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SECRETARY'S NOTE

Dear Friends,

We live in times when solidarity, compassion and sharing are needed more than ever. The Covid pandemic has irreversibly changed our lives. It has touched everyone, but the impact on the most disadvantaged and vulnerable is especially grim. In these difficult times, we have witnessed people from different walks of life coming forward to support in big and small ways they can. ECS as an organization have experienced unexpected support from various corporates and individuals during the pandemic.

The Azim Premji Foundation and Foundation for Ecological Security supported the District Task Force in running the Covid care centre for two months in Tuensang and Mon and Covid vaccination drive in Tuensang and Noklak. In addition to the support for the vaccination drive, a project on Livelihood program was also approved by Azim Premji foundation covering 18 Villages. I wish to Thank Goonj, Give India and The Act Grant for the support during Covid, without which we would be working on bare hands. The "People's bridge" connecting Sangchen range and Changsang Range at Yejung river was Launched by our Honourable Chief Minister Shri. Neiphiu Rio on 9th Nov 2021 in Kohima. A heartfelt gratitude to Hans Foundation, The Assam Rifles, The Border Road Organization and various Govt Departments like PWD, RD and PHED for enabling us achieve this goal.

An MoU was signed with Nagaland Forest Management Project as Facilitating Ngo (JICA) for Tuensang District. We hope to improve forest ecosystem and support income generation by rehabilitation of Jhum areas and provision of livelihood support, thereby contributing to sustainable forest and environmental conservation and livelihood improvement in 28 villages of Tuensang District. The implementation of new project on water security under the national program 'Jal Jeevan Mission' was also initiated with support from NEIDA. Wipro Cares has agreed to extend the Health Care project for another 3 years with additional 4 new villages which will help strengthen the health units and provide health care to the rural population of Noksen Block. This continued support is enormous and we thank the team for the ever-ready support

I also wish to thank individuals like Bret Russel and Gary Clouse, Mr Moba Tobu BDO (Rural Development), the Digital Analog CSR and the Honble Chief Minister for helping provide 9 kilometers of Water Connection to Monyakshu & Pessao PHCs. My sincere gratitude goes to each Individual, Corporate donors like the HCL Foundation, NEIDA, Wipro Cares, NABARD and Government Department like NHM, NFPM, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan Nagaland. As you read along the activities initiated, you will find the support role of each of the funders and donors. The projects of ECS are not only relevant but they spark hope of better life, better future in the lives of the rural community.

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Secretary ECS

A PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY NABARD, RO DIMAPUR

One-acre Orchard for 200 households in Tuensang district

The Project is in its fourth year and the management of the orchard is an on-going activity. In both *Kharif* and *Rabi* seasons, potato, maize, garden pea, *kholar* (kidney beans) and vegetables were intercropped in the orchard. Besides training on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrients Management (INM), Integrated Diseases Management (IDM), grafting training was also imparted to the farmers and is expecting Kiwi fruit from this year. Structure of 'trellis' was also erected in both the villages and farmers are erecting trellis in matured plots. As soil and water conservation measures contour lines on critical slopes, basing on the elevation of the plot, half-moon terracing in each plant were renovated. Rating of SHGs was also conducted in both the villages for credit support to the better grade SHGs through Cash Credit Limit support.

In both Konya and Chendang an amount of Rs. 30,000/- per SHG members was provided as support amounting to Rs. 17,00,000/- (seventeen lakhs only). The Farmers Group (FGs) members of Chendang was supported with Rs. 29,40,000/- (Twenty-nine lakh forty thousand only) as loan from Nagaland State Cooperative Bank (NSCB) Tuensang branch. Konya Farmers Group (FG) had taken a loan of Rs 16,20,000/- (sixteen lakh and twenty thousand only) in December 2019 from State Bank of India, Tuensang branch and was 100 % liquidized in December 2020. Further they received a subsidy of Rs 6,15,714 (six lakhs fifteen thousand seven hundred and fourteen only) on repayment of the loan. The project had Rs 42,60,690 from the sale proceeds of Cardamom in the current year.

One-acre Orchard for 200 households in Wanching Village, Mon district

With the advent of the activity, the project had planted 4000 orange (Var: *Kashi Mandarin*), 3500 Litchi and 10000 bananas in the orchard. Systemic training process from design & layout, pit digging & filling (2x2x2 ft), planting, soil and water conservation was conducted. The Project Management Committee (PMC) with 9 representatives were formed to plan, monitor and supervise the project activity implementation. 18 Farmers Groups (FG) with members ranging from 10-15 per group was formed across the 5 *Morungs* in Wanching village. Water and Soil conservation being the primary component in development of the orchard, half-moon terracing, contour line, plantation of citronella, moringa plantation in critical area as slope stabilizer was introduced in all orchard. Reservoirs and distributor tanks were installed in the orchard in strategic locations. Bamboo drip irrigation was also installed in all the standing plants. The existing SHGs formed through the NSLRM were rated to ascertain the level of progress. Training for *Rabi* crops was provided to the SHG members and vegetables such as garden pea, cabbage, radish, carrot etc were planted in the orchard. Multiple trainings on soil and water conservation such as mulching, IPM, IDM and INM was conducted in the annual year.



Field visit with NABARD Officials



Water harvesting tank



SPRINGSHED BASED WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Springshed Dugout pond

Climate Change is a reality – a threat to human well-being and planet health. “When we were children, in the late 80s, we were swimming in the Aumeiyung river, but now the water is below knee height” recalls one of the local residents. The NABARD supported Springshed/Watershed project implemented in Tuensang village is a tiny approach to revive the springs through development of catchment area. The catchment area of the springshed and watershed development area is a major tributary that contributes to the river which is sustaining the vast terrace fields and a number of fish ponds in the valley of Tuensang village. Half of the residence of Tuensang Town also depends on the catchment area for drinking. Of late, because of the increasing-decreasing pattern of water discharge, most of the fish pond and terrace field in the valley are left abandoned. The conflict for water amongst the farmer will

continue to be a problem unless the community are given awareness and the catchment area is developed. In the second year of project cycle many activities were implemented such as boulder check dam in the spring source, dug out pond for recharging of ground water, plantation of coffee and cardamom in the watershed area and plantation of endemic species in the springshed area. Besides the activity for development of the springshed and watershed area, the project also invested into the livelihood component of the farmer. The piggery component was converged with the Tata Trust supported project. Through the Trust supported project, pig sties were constructed and from the NABARD supported project, piglets were provided to 60 farmers. The project will also be supporting fish growers in the terrace field in the lowland.

