, 2021 to 31st March, 2022, a total of 77 nos. of victims/ beneficiaries have provided services.



WORKING WOMEN'S HOSTEL

Location : Old Hospital Road (Near Edn. Complex)

Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788151, Assam

There are many women who have to come to the town for work. But due to economic challenges, it is difficult for many of them to manage a safe and low cost accommodation. WODWICHEE runs the Working Women Hostel at Old Hospital Road, Hailakandi which has a capacity of forty inmates at a time. In the last financial year, a total of 11 working women of low income group coming from different corners of the district have been accommodated in the hostel. The Hostel provides safe and secured lodging to the residents along with free recreational facilities.



SWADHAR GREH : HAILAKANDI

Location : Vill & PO. Lakshirbond

Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788155, Assam

WODWICHEE has been providing residential care to women in distress in the SWADHAR GREH at Hailakandi district since 2005. The beneficiaries of the project include women who face serious challenges in sustaining their lives due to their socio-economic issues and various forms of victimisation at personal and social levels. They often become homeless and are exposed to further atrocities and violence. The existing SWADHAR GREH at Hailakandi has a residential capacity of 30 women and 12 children. The inmates have been provided regular counselling and skill trainings for livelihood and financial inclusion. During the stay of the beneficiaries the following cares have been taken meticulously:



- Counselling Support
- Legal Aid
- Vocational Education and Skill Up gradation
- Formal Education
- Self-development and Emotional Support
- Recreation and Entertainment
- Social Reintegration and Follow up

Beneficiaries of SWADHAR GREH, Hailakandi	
No. of beneficiaries admitted	43
No. of beneficiaries rehabilitated	30
No. of women as on 31.03.2022	28
No. of children as on 31.03.2022	11

The SWADHAR GREH has provided the inmates an opportunity for availing training on income generating ventures such as tailoring, geriatric care, broom making, nursery etc. The specialised services of other agencies in the network of WODWICHEE have been used for providing the vocational education to the inmates targeting the economic empowerment and social rehabilitation of the beneficiaries.

SWADHAR GREH : CACHAR

Location : Borakhai Grant, Fokirtila Bazar

PO. NI, Silchar, Dist. Cachar, Assam

The SWADHAR GREH at Cachar district has been providing support to women & children in distress for fulfilling their primary needs of food, shelter and clothing along with other necessary services for vocational training & health need, counselling, legal aid etc since its establishment in 2005. For the economic empowerment and social rehabilitation of the beneficiaries, a holistic intervention has been carried out which included vocational training, life-skills training and capacity building on entrepreneurship and other need based trainings have also been provided.

During the year 2021-22, total of 42 nos. of beneficiaries have provided with holistic services of the scheme.



Beneficiaries of SWADHAR GREH, CACHAR	
No. of beneficiaries admitted	32
No. of beneficiaries rehabilitated	10
No. of women as on 31.03.2022	19
No. of children as on 31.03.2022	07

UJJAWALA : Project For Prevention, Rescue & Rehabilitation Of Victims Of Trafficking

Location : Old Hospital Road

PO. & Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

WODWICHEE has been running the project for prevention, rescue, rehabilitation and re-integration of Victims of Trafficking for Commercial and Sexual Exploitation. A dedicated team comprising of social workers, psychologist and counsellors carried out outreach activities in different vulnerable places for identifying and rescuing the victims. The organisation has also organised a social mobilisation initiative against trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation involving local communities, women, young people, PRI members and others. The Project also provided an opportunity to the victims for institutional employment/self-employment for sustaining themselves in the society. Various activities have been undertaken under the following components.



Prevention

1. Formation and Functioning of Community Vigilance Group.
2. Formation, Training & functioning of Balika /Balala Sanghas.
3. Village Level Awareness Programme & Orientation Training with CVG's.
4. Workshop /Seminar on Public Awareness Needed to Curb the Human Trafficking.

Rescue

Rescue operation has been carried out through a network of team of the local peoples , volunteers, VDP members, women SHG's, Balika/Balala members, members of the CVG's, & civil society and Police. The details of the beneficiaries during 2021-22 are given in the table.

Protective & Rehabilitation Home

A Protective & Rehabilitation Home has been running at Old Hospital Road, Dist. Hailakandi for 25 beneficiaries. The Home provides basic amenities like food, clothes, pocket money, personal items, medical care, legal aids, vocational training & education etc. to the beneficiaries as immediate relief during the interim period between rescue & restoration with their family.

Beneficiary Summary of UJJAWALA P & R Home	
Nos. of victims rescued & admitted	153
Nos. of victims restored/rehabilitated	147
Nos. of Beneficiaries as on 31.3.2022	06

FAMILY COUNSELING CENTRE

Location : Old Hospital Road

PO. & Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

In the backdrop of increasing cases of domestic violence and family disorganisation, the Family Counselling Centre was established in Hailakandi in the year 2002. Since then the centre has been functioning efficiently dealing with various interpersonal and familial conflicts, particularly involving women.

There are conflicts between family members on various issues that sometimes result in divorce or separation. The Family Counselling Centre has come up as a very practical and vital medium to resolve such issues. The details of cases during 2021-22 is given in the table.

