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MISSION

Our mission is to work with **"The Lost, The Last and The Least"** Enhancing their quality of life, ensuring they are seen, heard and valued.

VISION

Our vision is to work **"Towards a Free, a Fair & a Just Society"**, by actively engaging with all stakeholders and mobilizing communities to embrace the values of humanity, equity and collective progress.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Dear Friends and Well-Wishers,

As we reflect on the year gone by, we are filled with deep gratitude for the immense support extended to the work of Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS). Your encouragement and partnership continue to be the strength behind our journey of service and transformation in Eastern Nagaland.

We are especially thankful to our funding and institutional partners—**Azim Premji Foundation (APF), NEIDA-Tata Trust, Wipro Cares, Apraava Energy, NABARD, National Health Mission (NHM), Government of Nagaland (GoN), the Department of School Education, Medicine Sans Frontier, NSCB, MCKS Trust Fund and Axis Bank Foundation.** Each has become an integral part of this collective effort, and it is with great excitement that we acknowledge the synergy these collaborations have brought. Together, we are achieving much more than we could ever have done alone.

Our **Local Democracy** Initiative is steadily taking shape, and we are hopeful that in time, the Government will come forward as a co-traveller in this journey. Meanwhile, our **Mental Health Program**—a partnership between ECS and the Church bodies of the five major district headquarters of Eastern Nagaland—is gaining momentum. We are working towards framing a contextual and effective strategy that we believe will not only impact Eastern Nagaland but offer a way forward for the entire state.

To our **Board Members, staff, community volunteers, and every supporter,** we extend our heartfelt thanks. It is only through the deep engagement and ownership of the community that any of this has been possible.

With warm regards and sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chingmak', written in a cursive style.

Rev. Dr. Chingmak
Secretary
Eleutheros Christian Society

THEMATIC AREA & WORK



RURAL HEALTH CARE THROUGH PROMOTIVE, PREVENTIVE AND CLINICAL SERVICE AND WITH EMPHASIS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.



WATER AND SANITATION HEALTH (WASH) AND SPRINGSHED/WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SELF HELP GROUP PLATFORM.



REFORMATION OF RURAL PRIMARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION.



COMMUNITY REFORMATION THROUGH LOCAL DEMOCRACY.



LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION THROUGH FARM AND NON-FARM.

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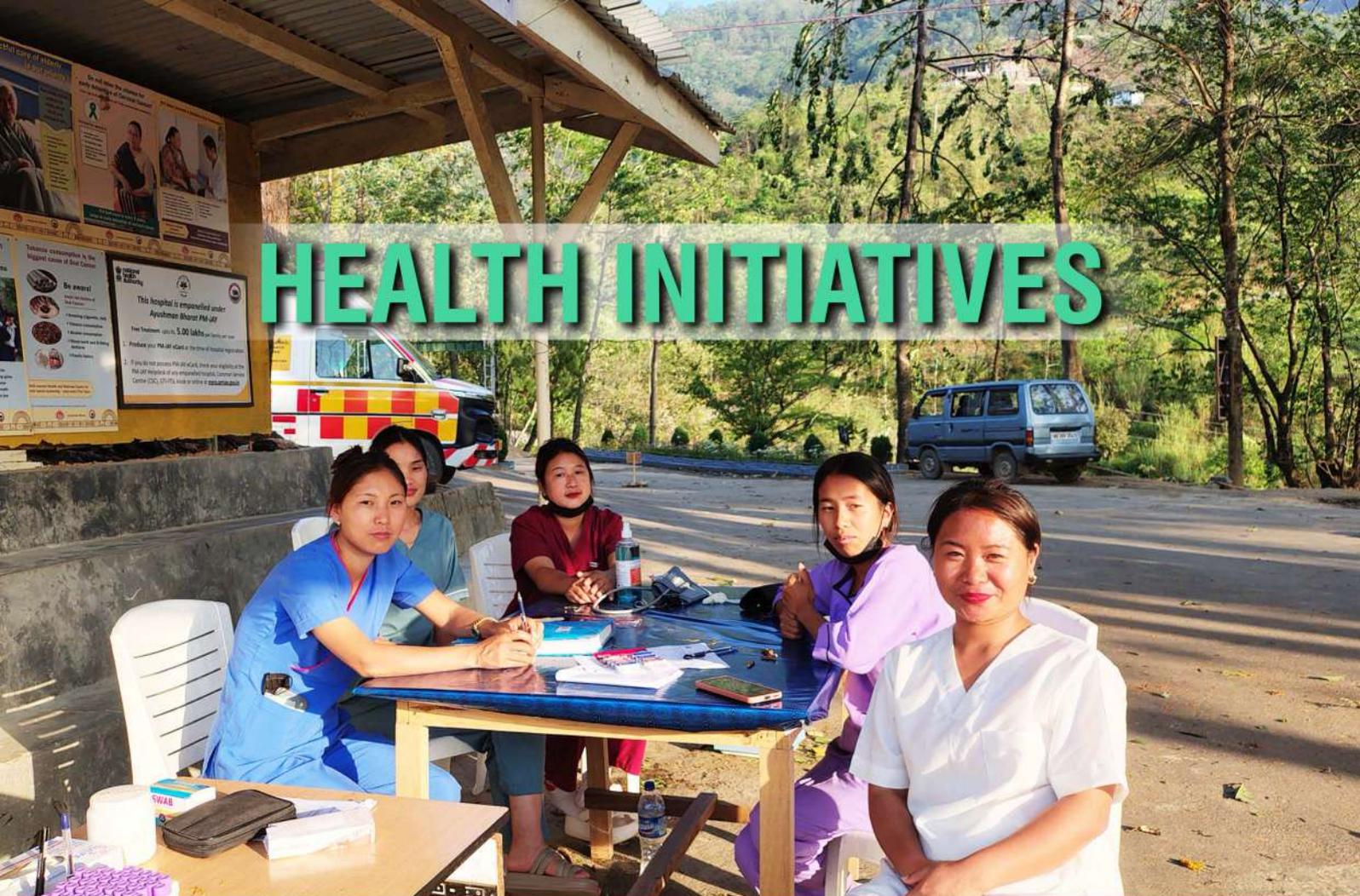
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Government of Nagaland

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HEALTH INITIATIVES



Supported under Azim Premji Foundation (APF)

According to World Health Organization (WHO), maternal health encompasses the health of women during pregnancy, child birth, and postpartum period, focusing on ensuring a positive experience for both the mother and baby, and promoting their overall well-being.

Keeping in mind the maternal health of a women the program work with the objective –To improve and enhance delivery of primary health care service and access by building a strong community response at a grassroots level. This program aims to improve the maternal health of women by improving health care access in Eastern Nagaland supported since 2023 covering a population of 77214 in 45 villages across 5 districts in Nagaland. Funders like Wipro Care supports 16 villages covering a population of 18447 in Noksen Block of Tuensang district.

Beside Maternal health the project also supports program and activities like: Adolescents training, Elderly care program, Training of men folk on maternal health, Awareness creation of nutrition, purchase of diagnostic equipment, Empanelling of online digital dispensary, Empanelling all health care centers into AB PMJAY centers, purchase of Auto claves machines, deployment of Medical Officers, Lab tech, Dhai, data operator, driver, training of core team and para workers, training on communitization, Advocacy and networking institutions, strengthening of Mothers club, support towards severe anemic and malnourished mother and children, incentive for mothers on ANC and institutional delivery, baby care kit, elderly care kit.

TOTAL ANC REGISTERED	TOTAL INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY	TOTAL HOME DELIVERY
574	503	209
CHILDREN UNDER IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM	COMPLETED IMMUNIZATION	
1084	331	

Programs supported under Apraava Energy's

PHC Ralan strengthening project

Launched in 2023, the Ralan PHC Strengthening Project aims to bolster primary healthcare services across 10 villages (population 5,827) in Wokha District, Nagaland. The initiative focuses on enhancing PHC infrastructure, improving maternal and child health (MCH) services, advancing elderly care and ensuring sustainability through schemes like Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY). During the year, key activities focused on strengthening PHC infrastructure and services, including road improvements, landscaping, facility renovation, painting, bio-waste system, incinerator, planned fire safety, and diagnostic/medical equipment upgrades (CBC analyzer serving, new labor table, vaccine refrigerator, oxygen concentrator) and a rainwater harvesting system.

