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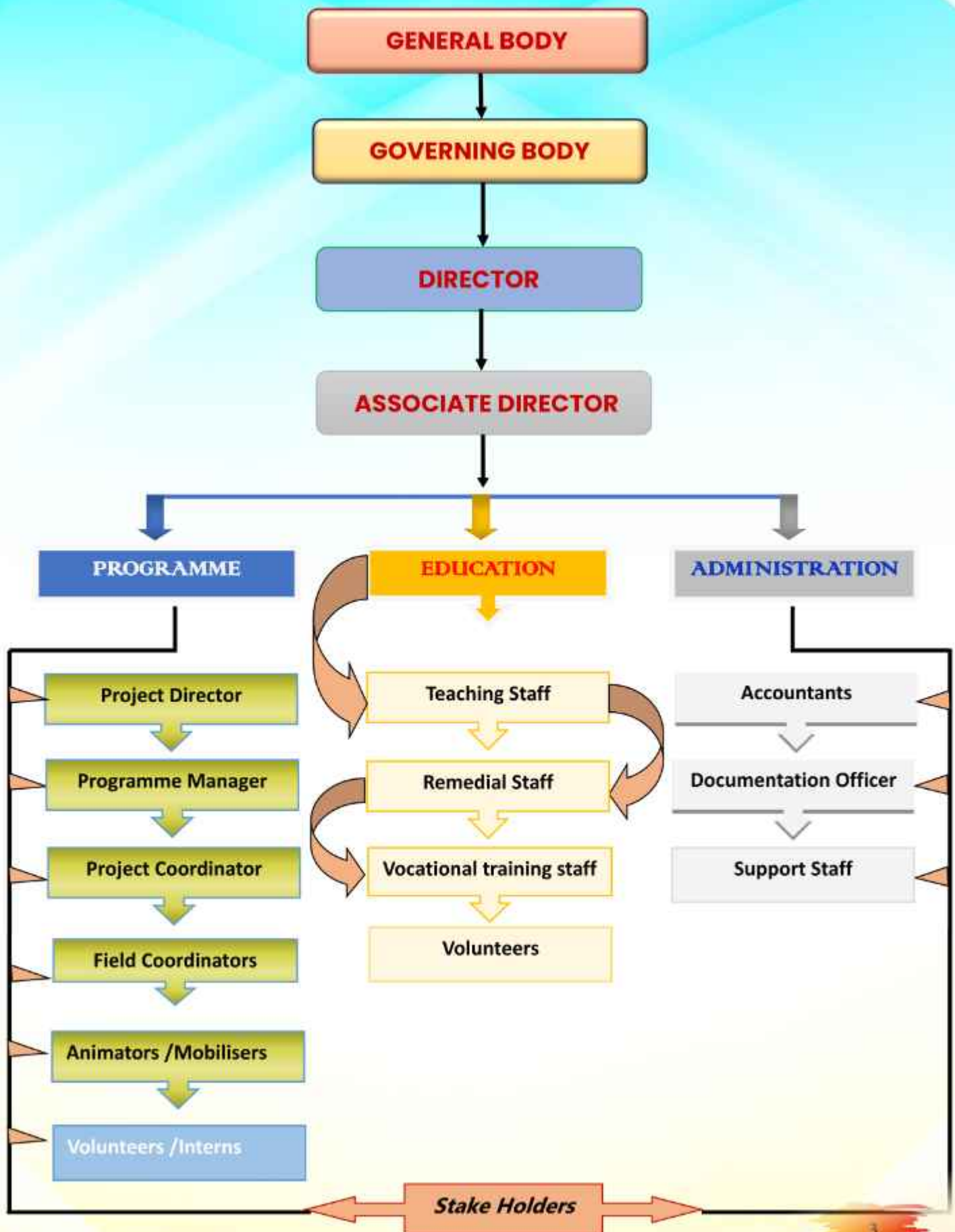
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ABBREVIATIONS

AAU	- Assam Agricultural University
ASDMA	- Assam state disaster Management Authority
ASHA	- Accredited Social Health Activist
ASRLM	- Assam state Rural Livelihood Mission
AWW	- Anganwadi worker
BTC	- Bodoland Territorial Council
CDPOs	- Child development Project Officer
CSO	- Civil Society Organization
DDMP	- District Disaster Management Plan
DICC	- District Industries & Commerce Centre
DSWOs	- District Social Welfare Officers
DWCD	- Directorate of women and child development
FSSM	- Faecal sludge septage management
IAG	- Inter agency group
ICAR-AICRP	- Indian Council of Agricultural Research - All India Coordinated Research Project
ICDS	- Integrated Child Development Service Scheme
IEC	- Information, Education and Communication
KVIC	- Khadi Village industries Commission
ME	- Middle Education
MLD	- Million Liters per Day
MSME	- Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
MUAC	- Mid-Upper Arm Circumference
NDER	- National Disaster Response Force
NGO	- Non-Governmental Organization
NGT	- National Green Tribunal
NHM	- National Health Mission
NIOS	- The National Institute of Open Schooling
NULM	- National Urban Livelihood Mission
PHED	- Public health engineering department
PRI	- Panchayat Raj Institution
PWD	- Person with disabilities
SBC	- Social and behavior Change
SHG	- Self Help Group
TE	- Tea Estate
ULB	- Urban local bodies
VO	- Village Organization
Wash	- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WDC	- Women Development Centre

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE





VISION:

We envision a society where women are treated with respect and they have an equal right in decision making, governance, and access to the property.



MISSION:

To improve the living condition of women and children by taking care of their health, education, employment and social status. We carry out this mission through research, community services, training and capacity building, and advocacy. Our volunteers, outreach workers, and staffs work continuously and selflessly in the remote areas to provide a timely helping hand.

OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE: - Awareness in women and motivate them to improve their situation and to solve their problems in the family and in the village.

TO ENABLE: - The people to bring out their potentialities for productive work and self-reliance through self-help groups and income generating activities.

TO PROMOTE: - Education for girl children by organizing free tuition classes and bawdies in the village.

TO PROVIDE: - Training for women and equip them with basic social development skills and provide opportunities to work as development extension worker or staff of the local women's training centre and women development organizations (NGOs) in North East India.

TO PREPARE: - Women leaders for each village with substantial training in Women Development and empowerment in turn can impart the leadership training skills to other in their villages in order to enhance leadership qualities and potentials in the family, the community and the society.

TO IMPART: - Training to women organizations on value education, home management, community organization, self-help and self-reliance besides networking with them for their development and empowerment.

TO ASSIST: - And train the participants to integrate, mobilize and develop human resources and promote economic orientation through self-respect and remunerative, self-reliant development opportunities in order to enhance family and community development.

TO MAKE: - The people responsible in life and claim their rights for a just and happy living by understanding, practicing and promoting self-reliant development for the poor based on gender sensitive development process, thus enhancing possibilities and potential for corruption free social order based on equality and justice.

TO COLLABORATE: - With government and other secular organization to promote development of Humanitarian activities.

TO IMPROVE: - The general and total health of the participating people of the area through health education, guidance and promotion of herbal practices.

OPERATIONAL AREAS



Message from the Provincial



**Dear Staff, Students, and Well-Wishers,
Warm greetings to each one of you!**

As I reflect on the amazing work being carried out by the Women Development Centre, my heart is filled with immense joy, gratitude, and admiration. The Centre's unwavering mission to uplift young girls who have been forced to drop out of school due to various socio-economic challenges is both noble and deeply impactful. It is far more than an institution—it is a sanctuary of hope, a place where young lives are being rebuilt with love, care, and dignity.

The Women Development Centre offers a nurturing and safe environment where these girls are given a second chance—not only at education but at life itself. With the devoted efforts of our dedicated sisters and staff, each girl is empowered to learn, grow, and discover her inner strength.

I am proud to share that many of these young women have gone on to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives. They have blossomed into confident, empowered individuals who are actively contributing to their families and communities. These young women are no longer victims of circumstance—they are champions of change and beacons of hope for others.

The Centre extends far beyond the classroom. It is about instilling in each girl the values of courage, resilience, and self-reliance. It is about nurturing the potential within them and helping them rise with confidence to shape a brighter future. To all our sisters and staff at the Women Development Centre: I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Your compassion, dedication, and unwavering service are transforming lives every day. I assure my support and encouragement in all your endeavors. You are not only educating girls—you are empowering future leaders, mothers, professionals, and role models. As you uplift these young women, you uplift your entire society. I am confident that the ripple effect of your love and service will continue to inspire generations to come.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sr. Angela'.

Sr. Angela Narzary
Province Animator.

FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK



"Keep going, doing good always and to everyone," "because this is sowing the future, it is sowing happiness, it is sowing peace."
Pope Francis Jan.2025.

It gives me immense joy to present the Annual Report on this significant milestone of completing 25 years. And at the very outset, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Menampampil, Archbishop John Moolachira, all the provincials, each member of the WDC family, our dedicated staff, stakeholders, benefactors, friends, and well-wishers for their invaluable support and contributions.

We have reached this stage thanks to the unwavering trust and active support of our Provincials, who have believed in our ability to deliver on our promise. Along with them, many others have inspired and motivated us to unleash our full potential as we take the next step forward.

In this Jubilee year, we are embarking on a new journey—one that is especially meaningful as we document and record both the milestones we have achieved and the initiatives yet to come in WDC, for the benefit of our beneficiaries and all who are associated with this institution. This year, we successfully launched our website, marking a significant step towards a global presence. It enhances our visibility, builds credibility, and establishes our digital footprint. The platform also enables us to share blogs, showcase our products, and highlight our projects.

Through our diverse initiatives, the **Muga Silk Cluster in Dhemaji** has revived the languishing weaving tradition by supporting 200 farmers in planting and nurturing SOM plants, and by training artisans in Eri/Muga weaving. This effort has empowered women, contributing to better education and health within families.

