



FMA-OUTREACH

For Underprivileged Women and Children (OUWC)

Development Society of SALESIAN SISTERS SHILLONG PROVINCE

Annual Report
2023 - 2024



Dear friends,



As we reflect on our collective impact and accomplishments over the last year, I am delighted to share with you the remarkable progress and impact we have made together in promoting our organization's mission of social welfare and community empowerment. From April 2023 to March 2024, our collaborative efforts in various social activities have brought about positive change and touched the lives of countless people in our community. Our annual report serves not only as a testament to our collective dedication but also as a roadmap for the journey ahead.

We empowered rural communities as we ventured into the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programme and Micro-Enterprise Development Programme for the farmers and SHGs by providing them with the necessary skills and resources to enhance their livelihoods.

Health Camps throughout the year have served as beacons of hope and healing, by providing free medical check-ups, consultations, and essential healthcare services to the senior citizens of Day Care, addressing immediate health concerns and promoting wellness. Our commitment to honoring and supporting our senior citizens has remained steadfast. The nurturing environment includes social gatherings and healthcare assistance, allowing seniors to thrive and contribute their wisdom to society. From social gatherings to healthcare assistance, we have endeavored to create a nurturing environment where our seniors can thrive and continue to contribute their wisdom and experience to our society.

The voices of our children are the foundation of our future. Our Children's Parliament initiative has provided young minds with a platform to express their ideas, concerns, and aspirations. Through awareness programme, drama, sports, and advocacy campaigns, we have empowered our children to become active participants in shaping their own futures and bringing about positive change within our community.

Through targeted training programs and capacity-building workshops, we have equipped local farmers with skills and knowledge needed to enhance productivity and resilience in the face of challenges. By promoting organic farming and sustainable practices and innovation, we are not only laying the groundwork for a thriving agricultural sector but also sustain livelihoods.

We have facilitated strategic partnerships and networking opportunities to connect local producers with markets, thereby fostering economic growth and empowerment at the grassroots level. By supporting small-scale enterprises, we are building a more inclusive and resilient economy that benefits all members of our community.

As we look ahead to the future, let us also reaffirm our commitment to serving the needs of our community with compassion, integrity, and innovation. Together, we have the power to create positive change and build a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.

Sr. Garnet Sutnga, FMA

Social Development Coordinator



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Message



I feel privileged and happy to write a brief message in appreciation for the commendable services rendered by the Social Ministry Sector of the FMA Province of Shillong in support of the empowerment of underprivileged women and children.

The pages of the annual report 2023-24, which they intend to publish will uncover the achievements of the organization to bring about social transformation through the various developmental programmes and activities like environmental care, day care service for the elderly, E-commerce, farmers' training in organic farming, horticulture, income generation programme, micro enterprise development programme, and Children's parliament. I congratulate the social ministry sector of the province for touching the lives of many people and igniting the fire of hope for a better tomorrow. It is noteworthy and praiseworthy that through the programmes that are environment friendly and people friendly you are also creating awareness among the people to live up to the goals of Laudati Si.

As the organization is at a juncture of changeover of leadership, I wish Sr. Garnet Sutnga the new Social Development Coordinator (SDC) and her team God's blessings in their efforts to bring about transformative impact through women empowerment, livelihood initiatives, education, rights awareness particularly of women and children. We live in a time of accelerating changes in every sector affecting the life of individuals and the society as a whole. It is precisely the noble mission of your organization to ensure that the most

vulnerable of the society also find opportunities for a dignified and productive life so that they in turn can become agents of change. The vocational training centers which rightly fall under the purview of the Social Development Sector of the province are seen to expand and reach out in the recent months to larger number of young people through various job-oriented skills development programmes, by networking with other NGOs and the Governmental organizations.

At this juncture I would like to appreciate Sr. Helen Puwein, the outgoing SDC for spear heading the social development activities of the province through the much-appreciated services she rendered to raise the organization to its present status. May you continue to be a blessing to the deprived and deserving youth towards whom your services will still be directed through the responsibility you will continue to carry out.

Once again, my heartiest congratulation to Sr. Garnet Sutnga and her collaborators. I wish you God's blessings as you dream new dreams to take the organization to greater heights through your innovative and relevant interventions that will bring about substantial positive changes in the lives of people especially the young.