JAL JEEVAN MISSION

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched on August 15, 2019 by the central government. It envisions to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to all the rural households by 2024, by providing safe and adequate drinking water. One of the pivotal strategies of JJM is to reduce the drudgery of children and women. It also aims to create local infrastructures for source sustainability like rain water harvesting structures, water conservation, groundwater recharge and reuse through grey water management.

Jal Jeevan Mission has been implemented in Nagaland by the Government of Nagaland through Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) and in collaboration with various NGO's across the state. As an Implementing Support Agency' (ISA) of the program under the aegis of North East Initiative Development Agency (NEIDA), ECS' role is to capacitate communities, by mobilizing the communities for trainings, operation and maintenance, community ownership for sustainability, generation of water user fee etc. in the districts of Tuensang and Noklak covering 61 villages. So far ECS has covered 61 villages on preliminary awareness and Focused Group Discussion (FGD). The project was started from Nov. 2021 and will continue for 3 years till 2024.

AN INITIATIVE OF NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT (NFMP)

Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) as an FNGO for Tuensang District is implementing Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP) with the support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in collaboration with Forest Divisions of Tuensang, Nagaland. The project aims to improve forest ecosystem and support income generation by rehabilitation of Jhum areas and provision of livelihood support, thereby contributing to sustainable forest and environmental conservation and livelihood improvement in 28 villages in Tuensang District. So far 22 villages have been covered in 1st, 2nd & 3rd batches respectively. The major project interventions include afforestation, soil and water conservation, biodiversity conservation, eco-tourism development and livelihood promotion activities.

Increase in population had led rural households to sort to other means of livelihoods in their vicinity rather than depending on agriculture alone to sustain their families. As a

result, both farm and non-farm activities have become an integral component of livelihood strategies among rural households. ECS provides training in microfinance and encourages farmers to take up livelihood activities on both farm and non-farm activities. We facilitate business creation to give them the necessary tools and knowledge to make better use of their money and resources. To make this happen, we create Self Help Groups (SHG) and provide training on income generating activities.

The benefits of our programmes are not only financial but have a wider impact. Monthly meetings and trainings strengthen the community. Those who have successful businesses also reach out to help others. People with an improved income can reduce reliance on the land and natural resources and can attain better homes, a better diet, better health and better opportunities, a virtuous cycle that improves the quality of life of the individuals as well as of the community.



SHG member smile with their products



Potato



Village Awareness Activity at Tuensang district



Workshop at Noklak District

NUKKAD-NAATAK/STREET PLAY

With the support of NABARD through Nagaland State Cooperative Bank, Tuensang Branch, 20 Nukkad Naatak/Street Plays to create awareness on financial literacy was organized both in rural and urban areas. The program's key targets were to reach out to SHGs, FGs, farmers Producer Groups (FPO) & Mother's Club member about various government schemes & entitlements and the various bank products & services. The play depicts awareness on Ayushman Bharat, Atal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and also benefits of saving in the SHG, FG, FPO and SHG Federation, benefits of inter and intra credit support of SHG and FPO.



LIVELIHOOD AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES (LEDPS)



With the support of NABARD, skill upgradation training on Floriculture, Piggery and value addition on pickle, jam etc., was imparted to SHG members. In the 2 LEDP project sanctioned, 300 SHGs members were trained on the skill to attain optimum benefits out of the skill imparted. Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Tuensang and expert of the organisation staff had facilitated the training.



E-SHAKTI INITIATIVE

Under the initiative of NABARD, E-Shakti program was implemented in Tuensang and Kiphire districts to digitalize the members of self-help-groups (SHG) with an aim to bring SHG members under the fold of financial inclusion thereby helping them access wider range of financial services and capture the demographic and financial profile of members, including their identification data like Aadhaar and Electoral Photo Identity card. 260 SHGs from Tuensang district and 60 SHGs from Kiphire were registered under the E-Shakti Portal.



Pickle ready for sale



Ginger Candy making

UPLIFTMENT OF MARGINAL FARMERS THROUGH ENHANCED AND ORGANISED LIVELIHOOD PRACTICES

With the sanctioning of the project from 1st November 2021, the Azim Premji Foundation (APF) project supports 1500 household in 18 villages with the key objective to uplift the lives of the farmers through enhanced livelihood generation activities such as permaculture, backyard pig rearing and multi-cropping with back and forward market linkages.

Anticipating the increase of the production in selected crops of potato, ginger, maize and vegetables, the project had purchased 46 MT of potato tubers from *Kissan* Network and planted in 7 villages covering 561 farmers with expected harvest of 200 MT, 30 MT of ginger was purchased and planted in 11 villages

covering 1113 farmers, apart from indigenous variety 2 MT of HQP maize was planted in 8 village and varied vegetables such as cabbage, carrot, radish, okra etc., were planted and is expecting harvest in the next 2 months. As an initial activity, various stakeholder meetings in the cluster and village level were organised to share the concept and objective of the project in all the village. The paraworker (Agri Service Providers and Livestock Service Providers) was appointed and have actively started engaging in the project initiative. The Project Management Committee (PMC) were instituted in the participating villages. In the 18 villages Farmers Groups (FG) were adopted and trained. Selection and line listing of the 1500 farmers were covered in all the 18 villages.



JFMC and SHGs Potato plantation Training



Training on QPM Planting Saoshou



Land preparation for Potato Kuthur

ESTABLISHMENT OF ZERO ENERGY COLD STORAGE UNIT

The 30 MT capacity Zero Energy Cold Storage Unit supported by NABCON (NABARD), NEIDA (TATA TRUST), ICDP and FPO and Mini Processing Unit supported by Directorate of Agriculture are fully functional with the inauguration of the unit by Shri. Y. Kikheto Semo, IAS, APC, Kohima Nagaland on 8th February 2022.



Zero energy and small processing unit

ESTABLISHMENT OF FEED MILL

The long-awaited Feed Mill at Chingmelen which was established through Naga Maiki Company supported by NEIDA (TATA TRUST) was dedicated with the participation of NEIDA official, SHG members and representative of Village Council, Church members of Chingmelen village on 27th October 2021. The Mill will boost the initiative of backyard pig rearing in the district.



Feed mill

FARMERS PRODUCER ORGANISATION (FPO) PROGRESS UPDATE

Farmers Producer Organizations (FPO) were formed so as to promote farmers to help form a platform to sell their produce more effectively and to introduce to them a forward and backward marketing linkage and to improve their livelihood. The Department of Cooperative, Tuensang had supported Sangmei and Ajei-ai-watthat FPOs under ICDP for establishment of processing unit.

