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# About Us

Indian Orphan Mission (IOM) is solely committed to uplifting the extremely deprived sections of the society who do not have any source of income and opportunity to sustain themselves. The organisation is rooted with the purpose to address such deprivation and social issues to foster development not only in the form of relief, but to sustain long lasting impact. Its social service ranges from imparting knowledge to upskilling them, and assisting them to make a livelihood.

The Organization's social service objective is to nurture and uplift the destitute by providing the necessary Seminars and Awareness programs, Income Generation Projects, SED (Social and Economic Development) projects, Cycle Distribution, Medical Help, Social Service Training Centre, and Relief Distribution during time of need. Its works and contributions have already transformed the lives of many in Northeast India states (Assam, Arunachal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Mizoram) through launching several projects in remote villages benefitting thousands of underprivileged people. Through these activities, social and economic reliance has been strengthened, enhancing their living standard and to encourage one another. Health and wellbeing have improved in rural areas, and access to resources have increased with self-sustainability being a driving force of all these developments.

Thus to catch a glimpse of the progress made, following is the succinct information of the major projects conducted by the organization from April 2024 onwards.

# URGENT AID RELIEF

Urgent Aid relief (UAR) plays an important role in ensuring the stability of the affected community during times of crisis and disaster. The assistance ranges across different fields, such as groceries to medical help and housing. It is seen as a stepping stone to bring normalcy in the lives of those impacted by forces existing both naturally and man-made. Thus, whether it be disasters like earthquake, floods, or hurricanes, or man-made crisis like conflict and refugee situation, the urgent provision of relief aid can significantly reduce sufferings and ease the pain emotionally and physically.

Around 16 activities were accomplished during 2024-25 which have been implemented on need basis and have contributed towards restoring and rehabilitating lives. The activities are described in detail in the following section.

# GROCERY SUPPLY

With the intention to strengthen community resilience during hardship, and also to provide food security and access to resources in times of need, the grocery supply has been extended to individual families and multiple communities as well.

The beneficiaries were chosen based on their vulnerability like lack of food resources and threat to safety. It has been instrumental in instilling sense of security and emotional support.

In the year 2024, grocery supply has been provided to 1,637 families in 16 phases, benefitting 8,236 people. Almost 60% of the activity has been implemented in Manipur and the remaining in various parts of Assam, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, and Sikkim. It is primarily because many families displaced due to the conflict are still residing at relief camps and relying on other agencies for survival. The project has enhanced food security and value of nutrition amongst the children and the elderly.

# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Domlhing Haokip: Ever since the conflict started and we have been displaced, there has been hike in prices of commodities. We couldn't escape with all our supply needs and savings. However, IOM's assistance in times of our struggle to have two meals a day is more than what we could ask for. Thank you.



Mr. Kanghengbam Ibohal: Most of the children in the relief camp are struggling with nutrition, and so are my 2 children. It is a sore sight for us. With your assistance, you have brought us contentment and smile on our children. We will be able to sustain ourselves and help our financial condition during this period as well.



Mrs. Nengkhonei: I am about 84 years old, and I never thought I would face this hardship and struggle in my life. I am grateful for the organization like IOM who have shown efforts beyond their comfort zone and have delivered us grocery and our basic necessities despite the hardship in transportation and security.

# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Kolpona: I am extremely thankful for the grocery supply I have received. This would last almost three months easily. I am grateful because as a community we are facing this common hardship, and felt we are alone in our struggle. All our paddy field and supplies have been affected by the flood. So, this help means life to us.



Mrs. Tinlam Mate: I would like to state that I and my family are so thankful to IOM for your kind generosity. We are displaced from Imphal, and having lived there our entire life, we never had home in the hilly district. So coming to Assam, after losing our entire livelihood and savings, this supply means a lot in relieving the burden.

# SAFE-HOUSING RENT

Safe-housing is an assistance extended to people who are facing a threat to their lives and are vulnerable to risk. The beneficiaries are usually from communities facing conflicts and are displaced. Therefore, with a priority to safeguard their life and safety, safe-housing in the form of financing rent for three months is given.

The activity aims to ensure that the beneficiaries are able to find a shelter and restore their lives back to normalcy. Legal aid and other resources are then made available to them accordingly to strengthen their sense of security.

During 2024-25, IOM has aided 311 people, with a majority of the beneficiaries being from the Imphal valley in Manipur. The total number of beneficiaries are those who have been impacted by the conflict in Manipur. As both sides of the communities needed safe and secured place to restart their lives at new places, the activity has been beneficial to both the communities.

# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Lambiakim Khongsai: I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to IOM for assisting us with safe housing for three months, giving us ample time to get ourselves back to stability. Such act of kindness has restored in us hope and belief during this unprecedented times. Your help has truly made a difference in our lives, and we are deeply grateful.



Mrs. Lamneineng Khongsai: I, along with my mother-in-law and my three children, first ran into a relief camp in Kangpokpi. Despite the hardships and the struggle to find sustainable income, I would like to thank IOM for recognizing our urgent need and helping us find a good place for me and my family. I will be forever grateful for your assistance.

# FEEDBACK



Khuraijam John Singh from Lamka, Churachandpur district: Since the start of the conflict, I have been forced to move to Imphal with my wife and our daughter. Being brought up and staying all my life in Lamka, I had no relatives or contact in Imphal. My wife was really struggling, and my daughter could not adjust to the tight spaces, lack of toilets and water at the relief camps. Therefore, I am really thankful to IOM for assisting us with safe housing especially when we are struggling financially at the same time.

# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medical assistance is given as part of Urgent Aid relief. The beneficiaries were primarily from economically weaker section of the society where priorities are given to those who have incurred financial burden due to prolonged treatment.

Access to medical treatment and health facility is a priority which must not be neglected. Timely treatment would also result in saving the lives which further necessitates the assistance especially among the poor.

During 2024-25, IOM assisted 35 people from different northeastern states and communities with different medical needs. Out of 35 individuals, 24 received basic medical assistance, while the other 11 were provided with extensive medical support.

# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Sanjilla Basumatary: I am very thankful to IOM for recognising our financial hardship due to my treatment which I am taking since a long time. At some point, it becomes more of a burden to the family as it has taken a huge toll on the finances especially with my husband selling most of our belongings. With more medication and treatment ongoing, I am very grateful that such act of kindness. Your support has enabled me to walk which I could not do before. Thank you for the relief and assistance.



Mr. Thangginlun (F/O Shannon Vaiphei): I am very happy that during our struggle, being displaced, losing our jobs, and relocating from one place to another and for the medical treatment of my son, IOM has extended its assistance to us. During the course of diagnosing my 6-year-old son's illness, we had incurred lot of debts. IOM's timely help means so much to us and I hope my son will recuperate soon.

# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Maibam Indubala Devi: I am sincerely grateful to IOM for extending the medical assistance during my time of need. I have been advised for a gallbladder surgery which I have been delaying due to my financial shortage. With your help, everything went successfully and I am recuperating now. Thank you for helping.



Mrs. Sangkim: With IOM's assistance, I could get my surgery done on time and also recuperate quickly for which I am truly thankful. I have put on hold my medical needs for a long period due to our financial condition and displacement issue. Now I am healthy and well enough to focus on my family needs.

# RINGWELLS/BOREWELLS

Borewells is a form of UAR assistance where a group of families are chosen for this assistance. The families must be specifically from the rural part of the region facing unprecedented difficulties in acquiring water for their livelihood.

IOM has impacted the lives of 140 people with this project at two different places namely at Kutharbangla Gaon, West Karbi Anglong and Tarung, Manipur.

## FEEDBACK



Asti Terangpi: Ringwell has been something which we really needed for a long time. Children especially young girls had to walk 2-3 kilometres daily just to fetch water. However, now we have more time to tend to our family needs, and our children do not have to be responsible for such tedious chores at such an early age. They are able to study and play in the village. Thank you for making our life easier, IOM.

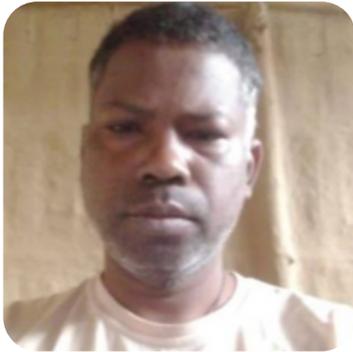


DC Rengkhongam: In Tarung, there are many occasions where water is not just enough for the community. The rich would take away all the available resources while the poorer and vulnerable have to rely on limited resources. With borewell assistance within the targeted populated area, it will alleviate our living conditions and wellbeing substantially. It has been our source of water sustenance in the community.