With every good wish and assurance of my prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth George', written over a light blue rectangular background.

Sr. Elizabeth George
FMA Provincial



IDENTITY

FMA-OUWC is a development Office of the FMA Shillong Province run by the Salesian Sisters since 2000. It is a registered, non-profit, secular, charitable Society and non-political organization. It started after identifying the problems through PRA (participatory Rural Appraisal) studies in various parts of the regions where we are working. It is a private non-profit indigenous organization that aims at involving as many people as possible to improve the socio-economic condition of underprivileged women and children of the numerous families in the states of Meghalaya, Karbi Anglong (Assam), Tripura and Mizoram, through



community Building such as self-help groups for men and women, Job-placement, Career Guidance, Education, Vocational Training for school dropouts. It aims at enhancing them to become self-reliance and to discover the indigenous values, which are unfortunately forgotten due to poverty and illiteracy. The primary focus of the organization is for the upliftment of women and children from socially and economically disadvantage section of the society. It works towards the promotion of sustainable development.

VISION: We commit to work for the integral and sustainable development of the marginalized groups to promote and empower their potentials in an environment of which upholds the value of human rights and dignity, eco- friendly, lobby and advocacy, justice and peace in a spirit of solidarity.

MISSION: To promote empowerment, quality education, training, health status, employment and networking through appropriate strategies for the marginalized groups in the operational areas.

1. YOUTH SKILLING

Youth skilling is a crucial aspect of preparing the next generation for a rapidly evolving job market. This report highlights our Province's efforts, achievements, challenges, and future plans in skilling youth over the past year. Equipping youth with relevant skills is vital to enhancing their employability and ensuring a prosperous future for the youth of India in today's competitive job market, when it comes to securing employment opportunities and promoting economic growth.



Names of Centres		No. of beneficiaries trained	Self Employed	Placed in jobs
Auxilium Skills Training Centre Khapmara	Tailoring	46	-	-
	Computer & DEO	77	-	-
Auxilium Roilang Training Centre		75	9	-
OUWC. Life Skills Training		45	15	4
Bellefonte Community College (BCC)		56	52	4
Lurshai Multi Skills		8	-	-
Auxitech Computer Institute		61	-	-
Mazarrello Garobadha		25	-	-
TOTAL		393	76	08



1.1 FOOD PROCESSING

Fight against hunger is far from over. We are giving trainings in adding value to food products by giving short term training on food processing bridging the gap between raw agricultural products and finished goods. This training enhances the skills and equipped our youth and women with operational efficiency and expanding market reach.

Names of Centre	No. of particiapnts trained	Self Employed
Auxilium Skills Training Centre, Khapmara	20	20
FMA-Outreach	30	28
TOTAL	50	48

1.2 E-COMMERCE

Moving towards the dynamic world of E-Commerce by initiating training for the first batch on August 29, 2023, scheduled for 1 month from August 29 to September 29, 2023 and the second Batch of E-Commerce training was inaugurated on November 20, 2023. A total of 18 youth completed the training. The training enhances the efforts and hard work of the dreamers. It boosts their way into the digital market and their implementation into the real world. E-commerce encompasses a wide range of transactions, from online retail stores and marketplaces to online auctions and digital storefronts. The participants received their Certificate on 20th Dec, 2023. They were applauded for their hard work & dedication for completing their course. This training has created impact on them. They are able to create their own home page online and to sell their product.




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2. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

FMA-Outreach celebrated the World Environment Day with the effort to protect and restore the Earth with the theme being “Solutions to plastic pollution” under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution.

Highlights:

- A cleaning drive was organized to mark the celebration of World Environment Day at Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills District by the two units of Neighbourhood Children Parliament of Dong Saitpathi and Dong Sniriang at the locality Sub Division of Khliehriat East. There were 34 Participants.
- A cleaning drive was also held at Nongmensong Umkdait with the objective to promote cleanliness and hygiene with the active participation of the Farmer's Club, stakeholders, executive members of the villages and Self Help Groups. There were 14 participants.



- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse training program was organized at Bellefonte Community College (BCC) in collaboration with Shillong My Passion. Approximately 110 students participated in the training.
- The Eco Clubs at Auxilium Girls' Higher Secondary School, Nongthymmai, and Sacred Heart Girls' Higher Secondary School encourage environmental awareness among students and parents. To promote environmental wellness among students eco-club, staff and students engage themselves in tree planting activities. 70 saplings were planted on this day.

3. HEALTH CAMP

The FMA-Outreach medical camp is a significant endeavor that aims to assist the underprivileged members of our society, particularly the senior citizens by keeping in mind the objectives:

- To ensure that medical care is accessible to all
- To bring affordable healthcare to the senior citizens and to monitor their common health problems for further preventions.
- To create awareness on the need of personal hygiene.

With the support of Social Welfare, the staff of Day Care and other resource persons, we were able to arrange 12 free medical checkups smoothly and efficiently, the beneficiaries of the camp are the 50 senior citizens of Day Care Centre. Dr. Januarius Nongtdu played an important role in these camps by being available at the service of Day Care Centre.



3.1 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSON CUM FREE MEDICAL CHECKUP

The first of October is designated as the International Day of Older Persons. It is observed to honour senior citizens' achievements to society and to bring attention to issues impacting them. The FMA-Outreach Day Care Centre for Senior Citizens, Khliehriat celebrated this day with the theme “*Fulfilling the Promise of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations*” in collaboration with the District Social

Welfare Office, Khliehriat. Dr. H. Pakem, District Social Welfare Officer, Dr. S. Lyngdoh and S. Sayoo, Adv. R. Manner, and Smt. R. Bareh, DSWO, were the resource persons. Adv. R. Manner spoke about the various schemes that the government has availed to the senior citizens of India, their rights to food & shelter as well as the Maintenance and welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The program was followed with the free medical checkup for the senior citizens. There were 48 participants.



3.2 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The 32nd World Day of the Sick was observed at FMA-Outreach Day Care Centre for senior citizens, Khliehriat. The theme for this year is “It is not good for a man to be alone” Sr. Tngenlang Mary Pyngrope delivered a speech on “Healing the sick, healing relationship”. To mark this day remarkable the 13 senior along with the sisters and staff visited the other members who are sick in bed. They spent time with the family and fervently prayed for them. This celebration and event aimed at promoting awareness of the importance of care for the sick.



4. CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

Children's Parliament is one of our rights- based activities which enable children to share their ideas and experiences which can influence positive change in their lives and become the Human Rights Defenders. Our commitment through this Children Parliament is to ensure that Children know that they have a voice and their voice should be heard. Through this platform the children are enable to claim their rights, develop their leadership and enhance their social responsibility and address their issues and voice their opinions and to take active participation in the community decisions and policy making. We formed Children Parliament in 5 districts of Meghalaya. The oath-taking ceremony was conducted this year in the 3 districts in a solemn manner as follows:



VENUE	DATE
Saphai, West Jaintia Hills	2nd May, 2023
Wahkaji, South West Khasi Hills	20th May, 2023
Lamyrsiang & Cement, East Jaintia Hills District	27th May, 2023
Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills District	26th Aug, 2023

We aspire to make the Children's Parliament program prevalent in the province. Currently, the province has 30 units and 889 members. We witness lots of changes in the mindset of the children. The unique nature of the program itself is one of the best ways to nurture leadership roles in young minds. Children's Parliament, which offers the children a platform to bring to the group various issues that affect the children, enables the children to develop a sense of ownership and social responsibility. Evidence of changes and growth is seen through the activities that they took up:

- Cleaning drive
- Planting trees
- Voice out against child abuse
- Encourage the dropouts to resume studies.
- Sports

4.1 RECYCLING MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Though the contribution is small, the small efforts contributed to a greener planet. The FMA-Outreach has organized training on recycling management program for the Neighbourhood Children's Parliament where they are taught about the various sustainable methods to safeguard the environment, reduce waste of reusable items, and use the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. These activities were organized to inspire young minds to be creative and spontaneous to contribute to the well-being of our planet earth.