Health services were delivered through OPD at the PHC, health camps and monthly outreach clinics conducted in four to five strategic locations to enable healthcare access to the widely dispersed villages in the area. A total of 719 individuals were reached through health services - 203 patients through OPD, 134 through free health camps (including a major sterilization cum MCH camp reaching to 97), and 382 patients through the outreach clinics. Of these, 387 individuals received testing and lab services. A total of 2,645 home visits were conducted by the Health workers. 47 pregnant women were covered through ANC services of which, 15 women (approximately 31.9%) received at least one ANC check-up. 11 women received two ANC check-ups, 15 received three, and 6 completed the recommended four ANC check-ups. Of the total 37 deliveries conducted during the year, 19 deliveries (51.35%) were conducted in a health facility compared to 18 deliveries (48.65%) at home.

Health awareness and sensitization programs were conducted targeting womenfolk, student leaders and mothers on topics around primary health care and barriers to access, maternal and child health, STIs, handwashing and diabetes with school children and deworming campaigns. To foster peer learning and promote health-related activities at the grassroots level, Mothers' clubs were formed in four villages. Community engagement is actively fostered through regular meetings with community leaders and key stakeholders securing their support in health promotion activities. A significant milestone was the inauguration of the PHC on March 21st by the Principal Director of Health & Family Welfare.



Strengthening Border Health Supported by MSF France

Launched in January 2024, the project aims to enhance health services in border villages under Noklak District by strengthening PHC Pangsha and the District Hospital Noklak. The project addresses critical gaps in manpower, infrastructure, equipment, and services, with a focus on delivering quality outreach services. Efforts were centered on fostering community engagement, including reactivating the Health Centre Management Committee (HCMC) at PHC Pangsha and conducting regular village-level meetings. Outreach activities were launched and mothers' clubs were established in all villages to promote health from within. Support for the elderly was also introduced through short-stay recovery camps at PHC Pangsha.

Key outputs during the year include:

- Deployed one doctor, two nurses, one lab technician, and one insurance operator at Pangsha PHC. Additionally, a doctor and an insurance operator were posted at Noklak District Hospital.
- A laboratory with all the basic equipment was established, complete with furniture, essential fixtures, and the installation of CBC (Complete Blood Count) and biochemistry analyzers.
- A pharmacy established and stocked with essential medicines
- Facility empanelled and activated the insurance scheme.
- 1526 patients reached through OPD and 86 inpatients admitted at PHC Pangsha. Treatment of 42 patients were fully covered through insurance.
- Of the total, 61 deliveries, 35 (57%) were institutional deliveries
- Spot-feeding program initiated in five villages, covering 150 mothers and 0–2-year-old children.
- A two-day gynecology camp was conducted at Noklak District Hospital, serving a total of 135 patients from 15 villages.
- Awareness sessions on HIV and sexual health were conducted for adolescent boys and girls in three schools (Dan, New Pangsha, and Noklak) and with youths from two churches (Wonthoi and Old Pangsha), reaching 163 students.



WIPRO CARES

Wipro Cares has been committed to improving maternal healthcare for the past nine years and has now extended this crucial initiative into Phase IV, which will continue until May 2027.

This long-term support has significantly enhanced access to basic healthcare services for rural communities. The current phase of the project is being implemented in 16 villages within Noksen Block, located in Tuensang District. The initiative directly supports four health centres across these villages.

A key milestone was the installation of the 'Feto Max' device on 12th March 2025 at both Noksen Primary Health Centre (PHC) and Ngoungchung Health and Wellness Centre (HWC). This device allows healthcare providers and expectant mothers to listen to fetal heartbeats, thereby improving prenatal monitoring and maternal confidence in care services.

In addition to technological upgrades, the program has emphasized community engagement. Multiple training sessions and awareness programs have been organized for expectant mothers and village health committees. These sessions aim to educate communities on maternal health, early intervention, and the importance of regular checkups.

In a significant advancement, an ultrasound machine valued at ₹6 lakhs was provided to Noksen PHC through a collaborative effort involving Wipro Cares, the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), and the National Housing Bank. This critical equipment was officially inaugurated in the presence of officials from IDAN, the National Housing Bank, ECS representatives, and local community members 21st Jan 2025

This ongoing collaboration highlights a shared commitment to strengthening rural healthcare infrastructure and ensuring safer pregnancies and healthier outcomes for mothers and children in the region.

STAFF SUPPORT

NOKSEN PHC	1 NURSE
SANGDAK SC	1 NURSE
YANGPI HWC	1 DHAI
NGOUNGCHUNG HWC	1 DHAI, 1 DRIVER AND 1 AMBULANCE

TOTAL ANC REGD.	TOTAL INSTITUTION DELIVERIES	TOTAL HOME DELIVERIES	CHILDREN UNDER IMMUNIZATION	FULLY IMMUNIZED
124	103	29	286	101





Geriatric Care Programme at Longpang PHC

ECS believes that old age is not a medical condition. It is a stage of life that needs to be protected, nurtured, and promoted. The caregiving protocols are structured to help the elderly people overcome physical, emotional and psychological limiting factors and lead their twilight years with self-respect and a new purpose. It is the belief that Senior Citizens can overcome physical and emotional challenges with Assisted Daily Living and contribute back to society.

Scaling up Geriatric program with Feeding Programme:

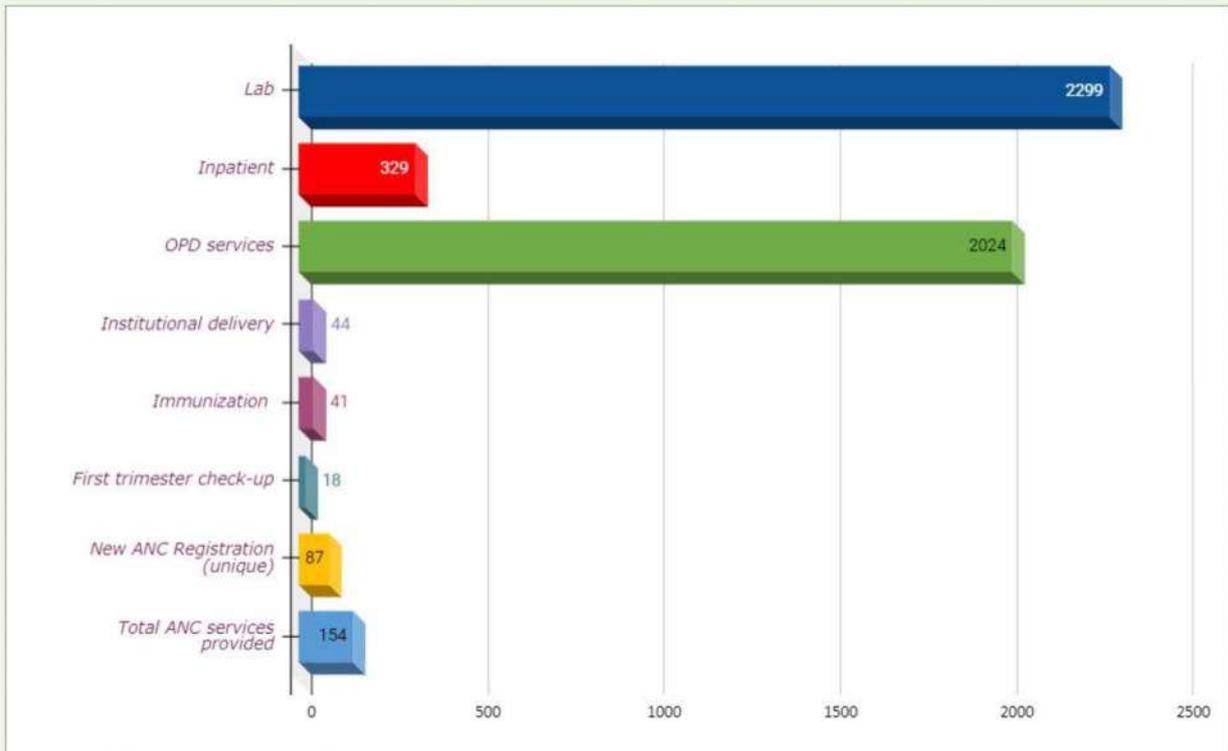
To address the nutritional deficiency amongst the elderly population, meals are provided 3 times. The menu is prepared basis on locally available resources. The responsibility of food preparation will be undertaken by either the Church, Women's group or the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) or anyone willing to volunteer. Both ECS & the Community raised funds for this initiative. Initially, ECS will contribute Rs. 60 per head.