In **North Lakhimpur and Nagaon**, newly inaugurated WASH infrastructure proved a lifeline during floods. Eco-friendly **Areca nut leaf plate-making** and a **Hawai Chappal unit in Akorabasti** have generated sustainable livelihoods while preserving traditional craftsmanship. With support from **Manos Unidas**, we extended timely relief during devastating floods in Lakhimpur, saving lives and livestock.

In **Guwahati slums**, we reached 2,000 families by motivating and training children and mothers in education and skills. WDC's commitment helped reduce dropouts, encouraged higher education, promoted women empowerment, and fostered environmental sustainability.

Our work in **15 tea gardens** saw 138 boys and girls pass their Secondary and Higher Secondary exams, a proud milestone for their communities. Alongside, plantation of **Areca nut trees in 4,000 families** and training in farm-based enterprises have paved the way toward sustainable livelihoods.

In partnership with UNICEF, our initiatives on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) and WASH in Anganwadis across Goalpara, Nagaon, Barpeta, and Kokrajhar have strengthened the capacities of elected representatives, executive officers, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Functional Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs) are now demonstrating effective technologies and operations that promote health, hygiene, and improved water quality. Nearly 29,000 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) underwent water quality testing, creating a robust state-level database, while WASH conditions in 21,583 AWCs across 11 districts of Assam were systematically assessed. Through our partnership with ASRLM, WASH messages have reached more than 7 lakh SHG members, amplifying community awareness and fostering sustainable hygiene practices across Assam.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we reflect with pride on our collective journey of commitment, innovation, and impact. Our partnerships, perseverance, and shared vision have transformed challenges into opportunities, improving lives and strengthening communities. This jubilee is not only a celebration of our achievements but also a renewal of our promise to continue working towards a healthier, more equitable, and sustainable future for all.

With best wishes



Sr. Betsy
Sr. Betsy Devasia,
Director, WDC

Background :

Women Development Centre, a non-government organization is the social work wing of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Guwahati Province. It was established in January 2000, a Millennium gift to the women of Northeast India. 25 years ago WDC initiated community development programs dedicated to advancing the rights and empowerment of women in Northeast India from Joypur, Guwahati, Assam.

Over the years, WDC has played a pivotal role in transforming the lives of women and girls across the region through its comprehensive programs. These initiatives have enabled more than 1000 school dropouts to complete their education through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). In its efforts to promote economic empowerment, WDC has formed and nurtured more than 1500 women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), trained approximately 10,000 weavers, and connected them with financial services and government schemes. The organization has also made a significant impact in 16 tea garden villages in Assam, where it has improved the living conditions of tea garden communities by providing alternative livelihoods and fostering educational opportunities.

WDC's commitment to social justice is evident in its anti-human trafficking initiatives, safe migration programs, and support for people with special needs in disaster-prone areas. The centre prioritizes health and well-being by organizing health camps, supporting the disaster affected communities; generate awareness on various health, education and nutritional issues. Capacity building is a core area of WDC and with its efficient team; WDC has built capacities of key stakeholders from grassroots level to State level on various topics like faecal sludge septage management (FSSM), WASH in AWCs, livelihood, nutrition, disaster preparedness etc.

Community outreach is central to WDC's mission, with ongoing efforts to raise awareness about gender equality and combat discrimination. Through these diverse and impactful initiatives, WDC continues to empower women in Northeast India, enabling them to overcome challenges and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

WDC is working both with national, international partners as well as Government agencies.

Celebrating 25 Years of Service and Empowering Lives- WDC Silver Jubilee



Chief Guest Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Menampampil

Archbishop Emeritus Thomas Menampampil played a pivotal role in initiating Women Development Centre in Northeast India, supported by Sr. Mercedes Chirayath and Sr. Deepa Mundadan. Their efforts included overcoming challenges like water scarcity which was later addressed by Fr. Lukose's initiatives. WDC is very fortunate to have Dr. Jeuti Baruah, former Director of Law Research Institute of Gauhati High Court and Women of the Millennium Asia Pacific, who took us forward with various governments' contacts to move forward focusing on community development and empowerment. Sr. Betsy shows her gratitude to Fr. Lukose SDB and Rev Fr. Mathew Anchukandam who supported in every further construction projects. She also thanked Ms. Anamika Chowdhury the 1st staff of WDC who joined as Animator and other staff members for the significant role in the organization's growth.



Provincial Sr. Annie Varghese, Sister of the Cross



The First Director of Women Development Centre was Late Sr. Lizy Thomas who came from Kolkata to start the Social Work. She tried to learn the culture and the need of the time. Sr. Agnes Antony joined as the second Director and she put the centre's infrastructure in a better shape. She had helped the flood victims and other parish activities. In 2008 Sr. Betsy Devasia joined as the third Director with the commitment to serve the underprivileged.

WDC has been able to reach out to over a lack of various people, National and International Government Departments because of the support of guidance and encouragement from our Provincials. WDC will forever be grateful to Sr. Mercedes, Sr. Cessy Scaria, Lt. Sr. Jeya Ambrose, Sr. Deepa Mundadan.



WDC is working across 13 districts in Assam, where more than 20,000 women are moving towards economic independence. The organization also engages with 16 tea gardens, reaching over 32,000 people directly and involving 6,000 temporary workers. In six slums in Guwahati, WDC works with around 2,000 households. Supporting over 500 widows and around 1,000 persons with disabilities has been a challenging yet inspiring journey.



Livelihood Interventions

"Development requires expanding the real freedoms that people enjoy. Empowering women to earn and manage livelihoods is central to this freedom" - Dr. Amartya Sen



Distribution of tool kits to artisans for muga silk cluster at Dhemaji

Livelihood generation work at WDC plays a transformative role in empowering women and improving their socio-economic status, particularly among marginalized and rural communities. By focusing on skill development, vocational training, and entrepreneurship, WDC has always supported women to gain the knowledge and resources necessary for income generation and financial independence. Through structured programs WDC supported many women collectives WSHGs in enhancing their skills, and knowledge, aided in financial training, and support for small businesses. WDC not only helps women access better employment opportunities but also promote leadership and decision-making. These initiatives create ripple effects for the broader community — enabling women to take part in governance, access property, and contribute to local economic growth, ultimately fostering gender equality and social inclusion.

SFURTI - a step towards revival

The Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) was launched in 2020 at Gossanibari, Nowboicha Block, North Lakhimpur, with support from the Ministry of MSME, Government of India. The initiative aimed to revitalize traditional industries and enhance livelihood opportunities for tribal artisans in the region. Some of the Key Achievements (2020–2025):

- Infrastructure development: One Common Facility Centre (CFC) and three working sheds were established to support production activities.
- Training and capacity building: Five skill development programs were conducted to strengthen the artisans' technical competencies.
- Machine distribution: Over 300 artisans received production machines to facilitate livelihood generation.

Despite these interventions, the cluster remained non-functional till March 2025. The Cluster Advisory Groups (CAG) conducted five stakeholder meetings, and engaged repeatedly with administrative authorities; however, the cluster has not yet achieved its intended objectives. But with WDCs interventions, the following has been initiated :

On August 29, 2024, Dr. Sukamal Deb, Lead of the Indian Designs and Innovative Crafts (INDIC) Centre, Anant National University, Ahmedabad, visited the WDC project site to assess the SFURTI scheme. He interacted with WDC staff and artisans, identified issues affecting the functionality of the CFC, and communicated recommendations to the MSME Secretary. On November 19, 2024, the District Development Commissioner, Sri Ranjit Swargiyari, ACS, Lakhimpur, visited the CFC. Women artisans submitted a memorandum requesting urgent actions to operationalize the cluster. With renewed administrative focus and



DDC, N. Lakhimpur Sri Ranjit Swargiary, ACS visited the SFURTI Community Facilitation Centre

continued support from stakeholders, there is optimism that the SFURTI cluster at Gossanibari will become fully functional, enabling tribal artisans to benefit economically and contributing to the local economy.

Dirgha Eco Enterprise- a unit empowering marginalized families

District- North Lakhimpur, Boganadi Block, Village: Moridirgha (Akorabasti)

Two Key Production Units:

- I. Arecanut Plate Manufacturing
- II. Rubber Slippers Production

Dirgha ECO Enterprise, located in Moridirgha (Akorabasti) village of Boganadi Block, North Lakhimpur District, has been creating a meaningful impact on the lives of marginalized families. Supported by the WDC and a generous well-wisher, Maritherese Stoppel, the enterprise has been operating two production units — arecanut plate manufacturing and rubber slipper production — from April 2024 to March 31, 2025.

For the arecanut plates, raw materials are sourced from nearby villages using naturally fallen arecanut leaves, promoting sustainability and reducing waste. The rubber slipper production sources materials from larger markets such as Delhi and Ahmedabad. The finished products are primarily sold in local markets across North Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts, with occasional orders delivered to Guwahati, Assam.



Production of Rubber slipper making in progress



Process of Arecanut plate

Through these efforts, Dirgha ECO Enterprise has provided economic stability and renewed hope to the families involved. The Women Development Centre sincerely thanks Maritherese Stoppel and the entire Indie Mission team for their invaluable support.

Needle and thread, strength and skill: Tailoring for women's empowerment

The Vocational Training Centre (VTC) remains a pivotal platform for empowering young girls, particularly those from the slums of Uzan Bazar and students enrolled in the NIOS program. The Centre offers a 6-month diploma course in cutting, tailoring, and basic fashion design, equipping the young girls and women with practical skills that open pathways to a dignified livelihood.



Tailoring class in progress at VTC

Through this training, the girls have gained technical expertise, confidence, and entrepreneurial motivation. Many have secured employment in ready-made garment companies, while others have successfully opened their own tailoring businesses in their villages. These outcomes have enabled the participants to achieve financial independence and contribute to their families' well-being.