UNITS	VENUE	DATE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
Bellefonte unit	FMA-Outreach	15th April, 2023	17
Saiden unit	Paham Syiem	29th April, 2023	87
Saphai unit	Auxilium Saphai	20th May, 2023	54
		Total Beneficiaries	158

4.2 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Patriotic actions are ingrained in young brains. The Neighbourhood Children Parliament participated in cultural events, marches, and other activities that highlighted the nation's diversity and solidarity; children dressed in the saffron, white, and green colors of the Indian flag. The celebration of Independence Day instills in children a sense of national pride, solidarity, and patriotism. The Neighbourhood Children's Parliament (NCP) marked this auspicious and unforgettable day with unity and harmony. The various units commemorated this day with a variety of celebrations and activities.



VENUE	DATE	ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPANTS
Khliehriat Unit: • Dkhiah • Lad Sutnga • Saitpathi	12th Aug, 2023	Cultural Programme	30 NCP
Mawpat Unit	12th Aug, 2023	Drawing on Tri-color	15 NCP
Saphai Unit	14th Aug, 2023	Marathon race	106 NCP
Lamyrsiang Unit &Umpleng Unit	15th Aug, 2023	Cultural Programme & Talent Show	100 NCP, Youth and village representatives
Bellefonte Unit	15th Aug, 2023	Cultural Programme and meeting with Stakeholders	40 NCP+14 Village Representatives +35 Parents
TOTAL			340



4.3 ANNUAL MEET

The FMA-Outreach, organized the 5th Annual Meet of the Children's Parliament on 30th Jan, 2024 with the theme "Voice of Children". It was held at Mary Our Help Training Centre, Bellefonte, Lumshiyap, Shillong. The dignitaries present were Mrs. Audrey Mary Khonglam, Skill Development Officer of EKH District; Meghalaya was joined by prof. Albert Nongrum, Sr. Elizabeth Thannimoottil and Sr. Happyline Shadap. A total of 210 NCP came for the Annual Meet from East Khasi Hills, South West Khasi Hills, West Jaintia Hills and East Jaintia Hills.

- i. Welcome speech by Sr. Helen Puwein, Director and handing of bouquet and muffler to the chief guest.
- ii. Speech by the chief guest, which urges the children to strive harder to be the voice demanding their rights as children and to speak for others.
- iii. Presenting of the theme by Prof. Albert Nongrum in capturing the attention of all present
- iv. Vote of thanks by Sr. Janicia Nongrum
- v. Closing with the anthem "Khlur".



4.4 A GREAT START

Recognizing the success of Neighborhood Children's Parliaments (NCP), there is now an initiative to extend to schools, creating School-Based Children's Parliaments. On March 18, 2024, Sr. Garnet Sutnga and Sr. Janicia Nongrum made a great start of Children Parliament in Auxilium Girls' Higher Secondary School, Nongthymmai. By expanding to schools, a larger number of children can participate in parliamentary activities, reaching those who may not be involved in neighborhood initiatives. During the session Sr. Garnet Sutnga, outlined the importance of child rights, violations of child rights, formation of Children's Parliament in school followed with interactive session with the children. She imparted in depth the meaning of the Children's Parliament, its formation and its function. She did the demo on election of ministers, holding a meeting and oath taking ceremony. Sr. Janicia Nongrum encouraged the children to join the parliament. A vote of thank was delivered by Gun Bindra of class 10A which was followed by a group photo session.





5. A PATH TO SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Moving towards sustainable agriculture the FMA-Outreach started with a community mobilization. Community mobilization programs for farmers was conducted from April 24-26, 2023 at Mawpat Umdohlung, South West Khasi Hills District in the villages of Lawsie and Umsaw under the guidance of Liphidia Kharbuki, Cynthia Kharwanniang and Sr. Ephildra Mawsor and the same was formed in the presence of the local headman, Sir. Tapsing Kharkongor along with 10 other members from the village. Community mobilization was done in the district of East Khasi Hills in the villages of Umsawli, Mawier and Umkdiat Nongmensong.

Following the mobilization training was conducted for the farmers to enhance their skills and promoting the growth of farming in the region, as well as combating climate change and promoting environmental sustainability and to improve their agricultural practices and overall livelihoods. The trainers effectively addressed soil management, skills and approaches for reducing environmental pollutions, including air,

water and soil. The trainers encourages the uses of traditional methods like vermin compost, Cow dung manure, bone fertilizers, a multi-crop system, crop rotation to develop crops without the use of synthetic inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides.