Stakeholders will select health volunteers to assist in monitoring and supporting elderly clients. These volunteers will be responsible for client profiling, conducting home visits, and involving family members in home-based care. The volunteers will undergo a three-phase training program conducted by ECS. The first phase of training has already been completed, with participation from 2 volunteers from Keshai, 5 from Sangsangnyu, 6 from Hakchang, and 2 from Maksha.

As part of the feeding program, nurses from the Primary Health Centre (PHC) check the vitals of all clients. Iron capsules, anti-hypertensive medications, and calcium tablets are administered as needed. The food menu is also reviewed to ensure nutritional adequacy. Clients requiring further medical attention are referred to the nearest Sub-Centre or the PHCs. Elderly people was reached out during the financial year.

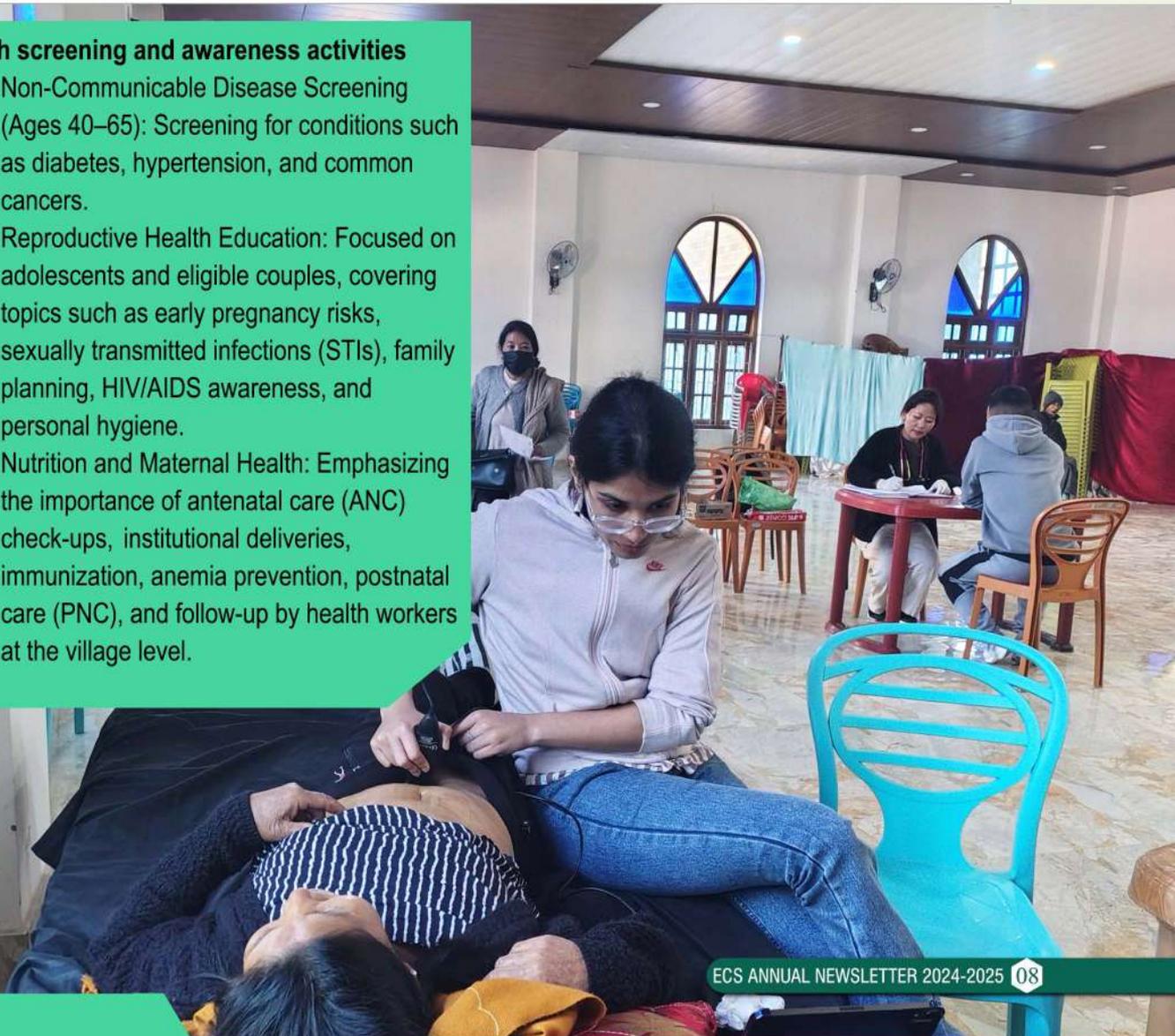
Primary Health Centre Longpang Health Indicators

Services made available at the PHC from 1, April 2024-31, March 2025



Health screening and awareness activities

- Non-Communicable Disease Screening (Ages 40–65): Screening for conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and common cancers.
- Reproductive Health Education: Focused on adolescents and eligible couples, covering topics such as early pregnancy risks, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), family planning, HIV/AIDS awareness, and personal hygiene.
- Nutrition and Maternal Health: Emphasizing the importance of antenatal care (ANC) check-ups, institutional deliveries, immunization, anemia prevention, postnatal care (PNC), and follow-up by health workers at the village level.



CASE STUDY



On Institutional Delivery Mother-Child Health

Promoting Institutional Deliveries

According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), institutional delivery in Nagaland stands at 61.9%, still below the national average of 88.6%. In eastern districts, the percentage is further affected by cultural preferences for home births, lack of awareness, and difficulty in accessing health facilities due to distance and terrain.

The expectant mothers travel long distances over hilly, rough roads—often without proper transport to reach the facility – CHCs and PHCs. In such a context, grassroots health workers like ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists), along with the ECS support plays a vital role in encouraging safe deliveries and improving MCH outcomes.

Neki Neangmai, a 28-year-old woman from Changlangshu village in Mon district, exemplifies the growing awareness and behavioural shift towards institutional deliveries. As a shy and reserved individual, the thought of delivering in a hospital was initially overwhelming for her. However, her perspective changed after she came to know—through ECS health workers and ASHA volunteers—that institutional deliveries ensured safer delivery, free services, baby kits and government-provided incentives under schemes like Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK) and Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY). Her first child was born at home but the second son was delivered at Changlangshu PHC with assistance from health worker and the village ASHA.

She received post-delivery, baby kit and financial incentives provided by ECS and relevant government schemes. Inspired by this experience, Neki has now become a vocal advocate for institutional deliveries within her community. She actively encourages other mothers and participates in mother's group meetings to share her story and raise awareness.

CASE STUDY

LITMUS DIGITAL DISPENSARY AT NAMCHING HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE

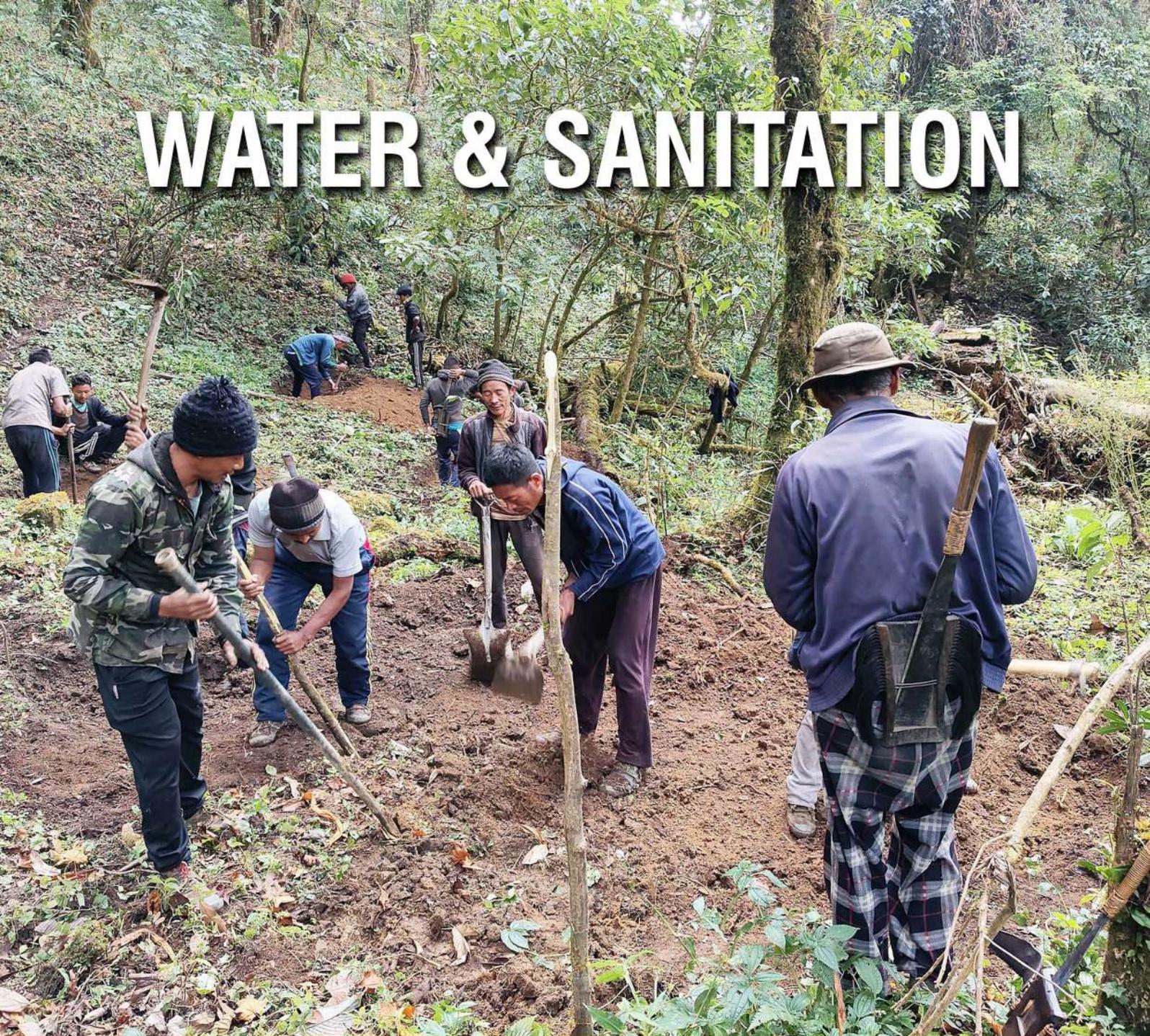
In Eastern Nagaland, the harsh truth of isolation and underdevelopment is undeniable. Public institutions, particularly healthcare centers, lack sufficient staff and resources to provide basic necessary services. Doctors appointed to these regions often leave abruptly or resigned. Specialist doctors are rare in most district hospitals, let alone in remote rural areas. As a result, community members with minor illnesses have to spend significant amounts of money seeking treatment elsewhere, while the poor and less fortunate are left to fend for themselves when it comes to their health.

The introduction of the Litmus Digital Dispensary (LDD) machine on a trial basis aims to address the ongoing issue of shortage of human resources in the area. Acquired from Glocal Healthcare Systems Pvt. Ltd. in Kolkata, the machine was set up at Namching Health and Wellness Center in Longleng on April 23, 2024. The LDD device will enable real-time collection of medical data, including tests, evaluations, diagnoses, and patient information gathering. It also includes a cloud-based Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS) to assist physicians in diagnosing and treating patients by offering evidence-based protocols and reducing medical errors. Additionally, the machine features an electronically controlled medication dispenser capable of managing up to 120 different products, ensuring precise and automated medication dispensing. The LDD operates collaboratively to offer a comprehensive healthcare experience, providing consultations, diagnostics, and medications all in one place.

Having stable internet access is essential for conducting seamless video consultations and transferring data, as well as for training staff and increasing awareness among the local population about the available services. Despite the challenges, over 135 patients have already received consultations and treatment for various conditions at the center. Antenatal care services and a 50% discount on medications are also provided. The Litmus Digital Dispensary at Namching HWC demonstrates the potential of incorporating technology into rural healthcare delivery. By delivering accessible, affordable, and high-quality healthcare services, it helps address the issues of doctor shortages and limited medical infrastructure in remote areas. This model could potentially serve as a guide for expanding digital healthcare solutions in underserved regions.



WATER & SANITATION



Springshed Management Programme Strengthens Water Security in Tuensang and Noklak

The Springshed Management Programme has achieved significant progress in enhancing water security across Tuensang and Noklak districts during 2024-2025. The initiative successfully revitalized 31 springs across 25 villages, delivering substantial benefits to approximately 3,000 households.

The programme implemented a comprehensive approach combining groundwater recharge measures, erosion control techniques, and ecosystem restoration efforts, which has markedly improved water retention and availability throughout the region. Infrastructure development was prioritized through the construction of spring boxes and check dams to effectively regulate water flow and storage.

To ensure long-term sustainability, the organization conducted 88 training sessions, building local capacity for water conservation and management. Village councils, WATSAN committees, and water users have been empowered with the necessary skills to maintain these systems independently.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	QUANTITY
Coverage	Springs revived	31
	Villages covered	25
	Beneficiary households	2,848
	Spring recharge area (hectares)	45.6
Water Retention Measures	Contour trenches	6,860
	Recharge ponds	54
	Recharge pits	870
Erosion Control	Bench terraces	272
	Stone bunds	52
Ecosystem Restoration	Palisades	405
	Tree saplings planted	300
Infrastructure Development	Spring boxes constructed	3
	Check dams built	55
Capacity Building	Training sessions conducted	88
	Stakeholders trained	865

The project is designed for implementation across 55 villages in Tuensang and Noklak Districts. During 2024-25, the remaining 20 villages were engaged through mobilization meetings and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) activities, laying the groundwork for future intervention. Implementation in these villages will continue in the subsequent phase of the programme.



CASE STUDY

Kungli and Jeepho Springs, Chingmelen Village, Tuensang District, Nagaland

Chingmelen village located in the easternmost part of Tuensang district in Nagaland, is home to approximately 190 households that heavily depend on spring water for their daily needs. The primary water sources in the village are Kungli and Jeepho springs. These two springs have experienced a decrease in water flow over the past years due to deforestation, unpredictable rainfall patterns, soil erosion, and inadequate management of the watershed.

In 2023, a joint effort between ECS, NEIDA and the local community launched the Kungli and Jeepho spring rejuvenation project as part of a broader

initiative to enhance climate resilience and water security. The project's objectives included increasing spring water flow through scientifically guided and community-driven measures, promoting sustainable management of the catchment area and protection of recharge zones, and reinforcing local water governance practices.

The project activities involved conducting hydrogeological surveys, identifying recharge areas, and constructing 995 staggered contour trenches, 3 recharge ponds, and 33 check dams in the recharge zones, covering a total area of 3.5 hectares. Additionally, the community was mobilized and trained to ensure proper protection, monitoring, and maintenance of the catchment area.

To intensify monitoring efforts and ensure accurate data collection, an automatic spring water discharge logger that continuously tracks water flow patterns and provides real-time data on spring performance has been installed in Kungli Spring

By March 2025, the project has shown significant results and impact. There has been an improvement in household water availability during the dry season, leading to reduced time spent on water collection each day. Furthermore, vegetation coverage and soil moisture retention in the recharge areas have visibly improved.

This case study underscores the importance of community participation, scientific planning, and nature-based solutions in establishing resilient water systems in water-stressed regions like Eastern Nagaland. The successful restoration of the Kungli and Jeepho springs sets a precedent for integrated and participatory management of springs in the area.



