

**ACTION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (ARDO)
WANGJING, MANIPUR- INDIA**

Annual Report for the year 2021-22



During the year under report, the Action for Rural Development Organization (ARDO), Wangjing had implemented the following programmes in collaboration with various local development organizations. Various activities were conducted with voluntary spirit of the members and local contribution in terms of physical and moral support in the project areas. Collaborations were made with line departments while implementing the activities.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION AND RESPONSE

Village consultation meeting in six villages on spring shed Conservation and development in Catchment areas of River Basin

Community awareness campaign is initiated in six scheduled tribe villages of Machi block under Tengnoupal district and Chandel block under Chandel district of Manipur. The Natural resources play an important role in the economic growth and development of the state. Indeed, the degree of development is function of natural resources occurrence, its proper utilization and sustenance for future population needs and demands. On the other hand, rapid increasing of pressure on these natural resources due to continuous increase in human population as a result of which they are getting depleted management practices. Shifting cultivation is mostly practiced in hill areas of the state. The hill districts have over 72,000 jhumias tribal farmers. Common method of cultivation practiced in hill areas are primitive or traditional which slash and burn method of hill slopes vegetation and is known as Jhum Cultivation. Under such circumstances, community sensitization and their nature of utilization of these resources need to be changed admit global climate changes impacting local and regional atmospheric pattern. Due to such problems, the water availability in the state has been greatly impacted and quality of water particularly in case of drinking water is a big question. The source of spring in hill areas has been drastically decreased and drying up. Alternative farming techniques were introduced in six villages to reduced dependency of forest resources. We have trained up youths in six villages on slopping agricultural land technology (SALT) which is viable in our local condition with the technical guidance of David Gandhi , an agricultural scientist from Maharashtra.



WATER HEALTH HYGIENE AND SANITATION AT KHONGJOM SAPAM VILLAGE

Health and hygiene is increasingly deteriorated in last 20 years. Children and women are more vulnerable in such health condition. We encouraged school children in Safe Sanitation and Hygiene Behavior (SSHB) and helped them build household infrastructure. The Integrated Water and sanitation model reduces incidences of water



borne diseases and low malnutrition rates thereby keeping children and families healthy. Access to private, safe toilets and bathrooms with water affords women dignity and induces the daily drudgery of fetching and carrying water.

MOBILE HEALTH CARE SERVICE IN HILL AREAS OF TENGNUPAL AND CHANDEL DISTRICT

Access to health care and equitable distribution of health services are the major objectives for achieving the Millennium Development Goals under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which was launched by the Government of India in April 2005. The predominantly tribal and hilly areas lack basic health care infrastructure limiting access to health services at present. The case happen more in the Tengenupal and Chandel district. Chandel district was declared under inspirational district and government also took various initiatives in development process. Government taking health care to the doorsteps is the principle behind this initiative and is intended to reach underserved areas. Under the NRHM, provision of Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) in each District is one of the strategies to improve access. However, Due to difficult hilly terrain, non-approachability by public transport, long distances for reaching the health centers necessitate the need of MMU with specialized facilities for the patients requiring basic specialist examination. Otherwise, the basic purpose of taking the health care to the door step of the needy people in rural areas would be defeated due to non-possibility of diagnostic examination to be conducted. The Action For Rural Development Organization also took awareness building and organized Health Hygiene in these villages where the government facilities are not available. Mobile dispensaries in collaboration with Public Health Clinic Wangjing conducted mobile dispensaries in Machi Village and Chandolpokpi village under Chandel district. This health services help the communities to access health and check their health problem.

Though the Health service Facilities are well developed in Cities, towns and in other valley areas of Manipur, such services are still in a bad shape in rural areas especially in hill areas of the state. The condition of health services in such remote hill areas is really pathetic and people are simply helpless in absence of such services. The situation more vulnerable in case of children and aged population.