The Vocational Training Centre continues to inspire and equip young women, providing them with the skills and confidence to build sustainable livelihoods and stand on their own with pride.



Young girls of NIOS engaged in VTC to enhance their skills

Strengthening Livelihoods of Muga Farmers in Assam

On 27th August 2024, WDC organized programs with the generous support of MANOS UNIDAS, Spain, aimed at strengthening the Muga silk sector in Dhemaji, Assam. The initiative focused on expanding cocoon rearing, improving seed and reeling cocoon production, along with cocooning sheds and rearing equipment.

The program was graced by Sri. Ankur Bharali, DDC of Dhemaji, who highlighted the exceptional qualities of Muga silk—its tensile strength, natural shine, and embroidery-friendly texture—while underscoring its cultural significance in Assamese tradition. He encouraged women and farmers to fully utilize this opportunity and emphasized



DC Dhemaji Shri Ankur Tamuli, ACS along with the Line department Sericulture and village headman Muga Silk

Dignitaries including Sri. Achyut Bora, Asst. Director of Sericulture, and Sri. Nabadeep Kalita, Asst. Director of Handloom Dhemaji, also participated, while media representatives amplified the day's impact.

Key Results Achieved:

- 150 SOM (*Persea bombycina*) farms developed, strengthening the foundation of Muga production.
- 150 farmers equipped with toolkits (sprayers, spades, and trays), improving farming practices.
- Enhanced quality and quantity of Muga silk, leading to improved productivity and income for artisan farmers.
- Community cooperation strengthened, fostering shared growth and mutual support.

Challenges Addressed

- Inadequate irrigation for some SOM saplings and price fluctuations in the Muga silk market posed difficulties; however, the initiative has already demonstrated significant livelihood improvements. Additionally, a training program on the usage and benefits of manure was held at Borbam Kachari village for 150 SOM farmers conducted by Rupanjali Deauri, Field Demonstrator, District Sericulture Department.

Looking forward, WDC envisions facilitating access to modern technology such as improved looms, reeling/spinning centres, and dye houses. These will:

- Reduce individual investment burdens.
- Improve product quality and productivity.
- Enable artisans to share best practices, adopt quality control measures, and respond to market trends.
- Promote innovation in design, enhancing the value of Muga silk in evolving markets.

Despite existing challenges, the initiative has made tangible progress in improving the livelihoods of Muga artisans and farmers in Assam. WDC remains committed to build on this momentum and deeply appreciates the unwavering support and trusts of MANOS UNIDAS, Spain, in making this vision a reality.



Women attending the inauguration function at Dhemaji



Working shed construction, in progress



Foundation Stone for working shed laid by Rev. Fr. Philip Barla
Parish Priest of N. Lakhimpur

Strengthening of WASH Infrastructure and Services

Improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene can save 1.4 million lives per year — World Health Organization (WHO)

Strengthening WASH for Health, Education, and Resilience in Assam

Access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene is fundamental to improving health, preventing disease, and ensuring dignity. WDC, along with Government and with other long-standing partners like MANOS UNIDAS, UNICEF etc, has worked consistently to strengthen WASH practices in both rural and urban settings. Beyond community-level interventions, WDC has contributed to faecal sludge and septage management in towns and initiated sustainable WASH improvements in preschools across seven aspirational and one non-aspirational district.



At the community level, WDC has successfully implemented WASH infrastructure projects in some of the state's most flood-affected and remote regions. In Nagaon's Raha Block, four raised hand pumps and two community toilets were constructed, benefiting over 1,600 people. Community user groups were formed and trained to ensure sustainable operation, maintenance, and hygiene promotion. Similarly, in North Lakhimpur, six raised hand pumps and three community toilets were built across highly vulnerable villages, improving sanitation coverage and providing safe drinking water to 2,850 people. Community ownership was embedded through the creation of user groups, training on hygiene practices, and behaviour change promotion.

These interventions highlight WDC's dual approach—strengthening institutional systems in health and education while addressing urgent community needs. The collective efforts have improved access to safe water, reduced disease burden during floods, enhanced sanitation coverage, and empowered frontline workers and community members to sustain WASH practices.

Strengthening WASH in Institutions – at Anganwadi centre (pre-school)

UNICEF Assam has been a long-standing partner of WDC to strengthen Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene practices in rural areas of Assam and also supported urban WASH through faecal sludge septage management projects.

Since 2022, UNICEF has been supporting the Directorate of Women and Child Development (DWCD), Assam, through WDC in strengthening WASH in pre-schools i.e. Anganwadi centres. The focus is on the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across seven aspirational districts and one non-aspirational district (Kokrajhar). Through this collaboration,



Water quality testing in progress in AWCs

WDC has provided technical and field-level support to assess WASH conditions in pre-schools, focusing on the needs of vulnerable children, caregivers, and communities. As part of this initiative, WDC has contributed to the development of a comprehensive database covering 21,583 AWCs, enabling better monitoring, identification of gaps, and targeted interventions to improve WASH infrastructure and practices across the state.

This collaboration reflects WDC's commitment in supporting child well-being, promoting hygiene awareness, and empowering frontline workers to implement sustainable WASH solutions in Assam.

Objectives of the WASH in AWC project:

- To provide technical support to DWCD, Assam, for creating a comprehensive WASH database in AWCs.
- Strengthen the monitoring system for WASH in AWCs.
- Capacitate key officials and ICDS supervisors to improve WASH facilities.
- Promote convergence and leverage resources from line departments through district-level action plans.

State Profile

Assam's ICDS program, operational since 1980, now has 230 of 231 sanctioned ICDS projects, covering 61,736 AWCs. Despite progress, safe drinking water remains limited; only 43.28% of rural households have access. Awareness of sanitation and hygiene is low, and menstruation-related stigma persists. WASH plays a pivotal role in improving the health and nutrition of children, adolescent girls, and women.

With WDC-UNICEF partnership, an assessment on WASH was taken up in all AWCs of 7 districts which can be seen below in the table:

District	Total AWCs	Assessments Completed	% Completion
Baksa	2638	2638	100%
Barpeta	2914	2914	100%
Darrang	2163	2163	100%
Dhubri	2409	2409	100%
Goalpara	2488	2448	100%
Hailakandi	1374	1374	100%
Udalguri	1440	1440	100%
Kokrajhar	1647	1647	100%
Nagaon	4004	4004	100%
Chirang	920	920	100%
Morigaon	2137	2137	100%
Total	24,134	21,583	100%

Progress and Key Interventions

Third Phase Initiation: Extended partnership with DWCD to strengthen WASH in AWCs, including capacity building of CDPOs, AWWs, and AWHs.

District-Level Training: 520 participants from Darrang, Nagaon, Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Udalguri, Baksa, and Chirang trained during Poshan Pakhwada, focusing on WASH practices and Faecal Sludge Septage Management (FSSM).

- Costed Action Plans (SAPs): Based on assessment gaps in 8 districts (Goalpara, Baksa, Barpeta, Udalguri, Kokrajhar, Darrang, Dhubri, Hailakandi), plans were developed with an estimated cost of INR 81.68 Crores.
- Water Quality Monitoring: Developed a uniform platform using Google-based tools. 32,343 AWCs submitted water sources for testing; 13,529 certificates uploaded.
- Rainwater Harvesting Systems: Designed for ~2,500 AWCs across seven aspirational districts (₹16,000 per AWC). Systems support kitchen gardens and act as educational models for water conservation.

- Repair and Maintenance: Advocacy led to repair of 312 damaged AWCs in Barpeta (₹19, 61,500).

- District and Block-Level Meetings: 164 stakeholders across Nagaon, Chirang, and Morigaon, and 185 participants in Barpeta and Goalpara, trained on WASH, Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), and solid-liquid waste management.

- Monthly Meetings & VHSND Sessions: Over 500 AWWs regularly updated; ~1,500 women, including mothers and pregnant women, trained on WASH and MHM.

- Poshan Abhiyaan: Reached over 10,000 participants with WASH messages.

- Breastfeeding Week: Supported 500 mothers integrating WASH practices; contributed to the Stop Diarrhoea Movement. Initiatives implemented using 15th Finance Commission funds in Goalpara, Barpeta, Nagaon, and Morigaon blocks, promoting safe disposal and hygiene practices.

ACHIEVEMENT

- 21,583 AWCs in 7 aspirational and 4 non-aspirational districts documented.
- 28,949 AWCs tested water quality and 13,529 testing certificates uploaded.
- 2,500 AWCs equipped with systems supporting kitchen gardens and environmental education.
- 520 participants trained on WASH covering faecal sludge management and orientation sessions for over 500 AWWs.
- WASH-Nutrition messages reached 454 CLFs, 12,696 VOs, and 7,16,842 members.

INNOVATION

- 2,500 AWCs equipped to conserve water and grow fresh produce for children, doubling as learning hubs for students and communities.
- Real-time tracking of water quality in AWCs; first large-scale digital initiative for state-level WASH monitoring.
- Special focus on faecal sludge management in district-level trainings during Poshan Pakhwada, building technical capacity of officials and frontline workers.

Strengthening WASH in Institutions – at Health Care facilities

Access to safe water, sanitation, hygiene, waste management, and cleaning services in Health Care Facilities (HCFs) is central to improving health outcomes, reducing healthcare-associated infections, and ensuring dignified care. Despite the national and global gaps highlighted by WHO/UNICEF reports, Assam has made significant progress through concerted interventions under the WASH in HCFs program, with UNICEF's technical support to the National Health Mission (NHM) and convergence with allied departments.