Summary cases of FCC	
Nos. of cases registered	155
Nos. of cases settled	136
Nos. of pending	19

CHAPTER-IV

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR DIVYANGJAN

LOW VISION CENTRE

Location : College Road, PO. R P Road

Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

WODICHEE started the project 'Low Vision Centre' on 1st April, 2010 to render services for identification, assessment, counselling and training to persons with low vision and to assist individuals with low vision to reach their maximum potential through guidance and improvement of visual efficiency by prescribing appropriate optical aids.



After a thorough review of the project and recommendation from the District Administration, the Low Vision Centre had been shifted to College Road, P.O. R. P. Road, (Near S. S. College) District Hailakandi from Cachar on 1st April, 2018. The Low Vision Centre has received an excellent response from the people of Hailakandi. The centre has rendered all the services pertaining to the beneficiaries with low vision and it has become a very reputed centre in Hailakandi district. During 2021-22, a total of 429 nos. of beneficiaries have been rendered services through qualified and trained staff of the centre. At present 5 nos. of staff are engaged with centre.

ADIP PROJECT FOR PURCHASE & FITTING OF AIDS & APPLIANCES TO DISABLED PERSONS

Project Office : PO Lakshirbond,

District Hailakandi, Assam

With an objective to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation, by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhance their economic potential, the project was started during 2007-08.

The implementation of the scheme involves organization of disability camps for need assessment and distribution of assistive devices to persons with disabilities and non-camp activities such as fitment of devices, including surgical intervention.



Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic only one camp has been conducted at Matizuri, Hailakandi on 30th Sept, 2021. During the year 2021-22, a total of 37 nos. of disabled persons have been identified and aids and appliances distributed to the identified beneficiaries.

CHAPTER-V

NEED BASED PROGRAMMES

SANITARY NAPKIN TRAINING & PRODUCTION CENTRE

Location : Old Hospital Road

Dist. Hailakandi, Assam

Owing to orthodox stigma and socio-economic backwardness and limited accessibility to reproductive services in the rural areas of Barak Valley, the poor women and girls face a lot of challenges in meeting their reproductive health needs. The rural women and girls cannot afford to use quality sanitary napkins available in the market. In view of this situation, WODWICHEE started a Training cum Production Centre for low cost sanitary napkins. This effort has been found to be effective in both improving the health status of the poor girls and women and opening up an income generating window for the successful trainees of the centre. During the year under report a batch of 09 nos. of women have been provided training and out of them 4 have already started their own units producing and selling the low cost sanitary napkins.



Beneficiaries Summary for 2021-22

No. of women trained	No. of trainees placed	No. of trainees self employed
9	2	4

ARECANUT PLATE MAKING TRAINING AND PRODUCTION CENTRE

North East India is gifted by several natural resources. The region is rich in various resources which helps the countryman to become self-sufficient in all aspects. One of the product which is in abundance in North Eastern Region is areca-nut sheath. Leaf of areca tree is a hard material, slow in biodegradation and has low calorific value. About 1000 million leaf sheath is available annually in India.

A study reveals on some of the point on how this resource can be utilized and make useful for the sustainability in respect of triple bottom line aspect, i.e. how profit can be generated which ensures better welfare and development of the local people with maintaining ecological balance.

Areca-nut leaf sheath plates can be used in many occasions such as marriages, religions and social functions for serving food stuffs. It can also be used by local vendors for selling food items, restaurants, hotels etc. These plates can replace the non-degradable plates made by plastics and the like. The laborious craft can be converted into a machine operation to make containers and plates in elegant shapes and sizes. These have good dimensional stability and are inexpensive, hygienic and biodegradable.

This project will enhance the local people especially underprivileged group to engage themselves in income generation and self-sufficiency. The potential of these kind of units is immense as this will be the first to work in this locality.

WODWICHEE has started a Training and Production Centre for making Arecanut Plates at Lakshirbond, Hailakandi. Necessary equipments has been procured. During 2021-22 a batch of 10 women have selected and trained.

FREE CAREER COACHING FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

WODWICHEE is running a coaching centre for offering free-of cost coaching to students from minority communities for entrance examinations for medical, engineering and other professional courses. The center has been run with the support of volunteers who are either pursuing various professional courses or have been engaged with various reputed academic institutions as faculties. Innovative peer-learning methods are mainly used to motivate and support the students in groups. The model of coaching provided in the centre has been found really effective in providing low-cost coaching. The principles of peer learning has worked as catalyst in opening up the sustainability scope of the project. During the year a total of 20 students have been served by the centre, some of who are appearing in the upcoming state and national level entrance examinations.

AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS FOR DISASTER

Natural disaster is very common phenomenon in Barak valley region of Assam. Each year the region is hit by disaster like flood, cyclone and other natural calamities. During the year under report, WODWICHEE organized 35 nos. of sensitization programmes on preparedness and response to disaster in different villages involving school children and community people in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority, Hailakandi and Assam State Disaster Management Authority. Under the programme, awareness activities and mock emergency management exercises were organised on flood and storm. Different aspects of disaster preparedness, emergency response, rescue measures, rehabilitation and trauma management were discussed with the participants using interactive exercises and emphasising collaborative community response.




Respected President, Executive and General Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Annual Report for 2021-22 together with the draft Statement of Accounts for 2021-22 including balance sheet, income-expenditure and receipt-payment to the General Body Members for review, feedback and approval.

Place : Lakshirbond, Hailakandi
Date : 10th April, 2022

Thank You, Yours Truly


(K. A. CHOUDHURY)
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