Following are the existing FPOs formed with the initiative of ECS:

SL.NO	NAME OF THE FPO	BLOCK	VILLAGE COVERED	TOTAL NO OF BENEFICIARIES
1	Chenya FPO Agri & Allied Cooperative Society Ltd	Sangsangyu	2	250
2	Sangmai FPO Agri & Allied Cooperative Society Ltd	Noksen	7	380
3	Ajai Ai FPO Agri & Allied Cooperative Society Ltd Watthat	Noklak	6	480
4	Thangjam Edou Farmers Agri & Allied Cooperative Society Ltd	Sangsangyu	6	500

Details of Commodities Produced by FPO in 2021-22

Sl. No	Type	Name of the Produce
1	Cereal	Maize, Kholar (kidney beans)
2	Vegetables	Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Radish, Potato, Okra, Pumpkin, Broccoli
3	Spices	Ginger, Large Cardamom

Annual turnover of the FPO from business activities in 2021-2022

Sl.no	Name of the FPO	Amount
1	CHENYA FPO AGRICULTURE & ALLIED CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD	2466946
2	SANGMAI FPO AGRICULTURE & ALLIED CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD	1059630
3	AJAI AI FPO AGRICULTURE & ALLIED CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD WATTHAT	1904248
4	THANGJAM EDOU FARMERS AGRICULTURE & ALLIED CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD	1150000

CHENYA FPO

AGRI & ALLIED COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD

A CASE STUDY

CHENYA is an FPO promoted by Eleutheros Christian Society. It was formed in 2019 with farmers from Chendang and Konya villages under Tuensang District in Nagaland and was formally registered on 27/08/2019. The word “Chenya” was coined by blending the name of the two villages i.e., “Chen” from Chendang and “Ya” from Konya. At present, the FPO is formulated only for the two villages but will gradually expand to nearby villages in the region therefore creating bigger opportunities for more farmers to sell their produce more conveniently and efficiently. It aims to produce vegetables, fruits, crops and other spices in bigger quantity. ECS has also been imparting trainings to the farmers to meet the minimum standard of providing healthy, nutritious and organic products to buyers and customers.

A major factor that drives farmers to grow and produce organic crops in large quantities is the growing demand of organic products across the nation. Chenya FPO believes that organic products are not only good for health but it can also maximize income of farmers. The FPO is mainly managed by the shareholder who nominates Village Level Marketing Committee which in turn nominates the Board of Directors (BODs) from each village. The BODs in turn appoints the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for smooth functioning of the business. The organizational structure consists of 1 CEO, 10 BODs and 250 Shareholders of which 180 are males and 70 are females. The authorized capital is Rs. 50,00,000/ (fifty lakhs)- and paid-up capital is Rs. 3,75,000/-. The share capital of each shareholder is Rs. 500/- per share with a maximum limit of 10 shares. The FPO receives funding in the form of a grant from

NABARD and is supported by Eleutheros Christian Society way of providing market linkage to institutional buyers and linking the FPO to financial institutes. Generally, the FPO conducts General Body Meetings 5 times a year. During last year, the major topics discussed during these meets were share mobilization, action plan, mass plantation of crops in demand, products produced in the participating villages and the implementation of a collective market.

With the introduction of the FPO, farmers have come to realize the advantages of cluster/collective marketing. Before understanding the concept of the FPO, most of the farmers were selling their produce individually which led to exploitation by middle men. One such case study can be seen from Konya village itself. Before the FPO came into existence, farmers from different villages used to sell their cardamom individually and each would get a different price for the same product. Since they were selling it individually, the buyers had an advantage and farmers had to agree with the price that was offered without any bargaining rights. Those who harvest early usually would sell it at lower prices as compared to those who harvested late. But now with the start of the FPO, farmers have realized the advantage and power of collective marketing and so last year, farmers from different FPOs and blocks collectively sold their product. They were able to sell their product to the highest bidder and at a higher rate compared to the previous years irrespective of the period of harvest and location. Thus, FPO is not only imparting marketing knowledge within the community but also helping farmers to improve their income which is what the FBO seeks to achieve.



Launching of the pick up vehicle supported by NABARD



MICRO FINANCE

Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) initiated the formation of SHGs in 1997 and this became the platform for women groups to discuss and fight against domestic violence, discrimination, exploitation, subjugation, injustice, traditional conditionings and social denial thereby to free women from all sorts of dependency on men and society itself. Since then, these SHGs have been working towards making women self-reliant and assertive through engagement in income generation activities and raising consciousness of their rights and be a part of the decision making in the family and the society. Over the time, the concept of Edou was introduced. An Edou is a close-circuit informal banking system created by all the SHGs to avail credit facilities for themselves. The sole objective of launching EDOU was to revolve the group's money and refinance the shares/dividend among the Self-Help Groups/investors for entrepreneurial activities as deemed best by the groups to uplift the group's income. The project provides training on financial literacy, rights of Women and girl child, importance of Education and health.

Activities taken up during the year:

1. Training on concept of Self-Help Group (SHG)
2. Refresher training on Book Keeping.
3. Saving Bank linkage and Credit Linkage.
4. Skill development.

5. Market Linkage.
6. Promotion of business activities like selling of pig feeds, solar lamps etc.

During the year, two Edou (SHG Federations) were formed in Kuthur and Kejok Villages comprising 16 new groups. At present, there are 20 SHG Federations with a total revolving capital of Rs. 4,36,33,845/- (Four Crores, Thirty-Six Lakhs Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-five Only) with more than 311 groups across 45 villages with a total membership of around 3000 members.

Another milestone achieved during the year was renewal of CCL Cash Credit – SHG. The third CCL Loan of Rs. 5 Cr was renewed in February 2022. In two months, a total of Rs. 1,33,45,000 (One Crore Thirty-Three Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand only) was disbursed to 104 groups involving 692 members. The first loan was Rs. 2 Cr sanctioned in 2014 followed by another loan of Rs. 3.5 Cr in 2018.

Linking of SHG to CC Loan continues. Through this support the organisation was able to support SHG individual members with short term loans of Rs 20000 to Rs 40000 enabling many to start small businesses basing on the individual interest and ability. The organisation is very grateful to NSCB and its branch office in Tuensang for making it easier for farmers to avail loans from the institution.