TRAINING PROGRAMME CONDUCTED

Date	Training	Trainers	Location	No. of Participants	M	F
03.05.2023	Soil, crop, water, waste, and pest management	Dr. Sao Evawell Dkhar and Achin Kharmudai, District Agriculture Office of EKH District.	FMA-Outreach, Lumshyiap	16	03	13
08.08.2023	Training on Floriculture	Dauni Suting, Horticulture Development Officer and Wanbunbok Rumnong	Umkdiat Nongmensong	20	07	13
10.11.2023	Soil, crop, water, waste, and pest management	E. Marbaniang, ADO Myllem block	Mawpat Umsawli	20	05	15
22.11.2023	Exposure visit to Horticulture	Dauni Suting, Horticulture Development Officer Wanbunbok Rumnong Albi Nongkynrih, assistant Manager and in charge of AFC, Mawrykneng Block	Horticulture Hub, Shillong	20	09	11
Total				76	24	52

6. TRAINING PROGRAM ON “ENGAGEMENT IN MARKET NETWORK”



Two-days training program was conducted on June 23, and November 30, 2023 at Mawpat Umsawli and FMA-Outreach on "Engagement in Market Network" for the farmers respectively to equip them with the necessary information and abilities to market their agricultural goods effectively. The trainers cover the important topics of comprehending of understanding market dynamics, building relationships, and networks for business growth and support for their agricultural activities. A total of 36 farmers attended the training.

The topics covered on this day were:

- Understanding market networks and their significance in agricultural activities
- Identifying market trend and demands to align production accordingly
- Building effective communication and negotiation skills to engage with buyers and suppliers
- Financial literacy and managing resources for better market participation
- Marketing strategies and branding for agricultural products
- Utilizing digital platforms and technology for market expansion.

7. INCOME GENERATION ACTIVITIES & ENGAGEMENT IN MARKET NETWORK ACTIVITIES FOR SHGs



Poverty is still a major and complex problem posed by the conditions and interaction of social, cultural, political and economic. One of the ways to alleviate poverty and to enhance the income of the poor thus 5 training programme were organised. 99 women 74 youth were trained on Income Generation activities & Engagement in Market Network activities was organized for women and youth. This program was supported by NDF and for the resource person; we network with PRIME, the Directorate of Food Processing, ICICI Bank, and the Enterprise Facilitation Centre (EFC).

8. BOOKKEEPING

To ensure proper management of the SHGs finances we conducted two days of training on bookkeeping for the SHGs. This training aims to enhance the capacity of the group members in managing their records effectively to strengthen their functioning and management.

Objectives:

- Understand the importance of bookkeeping
- Maintain proper financial records
- Identify and avoid common bookkeeping mistakes
- Prepare basic financial statements

One day of training was organised on April 12, 2023 at the FMA-Outreach and the other day was at Mawkhar on 18th November, 2023. The trainers were Franky Warlarpih, Liphidia Kharbuki and Sweetey Lamin. There were 17 participants in total representing the various SHG groups. The participants were given practical demonstration on a proper bookkeeping method. Practical exercises were also given to the participants where they were required to record the financial transactions of their group.





9. STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME

A two days training programme was conducted for sisters and staff on Community Mobilization, Participatory rural Appraisal (PRA), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Village Poverty Reduction Programme (VPRP) on the 7th & 8th of July, 2023, at the FMA-Outreach. This training aimed at imparting necessary knowledge and skills to effectively engage the members with communities & to implement participatory approaches. There were 10 participants.

Objectives:

- To provide an understanding of the role and responsibilities of a community mobilizer in the context of rural development
- To introduce the concept and methods of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) for effective community engagement and decision making
- To familiarise participants with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the relevance to community development

10. WRITE FOR GOOD

“Write for the Good” is a 4 days' workshop conducted by Bosconet– for writing winning proposals for fundraising; from 24th to 27th October, 2023 at Mathias Institute. Sr. Garnet Sutnga, Sr. Janicia Nongrum & Miss Sweet Mary Gashnga Lamin attended the training from Development Office. Shri Louis Monohar was the resource person and a total of 15 participants attended the training. It was effective and highly successful training program on the practical skills of proposal writing.