# | WATER PUMP

This is a heavy machinery utilised mainly for agricultural purposes in rural areas intending to manage the efficient flow of water. With increased farming plots but decreased water resources, it becomes evidently difficult to solely rely only on monsoon rain for agriculture. Adding to this drawback, the majority of farmers do not earn enough to afford the necessary machinery upgrades. Thus, this project identifies beneficiaries who would maximise its produce through such assistance but are facing capital shortage due to poverty and financial vulnerability. In the last year, IOM was able to extend its assistance to four such farmers from Manipur and Assam.

# FEEDBACK



Mr. Niral Lomga: With water scarcity on the rise as well as people vying for natural resources, it became imperative for us to have a water pump of our own which we could deploy according to our needs. Our farming produce has increased and we have been able to help other farmers who are struggling as well.



Mr Niranjay: Because of the conflict in the state, the communities have been inflicted with fears and doubts resulting in the failure of accomplishing day to day tasks, especially in farming. With shortage of labour and difficulty in finding supplies while experiencing economic crisis as well, the challenges have been tantamount to being handicapped. IOM's assistance has given me and my family a new hope. Thank you.

# CCTV AND SOUND SYSTEM

Distribution of CCTV and PA system are two activities solely focused to directly facilitate the community development while ensuring the spread of information, sense of security and vigilance, and social solidarity. The areas for implementation are chosen on the basis of their requirements and susceptibility to threat and need for awareness.

Keeping in mind the conflict existing in the state of Manipur, CCTv cameras have been installed at Chingmeirong and Khurai for ensuring safety to the multiple communities residing in the locations. On the other hand, sound system assistance has been extended at Moirang and Sangakpham, which serve as the demarcating villages where the uses of the sound system could be best utilized for public safety.

## FEEDBACK



Basanta Singh (43): Moirang is in prime location compared to other villages. Therefore, when there is chaos, we need to spread information swiftly for public safety. With this assistance, we would be able to do so as phone network often fails during such emergency.

# FEEDBACK



Ronita Devi (33): Our Khurai area is an epicentre of various communities living together and a hub for marketing and other commercial activities. Installation of CCTV ensures real time monitoring system to safeguard and avoid social disharmony that could intensify misunderstanding and break the social cohesion. Thank you for the initiative.



Mr. Yaiphaba from Pukhao: I am thankful to IOM for providing our community with this PA system. Many might think how this has encouraged and helped us, but after we were affected by the violence last year, we lost hopes. Even after one year, we still did not have any hope from the government or anyone. Getting something as PA system has given us joy. It will not provide our basic need, but the most important need is to bringing people out of trauma and filling their hearts with hope. This support is certainly a hope giving. This will help us gather together for any good reason creating unity among people. So I thank IOM very much.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Thoibisana from Lamsang, Imphal west Manipur. We people are struggling in every way. There seems to be no hope or a reason to find joy after the disturbances our state has been witnessing since 2023 violence. We need a reason to live and continue despite the difficult life that waits ahead of us. Your help has given us a means to rejoice and gather together as a community. We want to make use of this provision of PA system to develop and take the message of peace, harmony, love and unity among our people. So I thank you IOM for understanding our mental and emotional need and providing our request of this project.

# SCHOOL BAGS

During the year, we were able to distribute 316 school bags to vulnerable children across the Northeast zone with more focus on Assam rural areas such as Dhekiajuli, Kokhrajhar, Tinsukia, and so on. The organization has been instrumental in providing access to resources for school going children and has been aiming to improve its growth ecosystem for brighter future.

## FEEDBACK



Rohan B. (11): Thank you for the bags. We are so happy and excited to come to school. We will try our best to study hard and be helpful.



Sujana (13): I am extremely happy and cannot wait to use the bag. Our books sometime are heavy and would be too much for our thin and unpadded shoulder strap. This bag is so cool and so useful. Thank you.

# MOSQUITO NETS

Mosquito nets have been distributed to 300 families across the state of Assam and Manipur. The beneficiaries chosen are from different relief camps in Manipur, and from remote village of Assam such as Higbolia. Mosquito nets are especially important in these areas in-order to prevent the young children and elderly from vector borne diseases.

## FEEDBACK



Lamkholhing (43 years old): The provision of mosquito nets has been helpful in getting a good sleep during the night, especially when it is raining. Our children are sleeping soundly without the need for strong smell of chemicals surrounding us. Our wellbeing has improved greatly.



Suhania Tanti: Living close to plants and plantation area, there are many insects and mosquitoes that we have to be wary of. With IOM's assistance, we will be able to keep ourselves away from diseases, spread by such insects. Thank you.