Edou Loan Collection



Edou Loan Disbursement



Training for new SHGs



Training On CCL Loan

ECS HEALTH INITIATIVE

With the second wave of covid-19 hitting hard early on during the year, much of the focus was invested on containing the virus and its impact in the community. The responses include mass community sensitization, setting up Covid Care Centres in Tuensang and Mon, organizing community flu surveillance systems tying up with IDSP (Integrated Disease Surveillance Program) and mobilizing resources and support through networking.

ECS also focused on supporting frontline workers (doctors, nurses and ASHAs/health workers) to ensure continuity of routine health services. Despite movement restrictions, services like immunization, ANC, PNC, institutional deliveries and complementary feeding were routinely delivered across the program villages. As infections dropped, focus was shifted on scaling up vaccination across 5 districts jointly with the community, Church and district administrations. Post covid focus was spent on the ground supporting health workers and engaging with community on issues surrounding health centres. The effort of ECS and the community resulted in the development of two health centres into delivery points –

Kenchenshu sub centre and Ukha health and wellness centre. Both have conducted their first deliveries. In addition, nurses were deployed in 6 health centres including in two centres previously not covered by the organization.

ECS was selected as a grant partner of Vitamin Angles, an international organization that helps at-risk populations with micronutrient commodities, especially vitamin A, and the first consignment was delivered. The organization also continues to conduct complementary feeding in 25 villages under Tobu sub division, Mon District supported by the Department of Social Welfare. In another development, the Rural bank of Nagaland has formally approved ECS's proposal to open branches in Sakshi under Longleng district and Chessore town under Shamator district and this will enable health transactions such as JSY and other welfare benefits. To support the development of the mothers' clubs, a one-day conference of mothers' club members from Tuensang district was conducted on 28 April 2021 in Tuensang town. Altogether, 145 participants from different villages attended the program and it culminated in the formation of a district level network of mothers' clubs.

ECS LIFE CONNECT SUPPORTED BY HCL FOUNDATION

The project supported by HCL Foundation continued to thrust on developing health centres and to ensure that health services are made available and accessible in all the pockets. The project provides ongoing support to health centres to deliver essential health services without interruption. During the year, a total of 1232 ANC check-ups, 2972 child immunization, 325 hospital deliveries and close to 24375 patients through OPD and 637 in patient treatment was provided through at the health centres. In addition, 115 more deliveries were conducted in other health centres and hospitals bringing the total hospital delivery figure to 540.

Some of the key activities undertaken were;

- Training of health workers and ASHA under Tuensang district held on 18 November 2021
- Training of health workers under Tobu subdivision, Mon district in





Mother's club members cleaning the health centre surroundings in Monyakshu Village, Mon district



Mothers' club conference, Tuensang district

two batches - in Monyakshu village on 14th February 2022 and in Yonghong village on 15th February 2022.

- Training conducted for health workers in Longleng district on 10 March 2022
- Training/orientation for staff was conducted by Vitamin Angels on the medicines and vitamins provided by them for distribution in the community and health centres.
- Efforts are ongoing to develop mothers' clubs as a vehicle for empowerment and self-help. During year, 60 more clubs were formed making it 233 clubs (125 in Mon, 46 in Longleng and 62 in Tuensang with a membership of more than 3000 mothers. In addition, 33 groups from two villages were supported with Rs 3500/- each by Bret and Carrie from the US as seed fund for income generation activities. During routine field visits, meetings are held with club members to discuss issues faced and activities of the groups.

HEALTH CENTRES STRENGTHENING

In Kenchenshu sub centre, the community undertook repair works and assembled equipment and materials for the labour room. After inauguration of the facility, the church announced an incentive of Rs 1000/- for the first delivery and Rs 500/- for the following ones. The centre had its first delivery on 10th November 2021. The project provides the consumables, incentives and other peripheral support.

Changlangshu PHC continues to function as an important referral point in the area. On 26 March 2022, the facility won the Kayakalp award as the best PHC under Mon district for 2020-21. A cash prize of 2 lacs was also awarded along with the certificates.

Mopong PHC also serves as a referral point for villages under Mopong range. To further strengthen the management, ECS along with the community reorganized the health centre management committee (HCMC) and brought in a carefully selected set of members including the chairman. On 26th January 2022, the PHC was awarded the best performing PHC in the state delivering the AB-PMJAY insurance scheme.

Sakshi PHC now functions from the newly constructed building and has a doctor posted at the centre. In a meeting with the community and the PHC staff, it was resolved that ECS will send an ambulance every week to pick up ANC cases for availing diagnostic services like ultrasound and other tests at Longpang PHC. Besides, NHM has also

approved a nurse through ECS and will be shortly deployed at the centre.

In Namching SC, the community with some support from the project undertook a number of improvement works and constructed additional spaces to develop it into a delivery point. A nurse was deployed by the project in consultation with the community and the district health department.

In Sotokor sub centre, the community tiled 2 rooms - OPD and a ward, and constructed a 4 roomed building and a kitchen for the nurses.

In Ukha Sub centre, the community renovated two buildings, installed electricity and water connections, sourced a labour table from CMO office, Mon and a radiant (baby) warmer from Mopong PHC. The first delivery was conducted on 1st March 2022.

In Yongkhao PHC, the project deployed a nurse at the request of the village. The community contributes Rs 5000/- towards her salary. Several meetings were held with the villagers to discuss the revival of the centre which was suffering due to continued absence of the nurses.

Further work is ongoing to develop Yonghong and Yakshu sub centres. In addition, NHM has approved 2 more nurses to be managed through ECS - one each in Wanching PHC under Mon district and Nuranamsang PHC under Longleng District.

Key Outputs of the Health Centres

Indicators	Monyakshu SC	Changlangshu PHC	Tobu CHC	Pessao PHC	Mopong PHC	Wangshu SC	Kenchenshu SC	Ukha SC
ANC services	267	102	226	103	28	67	12	9
Immunization	655	403	618	197	59	173	19	21
Institutional delivery	85	62	72	24	47	15	1	1
OPD services	7146	1902	2821	1777	1001	658	103	91
In patient services	0	75	207	0	27	14	0	0

Indicators	Longpang PHC	Chingmei SC	Kuthur PHC	Sotokor SC	Pongo SC	Sakshi SC	Namchiing	Yangching SC
ANC services	85	14	17	23	20	37	176	46
Immunization	50	17	119	73	97	219	63	189
Institutional delivery	48	25	7	7	12	4	2	13
OPD services	1903	491	220	761	2462	904	1300	835
In patient services	242	25	22	25	0	0	0	0

Deliveries conducted in hospitals/health centres outside the project area

Civil hospital Tuenang	Civil hospital Longleng	Civil hospital Mon	Civil hospital Mokokchung	Yachem PHC	CH Tsg	Aboi CHC	Total
44	52	4	7	4	3	1	115

LONGPANG PHC

In the backdrop of pandemic, Longpang PHC continued to provide primary health care services to the community. With the introduction of Covid-19 Vaccines, staff were actively involved in public mobilization, sensitization and awareness about the importance of vaccination to combat Vaccine hesitancy. Health workers and ASHAs from the five villages - Hakchang, Sangsangyu, Keshai, Maksha, Nyinyem were trained to screen, recognise common symptoms along with distribution of basic medical aids like pulse oximeter,

common ailment medicines and first aid kits as a measure in the event of a local outbreak of disease.