Spring Discharge data analysis

Name of Village : Chingmelen

Name of Spring: Jeepho

Monthly Discharge measurement In
LPM



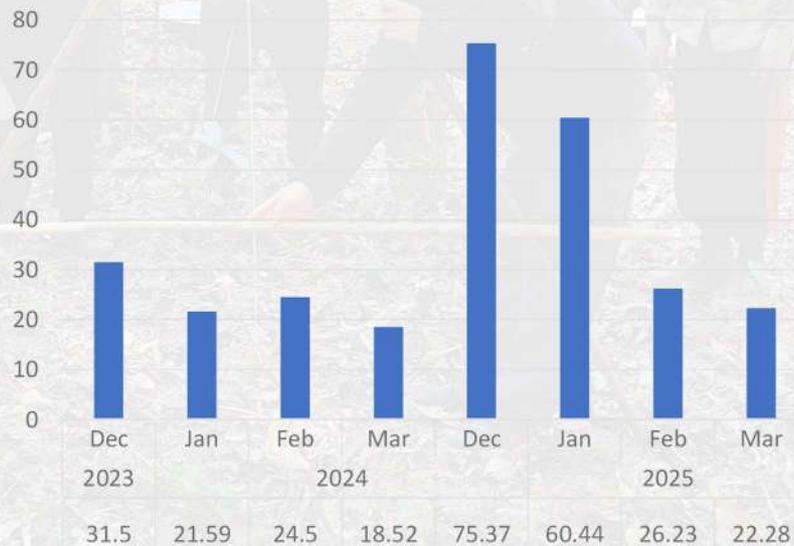
Spring Treatment Status: **Completed On 15-12-2023**

Spring Discharge data analysis

Name of Village : Chingmelen

Name of Spring: Kungli

Monthly Discharge measurement In
LPM



Spring Treatment Status: **Completed on 28/2/2024**

Women Co-Operative Initiative

SUPPORTED BY AZIM PREMJI FOUNDATION (APF)

Women's SHGs – Catalysts of Socio-Economic Transformation

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have become a powerful instrument for empowering rural women and transforming socio-economic conditions in India. According to a World Bank study (2019) on the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), households with women SHG members saw a 20% increase in income, 15% higher savings, and a 25% increase in women's participation in household financial decisions. The same study revealed that children from SHG households were 13% more likely to attend school and had better nutritional outcomes compared to non-member households.

Women associated with SHGs had improved access to formal credit, reduced dependency on informal moneylenders, and higher resilience to economic shocks. Moreover, SHG women engaged in collective enterprises contributed to local job creation and value chain development, particularly in sectors like agriculture, livestock, and handicrafts.

For over 28 years, ECS has been working closely with marginalized women—initially in Tuensang and now expanding across Eastern Nagaland—to build and strengthen SHG networks. These groups have enabled women to become key contributors to their families' financial well-being and active participants in community governance. ECS-supported SHGs are not only nurturing savings and credit habits but also promoting leadership, social solidarity, and pathways to sustainable livelihoods.



Highlights of SHG Activities and Achievements

- 66 new SHGs formed, engaging 531 women from underserved areas like Noklak and Yangching into ECS's growing network.
- Three new federations launched in Yangching, New Pangsha, and Wontoi, each with democratically elected leadership bodies.
- Two-phase residential training for LRPs and bookkeepers conducted to strengthen SHG recordkeeping and financial management.
- 322 SHGs rated across 25+ villages to assess group performance and encourage transparent financial practices.
- Inter-district exposure visit held for 116 participants to promote peer learning, confidence building, and federation networking.
- 348 SHG members trained in piggery and poultry rearing, enhancing skills in sustainable livestock-based livelihoods.
- Annual Edou Confederation Meeting convened, with major resolutions including SHG rule revisions, cooperative registration, and leadership restructuring.
- "Power of One Rupee" initiative mobilized 1,240 members, collecting ₹452,600 to strengthen collective savings.
- Refresher trainings held in 30+ federations, reinforcing SHG and Edou leaders' roles for effective federation functioning.
- Leadership trainings conducted in over 35 locations, building capacities in group management and decision-making.
- Ten villages supported under the Rabi Cropping Initiative, receiving seeds and technical training to boost food security and income.
- Board of Directors held two review meetings, approving initiatives like inter-state exposure, cultural mela, and shareholding enhancement.
- Cancer patient outreach conducted by BODs, demonstrating SHG-linked cooperatives' growing role in social responsibility.
- Joint strategic meeting planned between ECS Core Team and Women Cooperative Team to strengthen future collaboration and empowerment pathways.
- In 2024-25, 10 Edou federations was supported with a total grant amount of Rs 99,85,000/- (ninety-nine lakh and eighty-five thousand only) to the revolving corpus of the federations. These 10 Edou Federations directly supports 1789 members in 245 groups covering village under Eastern Nagaland.

ECS had reorganized and confederated the Edou Federations into confederation of Edou Federations under the banner of “Changsang Agri and Allied Cooperative Society Ltd” and the organization will provide handholding support to the Cooperative for the next 5 years. The Changsang Agri and Allied Cooperative Society will function as separate enterprise.

THE “POWER OF ONE RUPEE”

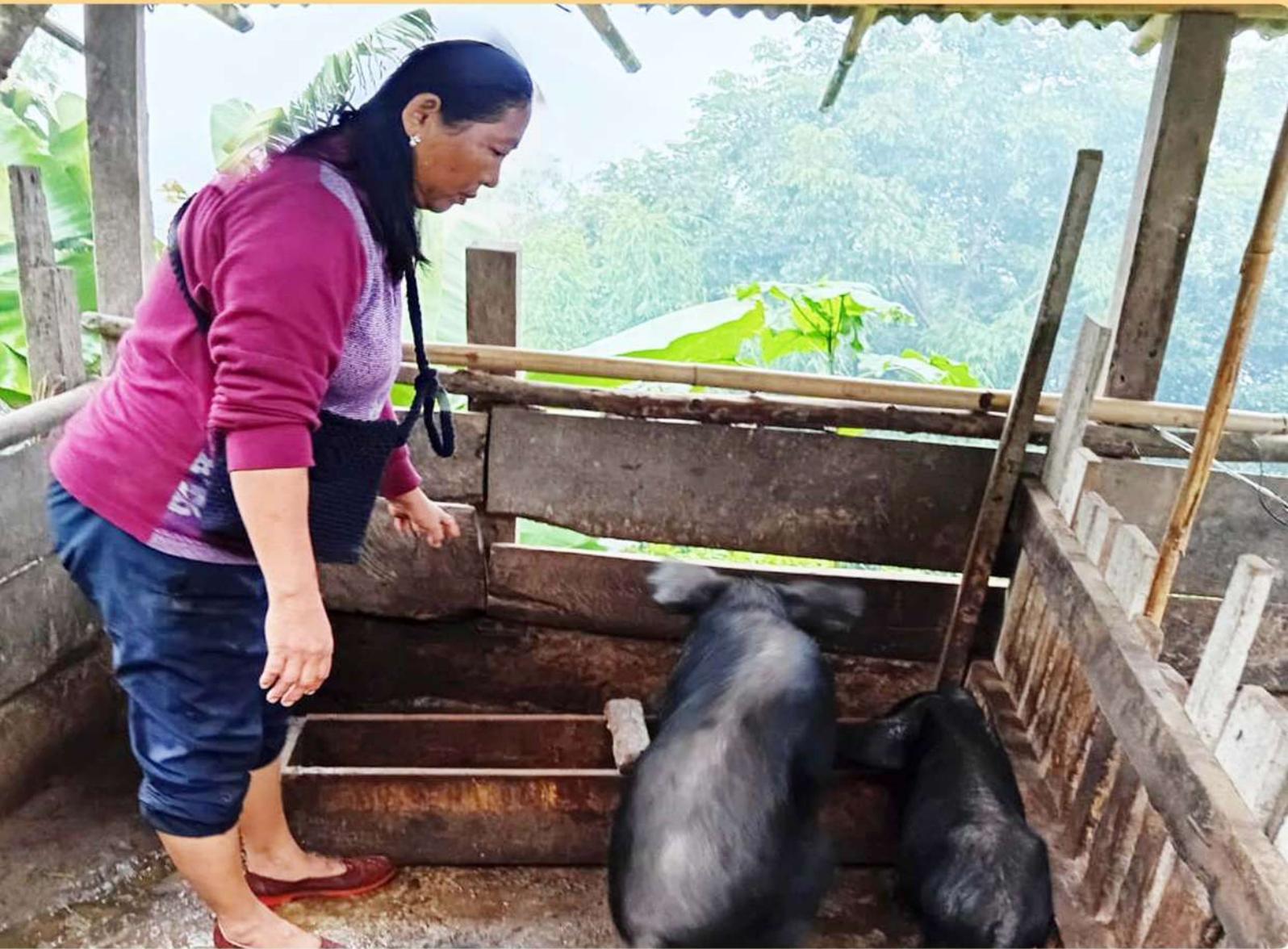
ECS launched the “POWER OF ONE RUPEE” scheme as a community-driven micro-insurance initiative to strengthen the safety net for Self-Help Group (SHG) members and their families. Rooted in the collective principle that even a single rupee contributed regularly can lead to meaningful protection, the initiative was launched out of the recognition that many SHG members face unforeseen health, education, and social emergencies without formal support systems.