Block level Meeting at Mandia Barpeta



Breastfeeding celebration and Rice ceremony in Dantol AWC

Key Interventions and Results:

The program prioritized building institutional capacities and ensuring systemic improvements. At the district level, training sessions were conducted in Goalpara and Kokrajhar, engaging 60 key officials including Joint Directors, District Program Managers, and Kayakalp assessors. These sessions enhanced technical knowledge on WASH protocols, NQAS assessment, and strengthened cross-departmental collaboration with the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).

At the block level, four large-scale training sessions engaged 260 frontline health workers across both districts focusing on infection prevention, biomedical waste (BMW) management, water safety, and dignity of sanitation workers. This created a cadre of skilled personnel able to identify and address WASH gaps, maintain records, and apply gap-assessment tools effectively.

Regular monthly and quarterly review meetings ensured continuous feedback loops, alignment with district priorities, and real-time problem solving. More than 11 meetings per district had been held, building a strong monitoring ecosystem.



Objectives:

- ❑ To build the capacity of key stakeholders on WASH in HCFs.
- ❑ Provide technical supporting WASH assessment of HCF in line with LaQshya.
- ❑ Strengthen linkages of NHM with other allied departments like PHED, and P&RD to address the WASH gaps in HCFs.
- ❑ To strengthen state and district monitoring mechanisms for WASH in HCFs.



With the team of National Assessor for NQAS in Kokrajhar

Major interventions:

- **Innovations in Water Quality Management:** A significant innovation has been the institutionalization of water quality testing across HCFs. With 670 FTK kits distributed and PHED laboratories engaged, pre-monsoon water quality testing was made mandatory. Over 500 HCFs have conducted water quality tests, supported with 600 bacteriological vials. Corrective actions included comprehensive tank cleaning, disinfection, and the establishment of twice-yearly testing protocols. This innovation not only improved the safety of drinking water but also strengthened disaster and emergency preparedness.
- **Handholding and Certification Support:** Direct technical support was provided to districts in securing national-level certifications. Continuous mentoring enabled 13 of 65 HCFs in Goalpara, Kokrajhar, Chirang, and Udalguri to achieve NQAS standards. Similarly, 67 HCFs successfully obtained BMW certification from the State Pollution Control Board. More than 50 HCFs in Goalpara and 64 in the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) were supported in Kayakalp preparedness.
- **Capacity Building and Inclusion:** The program trained over 1,078 healthcare professionals on WASH, infection prevention, and waste management. Additionally, 160 officials received training in water quality testing and 309 sanitation workers were capacitated in collaboration with SIPRD and UNICEF. These efforts advanced the agenda of clean, green, climate-resilient health facilities aligned with NPCCHH guidelines. Inclusion was emphasized through advocacy for menstrual hygiene management (MHM). A dedicated MHM corner was successfully established at Anujuli AAM-SC, with plans for scale-up through VHSNC platforms.

More than 800 participants engaged in VHSND sessions, with ASHAs and ANMs supported to deliver integrated water, sanitation, and health messages.

Key Achievements:

- Institutionalized water quality testing in 500+ HCFs with corrective measures.
- Strengthened disaster-resilient WASH systems through PHED convergence.
- Enabled 13 HCFs to achieve NQAS certification and 67 to secure BMW certification.
- Advocated construction of BMW pits in 19 HCFs, with six completed in Kokrajhar.
- Mainstreamed MHM through VHSNC advocacy and functional corners.
- Built capacities of over 1,500 officials, workers, and health professionals.



Water Quality Test Samples Using FTK



Technical support for segregation of bio-medical waste provided to HCPs

WASH in Schools – Investing in Children and Communities

WDC in partnership with UNICEF prioritized WASH in Schools (WinS), recognizing its role in improving education, health, and gender equity. In schools, a robust WinS monitoring mechanism was rolled out in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha Assam (SmSA). Over 1,800 Swachhata Action Plans (SAPs) were developed by head teachers and fed into district plans, embedding WASH into school governance.

Capacity building was extensive:

- 100 Master Trainers were prepared on the Clean, Green, and Climate-Resilient Schools (CCES) training package.
- 18,919 teachers, SMC members, Child Cabinet members, and Mothers' groups were trained in WASH, resulting in stronger institutional ownership.
- Eco-clubs were activated in 25 schools to promote waste segregation, composting, and Mission Life activities.



ECO clubs' student at work

A major achievement was the strengthening of Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs). Dedicated MHM corners were set up in five schools, and 21 matrons were trained to support adolescent girls, creating safe and informed learning environments. More than 2,500 girls received direct training on MHM, while nearly 15,000 students, teachers, and mid-day meal workers were reached during global observances.

Key Achievements:

- Over 71,000 households supported for new toilets under SBM-G.
- 19,268 villages declared as ODF+ Model Villages; another 5,900 schools equipped with pipe composting units.
- 321 sanitation workers trained on safety and dignity.
- 2850 people in Lakhimpur and 1600 in Nagaon directly benefited from community WASH infrastructure.

Celebration of World Environment Day, World Toilet Day, and MHM Day

WDC in partnership with UNICEF celebrated important events. About 2,500 adolescent girl students were trained on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM), and around 15,000 students, Mid-Day Meal (MDM) cooks, and teachers were reached out to in 5 districts during World Environment Day, World Toilet Day, and World Water Day.

Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) – Building urban resilience

Access to safe sanitation and sustainable WASH services continues to be one of Assam's pressing development needs. With rapid urbanization and climate challenges, the management of faecal sludge and septage (FSSM),

alongside strengthening institutional WASH in schools, Anganwadi centres, and healthcare facilities, is critical for safeguarding public health and dignity. In 2024–25, the Women Development Centre, with technical support from UNICEF, played a pivotal role in advancing the Government of Assam's efforts to institutionalize climate-resilient and inclusive sanitation solutions across both rural and urban landscapes. The FSSM program focused on strengthening systems in Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) through training, handholding support, and awareness generation. A key innovation was the household sanitation assessment in Kokrajhar, where 750 households were surveyed using

the mWater application. This digital approach enabled the creation of analytical reports that helped ULBs prioritize investments and services.

Large-scale behavioural change campaign using effective IEC (information, education and communication) materials were initiated reaching over 1.4 lakh people through wall paintings, community events, and observance of World Toilet Day, World Environment Day, and World Handwashing Day. A notable highlight was the "Malasur" awareness campaign, which used creative communication such as street art and mimicking to demystify safe de-slugging practices.

Infrastructure innovations were also demonstrated, including retrofitted community and public toilets with pay-and-use systems in Goalpara and Nagaon. In Goalpara, a climate-resilient FSTP was designed and showcased, with compost generated from the facility already being procured for agricultural use, promoting circular economy practices.

The results have been significant:

In Goalpara, 20 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) were rolled out for de-slugging and IEC activities, bylaws for FSSM were formulated and adopted, and exposure visits familiarized 50 stakeholders with FSTP technologies.

Case Study – From Awareness to Action in Goalpara

In Goalpara, the convergence of FSSM and institutional WASH offers a compelling case study. Here, SHGs trained under the FSSM program not only engaged in desludging services but also became community educators, linking sanitation to health and livelihood. Their work, supported by bylaws and monitoring systems, enabled Goalpara to apply for ODF++ status and showcase its FSTP in the Republic Day parade, reaching 11,000 people. This integration of service delivery, governance, and community participation reflects how innovations can scale when local ownership is ensured.

In Nagaon, over 200 sanitation workers were trained, 165 PPE kits distributed, 5,000 students sensitized, and 1,000 Anganwadi workers oriented on FSSM, embedding sanitation awareness across multiple layers of society.

Barpeta and Kokrajhar also undertook training programs for elected representatives, sanitation workers, youth, and officials, ensuring long-term capacity for urban sanitation services.

These activities not only improved FSSM coverage but also made advances in urban-rural convergence (URC), ensuring coordination between PHED, P&RD, and ULBs for sustainable sanitation.

WDC's Commitment to WASH in Flood-Affected Communities of North Lakhimpur, Assam

Women Development Centre (WDC), with the valuable support of MANOS UNIDAS, Spain, implemented a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure project to address critical needs in the flood-prone villages of North Lakhimpur District, Assam. The project was officially inaugurated on 19th November 2024 by Sri. Ranjit Swargiary, District Development Commissioner, North Lakhimpur, and handed over to the community for their use. Technical guidance was provided by Sri. Rudra Kanta Borah, Engineer, PNRD, Nowboicha Block, ensuring high-quality construction standards.



Lighting of the Lamp by DDC, N. Lakhimpur Sri Ranjit Swargiary, ACS

Key Interventions:

- **Access to Safe Water through raised hand-pumps:** Construction of 6 raised hand-pumps in Singara, Borgoya Gendhali, Dewaramora, Jariguri Pokonia, Rangapathar, and Kawai Bhuruka villages. These structures provide reliable and safe water sources even during flood conditions, preventing water contamination and waterborne diseases.
- **Improved Sanitation Facilities:** Installation of 3 community toilet complexes in Kawai Bhuruka, Dewaramora, and Borgoya Gendhali. These facilities significantly reduced open defecation, improved overall sanitation coverage.
- **Community Ownership & Capacity Building:** Formation of Community User Groups (CUGs) in every village to take responsibility for facility maintenance. Members were trained in hygiene promotion, safe water handling, and sanitation practices, fostering behaviour change and ensuring the sustainability of WASH interventions.

Innovations Introduced



Malasur Wall Painting

- **Raised Hand-pump Technology:** Designed to remain functional during floods, ensuring continuous access to potable water in disaster-prone regions.
- **Community-Managed WASH Systems:** Shifting ownership to user groups ensured that facilities are not only maintained but also become platforms for promoting collective responsibility and healthy practices.
- **Integration of Hygiene Promotion with Infrastructure:** Combining hardware (hand-pumps and toilets) with software components (behaviour change, awareness training) maximized health benefits and minimized risks of waterborne diseases.