A notable achievement was the upgradation of its laboratory with equipment like Electrolyte Analyzer, incubator, Autoclave, Digitalization of X-Ray, Bio-chemistry analyser, AC installation and Solar based ILR and Deep freezer and an ambulance with support from Parinaam Foundation, Azim Premji Foundation and National Highways Corporation.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Through The AB-PMJAY scheme, around 138 patients received free treatment for which Longpang PHC was awarded as the best 'Private health facility' in Nagaland.

The PHC also won the KAYAKLP AWARD which is given to promote hygiene and cleanliness and infection control practices in the health facility as the best PHC in the district.



AB-PMJAY award for Longpang PHC



AB-PMJAY award for Mopong PHC

COMPLEMENTARY FEEDING SUPPORTED BY POSHAN ABHIYAN AND HCL FOUNDATION

Despite lockdown, complementary feeding was conducted every month in all the villages under Tobu subdivision tying up routine immunization and ANC services. The community continues to take lead in organizing, scheduling and notifying the nurses for feeding day. On several occasions, the community borrowed money for the feeding when the

funds could not be delivered to them due to covid restrictions. The village council also continues to provide rice every month towards the complementary feeding. Altogether, 1723 beneficiaries (mothers and children) were reached through the program.

Beneficiary Coverage:

Sl	Village	0-1 Year	Mothers	PW	Total
1	Mopong Town	15	15	9	39
2	Ukha Village	60	60	16	136
3	Yakshu + Angchen	40	40	11	91
4	Kenchenshu	21	21	10	52
5	Changnyu Village	17	7	9	43
6	Yonghong + Yaphang	43	43	15	101
7	Yei Village	16	16	6	38
8	Monyakshu Village	80	80	30	190
9	Changlangshu	94	94	30	218
10	Bumei Village	21	21	9	51
11	Pessao + Changlu	96	96	36	228
12	Tobu Village	38	38	15	91
13	Wangshu	74	74	25	173
14	Tamkoang	51	51	15	117
15	Yongkhao + Eying	58	58	15	131
16	Monyakshu Town	14	14	6	34
Total		738	728	257	1723

Key Activities Conducted

Rorientation of para workers on reporting formats, care mother app, PNC, ANC and review of the complementary feeding program.

Regular meetings with community on issues related to the feeding and the overall health work in each village. A number of steps were undertaken to strengthen health centres which resulted in development of Ukha and Kenchenshu sub centres into delivery points and plans developed for Yonghong SC and Yakshu SC and Yongkhao PHC.

Anaemia screening is conducted every quarter to screen

pregnant and lactating mothers for anaemia. Those tested with severe and moderate anaemia (9.9 g/dl and lower) are provided nutritional supplements and counselling through the angangwadi centres. They visit the centres every day and receive eggs and supplements like iron, calcium and vitamin D.

In November 2021, 514 mothers were screened of which 30 mothers (5.84%) were severe, 108 (21.01%) moderate, 137 (26.65%) mild and 239 (46.50%) were normal. The next round of testing in February 2022 showed that of the 138 moderate and severe mothers, 126 (91%) of them had improved into mild and normal categories.

Village Wise Anaemia Status

Sl No	Village	Testing in October-November 2021					Testing in February 2022		
		Severe 6.9 g/dl and lower	Moderate 7.0 - 9.9 g/dl	Mild 10.0 - 10.9 g/dl	Normal 11.0 g/dl and above	Total tested	Severe & moderate mothers who were tested	No of mothers who were anaemic	No of anaemic mothers who had improved
1	Mopong	2	5	2	5	14	7	1	6
2	Ukha	0	5	13	20	38	5	0	5
3	Yakshu	0	5	14	8	27	5	3	2
4	Kenchen-shu	1	4	7	3	15	5	0	5
5	Changnyu	0	0	2	5	7	0	0	0
6	Yonghong	2	4	3	14	23	6	0	6
7	Yei	4	5	3	5	17	9	0	9
8	Tobu	0	0	10	15	25	0	0	0
9	Wangshu	0	6	14	3	23	6	0	6
10	Tamkoang	1	8	20	27	56	9	0	9
11	Yongkhao	5	14	5	32	56	19	4	15
12	Pessao	7	18	14	50	89	25	0	25
13	Changlang-shu	5	12	10	17	44	17	2	15
14	Bumei	1	7	5	2	15	8	2	6
15	Monyakshu vill	2	15	11	30	58	17	0	17
16	Monyakshu HQ	0	0	4	3	7	0	0	0
Total		30	108	137	239	514	138	12	126

MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT

SUPPORTED BY WIPRO CARES

Since June 2015, ECS has been implementing a community health initiative covering 12 villages under Noksen and its adjacent block in Tuensang district. The goal of the project is to develop and deliver comprehensive primary health care program especially focussing on children, adolescent girls and women. Over the years, the project has made a lot of improvements in term of access to health services particularly mother and child health services. In phase III of the project, four additional villages from Sangdak Range will be covered by the project.



Complementary feeding - Poshan, HCL, ECS, and community



Child immunization noksen block



Meeting with community

Key Highlights

The thrust of the project has been on making services available and therefore a lot of effort is invested on strengthening the health centres in the target area. The project continues to work closely with the community and the health department to ensure that all the health centres are functioning optimally.

Yangpi Sub centre, located 55 km away from Tuensang, is a new delivery point adopted by ECS through the project. The nurse and the community Health Officer (CHO) appointed by the department are active in rendering services to the community. The project also deputed 1 dhai to assist the nurse at the delivery point.

In Sangtak sub centre, the community completed construction

of 2 wards, a labour room, a store room and a kitchen. The Nagaland Health Project (NHP) under department of health constructed a water storage tank and a bio waste management system. A nurse was deployed by ECS in March 2022.

Ngoungchung Sub centre: is the first delivery point adopted by the project has been delivering services to the community of the area. The project deputed 1 nurse and have been working and delivering the services to the community.

