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A stride towards empowerment of the downtrodden

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Message from the President

Welcome to the Annual General Body Meeting.

This Annual Report is to provide a summary of WODWICHEE's work of the last financial year, with specific highlights on the areas where we have been strong, the areas which seemed difficult and where we hope to make improvements in the coming year.

The year 2022-23 has challenged us mainly in terms of setting priorities with the changing demands and taking forward the works that we have been considering important. Our number one priority has been to deliver timely and quality services to the neediest beneficiaries. And looking at the magnitude of the issues pertaining to these beneficiaries, especially, the elderly, women in distress, neglected children, poor and unemployed persons, it has been difficult to put equal energy on all the efforts carried from previous years. Efforts have been increased in educational services for underprivileged sections. The Organisation has also invested heavily in improving the quality of the existing services, especially in the areas of care and protection of senior citizens, care and protection of women and children and educational development of children. It has also invested significantly in the workforce through training and sensitisation events and also in improving connectivity at community level. This has resulted in improvement in the speed of access to important services and an overall improvement in the services.



We have, of course, been challenged in some areas which we are now working to improve. Performance in violence against women & children has proven to be particularly challenging, although a great deal of work is ongoing to improve in this area. The organisation is planning to invest more on sensitisation and mobilisation activities increasing community participation. The organisation has been very keen in the last few years in building organisational capacity. The coming year would see a lot of focus in training and sensitisation of the staffs and volunteers. A great deal is expected of the engagement of volunteers, and we will endeavour to work effectively with them to increase community participation.

The achievement WODWICHEE has made so far in meeting its commitment to the society have been an outcome of the support from our funding partners including the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, 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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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

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 humanitarians with the goal of uplifting and empowering the underprivileged and marginalized section of the society. Since inception, the organization 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 171 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 AND MISSION

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

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 emphasizes 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 CSR-1
- 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 2

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

IRCA : INTEGRATED REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ADDICTS

584/B/4, Ward No. 14, Sarat Pally, M M Road Bi-lane, Sonai Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar

Project ID: DR/AS/CCH/00314



WODWICHEE is 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. 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. A team of highly competent counsellors & staff 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 81%.

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 and 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 are given in the table.

Beneficiary Summary for IRCA (2022-23)	
No. of beneficiaries covered	346
No. of Indoor clients admitted	173
Nos. of Out-door clients	173
Nos. of IPD clients Rehabilitated	157





DDAC : DISTRICT DE-ADDICTION CENTRE- KARIMGANJ

Jatrapur Road, Nilambazar, Dist. Karimganj, PIN 788723

Project ID : DR/AS/KGJ/06429



With an aim to undertake preventive education, awareness generation, identification, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with substance abuse and to provide for a whole range of community based services for identification, motivation, counseling, de-addiction treatment, after care and rehabilitation for Whole Person Recovery (WPR) of drug abused persons, WODWICHEE setup the District De-Addiction Centre at Jatrapur Road, Nilambazar, District Karimganj. After recruitment of Staff (on ad hoc basis), the IRCA component of the DDAC becomes functional from 1st March, 2023. The ODIC and CPLI components of the DDAC become operational from 15th March, 2023. The details of beneficiaries covered during 2022-23 are given in the table.

Beneficiary Summary for DDAC (2022-23)	
No. of beneficiaries covered (IRCA)	71
No. of Indoor clients admitted	15
Nos. of Out-door clients	16
Nos. of IPD clients Rehabilitated	07
No. of beneficiaries covered (ODIC)	40
No. of beneficiaries covered (CPLI)	236

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

WODWICHEE has been running a Youth Development Centre in 2014 at Lakshirbond in Hailakandi district to offer support to young people in the areas of skill development, personality development, education and employment generation. The Centre provides individual and group training and mentoring focusing on areas of life-skills, vocational skills, entrepreneurship, healthy recreation and information on employment, economy, general knowledge, competitive examination etc. An Entrepreneurship Development Programme WAS organized in during 7-9 January, 2023 at Old Hospital Road, Hailakandi.