Achievements & Impact

- The project has directly benefitted 2,850 marginalized tribal community members living in some of the most remote and flood-affected areas of Nowboicha Block.
- Communities now have assured access to clean water and improved sanitation coverage, significantly reducing vulnerability to outbreaks of diarrhoea, cholera, and other water-related illnesses.
- Women and children, who earlier faced unsafe and unhygienic conditions, now have access to safe, private, and reliable sanitation facilities, enhancing dignity, health, and safety.
- The initiative has strengthened community resilience, enabling people to cope better during floods and maintain essential hygiene standards.

Sustainability Measures



Sri Ranjit Swargiary, DDC, N. Lakhimpur Inaugurated the elevated community sanitary complex for flood affected areas



User group

- Operation & Maintenance (O&M) frameworks are embedded through trained CUGs, who oversee cleanliness and repair, supported by local governance institutions.
- Behavioural change communication (BCC) efforts continue to reinforce the importance of handwashing, safe water storage, and toilet usage.
- Strong partnerships with district authorities ensure continued technical oversight and monitoring for long-term functionality.

WASH for Resilience: Transforming Lives in Raha Block

Women Development Centre with the generous support of **MANOS UNIDAS, Spain**, successfully implemented a WASH infrastructure development project in four remote and flood-prone villages of Raha Block in Nagaon District — Pub-Guimar, Guimari, Raha Gorhmari, and Singhaon Chaparmukh. The project, launched with the foundation stone in April 2024, was completed by 31st December 2024 and formally inaugurated and handed over to the community on 17th January 2025. The ceremony was graced by Madam Phyllis VLH Hrangchal, Co-District Commissioner, Raha, as Chief Guest, along with Madam Suprabha Roy, Circle Officer Raha, and Sister Betsy Devasia, Director of WDC, in the presence of community leaders, dignitaries, and media representatives.



Inauguration of the WASH Project at Nogaon Dist. by Smt. Phyllis VLH Hrangchal, Co-District Commissioner, Raha Block and Smt. Suprava Roy, Circle Officer, Raha

Key Interventions

- 4 Raised Hand-pumps constructed, providing flood-resilient and safe drinking water access.
- 2 Community Toilets built, ensuring improved sanitation for men, women, children, and persons with disabilities.
- 40 User Group members trained on operation & maintenance (O&M), hygiene promotion, and behaviour change to ensure sustainability and community ownership.

Innovation

- Raised Hand-pump Technology ensured uninterrupted access to portable water during floods, addressing a recurring challenge in the area.
- Inclusive Sanitation Facilities were designed to cater to diverse needs — boys, girls, men, women, and differently-abled persons.
- Community-Led O&M model embedded sustainability by empowering local User Groups to manage and maintain the facilities.

Outcomes:

- Direct and indirect benefits reached over 1,600 people in the four villages.
- Reduced incidence of waterborne diseases among children, especially during flood seasons.
- Improved sanitation coverage and dignity through accessible toilet facilities, particularly benefiting women and vulnerable groups.
- Enhanced hygiene awareness and adoption of safe practices due to regular promotion and behaviour change activities by trained User Groups.

Empowerment through Education

"If you educate a man, you educate an individual. But if you educate a woman, you educate an entire nation." - Mahatma Gandhi



Students of NIOS during their class time

WDC has been at the forefront of empowering young tribal girls across Northeast India through the **National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)** programme. For many of these girls, who come from diverse communities and challenging socio-economic backgrounds, NIOS provides an alternative pathway to continue their education and pursue future aspirations.

WDC's role goes beyond academics—it creates a nurturing and inclusive environment where students overcome language barriers, build confidence, and develop essential life skills. Regular support in English, computer training, and vocational exposure equips them with both knowledge and practical abilities for life beyond school. Living and learning together also fosters unity among students from different cultural groups, teaching them the values of cooperation, respect, and shared responsibility.

The results have been remarkable, with students successfully completing their education, growing in confidence, and emerging better prepared to contribute positively to their families, communities, and society.

Every year, young girls from diverse tribal communities—including Garo, Naga, Kuki, Bodo, Assamese, Khasi, Karbi, Lalung, and Adivasi—come together from different states of the Northeast with a



Educational exposure to Delhi

shared dream: to complete their schooling and pursue their aspirations. Many come to the Institute facing challenges such as language barriers, since English is the medium of instruction, and the need to adapt to a culturally diverse environment. Through structured ice-breaking sessions, familiarization activities, and the establishment of daily routines, students gradually build confidence, strengthen social connections, and integrate into their new setting. NIOS serves as the only bridge to formal learning and future opportunities.

The programme not only supports them in completing their schooling but also nurtures life skills, values, and self-confidence, ensuring they are equipped to pursue higher studies or vocational opportunities. For tribal girls who might otherwise face dropout, early marriage, or limited prospects, NIOS has become a transformative platform—turning aspirations into achievements.



Tour to Dreamland

Participation in co-curricular activities further enriched their learning. Students actively contributed to celebrations of International Women's Day, Teachers' Day, Children's Day, Environment Day, Annual Day, and Christmas, showcasing creativity, leadership, and teamwork. For the first time, an educational tour to Delhi was organized, enabling students to explore India's historical landmarks such as the Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, India Gate, and Gandhi Smriti. This exposure broadened their horizons, deepened their understanding of history, and inspired them to envision a larger future.

The year's journey reflects more than academic achievement—it represents the transformation of young tribal girls into confident, motivated individuals prepared to face challenges with knowledge, skills and values.



Students performing during Christmas celebration at WDC

Success Stories

I'm Maryqueen Sohphoh from Shillong Meghalaya.

My journey at the Women Development Centre: A New Beginning with Purpose. My journey through Class 12 at Women Development Centre was a true turning point in my life. Coming from a background where opportunities for girls are often limited or overlooked, I was fortunate to study in an environment that genuinely believed in empowering young women through education, encouragement and care.

WDC gave me more than just academic knowledge—it helped me grow into a more confident, disciplined, and determined person. The road wasn't always easy. I had to balance household responsibilities with studies, battle moments of self-doubt, and push through challenges that sometimes felt overwhelming. But I never gave up. With the constant support of all the Sisters, Teachers and the motivation from my peers, I stayed focused and worked hard. And in the end, my efforts paid off when I secured First Division in my Class 12 NIOS Board Exams. That result was more than just a grade—it was proof that when girls are given the right environment, support, and belief, they can overcome any obstacle and achieve greatness.

My Future Plans: Education as a Path and a Purpose: This achievement has only fuelled my passion for learning and personal growth. I'm now pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree and aim to build a career that not only supports my family but also allows me to give back to my community in meaningful ways. I aspire to become a role model for other girls—especially those from rural or underprivileged areas—showing them that education is not just a tool for success, but a path to independence, dignity, and self-worth.

One day, I hope to return to centres like the one that shaped me and mentor young girls the way I was mentored. I want to be a voice of encouragement, a guide, and an example of what's possible. If today I stand stronger, wiser, and more hopeful, it's because someone believed in me. Now, I want to be that person for others.



I am Aniya Taba from Arunachal Pradesh. My journey at WDC has been a path of growth, learning and transformation. With the constant guidance of our sisters, teachers, I could complete my class 10 and 12 from WDC and discovered my true potential. For one year I served as an assistant teacher. Today I have stepped forward to pursue my higher studies at Arunadoya University. I am forever thankful to WDC for shaping my path.



My name is Susmita Aind. I am from Mariani Jorhat, I completed my 10th from Don Bosco girls high school but due to illness I had to stop my studies for some time. Later on Sr. Deepa from our parish informed me about the WDC center and she helped me to get in touch with them.

In WDC Guwahati I completed my class 12 in the year 2024. After completing my exams I joined hotel management at ATA Strive in Kamrup. While I was at WDC Sr. Betsy and all the teachers gave me lots of support and encouragement. Because of their motivation and support, I have received a job placement in Mumbai.

I give all the credit to Sr. Betsy and Sr Silche for the guidance and support that I got this opportunity to start earning and make a carrier. Thank you



Reaching Out to the Marginalized in the Slums of Guwahati

"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice." - Nelson Mandela.



Sri M. Debakanta Singha, Child Protection Officer, Chandmari P.S.

Women and Child Development has always prioritized inclusive growth and equitable access to opportunities for all, particularly the marginalized communities residing in urban slums. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by these populations —ranging from inadequate housing and sanitation to limited access to education and health services—WDC has actively engaged in targeted interventions to improve living standards.

The slum project represents a concerted effort to empower women, children, and vulnerable families by ensuring access to essential social services, skill development, and financial

inclusion schemes. Through collaborative partnerships with local authorities, NGOs, and communities, WDC has facilitated the formation of children's and women's groups, enrollment in education and savings schemes, and awareness campaigns on health, hygiene, and child protection. This initiative underscores WDC's commitment to building resilient communities where every individual has the opportunity to thrive and participate meaningfully in society.