Fr. James Thyrniang, Provincial Economer, felicitated the program. During the four days of the workshop, the Trainer covered the following topics:

Stakeholder analysis and engagement strategies; the components of and how to develop a Log frame matrix; Various types of activity schedule; Monitoring and evaluation plan; Budget development and important considerations while preparing a budget; basics of Theory of Change (ToC), important issues in report writing. All of these topics were delivered as practical exercises and at the end of the four-day



workshop, each group was able to develop a full proposal. The participants benefited and took home the skill set to write systematic and impactful proposals for fund mobilization. Our thanks to Mr. Louis Manohar for his professional and committed service. “the resource person was excellent... in knowledge of the subject, a good trainer, imparting skills & a mentor who accompanied us – which made a difference to our training.”

The program was a complete success and the participants were awarded with Course Completion Certificates that were handed out by Fr. Sangatham, Bosconet director.

11. MICRO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MEDP)

On December 4, 2023, FMA- Outreach launched a Micro Enterprise Development Program (MEDP) focused on pickle and macrame hand bag manufacture. This 15-day training program is financed by the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD). It is an initiative designed to support the creation and growth of small businesses, particularly those run by SHGs and farmers. The trainers were Maialin S. Nongrang, Technical Associate and Shri. Androny K. Lyngkhohi, Technical Associate, Directorate of Food Processing Meghalaya, Shillong taught Pickle making while Mildred Marngar taught Macrame bag making. 30 women of Mawpat and Mawlai Block benefitted from the training. These programs aim to empower entrepreneurs, especially from low-income or marginalized groups, by providing them with the resources, training, and support they need to establish and expand their businesses.





12. ANNUAL MEET OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The 19th Annual Meet of National Development Forum was held in Mumbai from 28th to 30th November 2023 for the discussion of NDF's journey from April to October 2023 and to make plans for future projects. The theme was "Promoting Child Participation and Rights to a Sustainable Environment". It was held at SAHAYINI, Mazarello Youth Centre, Auxilium Convent school campus, Ram Nagar, Wadala West & Maharashtra with the participation of the SDC, animators, principals, teachers & lay staff from the 7 provinces and NDF National Office staff.

OBJECTIVES:

The objective was to contribute to the implementation of project plans and to co-operate program of action between the provinces as a network that supports the national plan and implementation strategies.

- Input on Environment Policy and discuss about the future projects.
- To promote national and regional networks to exchange the ideas on project activities, challenges and learning.
- To disseminate best practices and link all the provinces as whole network

13. EXPOSURE VISIT CUM TRAINING IN HYDERABAD

Bosco Seva Kendra, Hyderabad, held a five-day workshop for FMA-OUWC, Children's Parliament Coordinators and staff at the Provincial House Hyderabad (INH). Sr. Helena Puwein, Director, Sr. Garnet Sutnga, Sr. Janicia Nongrum, Sr. Maria Goretti Nongrum, Sr. Celibon Maslai, Sr. Ephrilda Mawsor, Sr. Lucy Sangriang, Sr. Tngenlang Mary Pyngrope, and Ms. Seraphina Dkhar. The purpose of this training was to train the participants to be effective social workers. Their journey began on December 27, 2023.

Highlights

December 30, 2023: Proposal writing training by Mrs. Rosalind, Project Manager at Bosco Seva Kendra.

December 31, 2023: Introduction to Microcredit Program, led by Chandra Shekhar, Project Coordinator MCAs.

January 1, 2024: Sightseeing tour of Hyderabad under the guidance of Mr. Abdul, together with Mr. Jai and Andrew.

January 02, 2024: Session was on Children's Parliament at 9.00.a.m. It was divided into three sub-topics:

- Introduction to the Children's Parliament
- Concept of the Children's Parliament
- Field Visit

The resource person of the day was Mr. Ambedkar, PARA, staff of Bosco Seva Kendra. He briefs the inception of the Children's Parliament with its



historical background, and he further correlates the Children's Parliament with Child's Rights and how it came into acceptance in India. He also shared about the structure of the formation of the Children's Parliament, the election procedure, the division of responsibilities, and the effective ways of grouping the members for better coordination.