- **Covid -19 response and relief materials distribution among school parents and teachers**

Survival during Covid -19 was main issue in the society. Social stigmatization to a Covid patient was main concern of the years and the basic human right is superiorly violated. As a matter of fact that ARDO adopted varied and targeted efforts to enable marginalized communities to tackle health, livelihoods, food, education, and mental health issues because of the second wave of the pandemic. The Organization conducted awareness programmes, help the community to establish quarantine and care facilities, and accelerated vaccination drives. We mobilized and trained community volunteers in collaboration district health services and frontline health workers in COVID-19 response planning, care and surveillance.

Relief materials were also distributed to the school parents and teachers during these crucial

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- **Capacity Building Training On Mushroom Cultivation Through Women SHG**

Action For Rural development Organisation (ARDO) conducted a Three-Day Capacity Building Training for women SHG members on Mushroom Cultivation as a part of enhancing skill knowledge to local women to ensure better livelihood options of 4 villages at Ingnglok from 5-7th January 2023. Shri Asem Robindro Singh, Guest Lecturer, Department of Biotechnology, Manipur University facilitated the three day training programme. The main objective of providing the skill Capacity building training was to promote income generating economic support vocational skills to the women SHGs and make them involve in decision making



process in conservation process of environment and water security plan .Shri Th. Kiran DDM, Senapati also encouraged the trainees to actively participate in springshed based watershed development project and their involvement in this development process would

bring a positive change in restoration of better environmental condition ensuring co-existence of all living organisms on the earth surface.

Promotion of Skill Development Through Organizing Six Months Training Course on Apparel And Garment Making

Vocational education or skill based education is in certain disciplines which enable the students to acquire skills which are traditionally non academic and totally related to specific trades , occupation or vocation.

They are also known as technical education, Career and Technical Education (CTE) or vocational Education and Training (VET) as they are directly develop expertise in a particular group of techniques or technology through manual or practical activities. Vocational courses are primarily designed in such a way that they impart a thorough



application based study wherein theoretical concepts of a field are not studied independently but are subordinated to the understanding of techno operational aspects of specific job. The Action For Rural Development Organization observes two types of unemployment structures; unemployed due to lack of skill knowledge and unemployed due to poverty. The situation was further, reviewed and the society thought that the vocational skill development training can be one of the measures to provide employment to the young women and girls in the society.

School Education Project

Promotion campaign for watsan in school

The water and sanitation (WATSAN) management practices among the communities in the state are still poor despite various development programs initiated by the government. Following launched of Swacch Bharat Mission in the country by the Honorable Prime Minister of India on 25th September,2014, ARDO has been conducting various awareness campaign in different villages and town in collaboration local associations and youth clubs and schools . One of the effective agents in the community level is school. One of the objectives of lunching this campaign is to realize the dream of our Great Leader Mahatama Gandhi a “clean India by the 150th Birth anniversary in 2019. He had a desire that a nation-wide campaign be organized with the participation of all section of the society to bring about mass awareness and lasting behavioral changes to achieve the dream of our great Leader Mahatama Gandhi.

With this in mind, the volunteers of ARDO contacted the Director, Capacity and Communication Units (CCDU) Imphal and PHED, Thoubal for a joint venture in education the community on Health and Hygiene through school students. The officials of the department were kind enough to extend all possible support as they were also pioneering the mission to take forward to the general public. The Organization contacted the Child Care and Educational Foundation (CCEF) and we had developed a plan to initiate the process jointly where all the students in the school were taught WATSAN concept and practices. The main objective of this venture was to motivate the members in the family of the children while practicing Health Hygiene and promoting hand washing habits in the society.

Child Care and Education Program

Impact of Covid -19 was a great challenge for the school education. Behavior of school children on regular reading and their performance in the school were very poor. Parents' support to their children is very less.

Economic support programme

The Action for Rural Development Organization has been implementing the following income generation activities to enable the organization to move forward the development program for the people in the areas. The ARDO opened a market link unit for the products produced in various vocational education centers. With the opening of these units, poor women and girls are able to earn additional income. The activities currently undertaken are

Piggery

Horticultural program

Handloom and handicrafts

Cane and bamboo crafts

Fruit processing