While SHGs have empowered women economically, a gap remained in social security and crisis mitigation. Health expenses, especially for life-threatening conditions like cancer or the inability to fund children’s education during hardship were common vulnerabilities. The “Power of Rupees One” addresses this by pooling member contributions into a shared fund that provides financial support in times of urgent need—in health, educational or social emergencies.

The scheme has enabled timely cancer treatment support (₹50,000) for a 2 members of the Aloji SHG Federation and Hakchang Edou Federation respectively. The initiative also recognized academic excellence by awarding two SHG members’ children with (₹20000) each, who ranked among the top 20 in the NBSE HSLC exam 2025. By covering both members and their families, the “Power of Rupees One” affirms the team a long-term commitment to community resilience, social equity, and inclusive progress through SHG platforms.



Smti. Lithrongla Tongpi Rutsa, Deputy Commissioner, Tuensang handing the meriteious students with Cash and Certificate.



CASE STUDY

In 2009, ECS has started Self Help Group (SHG) in Maksha. Since then the groups are slowly growing and members are becoming more empowered. In 2024, the organisation under Income Generation Activity (IGA) initiative, the 4 groups with 31 members were supported a loan of Rs 6,20,000/- (six lakhs twenty thousand only). The groups collectively invested in mobile business and other activities and had generated an amount of Rs 4,96,000/- (four lakhs ninety six thousands only) profit. The profit amount of Rs 16,000/- (sixteen thousand only) each was shared among the 31 members, which was individually reinvested into different trades such as piggery, poultry, fishery, shop etc providing steady and continuous income to the family. The members of Maksha SHG sincerely express heartfelt gratitude to ECS for the support.

EDUCATION



THE AZIM PREMJI FOUNDATION SUPPORTS:

- i) Education Centre (Sochum in Chang, Lumjapong in Yimkhuing, Khyokkyu in Tikhir, Atsumon Poo in Khaiminiungan and Manlam Kahphen in Konyak) covering total of 275 students.
- ii) 29 students of class X, under Zero Mission initiated by Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS).
- iii) 7 traditional Morungs.
- iv) Wesen Project (Education Board) initiated by Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS).

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN, DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION KOHIMA SUPPORTS:

- i) Netaji Subash Chendra Bose Avasiya Vidyalaya (NSCBV) Residential Hostel (RH) in Tuensang, Mon and Kiphire with 50 girl child in each hostel.
- ii) KGBV under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Directorate of School Education Kohima supports 100 students capacity student in Wanching village under Mon District.
- iii) 13 traditional Morungs in 13 villages.

The Education Program continues to transform students through a holistic blend of traditional wisdom and modern pedagogy. Residential hostels in Wanching, Sangsangyu, and Kiphire supporting 200 underprivileged girl students, provides safe learning spaces, academic guidance, and life skills development. In partnership with the Chang Wedoshi Setshang (CWS) – the apex student body of the Chang community had launched Montessori-based learning (Project Wekhang) in 11 villages across Tuensang with an enrolment of 426 children.

The Morung-inspired Sochum Traditional Education System has expanded from the Chang community to six other tribes in partnership with the Churches Associations of Chang, Sangtam, Yimkhiong, Khiamniungan, Phom, Tikhir and Konyak.

To strengthen STEM learning, ECS has collaborated with The Life Lab, Pune to establish Science & Math Labs in three government run high schools at Hakchang GHS, Yangpi GHS and Chingmei GHS benefiting 242 students. These labs offer hands-on, play-based modules that promote curiosity, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving.

The Mission Zero % initiative, in partnership with CWS and CBLT, targeted detention of Class 10 students. Of the 29 students coached, 100% passed percentage was recorded including students passed out from compartment examination. Regular internal exams through the Wesen Project, conducted in partnership with CWS, have further helped track academic progress at the primary level.



SOCHUM LEARNING CENTRES: STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONAL EDUCATION

In various rural and underprivileged areas of Eastern Nagaland, children face significant educational challenges due to inadequate infrastructure, shortage of qualified teachers and limited access to early learning opportunities. Sochum effectively addresses these challenges by providing a safe, structured, and nurturing environment where children can cultivate essential literacy, numeracy, and life skills that are vital for their future academic and personal achievements.

ECS currently operates 18 Sochum learning centres, with 13 supported by Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Nagaland, and 5 funded through various donor partnerships. These centres collectively serve 729 children in the 2024–2025 academic year. Implemented in collaboration with Chang Baptist Lashong Thangyen (CBLT) and local communities, the Sochum initiative plays a vital role in improving access to quality early childhood and primary education in remote regions.





KEY IMPACTS:

- Children attending Sochum consistently demonstrate 80–90% academic achievement rates. The program has also contributed to increased transition rates into higher education and helped cultivate lifelong study habits from an early age.
- Through structured competitions, skill-building sessions, and extracurricular activities, students have shown marked improvements in self-confidence, communication skills, and self-esteem.
- Sochum promotes essential life values such as cleanliness, discipline, and social responsibility. This has translated into better personal hygiene practices and positive behavioral changes within homes and communities.
- The initiative has sparked strong community ownership and participation. Parents, church leaders, and village authorities are actively engaged in the functioning and development of the centres, leading to a broader shift in community attitudes towards the importance of education.



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOCHUM STUDENTS – 2024

The year 2024 has been a remarkable one for students nurtured under the Sochum initiative, with several young learners excelling in academics, sports, and scholarships, bringing pride to their communities and the program.

In the recently declared PSLC Exam 2024 under Tuensang SDEO, Sochum students secured top ranks. Noksensangla from Yangpi Sochum stood 1st, while Bendangnungla from Yonyu secured 6th rank. Kikanungla Y Chang and Sakutalim from Yangpi and Nyinyem Sochums respectively, also made it to the merit list, securing 8th and 9th ranks. These results are a testament to the quality of support and learning atmosphere created through the Sochum centers.

In recognition of its overall impact, Hakchang Sochum was honored with the Best Sochum Award by the Chang Khulei Setshang (CKS) during the Poanglum Festival 2024 a proud moment for the community and a reflection of consistent efforts by both children, mentors and community. The talent of Sochum students also reflects in the field of sports. During the All GHS Inter School Tournament, Mephulemla from Yangpi secured 1st position in the Running Race, while Sangju Limba, also from Yangpi, claimed 1st in Javelin Throw.

In the academic sphere, Mangyang Themla and Beti Mansa, both from Yangpi Sochum, were awarded the prestigious National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS), a competitive scholarship aimed at encouraging meritorious students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

These achievements highlight the positive impact of the Sochum program in shaping confident, capable, and community-rooted children. The collective efforts of the Sochum facilitators, communities, and partner organizations continue to provide rural students with the platform and encouragement they need to thrive.



CASE STUDY



A WARDEN'S JOURNEY AT MANLAM KAPHEN

Langphong T. Konyak has been serving as the warden of Manlam Kaphen in Tangnyu village, Mon District, since September 2024. His journey reflects both the joy and the weight of responsibility that comes with nurturing young lives in a residential educational setting.

In the current academic year, the hostel admitted 10 new students, bringing the total strength to 45. This steady increase is a reflection of the growing trust and competency of the institution from the community. Langphong shares that while the students have been sincere and cooperative, the lack of dedicated Mathematics and Science teachers continues to be a major challenge. He has had to take on these subjects himself, which has been demanding and often overwhelming. Lack of dedicated Mathematics and Science teachers continues to be a major challenge. He has had to take on these subjects himself, which has been demanding and often overwhelming.

Despite these challenges, the hostel has witnessed inspiring progress. One of the most notable achievements was Monglo, a Class 7 student, who secured 89% in the Primary School Leaving Certificate (PLSC) examination under Mon District. Langphong expressed pride in this accomplishment, stating, "Scoring such a high percentage while studying in a rural government school is no small feat. Monglo's achievement has brought pride not only to Manlam Kaphen but to the entire community. He has become a source of motivation for every student here."

Reflecting on his experience, Langphong shared, "It hasn't been easy, but the belief that the students, ECS, and the community have in this mission keeps me going. It gives me strength to strive harder and believe that greater opportunities lie ahead—for the children and for our people."

CASE STUDY



BENDANG NUNGLA: RISING BEYOND BARRIERS FROM YONYU SOCHUM

At just 13 years old, Bendang Nunгла from Yonyu Sochum stands out as a shining example of perseverance, potential, and the quiet impact of community-based learning. The third among five siblings in a financially challenged household, Bendang’s journey has been shaped by resilience and a thirst for knowledge.