Noksen PHC is the only PHC in the entire area and directly covers around 7 villages. With inadequate manpower and facilities, the staff is trying its best to meet the health needs of the population in the area.

Health Centre Outputs

Name of PHC/ SC	ANC	Child Immunization	Delivery	OPD
Yangpi SC	55	90	10	636
Ngoungchung	42	138	11	1112
Noksen	58	122	17	649
Civil hospital Tuensang			11	
Civil hospital Mokokchung			5	

Training and providing handholding of ASHAs is another area that the project emphasizes on and a lot of time is invested in the field to support the work carried out by the ASHA workers. A training cum review was organised on 23rd Nov 2021 at ECS main office to review their performances and to reorient them on individually tracking all children under immunization, pregnant women for early registration and regular check-up, lactating mothers for PNC and were ask to maintain all the records in details till delivery.

At the peak of the covid crisis, much of the focus of the health team was invested in Covid work – creating awareness,

delivering protective supplies to health providers, engaging with community leaders, mobilizing people for vaccines and organizing vaccine sessions in the villages.

The Ambulance supported by Wipro cares is deployed at Ngoungchung Delivery point to support movement of pregnant mothers for ANC services and hospital delivery. A total of 21 pregnant mothers for ANC check-ups, 9 delivery cases and 15 general patients were transported by the Ambulance. The Ambulance was also used during the Covid vaccination drive in the project villages.

COVID RESPONSE

From the onset, ECS has been supporting the State's effort to contain COVID-19. During the first wave in 2020, ECS helped set up quarantine centres, distributed 200,000 N95 masks, 5000 cloth masks, food rations for 300 households, and nutrition packages to 1288 pregnant and lactating mothers. Rapid Antigen Test Kits were deployed at PHCs to enable testing at the local level and has also provided reagents and consumables for the BSL-2 lab in Tuensang. In the second wave, ECS distributed critical equipment, protective materials and supplies, food rations, set up COVID Care Centres, helped mount a community flu surveillance campaign and a vaccination campaign involving the district administration, community and civil societies.

COVID CARE CENTRES SUPPORTED BY APF AND FES

ECS along with the district task force, medical department, police, State disaster response force, churches and the community launched covid care centres in Tuensang and Mon town. The initiative was funded by Azim Premji Foundation, Foundation for Ecological Security, ACT Grant, NFI and donations coming in from various churches, unions and individuals. Preparations were also made to set up centres in Noklak and Shamator towns. The idea of the CCC was to prevent community spread and help infected individuals receive proper care at the centre. The patients admitted at the CCC were those with no space to isolate themselves within their home. Patients were provided hot cooked meals, nutrition and basic medical care and was supervised by a medical team. The centres were jointly managed by ECS, community, church, medical dept and district task force and has admitted 152 persons - 88 in Tuensang and 64 in Mon.

List of other donations received at the CCC

- Mr. IM, Korea : Rs 50,000/-
- Mr. Kevin, GHI-USA : Rs 50,000/-
- CBLT : Rs 100,000/-
- Yungkuk Baptist Lashong : Rs 15,000/-
- Eleutheros Christian Society: : Rs 100,000/-
- District Task Force : Rs 100,000/-
- Phutoli Chingmak : Rs 27,000/-
- Tuensang Village Citizen Union : Rs 50,000/-

Community Flu Surveillance

The organization also helped mount a community flu surveillance campaign in Tuensang and Mon. The strategy involved training and engaging volunteers in every locality to make door to door visits, identify people with flu like illnesses, test and refer positive cases to the covid care centres if needed. The IDSP (Integrated Disease Surveillance Program) teams trained 111 volunteers (Tuensang town- 63, Mon town- 11, Noklak town-15, Shamator town-13).

Resource Mobilization

ECS also reached out to multiple organizations for support and many responded and came forward to support in terms of critical equipment, materials and supplies to fight covid.

- An Ambulance through National Highway and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDC)
- 60 oxygen concentrators through ACT Grant and another 68 by Action aid were distributed across 8 districts.
- 1000 rapid antigen test kits through Dept of health and family welfare for community surveillance and testing in Tuensang.
- Support for 100 bedded covid care centre in Tuensang through Azim Premji Foundation
- Protective materials and supplies for frontline workers and



CCC Tuensang



Vaccination drive



Vaccination drive

funds for management of covid care centres in Mon and Tuensang by FES (Foundation for Ecological Security).

- Food rations for 300 beneficiaries in Tuensang town through Goonj, a non-profit organization that works on disaster relief, humanitarian aid and community development.

Vaccination Campaign APF (Azim Premji Foundation) and HCL Foundation

With Covid-19 outbreak posing a serious health concern throwing communities into an unprecedented health and humanitarian crisis, the only real response was getting the population vaccinated. A vaccination campaign was initiated under the aegis of the District Task Force involving the administration, health department, ECS, Church, tribal councils and the village institutions. It was implemented in 6 blocks covering 115 villages in Tuensang and Shamator districts and managed at several levels;

- A 5-member District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) was formed with Deputy Commissioner (DC) as the Chairman, District Immunization Officer (DIO) as Member Secretary, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), and representatives from FBO and ECS. The DLMC

responsibility is to oversee the planning and implementation of the vaccination drive.

- Under the DLMC, a technical team was created comprising of CMO as the head with DIO, DPM, DCM, DMO, VCCM, DCCH and Urban Consultant as members to handle the technical aspects of the program such as vaccine availability, developing action plans, vaccine management and HR planning.
- Teams were constituted to manage implementation at the block level. The Block Level Monitoring Committee (BLMC) headed by the Medical Officer (MO) included the Block Program Manager, Block Asha Coordinator, Nurses and representatives of ECS.
- Under the BLMC, the Village Team comprising of Nurses, ASHA, Anganwadi Workers, Village Health Committee, Volunteers, Booth Level Officer, Health Workers, Pastor, and the Village Council Chairman was formed to oversee implementation in the villages. Their tasks included organizing awareness sessions, managing rumours, motivating people for vaccination and coordinating with block team.

Activities Include

- Trainings of tribal and church leaders before roll out of the intervention.
- Listing of 18 years and above for covid vaccination in all villages. District and Block admin officials, MOs and other representatives jointly visited the bottom 30 villages with low vaccination coverage. Tribals leaders were engaged in villages who were not responsive
- Cluster level trainings conducted for 3-4 key leaders/trainers from each village followed by trainings at the village level.