ODIC: OUTREACH AND DROP-IN CENTRE

584/B/5, Ward No. 14, Sarat Pally, M M Road Bi-lane, Sonai Road, Silchar, Dist. Cachar
Project ID: DR/AS/CCH/00320



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. 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

Beneficiary Summary for ODIC during 2022-23	
No. of clients contacted	3281
No. of clients referred to IRCAs	173
No. of clients home detoxified	99
No. of clients referred to other centres	837
No. of outreach program conducted	33
No. of clients discharged	357

During 2022-23 besides all the constraints, more than 75% target as given in the guidelines have been achieved. The details of the beneficiaries/clients are given in the table.

CPLI: COMMUNITY BASED PEER LED INTERVENTION

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 2022-23 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 etc. During the year 2022-23, a total of 953 beneficiaries have been covered.

VATSALYA BHAVAN (CHILDREN'S HOME)

Hailakandi-Silchar Road, Rangauti, Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788155



WODWICHEE has been running the Children's Home under the aegis of the State Child Protection Society, Assam since 2012. Equipped with all necessary infrastructure and accommodation facilities, it is a loving residential home, where vulnerable children are cared in a holistic family environment.

The purpose of the Home is to nurture children with comprehensive childcare 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.

Specific Activities of the Children's Home

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

A committed team of 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 flower.

Beneficiary Summary of Children's Home

Nos. of Children admitted	25
Nos. of children restored	20
Nos. of children as on 31.03.2023	24





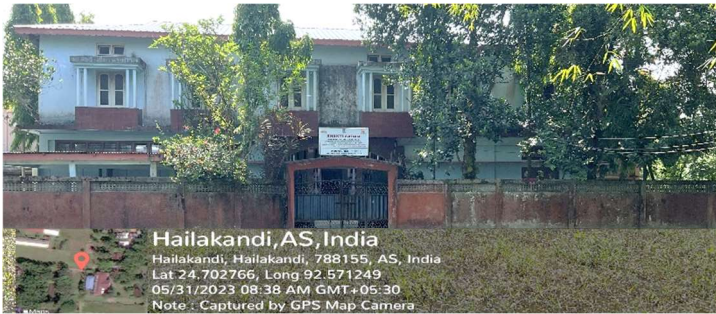
Chapter 3

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CARE AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

SHAKTI SADAN CHAPTER-I (SWADHAR GREH)

Vill & PO. Lakshirbond, District Hailakandi, Pin 788155, Assam

Under Mission Shakti (sub Scheme -Samarthyaa) for Safety, Security and Empowerment of Women



In compliance to the Mission Shakti Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, the erstwhile Swadhar Greh was converted to Shakti Sadan with effect from 1st August, 2022. 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 Shakti Sadan Ch-I at Lakshirbond, Hailakandi has a residential capacity of 50 women and 12 children. The inmates have been provided regular counselling and skill trainings to establish livelihood and financial inclusion. During the stay of the beneficiaries, the following cares have been taken meticulously:

- Safe & secure shelter, Food & nutrition
- 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

Beneficiary Summary for 2022-23	
No. of beneficiaries admitted	39
No. of beneficiaries rehabilitated/restored	34
No. of women as on 31.03.2023	35
No. of children as on 31.03.2023	09

INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE : Addressing Domestic Violence issues

Being a registered service provider in Hailakandi district under the Domestic Violence Act 2005, WODWICHEE has dealt with a total of 57 nos. of cases of domestic violence registered in the year 2022-23 rendering necessary legal and counselling services. Out of these cases, a total of 23 nos. of cases have been disposed/settled.

Campaign Against Domestic Violence

Despite the enforcement of the Domestic Violence Act, 2005, the issue of domestic violence against women remains as a major challenge both due to lack of awareness about the Act and the issue and gaps in people's understanding gender relations. WODWICHEE started an initiative to gather information on the issue through participatory research involving professional researchers, volunteers, and different stakeholders at community level.