Sustainable Improvement of Education and Training of Girls and Young Women in the Slum Areas of Guwahati, Assam / India

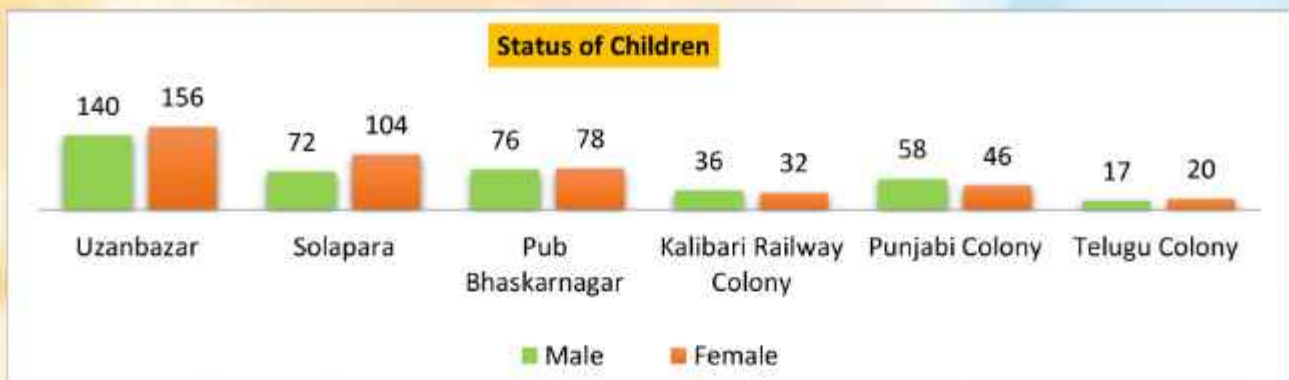
Objective:

- ❏ Six Urban slums in Guwahati city incorporate and demonstrate child centred and women empowerment approaches in the areas of Health & Nutrition, Education, Livelihood and Protection (HELP) model through their improved access to services and entitlements.
- ❏ Enhanced capacity for advocacy by children and communities has made services delivery more effective and accountable to the vulnerable.
- ❏ Guwahati Municipal WDC team in implementation of urban slums interventions.

Major interventions:

Under this project some major interventions, which transformed the lives in slums giving them better opportunities and strengthening the linkages with various Government schemes and services. Below are some major highlights:

- **Children's Empowerment:** 22 Children's Groups were successfully formed, creating a platform for peer learning, leadership, and child participation.
- **Financial Inclusion:** 22 girl beneficiaries were enrolled under the Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme (SSS), ensuring future financial security.
- **Education Retention:** 64 children were re-enrolled into schools and sustained their education. Attendance improved significantly, with 90% regularity recorded, contributing to reduced dropout rates. The pass percentage in Secondary and Higher Secondary Board Examinations rose to 97%, demonstrating academic improvement.



- **Child Protection Mechanisms:** 6 Child Protection Committees were established across 6 slums. These committees, consisting of community leaders (men and women), child representatives from Children's Parliament, civil society organizations, and line departments, raised awareness on child care, protection, and rights at the community level.

Campaigns and Observances

- **Save the Environment Campaign (31st May – 4th June 2024):** Under the theme "Reuse and Recycle of Waste Plastic Household Articles", children created flower pots from plastic bottles, while Women Groups initiated kitchen gardening with seasonal vegetables. Weekly cleanliness drives were carried out. The campaign culminated with World Environment Day under the global theme "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience", marked by an awareness rally, plantation of saplings, and community-led sessions. Government officials, civil society representatives, and community leaders shared insights on climate change mitigation.



WDC celebrated World Environment Day 2025 with the slum communities

- **World Day against Child Labour (12th June 2024):** Organized in collaboration with Childline Guwahati and Chandmari Police Station, held at Bhaskar Vidyapeeth Hr Sec School with 74 participants. The event was graced by Chandmari Police Station SI, Mr. Debakanta Sinha, as Chief Guest, who emphasized vigilance against social issues and police support for child safety. Mr. Aboni Haloï, Supervisor, Childline, explained child labour with real-life examples. Children (10–14 years) exhibited thought-provoking drawings on the theme, impressing guests with their deep understanding.



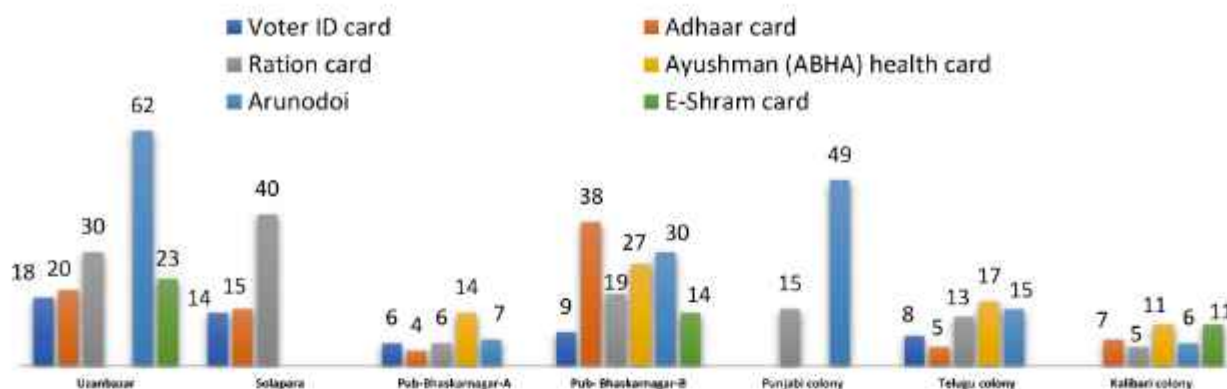
- **Child Rights Week (14th – 20th November 2024):** Activities included an inspirational movie show for 250 children, a Sports Day at Nehru Stadium with 166 participants, a quiz competition with 11 participants, and a flower-making competition for girls and young women. The week concluded with a cultural programme under the theme “Listen to the Future”, with 400 children and youth participating. Chief Guest Dr. A.K. Absar Hazarika, Chairman of Assam Red Cross and former Deputy Commissioner, highlighted the importance of child protection. A moving story narrated by children about a rescued girl emphasized the urgency of collective responsibility in protecting vulnerable children.



Youth Programmes	Women & Mothers Programmes
Advanced Diploma in Computer Application (12 months)	Women's Groups increased from 46 to 71, with participation rising from 504 to 788 women.
Diploma in Computer Application (6 months)	Income Generation: 46 Women's Groups started enterprises such as tailoring, detergent-making, ready-to-eat foods, liquid handwash, pickle-making, and petty shops.
Diploma in Spoken English (6 months)	Infrastructure Access: 25 households received water connections in Pub Bhaskarnagar.
Diploma in Tailoring (6 months)	Public Amenities: 10 street lamps installed in Pub Bhaskarnagar.
Certificate Course in Beautician (2 months)	Civic Advocacy: Guwahati Municipal Corporation approved and sanctioned a road construction application submitted by Women's Groups.
2 girls and 2 young women participated in a one-day bamboo and cane products workshop.	Governance Participation: WDC facilitated engagement in the Ward Sabha process. Community consultations prioritized: Construction of internal roads and drainage. Creation of a safe space for children's activities. Establishment of a Common Service Centre (CSC) for doorstep access to entitlements.



Beneficiaries of Govt. Schemes and Entitlements during 2024-25



Graph highlights the entitlements received by the marginalized women in various intervened areas

These achievements highlight the empowerment of marginalized women, ensuring their access to entitlements, rights, and resources. This approach strengthens equality, equity, and resilience in the slum communities of Guwahati.

Flood Intervention: From Crisis to Resilience

Floods in Assam devastate human lives every year—submerging homes, destroying crops, and cutting families off from food, clean water, and shelter. The poorest and most marginalized, particularly women and children, are the worst affected.

In July 2024, WDC responded to help appeal from the flood-hit villages in Nowboicha and Karunabari Blocks of Lakhimpur District. With the timely support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Manos Unidas and WILGA Delhi, WDC reached over to 1000 families with emergency food kits, shelter kits, hygiene supplies, baby kits, and cattle fodder, ensuring that both survival and livelihoods were safeguarded.



With strong convergence of resources and mind, WDC demonstrated an inclusive and effective model of emergency response. These interventions not only provided immediate relief but also helped restore dignity, protect vulnerable groups, and build resilience among flood-affected communities.

Emergency Flood Relief Intervention – Lakhimpur District, Assam (August 2024)

In the wake of the July 2024 floods in North Lakhimpur, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) extended timely support to the Women Development Centre (WDC), enabling the delivery of critical relief to flood-affected families in Karunabari and Lakhimpur Blocks of Assam.

From 2nd to 5th August 2024, a total of 230 marginalized households were reached across 5 villages and relief materials were disbursed.





Relief Interventions:

- **Food Security:** Distribution of food kits.
- **Shelter Support:** Provision of tarpaulins, mosquito nets, and buckets with mugs.
- **Health & Hygiene Kits:** Distribution of stationery items
- **Special Care:** Baby kits from WDC's emergency fund to support young mothers and infants.

Leadership and Coordination:

The intervention was led by Sr. Betsy (Director, WDC) and Ms. Bhagyawati Bhuyan (Project Director, WDC), with dedicated field support from Sanju Singh, Mahananda Bora, and Probin Nath. On-ground efforts were strengthened through collaboration with Fr. Philip Barla (Parish Priest, North Lakhimpur) and Fr. Michael Soreng (Parish In-charge, Doolahat). To ensure smooth and transparent operations, WDC maintained close communication with the District Administration throughout the relief distribution.

Challenges addressed:

Every year, villages such as Sonapur, Noiporia, Kakoi Rajghar, Balijan, Kakoi Basti, Bogolijan, and Ranjagan face recurrent floods. Through this collaborative effort, WDC and CRS demonstrated the importance of community-driven, inclusive, and rapid emergency response.

WDC extends heartfelt gratitude to CRS, district authorities, community leaders, and well-wishers for their invaluable support and cooperation in serving the most vulnerable during the recent floods.

Comprehensive Relief Support for Flood Survivors in Nowboicha and Karunabari of Lakhimpur District, Assam (July 2024)

In the aftermath of severe floods across Assam, WDC received urgent appeals from affected villages where communities faced a life-and-death situation. Responding swiftly, Manos Unidas and WILGA Delhi extended timely support, enabling WDC to deliver emergency relief to the most vulnerable households.



Community receiving flood kits from WDC at Lakhimpur

Following all required government protocols, and with the active involvement of village leaders and local administration in identifying the worst-affected families, WDC carried out relief operations in Nowboicha and Karunabari Blocks of Lakhimpur District from 16th to 19th July 2024.