Covid awareness with mothers



Training of Volunteers



Sensitization meeting

- Training for health care providers, para workers and volunteers at the village level.
- Door-to-door visits by para workers and volunteers. Information was often relayed through church platforms
- Distribution of IEC materials in local dialects. Handbook on covid vaccine reproduced and provided to health care providers.
- Sessions with SHGs in all the villages. Each SHG member was encouraged to persuade at least 3 persons in their social circles.
- Sensitization programs in the villages by HoDs (Head of Departments). The HoDs were trained through a one-day training by the district immunization Officer.

- Vaccine melas conducted in Tuensang at the town centre. 600 people were vaccinated in the melas.
- An ambulance van with a doctor, nurses, data operator etc was dedicated to visit every locality every day in the town area.
- Routine monthly and weekly meeting of all the monitoring committees was held to understand progress, gaps, issues and preparation of vaccination schedules for following month.

The table below shows the vaccination figures as of March 2022.

Block	No of vil-lages	No of vaccina-tion camps con-ducted	No of eli-gible per-sons	Com-pleted 1 dose only	% 1 dose	Com-pleted 2 doses	% 2 doses	Not vacci-nated	% Not vacci-nated
Tuensang sadar	37	146	25162	11107	44	13148	52	907	3.60
Longkhim	22	66	6084	2901	48	1890	31	1293	21.25
Chare	12	49	3156	1388	44	1360	43	408	12.93
Shamator	16	47	6473	1966	44	2151	48	350	7.84
Chessore	16	112	2853	2252	35	1213	19	3008	46.47
Noksen	12	51	4467	801	28	699	25	1353	47.42
Total	115	471	48195	20415	42%	20461	42%	7319	15.19%

COMMUNITY RUN MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAM

Since inception, ECS in partnership with the Church Associations and the Department of School Education have worked continuously to ensure delivery of the Mid-Day Meal Program across 220 government schools in Tuensang district. After 6 years of implementation, the community run Mid-Day Meal program was formally handed over to the department. The Handing-back program was held on 12th November 2021 at CBLT Conference Hall, Tuensang and was graced by the Deputy Commissioner Tuensang Shri. Kumar Ramnikant IAS as special guest and the State Nodal Officer, MDM, Khriethozo as representative from the Department. The meeting was attended by officials from District Education Department, Tribals Leaders, Student Leaders, Church Leaders, Teachers, School Management Committees and the community.

In six years of implementation, the project has demonstrated many experiences of community taking action to improve delivery of MDM program. It has awakened people's responsibilities towards government programs and saw significant contributions by the community towards its success. The credit goes to the church who demonstrated their willingness to step out its traditional realm and engage in broader social development.

One important outcome was the increase in school enrollment. The total enrollment of students in 2016, the year the project was launched, was 25,762 for the entire district. In 2018, the enrollment was increased to 31,364 and for the next three years upto 2021 has successfully maintained the increase. The enrolment over the years is illustrated in the chart below.



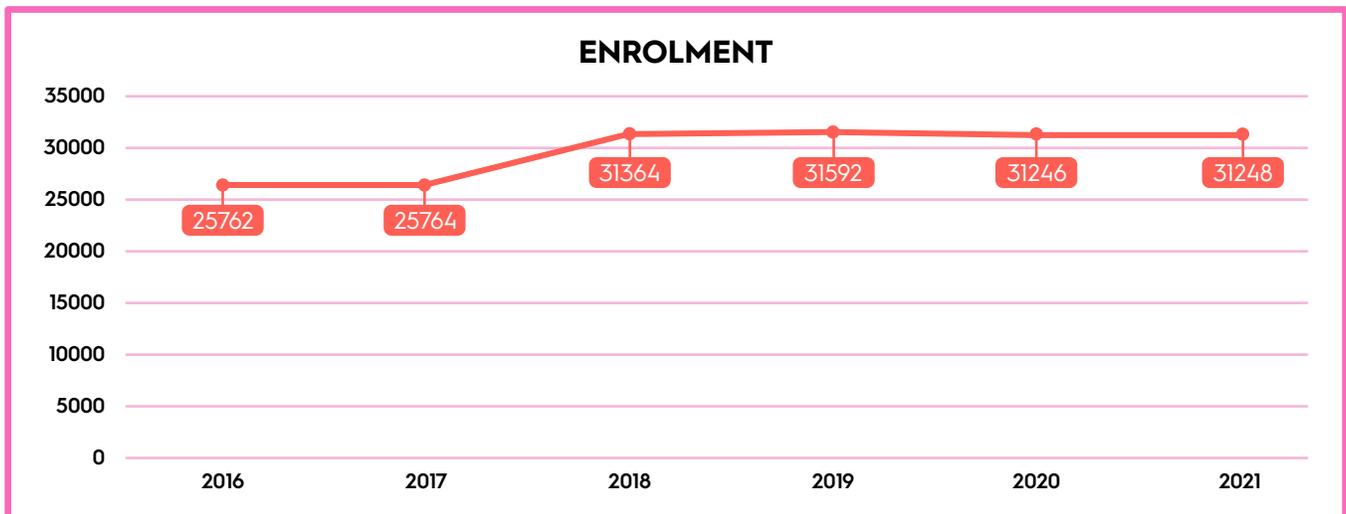
Social Audit, Public hearing and Gram Sabha



Deputy Commissioner Shri. Kumar Ramnikant IAS (Special guest) speaking during the handing program



MDM Nodal Officer speaking at the function



SOCHEM



Outdoor activities at the Sochem

ECS has been implementing the Sochem project in seventeen villages as 'Centres for learning skills for progressive living' for school goers. The Sochem as an institution aims to develop the physical, intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social aspects of children. The design is to use learner friendly tools and mechanism that facilitates spontaneous learning with peer support and active guidance. Institutions such as the Village Council, Church, Citizens' union, Students' Union are linked to the functioning of the Sochem. Although school education is the primary focus, other co- curricular activities are part of the Sochem. Elders in the village are linked by the warden for activities like storytelling, cultural dance, knitting, bamboo craft and folklores. In Chingmei Sochem, a collection of traditional songs was compiled into a small book form to be used at the Sochem. Since 2019, the Sochems are run with support from Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in collaboration with Chang Baptist Lashoung Thangnyen, ECS as the facilitator, Dolen Thangjam (CBLT) and the community at village level as lead partners.