SHAKTI SADAN CHAPTER- II (UJJAWALA SCHEME)

Old Hospital Road, District Hailakandi, Pin 788151, Assam

Under Mission Shakti (sub Scheme -Samarthya) for Safety, Security and Empowerment of Women



[Hon,ble Minister of Women & Child Dev. Govt. of India visiting the Shakti Sadan Ch-II]

The erstwhile UJJAWALA Scheme was converted to Shakti Sadan Chapter – II with effect from 1st August, 2022 in accordance to the Mission Shakti Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India. With the support of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, WODWICHEE has been implementing the scheme for the prevention of Trafficking and Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of Victims of Trafficking for Commercial and Sexual Exploitation. A dedicated team of social workers carried out outreach activities in different vulnerable places for identifying and rescuing the victims. 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.

Beneficiary Covered during 2022-23	
Nos. of victims rescued & admitted	226
Nos. of victims restored	174
Nos. of victims socially Rehabilitated	27
Nos. of Beneficiaries as on 31.3.2023	25

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 are given in the table during 2022-23.

Protective & Rehabilitation Home

A Protective & Rehabilitation Home has been running at Old Hospital Road, Dist. Hailakandi for 50 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.





SAKHI NIWAS (WORKING WOMEN HOSTEL)

Old Hospital Road, District Hailakandi, Pin 788151, Assam

Under Mission Shakti (sub Scheme -Samarthya) for Safety, Security and Empowerment of Women



In compliance to the Mission Shakti Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, the erstwhile Working Women's Hostel was converted to Shakti Sadan with effect from 1st August, 2022. The Hostel has been refurbished and new staff has been appointed. 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 21 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.

SAKHI SADAN (ONE STOP CENTRE)

Ward No. 13, College Road, Dist. Hailakandi, PIN 788155, Assam

Under Mission Shakti (sub Scheme -Samarthya) for Safety, Security and Empowerment of Women

The SAKHI SADAN, erstwhile One Stop Centre at Hailakandi is being run by WODWICHEE since 7th September, 2021 under the auspice of the District Administration and Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam. The objectives of the Scheme are:

- i. To provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof.
- ii. 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:

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

During the year 2022-23, a total of 86 nos. of victims/ beneficiaries have provided services.





SHAKTI SADAN CHAPTER- I (CACHAR DISTRICT)

Borakhai Grant, Fokir Tila, District Cachar, Assam

Under Mission Shakti (sub Scheme -Samarthya) for Safety, Security and Empowerment of Women

In accordance to the Mission Shakti Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India, the erstwhile Swadhar Greh was converted to Shakti Sadan with effect from 1st August, 2022. 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 Shakti Sadan at Dist. Cachar has a residential capacity of 50 women and 12 children. The inmates have been provided regular counselling and skill trainings to establish livelihood and financial inclusion. During the stay of the beneficiaries, the following cares have been taken meticulously:



- Safe & secure shelter, Food & nutrition
- 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

Beneficiary Summary for 2022-23	
No. of beneficiaries admitted	33
No. of beneficiaries rehabilitated/restored	24
No. of women as on 31.03.2023	30
No. of children as on 31.03.2023	04

FAMILY COUNSELING CENTRE

Old Hospital Road, District Hailakandi, Assam

WODWICHEE'S Family Counseling Centre (FCC) has provided services to 157 cases during the year. These services have been provided through both individual counseling and joint counseling sessions. Home visits were carried out by the counselors for collecting information from neighbors of the families and as well as from other community members for understanding the problems in detail. A few of the cases were referred to various other institutions like legal aid cell, police station, Swadhar Greh and the women's cell at district level for additional support services. Step by step counseling and thorough follow-up have been undertaken in all cases until complete reconciliation. The FCC has also been engaged extensively in developing awareness within the community regarding family issues including gender relations, domestic violence, and various psycho-social issues related to family. Various IEC materials and meetings have been used in providing this awareness.





Chapter 4

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR CARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME – II : CACHAR DISTRICT

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 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 2022-23 are given in the above table.

The details are given in the table above.