Relief Interventions:

- Food Kits to address immediate hunger.
- Shelter Kits for temporary housing.
- Hygiene Kits to prevent waterborne diseases.
- Baby Kits to meet the special needs of mothers and infants.
- Fodder Support for cattle, protecting livelihoods.

Outcomes Achieved:

- 765 flood-affected families received comprehensive relief kits, ensuring survival and dignity in crisis.
- Targeted assistance reached the most deserving households through community-driven identification.
- Holistic support addressed not only food and shelter but also health, infant care, and livestock security—safeguarding both lives and livelihoods.
- Effective leadership by WDC with strong collaboration from donors, community leaders, and district authorities demonstrated an inclusive and coordinated disaster response model.

WDC expresses its sincere gratitude to Manos Unidas, WILGA Delhi, local leaders, district administration, and well-wishers for their solidarity and cooperation in serving vulnerable communities during the July 2024 floods.



Emergency Relief Distribution

Transforming Lives in Mariani's Tea Garden Communities

The tea garden communities of Assam, forming the backbone of the state's renowned tea industry, continue to face persistent socio-economic challenges despite their critical contribution to the economy. While the government and tea garden authorities have implemented various interventions to improve living conditions, access to healthcare, education, and livelihoods remain limited. Families in these communities often struggle with low income, malnutrition, poor health, and lack of sustainable employment opportunities. Women and children are the most affected, frequently facing school dropouts, poor nutrition, and limited opportunities for skill development. Geographic isolation and systemic neglect exacerbate these vulnerabilities, leaving many households trapped in the cycle of poverty.



To address these gaps, the WDC, Mariani, with support from Misereor, has launched a holistic development program across 15 tea estate areas, focusing on child education, health and nutrition, skill development, women's empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods. Initiatives include Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) to reduce dropouts, distribution of arecanut and turmeric seeds, livestock, and poultry to improve household incomes, and training programs in livestock management and tailoring. Health and nutrition sessions for mothers, environmental awareness campaigns, and community engagement further strengthened. Through these comprehensive efforts, it aims to create lasting improvements in the well-being and self-reliance of tea garden communities in Assam.

The tea garden communities of Mariani in Assam despite interventions taken by Government as well as the tea garden authorities still face a variety of persistent challenges.

To address these issues, the WDC, with support from Misereor, launched a holistic development project across 15 tea estate areas in Mariani block of Jorhat district. The project focuses on improving education, health, nutrition, livelihoods, agriculture, livestock management, and women's empowerment, with the ultimate goal of building stronger, healthier, and more self-reliant families.

Arecanut Distribution and Monitoring

Arecanut plantation was promoted as a sustainable livelihood option. In two rounds, 3,981 saplings were distributed to 276 beneficiaries across all 15 project areas. This intervention is expected to provide families with a long-term source of income with minimal labour input.



Distribution of Arecanut plant

To promote agricultural diversification, 180 kg of turmeric seeds were distributed to 24 beneficiaries across 6 project areas. As an outcome, the beneficiaries collectively harvested 1250 kg of turmeric in April 2025, proving the potential for income generation and food security.

Child Friendly Spaces (CFS)

CFS activities were conducted to reduce dropout rates in lower primary schools. Children received academic support, sports materials to enhance physical health, and opportunities for co-curricular development. Regular evaluations and parent meetings helped track progress and reminded parents of their role in child health and education. The initiative supported children's overall growth while lowering school dropout risks.



Child Friendly Spaces (CFS)

Felicitation Ceremony

On 25th May 2024, WDC organized a Felicitation Ceremony at Holy Cross Convent, Mariani, to honour students from 15 tea estates who cleared their HSLC and HS examinations. Dignitaries including Rev. Fr. Vijay Minz, Rev. Sr. Betsy Devasia, and others inspired students with motivational speeches. 78/56 Students both Secondary /Higher Secondary were felicitated with Gamosa, medals, and files, while two toppers received special mementos. This event encouraged stu



Felicitation of Class 10th and 12th HSLC & HS passed Students

Training on Livestock and Poultry Management

To strengthen livelihoods, WDC distributed 1,000 chicks, 1,000 ducklings, and 43 goats, benefiting around 250 people across 15 estates. Initial challenges due to lack of animal care knowledge were addressed through a training session led by Dr. Ujjal Dutta, Veterinary Officer, Mariani. The session-built beneficiaries' skills and confidence in livestock management, enabling sustainable income opportunities.



Training on livestock and poultry in progress

Health and Nutrition

A health assessment using MUAC tape revealed that 30% of children were underweight. To address this, WDC staff received training from a retired nutrition expert Dr. Basanti Boaruah at the Assam Agricultural University, focusing on low-cost, locally prepared nutritious food. This intervention strengthened community knowledge and empowered mothers to improve children's health.



Training on health and nutrition in progress

World Environment Day 2024

World Environment Day was celebrated across all project areas. Children from CFS participated in competitions and planted over 100 fruit saplings, promoting environmental awareness and instilling a sense of responsibility towards nature.

Craft and Co-Curricular Competitions

Regular CFS activities included drawing, recitation, singing, dancing, and games to enhance creativity and confidence. On 17th August 2024, a craft competition with 30 participants from 8 tuition centers was organized at WDC Mariani. Children showcased innovative ideas, and prizes motivated them to pursue creativity further.



A young girl taking part in craft competition

Stationery and Sports items Distribution

To support learning and recreation, stationery items were distributed to 10 tuition centers, while sports materials such as badminton sets, hurdles, balls, and board games were provided to all 10 CFS centers. These activities enhanced children's learning, creativity, and physical development, while regular competitions boosted motivation and team spirit.



Stationery and Sports items

Nutrition Training – Capacity Building Assessment

From 10th–12th February 2025, a three-day training and assessment program was held for WDC staff, facilitated by experts including Dr. Basanti Baruah, Sr. Silche Marak, and Dr. Rayappa Kancharla. The sessions combined theory, practical exercises, and field visits. Staff capacity in nutrition awareness was strengthened, and a three-month action plan was developed to improve project outcomes.



Nutrition Training – Capacity Building

Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day was celebrated, featuring sports, indoor games, and awareness sessions on child rights, health, and education. The event combined fun and learning, creating a sense of community and empowering children with knowledge and confidence.



Children's day celebration

Skill Development Training

Currently, 16 girls are being trained in tailoring across three centers in Mariani, Nakachari, and Nagadhoolie. This training provides them with marketable skills for livelihood and self-reliance.



Skilling on tailoring

Weekly Staff Meetings

WDC is to evaluate activities, share progress, and identify areas for improvement. Virtual meetings with senior advisors ensured guidance, planning, and accountability. These reviews strengthened project implementation and built a culture of continuous learning among staff.



Weekly staff meeting

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On 8th March 2025, WDC celebrated International Women's Day at Ajar, Dessoie TE, under the theme "Accelerate Action". With more than 500 participants, highlighted women's empowerment, rights, and community leadership. Guests from unions, healthcare, and local institutions addressed the gathering, reinforcing the importance of women's collective action for change.



Celebration of International Women's Day

SUCCESS STORY

Bhagya Karmakar : A Rising Star from Khatison Tea Garden

Bhagya Karmakar, a bright and determined 10-year-old from Khatison Tea Estate, Mariani, is making waves both in academics and extracurricular activities. The eldest child of Mr. Tushan Karmakar, a daily wage worker, and Mrs. Poonam Karmakar, a permanent tea garden worker, Bhagya lives with his parents, younger sister Porishmita (6 years), and grandmother in a family of five.

A regular student at the Child Friendly Space (CFS) Centre, Bhagya studies at Khatison Primary School and has consistently demonstrated exceptional talent and dedication. In his recent final exams, he scored an impressive 84%, topping his class, and was recognized as the best student. His energy extends beyond the classroom—he has also won prizes in school sports competitions, reflecting his all-round development.

Bhagya's parents are overjoyed with his achievements and express heartfelt gratitude to WDC, acknowledging the opportunities the organization has provided. With WDC's support, Bhagya has found a platform to learn, grow, and excel, inspiring both his peers and community alike.



From Ducklings to a Sustainable Livelihood

Mrs. Putoli Munda, a 61-year-old widow from Mariam Basti, Mariani, has shown remarkable determination in improving her livelihood. She lives with her youngest daughter, Reshma (29), who engages in temporary work. Despite hardships, Putoli has always worked hard to sustain her family.

As part of livelihood support, WDC provided her with 8 ducklings and 8 chicks. Although she initially faced challenges—she persevered, succeeded and she managed to even gift 4 ducklings to her neighbours, Asha Nayak Munda and Munu Munda, while raising the rest with care.

With her savings she also invested in a piglet worth Rs. 5,000. With her prior experience in poultry and animal rearing, she is now managing pig rearing effectively, thereby strengthening her economic stability.



Restoring Little Roshni's Health

Mrs. Sunita Paul, 26, and her husband, Jimi Paul, 27, reside in Deberapar Tea Estate with their only child, Roshni, a girl aged 1 year and 6 months. Jimi works as a temporary labourer earning Rs. 250 per day, while Sunita is a homemaker. Life was already difficult for the young couple, and their worries deepened when WDC staff found that little Roshni was severely weak. A MUAC (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference) screening revealed a measurement of 12.2 cm, placing her in the "Yellow" zone—indicating acute malnutrition. The caring mother was devastated, as she had not realized her daughter's condition was so critical.

With WDC's guidance, Sunita participated in a nutrition training session on food preparation conducted in her village. She learned about the importance of a balanced diet, including locally available vegetables, cereals, and protein-rich foods like eggs. She also received advice to seek timely medical care when needed.