- Sochem nights are organized to showcase the talents of children in the presence of parents and village elders. Items like storytelling, drama, folk songs, top spinning, singing competitions feature in these events.
- Annual sports meet to promote sports as an important extracurricular activity to bring out the spirit of competitiveness in the children.
- During festivals, students dressed in traditional attires perform songs, dance and share the significance of festival.
- The Sochem also organise important events like World Environment Day, Swachh Bharat, World Education Day, Children's Day, Teachers Day, Statehood Day, Republic Day and Independence Day etc.

Activities At The Sochem

- Study hour is conducted every evening under the supervision and tutorship of the warden.
- Weekly written tests are conducted by the warden in every Sochem to check the progress of the students. Competitions on painting, essay & letter writing are also organised at the Sochem.
- Elders in the village are invited once a week to teach them folklores, songs, dance, traditional handicrafts such as weaving and bamboo crafts.
- Life skill sessions are conducted to provide generic skills to children such as decision-making skills, conflict resolving skills, communication skills, handling relationships, with emotions etc
- To help develop responsibility-taking and leadership, committees are set up on Cleanliness, Women, Youth, Sochem Council and Sochem guard etc and each student is given to play a role in it.



Mobile Teaching Unit



Mobile Teaching Unit

During the year, Mobile Teaching Units (MTU) were engaged in the Sochem as well as in the Schools. A group of 3 to 4 teachers spent 5 days in each Sochem teaching maths, science and english and also organised other extracurricular activities. The team were equipped with learning tools and other teaching aids to teach the students.

A two-day training cum orientation for the Wardens was held from 2nd to 3rd March 2022 at Longpang, that discussed on the psychology of play way learning, understanding Sochem in the context of education, the MTU and its action plan.



Training of Sochem and Residential Hostel Wardens

Enrollment In Sochem

Sl No	Name of Sochem	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Total
1	Yali Sochem	7	9	16
2	Yimpang Sochem	16	18	34
3	Longra Sochem	14	12	26
4	Yangpi Sochem	38	33	71
5	Kejok Sochem	18	17	35
6	Bhumpak Sochem	8	8	16
7	Longtang Sochem	10	12	22
8	Waoshu Sochem	27	25	52
9	Chingmei Sochem	35	33	68
10	Chendang Sochem	22	20	42
11	Yonyu Sochem	29	35	64
12	Hakchang Sochem	19	17	36
13	Tuensang Village Sochem	30	30	60
14	Noksen Village Sochem	21	24	45
15	Maksha Sochem	20	26	46
16	Sangsangyu Sochem	16	21	37
17	Konya Sochem	6	13	19
18	Nakshou Sochem	23	23	46
Total		359	376	735

CASE STUDY LONGKONG CHINGMAK

Class : 4 • Sochem : **Kejok Sochem** • School : **Govt. Primary School, Kejok Village**

“For me, Sochem is like my second home with the Warden and friends around me. I have been enrolled in Sochem since class 1 and here I have developed up a sense of closeness with my books and friends as well. It has inspired me in many ways especially my studies and in setting my ambitions. Apart from regular studies, various activities like Skill session, Science exhibitions, Morung night, competitions etc has enabled me to learn so many things through participation and practice. Parents and elders of my village narrate folk songs, tales and even teach us about our ancestors. We also developed a kitchen garden and produce organic products which is sold in the village and the profit earned helps in the maintenance of the Sochem. We strictly maintain study time for 2-3 hours daily in the morning and evening with the help of the warden. Being part of the Sochem, I have also learnt a lot about skills - making handicrafts and take active part in all school related co-curricular activities. This has helped me grow in many aspects including my spiritual growth. Today, I am so proud to be a part of Sochem and I will always do my best in studies and other activities at the Sochem. I also encourage my friends to come to Sochem and take this as an opportunity to learn new things.”

MODEL SCHOOL WANCHING VILLAGE SCHOOL OF HOPE

The Model School in Wanching Village of Mon district constructed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was started from February 2021. The school is supported by a convergence of many governmental departments i.e, Department of School Education, Department of New Renewal Energy (NRE), Department of Power, PWD, PHED, Rural Development and DUDA with ECS as the implementing agency. The community of Wanching village also made significant contributions to make this School of Hope a reality. They cleaned the entire building, installed water connection from a source to the campus and contributed labour during construction of approach road. The community continued their support even as the hostel started functioning. Parents would fetch firewood for the hostel and share their farm produce on a regular basis. The school started with a total enrolment of 129 students of which 70% are students who were

transferred from private schools. The Wanching Education Project has alleviated the burden of many struggling parents who were unable to pay the fees in private schools. At present, 100 girl students are housed in the campus and 29 boys are accommodated in a facility provided by the village council. The students are from Wanching, Wakching, Wakching Chingla, Chingpoi, Tobu, Yongmoh, Tanhai and Shoiyong villages. The education of the children is supplemented by a lot of focus on practical learning. The campus also has a permaculture-based kitchen garden to add to the diet of resident students. It also serves as an experiential learning ground for students studying there helping them understand their surroundings better in terms of climate, soil, chemistry, physical flows, ecology, economic and mathematical sense in food production, community living and a sense of business by practicing sustainable living.

RESIDENTIAL GIRLS HOSTEL

ECS runs Residential Girls Hostels in four (4) Districts of Nagaland – Tuensang, Mon, Longleng and Kiphire supported by Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Nagaland Education Mission Society. The project was launched on 27th November 2019. The Hostels are run in collaboration with local partners which include the Konyak Baptist Churches Association, Phom Baptist Churches Association and Sangtam Baptist Churches Association who assists in the management and quality control measures. Currently, the hostels are functioning in full capacity with 50 students in each. The engagement of the community aims to help bring about holistic growth of the children. A range of activities is built into the design from study time to regular tests, life skill and culture with an aim to develop the physical, intellectual, spiritual, emotional and social aspects of the children. The project also focuses on involving parents and PTAs (Parents Teacher Association) were formed as platforms for active interaction between parents and teachers regarding the academic

development of the students or in dealing with any issues relating to school or the Hostel. Monthly tests were conducted to keep check the progress of each student. Skill sessions were held periodically where parents and elders were invited to teach students traditional crafts such as weaving and knitting etc. To help develop their writing skills, special sessions were held in which students were asked to write letters to their parents or village elders. Weekly fellowships are conducted at the hostels to enable spiritual growth and also the opportunity to actively participate, experience and develop their social skills as well. Games and sports are a routine feature at the hostels in order to promote physical fitness and a spirit of competitiveness in the children. Each hostel has a kitchen garden with an aim to train children on farming practices. The hostels also observed special days such as children's day, pre-Christmas programs and local festivals. Other programs conducted were health and hygiene seminar and observation of Swachhata Pakhwada in Kiphire.



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