Her educational path began at Yonyu Sochum, where she enrolled in Class 1 and remained actively engaged for five consecutive years. Within the nurturing environment of the Sochum, Bendang not only built a strong academic foundation but also grew in confidence and social awareness. The collective life at the centre—rich with group activities, storytelling, values-based learning, and peer interaction—played a vital role in shaping her character and ambitions.

Despite limited resources at home, Bendang's determination never wavered. She completed her primary education at the Government Primary School (GPS) Yonyu and appeared for the Primary School Leaving Certificate (PSLC) Examination in 2024, under the Sub-Divisional Education Officer (SDEO), Tuensang.

Her efforts bore fruit—Bendang emerged among the top six performers, securing an impressive 71.2%. Her success story is not just a personal achievement but a reflection of what can be accomplished when community-led education models like Sochum support children who might otherwise be left behind. Today, Bendang is a source of inspiration to her peers and a symbol of hope for many other young girls in her village. Her story exemplifies the transformative power of grassroots educational initiatives in remote communities.



LOCAL DEMOCRACY

STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN EASTERN NAGALAND – A PROJECT SUPPORTED UNDER APF

Eastern Nagaland - an area marked by geographic remoteness, socio-economic marginalization, and limited state presence-strong local governance is crucial for inclusive and sustainable development. Traditional institutions like Village Councils and Church Associations continue to play pivotal roles in community life. However, their integration with modern governance frameworks is essential to address contemporary challenges such as health, education, livelihoods, and social justice. Strengthening local governance in this region empowers communities to take ownership of their development and ensures that interventions are responsive to local needs.

To this end, ECS undertook a series of initiatives aimed at building the capacity of village-level institutions and community mobilizers. One of the key interventions was the training of Community Mobilizers to conduct household surveys and engage communities in participatory planning. Through these surveys, over 1,160 households across six villages were reached, generating critical data for identifying development priorities.

1. VILLAGE GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP STRENGTHENING

Bi-Monthly Village Review Meetings:

- Organised in partner villages to help communities identify and discuss local challenges. These meetings evolved to where, by the second or third round, villages took independent ownership, choosing to deliberate sensitive issues without external facilitators. A series of Village Level Review Meetings were conducted across six villages convened by the Village Council to evaluate progress, address local challenges, and strengthen community participation in governance. Held bi-monthly throughout the year, these meetings provided an important platform for villagers, local leaders, and stakeholders to share experiences and propose actionable improvements.

- **Leadership Seminars & Workshops:**

Leadership Seminar cum Revival was successfully held across six villages—Anatongre, Hak, Leangkonger, Tangnyu, Wonthoi, and Yangching—bringing together key village stakeholders for a blend of church services and interactive workshops.

The seminar aimed to tackle local challenges while underscoring the importance of participatory decision-making in community development. Through interactive sessions, participants examined pressing village issues, identified possible solutions, and discussed strategic ways to promote sustainable progress.

- **Young Mothers Camp:**

In response to gender-based and social challenges, thematic trainings for women were conducted. These included sessions on legal rights, maternal health, economic empowerment, and drug and alcohol prevention. Each training aimed to address specific vulnerabilities while empowering individuals with knowledge and practical skills.

- **Village Council Exposure Visits:**

To facilitated exposure for Village Council members and community leaders was organised at Mokokchung district. Participants observed participatory decision-making, fund utilization strategies, and sustainable farming practices. These cross-learning experiences provided valuable insights and inspired practical improvements in their home villages.

ECS also invested in the capacity building of its own staff and mobilizers through classroom and field-based training on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) tools, including resource and social mapping. Exposure visits to other states provided valuable lessons on advocacy, inclusion, and grassroots governance, especially from marginalized community experiences.

Together, these efforts reflect a holistic approach to strengthening governance from the ground up—empowering communities in Eastern Nagaland to become active agents of their development through knowledge, participation, and collaboration.



Key Achievements:

2. CAPACITY BUILDING OF STAFF & COMMUNITY MOBILIZERS

- Organised an intensive five-day capacity building workshop for ECS staff, community mobilizers, and volunteers. Covered foundational concepts of local governance, village council functioning, and the Panchayati Raj system, linking these to day-to-day mobilisation work. The training was facilitated by Manoj Raj.
- 3 day hands-on training on participatory tools such as resource mapping, seasonal calendars, problem trees, and other PRA techniques. Sessions were facilitated by the Praxis Foundation, ensuring participants gained not only theoretical knowledge but also practical facilitation skills to support village-level planning and participatory exercises. The training fostered confidence among staff and CMs to engage with village councils on governance themes, guide community analysis processes, and follow up on identified issues.
- Organised an exposure trip to Tamil Nadu for one ECS staff and 6 community mobilizers. Visited three panchayats — Padikasuvithanpatti, Irukkankudi, and Aaviliipatti — to study grassroots efforts in breaking caste-based occupational cycles, promoting sanitation, and deepening participation in local governance despite social challenges. The team observed efforts to break the cycle of sanitation work, raise awareness about government schemes, and promote community participation. Despite facing caste-based discrimination and threats, these initiatives have increased school attendance and community involvement. Panchayats showcased structured governance with strong women's leadership. This visit highlighted how inclusive, community-led governance can drive social change, uphold dignity, and advance the rights of marginalized groups.
- One staff member attended a five-day Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) workshop in Bangalore from November 4–9, 2024, facilitated by Praxis. The training was aimed at strengthening skills to work effectively with communities through participatory methods. The training combined theoretical sessions on participation, power dynamics, and PRA tools with practical exercises and field visits. Participants engaged in activities like social and resource mapping, problem tree analysis, and seasonal calendars, working closely with rural communities—including women and marginalized groups—to identify local challenges and explore solutions. The workshop provided valuable hands-on experience, deepening understanding of grassroots realities and fostering skills for inclusive, community-driven development.





LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

Empowering Rural Farmers

- A project supported by Axis Bank Foundation covering 5300 marginal farmers in Eastern Nagaland.
- A project supported by Azim Premji Foundation for upliftment of marginal farmers
- Integrated Livelihood project Phase II supported by NEIDA (Tata Trust) covering 4500 households in 42 villages under Tuensang and Noklak.
- Tribal Development Project TDF supported by NABARD covering 200 households each in Wanching Mon and 200 Households in Lotisa old, Lotisa New and Mupulum in Zunheboto district.
- Integrated Energy Planning for Development in Climate Vulnerable Areas to enhancing Rural Agriculture through solar and bio-mass energy for community resilience supported by World Resource Institute (WRI)
- Promotion of Farmers Producer Organisation

The rural and hilly regions of Eastern Nagaland face unique developmental challenges, particularly among poor and marginalized farming communities in the farming sector. The Livelihood vertical of the organisation has implemented a range of strategic livelihood initiatives aimed at improving agricultural productivity, institutionalization, building farmers skills, promotion of FPOs and promoting sustainable farming practices. The livelihood program provided substantial support to enhance agricultural and livestock productivity.

KEY INPUT:

- Supported 400 farmers with 20 MT ginger rhizomes
- Distributed 91.2 MT of potato tubers to 1,518 farmers
- Supplied over 20 lakh cabbage saplings
- Provide varied quality vegetable seeds
- Conducted animal health camps and vaccination drives
- Facilitated training on agriculture, piggery, and community institutions
- Constructed water tanks and Julkhunds for irrigation support
- Organised exposures for farmers and staff
- Net-working with agri and allied departments for input support.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS :

- 100 Ha of bench terraces established under settled farming initiatives
- Animal health camp organised
- Significant income generation:
 - 360 households earned between ₹ 50,000 - ₹1,00,000
 - 3953 households earned between ₹ 1,00,000 - ₹ 2,00,000
 - 25 households earned over ₹ 2,00,000
- Constructed 59 water tanks and Julkhunds with gravity pipe line connection from perennial streams.
- Sale proceed of more than 20 cr generated through vegetables and crops.
- Sale proceed of more than 30 lakhs generated through pigs.
- Conducted farmer scientist interface.
- Para worker half yearly review and training



DEVELOPMENT OF FARM SCHOOL

Many youths after completion of their academic education could not be filled into government sector for employment as the unemployment percentage of the state is high and grows higher every year. This educated youth are in dilemma as they cannot get employment neither do they want to go back to the farming. Thus, the objective of the farm school is to bridge the gap of this section by imparting various technology on farming and linked to access capital from the banking institution for establishment of their respective projects in the village. Youth who have undergone training in the farm school and are ready to take risks will be identified and promote them as Agripreneurs.