Field Visit: Field Visit at 1:30 p.m to Gudur Government High School, Gangareddy District, and Mucharla Village, accompanied by Mr. Ambedkar PARA and Mrs. Monica.

On the same day, they visited another group of NCP in Gudur village, Ranga Reddy District, where there were around 15 children. The children gave a brief introduction to themselves before presenting their life experiences and accomplishments. Following a brief period of engagement with the assembly, the director, Sr. Helena Puwein, expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful experience, after which they

spent some time singing and dancing. At 5:00 pm, they left the place for Bosco Seva Kendra.

January 03, 2024: Discussion on the takeaways from the sessions of the past few days, evaluation of function & suggestions for a better functioning.

Session on livelihood (concepts & approaches for better income generation) was given by Mr. Ramesh Hareshmudaram, Coordinator of Bosco Seva Kendra. He spoke on the importance of awareness of government schemes in order to help the people have access to government aid.

January 5, 2024: Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) - The Session was led by Mrs. Rosalind Mrs. Soon after her session, all the participants got ready to go back to Shillong. The training methodology was interactive, as the trainers ensured that knowledge was not only disseminated but accurately perceived and understood by the participants. They all leave for Shillong in the afternoon shortly after the morning session.

14. WORKSHOP ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

Sr. Garnet Sutnga and Sr. Janicia nongrum participated in a one day workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on February 29, 2024 which was held at Bosco Reach Out (BRO) Guwahati. The trainer give practical exposure on CSR to the participants, with specific references to the regulatory framework and need-based assessment, stakeholder engagement, methodologies for implementation, performance evaluation and statutory reporting focused on Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013.



15. LIVELIHOOD ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEDP)

On March 6, 2024, at FMA-Outreach, the LEDP on poultry and pig farming was officially launched. This programme is supported by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The duration of training is 10 days training program and consists of 4 batches consisting of 30 trainees in both Mawpat and Mawlai blocks. The Director Sr. Helena Puwein, opened this program with her motivational speech on how to utilize each and every opportunity offered for the benefits of farming. The 10 days training was successfully guided by our trainer Airisha Nongbri.

The second batch of LEDP was inaugurated on 21st March, in the village of Madan Seisiej. It was a 10 days training from March 21 to April 5, 2024. Airisha Nongbri, trainer introduced to the farmers the basics of

poultry and piggery farming including the scopes and potentials of these two farming practices. She emphasized on the initiation of piggery farm, its site selection, the housing systems, prevention and control of diseases and the feeding of livestock.



16. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



The FMA- Outreach for Underprivileged Women and Children celebrated the International Women's Day on March 8, 2024. The purpose of the celebration was to recognise and celebrate the social, economic, and cultural achievements of women and to raise awareness about the importance of creating an inclusive society and investing in women's empowerment. This year's UN theme for the

International Women's Day is "Inspire Inclusion". It is an appeal to take up the role of change agents in society.

We observed the event in two districts: Bellefonte, in the East Khasi Hills District, and Sakhain Moolimen Village, in the East Jaintia Hills District.

In Bellefonte, Smt. R. Kharbteng the District & session Judge & chairman of the District Legal Service



Authority EKH Dist, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Dr. Jamang E. Momin, guest of honor, the MCS Block Development Officer, C&RD Block Mawpat, Ms. E. Kharchandy, the District Social welfare Officer of EKH Dist, Sr. Elizabeth Thannimoottil Animator of Mary Our Help Training Centre, Bellefonte. The event was presided over by Sr. Janicia Nongrum and Sr. Helena Puwein, the Director welcomed and introduced the guests to the audience.

In Sakhain Moolimen village Mr. Commonly Dkhar, the Headman, Smt. Lasuk Kyndiah, the Counselor of One Stop Centre (OSC), Smt. K. Challam, Panel lawyer DSLA, Smt. Violet Lyngdoh, Smt. Naomi Pyrtuh, LS, ICDS were the dignitaries present at the event. In both events, 186 people showed up to the program



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