Beneficiary Summary for 2022-23

Beneficiaries covered	36
New beneficiaries admitted	11
Beneficiaries restored	14
Nos. of beneficiaries as of 31.03.2023	25

ADVOCACY ON THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR CITIZENS

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. During 2022-23, a total of 43 nos. of cases have been provided with services of the project.





SENIOR CITIZEN'S HOME-I : HAILAKANDI

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

Project ID: IP/AS/HLK/00324



[Hon,ble Minister of Women & Child Dev. Govt. of India & DC, Hailakandi interacting with the beneficiaries]

The Senior Citizens' Home at Lakshirbond district Hailakandi is rendering services 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. 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 meaningful in giving the senior citizens a sense of being productive and the required confidence to lead a dignified life. During 2022-23, the 41 nos. of senior citizens have been provided with residential care & services. The details of beneficiaries covered during 2022-23 are given in the table above.

Beneficiary Summary for 2022-23	
Beneficiaries covered	41
New beneficiaries admitted	16
Beneficiaries restored	16
Beneficiaries as of 31.03.2023	25

MOBILE MEDICARE UNIT (MMU) FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

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

The Mobile Medical Unit provides 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 MMU team reaches to the identified locations in a specially designed van equipped with medicines, lab equipment, emergency kits etc. The details of beneficiaries covered during 2022-23 are given in the table.

Service Summary of Mobile Medical Unit- 2022-23			
Total beneficiaries	Referrals made	Lab tests conducted	Cases received Treatment
4931	255	1715	4676





Chapter 5

INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR SKILL DEV. & EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
SANITARY NAPKIN TRAINING & PRODUCTION CENTRE

Due to socio-economic and cultural barriers 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. Experiencing severe health problems due to unhygienic practices including use of unhygienic cloths and other materials during menstruation is common among the rural poor across the valley. The poor women and girls cannot afford to use quality sanitary napkins available in the market.



In view of this situation, WODWICHEE has established a Training and Production Centre for low cost sanitary napkins. This effort has been found to be very effective in both improving the menstrual practices among the poor girls and women and opening up an economic window for the successful trainees of the centre. During the year under report a batch of 10 women have been provided training and out of them 6 have already started their own units producing and selling the low cost sanitary napkins.

Beneficiaries Summary for 2022-23		
Women trained	Placement	self employed
10	3	5

During the year under report a batch of 10 women have been provided training and out of them 6 have already started their own units producing and selling the low cost sanitary napkins.

ARECA NUT PLATE MAKING TRAINING AND PRODUCTION CENTRE

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. 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. WODWICHEE running a Training and Production Center for making Arecanut Plates at Lakshirbond, Hailakandi. A batch of 10 women have been trained during 2022-23.



Chapter 6

NEED BASED PROGRAMMES

SCHOOL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

WODWICHEE running a 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 2022-23, 71 nos. of marginalised students have been enrolled into the school. 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.



AWARENES & PREPARDNESS FOR DISASTER

During the year 2022-23 the region of Barak Valley has faced severe attacks of storms. WODWICHEE has provided preventive training to people and relief, rehabilitation services in the affected areas. With the cooperation of District Disaster Management Authority, Hailakandi the Organisation provided various training and preventive services in remote and severely affected locations. 06 nos. of sensitization programmes



on preparedness and response to disaster have been organized 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.



LOW VISION CENTRE

College Road, P.O. R. P. Road, (Near Satsang Vihar) District Hailakandi

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



The Low Vision Centre had been shifted to College Road, P.O. R. P. Road, District Hailakandi from Cachar on 1st April, 2018. The centre has rendered all the services pertaining to the beneficiaries with low vision. During 2022-23, a total of 396 nos. of beneficiaries have been rendered services through qualified and trained staff of the centre.

Together with this Annual Report, I am also placing herewith the Statement of Accounts for 2022-23 including balance sheet, income-expenditure and receipt-payment audited by M/S Saquei & Co. to the General Body Members for their review, feedback, and approval.

Thank you all & yours truly

Date : 07th April, 2023

Place :Hailakandi


 (K A Choudhury)
 General Secretary
 General Secretary
WODWICHEE
 Lakshirbond, Hailakandi