Over the following months, Roshni's condition improved significantly. During a follow-up screening, her MUAC had risen to 14.9 cm, placing her in the "Green" zone—a sign of healthy growth. The couple expressed their heartfelt gratitude to WDC for the life-changing support and awareness provided to their family.



Events & Celebrations

WDC in Spotlight: Showcasing Impact at National Events and Celebrations

The 76th Republic Day of the nation was celebrated on 26th January 2025 in North Lakhimpur with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The official function commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Shri Bhupen Bora, Hon'ble MLA of Bihpuria and Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs, followed by the salute of the parade and inspection of the guard of honour at the North Lakhimpur Govt. HS School playground. WDC Guwahati, had the privilege to participate in the parade and present a tableau on the theme “Empowered Youth in Disaster-Resilient Future”, in collaboration with the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Lakhimpur, and the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA). The tableau was awarded the 3rd Prize, marking a proud achievement for the entire team.



A tableau presented at 64th Republic Day Celebration

WDC sincerely acknowledge the valuable support of DDMA—especially the leadership of the District Project Officer, Ms. Papori—along with the unwavering commitment of the WDC team. This recognition stands as a testament to the strength, vision, and potential of empowered youth in shaping a disaster-resilient future.



Dist. Project Officer DDMA Ms. Papori along with the WDC Team

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

On 5th June 2024, Women Development Centre Guwahati, in collaboration with the Divisional Forest Office, Dhemaji Division, Assam, celebrated World Environment Day at the Community Hall of Bormam Kachari village, Bordoloni Block. The theme for the day was “Our Land, Our Future”, focusing on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience. During the programme women folk acted out a skit relating to the environmental issues on the de-forestation and performed action songs on ‘*save the environment*’.

WDC'S INTERVENTIONS :

- Organized a day-long awareness program on the links between environmental factors and human health.
- Encouraged collective community action and promoted partnerships with environmental organizations, local governments, and stakeholders to advance environmental health goals.



World Environment Day Celebration – “Our Land, our Future” Chief Guest – DFO, Shri K.K Deori

- With the support of the Divisional Forest Office, Dhemaji, 500 saplings were distributed to the community to promote afforestation and ecosystem restoration.

The Results:

- Communities gained greater understanding of their role in protecting natural ecosystems, fostering responsibility towards future generations.
- Strengthened local partnerships and collaboration between government officials, forest officers, civil society, and villagers.
- Created ownership of environmental actions.
- The tree plantation initiative contributed directly to land restoration efforts and long-term environmental sustainability.

The program concluded with a word of gratitude by Ms. Bhagyawati Bhuyan, Project Director, WDC, who along with her team initiated and coordinated the day's activities, reinforcing the message that trees are valuable gifts of nature and planting them is essential to protect the environment and secure a healthier future.

Women Development Centre at the National Symposium on ‘Threads of Heritage: Exploring Textiles and Natural Fibre’s

Women Development Centre was invited to the three-day national symposium “Threads of Heritage: Exploring



Display of Muga and Eri silk products, at WDC stall during the National Symposium ICAR, Shillong

"Textiles and Natural Fibres" at the College of Post-Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam. The event was organized by the College of Community Science, Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal, in collaboration with ICAR-NINFET Kolkata, ICAR-CICR Nagpur, Deendayal Research Institute, and ICAR-CRIJAF Barrackpore, with the aim of highlighting India's textile heritage while promoting sustainability in the sector.

WDC showcased its interventions through a live demonstration of Muga and Eri silk processing and traditional weaving (Matihal). This presentation reflected the skills of our artisans and their contribution towards preserving indigenous textile traditions while promoting sustainable livelihoods.

AS A RESULT OF THIS PARTICIPATION :

- The platform brought visibility and recognition for Northeast women artisans, highlighting their role in sustaining India's textile heritage.
- The event enabled new connections with experts and institutions, creating opportunities for collaboration in sustainable textile development.
- WDC received the 2nd Prize for live demonstration, recognizing the excellence of our artisans in linking tradition with innovation.

The WDC team, led by Sr. Betsy Devasia (Director, WDC), Ms. Bhagyawati Bhuyan, Mrs. Jyotimoni Sonowal, and Ms. Champa Sonowal, represented the organization at the event. WDC sincerely thanks Dr. Jyoti V. Vastrad, Dean, CCS, CAU (I), Tura, and her team, as well as Dr. Sukmal Dev (Anant Design University, Ahmedabad) and Dr. Ranima Saikia (ICAR Meghalaya), whose support enabled our participation in this prestigious symposium.

TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION :

Women Development Centre celebrated Teacher's Day, in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Lakhimpur organize a special program on 5th September 2025 at the Special Residential Training Centre (Remedial School), Nowboicha Block, North Lakhimpur, Assam.



Sri Manjit Sharma, CDPO on Teachers Day

Sri Manjit Sharma, CDPO, Nowboicha, grace the occasion as chief Guest, alongside Ms. Getali Neog, DPO, SSA Lakhimpur, officials from SSA, teachers and the WDC team.

The highlight of the celebration was the heart-warming performances by the children enrolled in the remedial school, as well as by dropouts children from the marginalized families and tea tribe Communities studying in the special Residential Training Centre.

WDC and SSA extend sincere gratitude to all the teachers, mentors, and supporters who continue to guide these young learners toward a brighter future.

Stake Holders expressed gratitude to MANOS Unidas for Transformative WASH Infrastructure Support

The communities of Dewaramora village (Nowboicha Block, N. Lakhimpur District) and Pub Guimari village (Raha Block, Nagaon District) expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Women Development Centre (WDC) and Manos Unidas for their invaluable support in implementing health and hygiene infrastructure projects, particularly during floods. The appreciation ceremony was held in the presence of the District Development Commissioner, Co-District Commissioner, and other dignitaries. Certificates of gratitude were awarded to Sr. Betsy, Director of WDC, and Mrs. Bhagyawati Bhuyan, Project Director, WDC Guwahati. The project significantly enhanced access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities, leading to improved health outcomes and a better quality of life.



Ceremony of appreciation in progress



Community handing over the appreciation letter to Sr. Betsy Devasia, Director, WDC

AUDIT REPORT

WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE JOYPUR, KHARGHULI, GUWAHATI

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH' 2025

LIABILITIES		AMOUNT (Rs.)	ASSETS	SCH	AMOUNT (Rs.)
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	A	3,34,14,479.55
Opening Balance	4,25,47,736.28				
Less: Excess of Expenditure over			<u>INVESTMENTS</u>		
Income Transferred from			Fixed Deposit		9,12,005.00
I & E Account	49,71,450.06	3,75,76,286.22	<u>LOANS & ADVANCES</u>		7,227.00
			<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			Cash & Bank Balances	B	33,40,351.67
Security Deposit		1,11,000.00	TDS Receivable		13,223.00
TOTAL (Rs.)		3,76,87,286.22	TOTAL (Rs.)		3,76,87,286.22

SCHEDULE 'I' OF NOTES ON ACCOUNT & SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
WOMEN DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE, JOYPUR, GUWAHATI

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
FOR: H.K.AGRAWALA & ASSOCIATES
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PLACE : GUWAHATI
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**WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
JOYPUR, KHARGHULI, GUWAHATI**
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2025

RECEIPTS	SCH	AMOUNT(Rs.)	PAYMENTS	SCH	AMOUNT(Rs.)
To Opening Balance			By Education & Welfare of Children	C	3,54,254.02
Cash in Hand	B	1,43,304.96	" Welfare & Empowerment of Women	D	38,94,578.00
Cash at Bank	B	71,52,906.77	" Relief, Rehabilitation & Awareness Programmes	E	84,72,371.66
Fixed Deposit		8,54,584.00	" Vocational/ Entrepreneurship Training & self Employment Programmes	F	2,12,74,273.30
TDS Receivable		13,810.00	" Convent Running & Maintenance	G	6,04,149.00
Advances		6,09,227.00	" Other Expenses	H	6,10,070.92
" Donation & Contribution		2,80,70,886.00	" Donation To Registered Institution		1,17,000.00
" Services of Sisters		2,00,800.00			
" Other Income		17,57,200.84	Closing Balance		
" Fee Received		4,58,500.00	Cash in Hand	B	1,20,681.96
" Interest Received			Cash at bank	B	32,19,669.71
On S.B. Account		2,04,900.00	Fixed Deposit		9,12,005.00
On FD. Account		1,32,224.00	TDS Receivable		13,223.00
On IT Refund. Account		1,160.00	Advances		7,227.00
		3,38,284.00			42,72,806.67
TOTAL (Rs.)		1,95,99,503.57	TOTAL (Rs.)		1,95,99,503.57

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
JOYPUR, KHARGHULI

Signature

PLACE GUWAHATI
DATE 31-07-2025



AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
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Felicitation ceremony for 74 H.S & H.S.L.C achievers of slum in Guwahati



Felicitation of 53 H.S & H.S.L.C students from Mariani Tea Garden



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Technical staff



Niru Bora



Puwaram Bora



Staff of Mariani, Tea Garden



Support Staff

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Thank You







Dr. Jyoti V. Vastrd, Dean, CCS, CAU(1), Tura



MP Smt. Archana Chitnis from Madhya Pradesh



DDC Mr. Ranjit Swargiary, ACS during the inauguration ceremony at N. Lakhimpur.



Dr. Anunaya Chaubey, Provost, Anant National University, Ahmedabad visited WDC



Chief Guest Mr. K. K. Deori, DFO Dhemaji on Environment Day



Dignitaries on the Occasion of International Women's Day



Chief Guest Lipika Patowary kalita, Ward Councilor, Pub Bhaskar Nagar on world Environment Day



WDC staff with Mr. Louise Aind, IPS. Former Deputy Interlocutor, Govt of Assam

Thank you..



Sr. Annie Varghese

*Hearty
Welcome.*



Sr. Anjila Narzary

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