PROGRESS ACHIEVEMENT

- Established breeding unit.
- Established poultry unit.
- Established soil lab unit.
- Fencing of the units.
- Water connection to the centre from perennial stream.
- Construction of buildings.
- Construction of water tanks.
- Construction of terrace benches.
- Construction of high tech poly house.
- Development of syllabus with support of Science Agriculture University.
- Construction, soiling and metaling of link road to farm school.
- Plantation of trees and indigenous vegetables.



CASE STUDY



Pusho a 28 lives with his parents in Noklak village. With support of CMMFI and the organisation he took up piggery enterprise as a means to self-reliant. With financial assistance and technical skill-based training provided, he started his piggery unit in the year 2022 with 2 sow and 1 boar. Started as a modest investment, Pusho focused on improving breed quality, feed management and health care of the pigs, ensuring optimal growth and market value. Over the years, his farm gain a steady growth in production and revenue. In 2023 he earned Rs 1,20,000 from selling of 4 fattener. In 2024 the income increased to Rs 1,65,000, through selling of 3 fattener and 15 piglets.

The enterprise witnessed a 37.5% increase in income within a year, showcasing the success of structured pig farming. He gained practical expertise in pig breeding, feed management and disease prevention. His work inspired other local youth to consider piggery as a viable livelihood option.

I am deeply grateful to the organisation for the invaluable support provided in my journey as a pig farmer. The training empowered me to make informed decisions, enhance productivity, and expand my piggery business, leading to a better future. I sincerely thank the trainers, mentors, and everyone involved in this program for their unwavering support. Your efforts have transformed my life, and I hope many more aspiring farmers can benefit from such opportunities.



Transforming Livelihoods through Sustainable Agriculture – The Story of Namang from Keshai Village

Keshai is a remote village located 28 kilometers from Tuensang town in Nagaland. The majority of its residents rely on traditional farming practices for their livelihoods. Amidst limited access to modern agricultural tools and resources, farmers in the region have faced challenges such as low productivity, poor water availability and limited market access. However, the story of Namang, a progressive farmer from Keshai, highlights how targeted interventions and community-centered practices can transform these limitations into opportunities. Namang lives with his wife and four sons. In the year 2024 he was supported with 1 boar and 2 sow through the project.

The project aims to improve agricultural practices, ensure sustainable livelihoods and build climate resilience among smallholder farmers in the region. Through the project Namang was supported with subsidized seeds, livestock medicines, water harvesting tank, pipes, and drip irrigation system besides continuing training support on the Package of Practices (PoP) and integrated farming.

In the last financial year, Namang recorded a total income of Rs 1,67,000 from multiple sources through sale of cabbage, potato, pea, green beans and pigs.

He has only one plot of land in the village as he is not from Keshai village. But in the same plot of land, he continuously practices crop rotation and get good harvest with management of soil and water. Namang's success has inspired a ripple effect as farmers from neighbouring villages visits his field for learning. He has become a local influencer in sustainable and community-driven agriculture. Namang's journey from a conventional farmer to a progressive farmer in sustainable agriculture is a testament to the power of integrated rural development.

HR UPDATE

MANPOWER DETAILS FOR 2024-2025

Staff Category	Number
Regular Staffs	21
Contractual Staffs	95
Para Worker (Agri & Allied)	60
Health Workers	65
Para Hydrologist	48
Community Mobilizers	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Workshop on Biochar Production, facilitated by INGALA Earth India.
2. Staff Capacity Building on PRA, facilitated by Praxis Foundation.
Staff capacity building training focused on the use of PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) tools. A total of 30 participants, which included 6 Community Mobilizers, 3 volunteers, and 21 staff members. The two-day training program was structured into two main components: a classroom-based session and a field-based session.
3. One staff completed three months course on Batch XI of “Corporate Social Responsibility: Its Applied Aspects” by HCL Foundation.
4. Staff Health & Wellness Program
 - * Staffs Benefited under Medical Health Check Up & Nutritional Support – 36
 - * Staffs Benefited under the Routine Lipid Profile & Fasting Blood Sugar- 44



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

ECS facilitates internship opportunities for second-year ANM students from the ANM School of Nursing, Tuensang, students of various institution and as well as theological students. The program includes both theoretical and practical sessions, with a strong emphasis on cultural sensitivity and working with vulnerable communities.

Through home visits and community engagement activities, students gain first hand insight into how communities participate in and contribute to the development process, enhancing their understanding of grassroots healthcare and social work.

Training of Nurses at Longpang PHC

Training on “Health Education & Soft Skills” in collaboration with Christian Institute of Health Science and Research (CIHSR) was conducted at Longpang PHC. A total of 10 nurses from various PHCs (Sangdak, Langnok, Mopong, Changlangshu, Noksen, Longpang) attended the training. The methodology of the training included lectures, group discussions, and audio-visual aids.

The topics covered during the training included:

- i. Basic Communication
- ii. Professional Etiquette
- iii. Health Promotion & Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Infections (HAIs)
- iv. Role of Nurses in Preventive Health Care
Focused on Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Prevention:
- v. Nutrition Session
Focused on the nutritional needs of patients with Diabetes, Hypertension,

No of Student intern during the year;

No of Interns	College	Duration	Topics
1	MBA, Nagaland University	30 Days	Staff Management & Training and Development
2	BBA, C- Edge College, Dimapur	30 Days	Management of FPO and Collective Marketing
29	B.D, Clark Theological College	30 Days	
1	MSW, Assam Down Town University	30 Days	Maternal Health & Child Care



YHOSHU RESOURCE CENTRE

ECS, in collaboration with the Yhoshu Clan of Kigwema Village is currently developing a Resource Center in Kigwema village, a project designed to serve as a comprehensive support system for the local community. Going beyond traditional academic offerings, the center will provide a diverse range of educational enrichment and skill development opportunities aimed at empowering residents of all ages.

The plan includes student housing, dedicated study areas fostering a conducive learning environment, a well-stocked library promoting knowledge and literacy, and accessible healthcare services ensuring community well-being. Recognizing the importance of holistic development, the center will also feature indoor sports facilities, a mini food court for convenience and social interaction, and recreational spaces for leisure and community engagement. While students and youth are a primary focus, the center's resources and services are intended to benefit the entire Kigwema community.

- **Futsal Pitch Nearing Completion:** The much-anticipated futsal pitch is completed.
- **Community Hall and Hostel Block Structures Complete:** The foundations and structural frames for both the community hall and the hostel block have been successfully erected.
- **Essential Infrastructure Operational:** The water pipeline and main reservoir are now fully operational, ensuring a reliable water supply for the center. Furthermore, 80% of the electrical connection has been connected paving power access in the facility.

The Yhoshu Resource Centre stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit and forward-thinking vision of the ECS and the Yhoshu Clan. As it progresses towards completion, this comprehensive facility holds immense promise for empowering the residents of Kigwema Village with vital educational resources, skill development opportunities, and essential amenities, ultimately fostering a stronger and more vibrant community.



SKILL CENTRE CUM FARM SCHOOL

The Skill Centre cum Farm School is progressing rapidly, with significant advancements in infrastructure, accommodation, training spaces, and agricultural facilities.

- A 2-kilometer road has been constructed with black tar carpeting, ensuring smooth accessibility to the campus.
- Multiple stone walls have been built for landslide protection, covering approximately 9,500 square feet across ten locations.
- Key buildings, including the conference hall (G+1), administrative block (G+1), multipurpose building (G+2), and various dormitories, have been completed or are in advanced stages of construction.
- Essential infrastructure such as external toilets, electrification, soundproofing, and lighting systems has also been completed.
- Progress in the construction of farmhouse with four rooms under development
- The construction of demo plots with land terracing across two acres
- The establishment of piggery and poultry units. (Two pigsties have been built, housing 12 breeder pigs, a poultry shed measuring 60'x30' is 60% completed with 1,100 poultry layers.
- A borewell of 360 feet has been dug for water supply, supplemented by multiple distribution tanks.
- Gravity based pipe line connection of water measuring a distance of 10 Km completed.
- Installed 66 KV transformer to ensure reliable electricity.



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