# SOLAR LAMPS AND UTENSILS

As part of the Urgent Aid Relief, utensils were given to beneficiaries who were displaced and lacked basic utensils for personal use and resources for normal living conditions. It is paramount to understand that the North-eastern states still have pockets of places where electricity is more frequently absent than it's illuminating hilly areas. Keeping these challenges in mind for those who are vulnerable, this assistance is extended to help navigate the struggle with more ease.

IOM was also able to distribute 30 units of solar lamp sets, and 120 sets of utensils across states like Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, and Sikkim. Through this help, more than 550 lives have been made better.

## FEEDBACK



My name is Thangmang Haokip and I have been displaced from Imphal to Kangpokpi. I and my family have just taken a rented house because the camp was getting overcrowded and unhygienic. Despite our struggle, I am extremely happy to be receiving this solar set which will be very helpful especially with the frequent nighttime electricity cuts.

# FEEDBACK



I am Yumnam Sashi from Leikinthabi, Imphal. I am from a poor family living with my young grandchildren. Since we are in the rural area, we do not have electricity supply regularly, making it hard for my grandchildren to study and do their schoolwork. I cannot keep buying candles, so I am thankful to IOM for providing us with solar lamp.



Living with his grandchildren, Mr. Jatra Singh says he spends more time with them than actually getting things done in the house. “With the ongoing situation in the state, we have to sit with them and help them in everything. So, having solar set helps us a lot which otherwise strains our eyes because of candles and lanterns. It actually gives us hope to work harder even at this age.



Mr. Hengah Haokip: During the distribution, when asked to share his thoughts, Mr. Hengah said that every little thing helps during this situation. He further stated that back home, they had everything, more than they actually needed. But now they have to learn living on what they have since they could not bring or carry anything while fleeing. He also expresses his heartfelt appreciation on the assistance.

# HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

House construction is an assistance given to a vulnerable section of the society who have been impacted by natural disasters, poverty, and are thus unable to improve their living conditions. Beneficiaries who are widows, facing extreme poverty, and those in dire situation which is not favourable for children's healthy growth and educational progress are given priority. House construction is divided into three sections where the neediest families or community are assisted with community hall construction, roof construction, and repair.

IOM have accomplished in providing tin sheets and roof construction for 51 families with a total beneficiary count reaching 437 people. Around 329 people have benefitted from community hall construction. The project intends to catalyze overall growth and wellbeing of the chosen families and communities, thereby enhancing social solidarity and development.

## FEEDBACK



My name is Dilip Kumar from Borbam Tea Estate, Sibsagar. My family and I were in a difficult situation when a group of people vandalized our house, which was made of tin sheets and straw. We felt helpless as there was no one to help us. However, we are thankful that IOM supported us tin roofs and help through their volunteers.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Shyamal Singha and I am father to four children. Due to heavy rainfall, our house roof was leaking and damaged. With very little income and the burden of looking after my small children who are school going and in need of other expenses, I was unable to rehabilitate them. I have been unable to rebuild the roof for a long time. However, with your assistance, I am looking forward to a secured roof. This would enable us to live without worrying for rain and other weather problems. And my children would not be embarrassed of our living conditions. I am very thankful to IOM for this assistance. Thank you.



Mr. Mawria Basumatary: I am very thankful to IOM for identifying our hardship and struggle. Due to our family problems, I have been unable to complete the construction of a small house for my family. We have been facing lot of financial constraints for the past 2-3 years and trying to build the house with all our savings and small income. We are extremely grateful for your kind act of supplying us with the roofing material.

# AWARENESS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Awareness of Social and Economic development pertains to information amplification on social issues and its impact on sustainable economic opportunities. The seminar highlights the importance of understanding social context and its contemporary issues which facilitates the development of job and entrepreneurship window amongst the youths and women. It incorporates interactive learning, discussions, problem solving, and the civic responsibilities of a developed society.

The beneficiaries were targeted youths and women who possess the skills and understanding of economic opportunities. Imbibing them with their social responsibility, modern trends and practices helps in empowering them with the motivation to bring positive and progressive development in the society.

The seminar intends to see motivated individuals becoming more vigilant and involved in the pursuit to self-sustainability to invigorate brighter prospect for their respective community. A total of 18 activities have been completed with total participants of 978 coming together to discuss and have a collective input on the issues at hand.

# FEEDBACK



Mr. Rymond Horo: After joining the program, I am able to understand the purpose and obligation we the younger generation have on society. We are endowed with so much of an opportunity at this digital age. Despite our economically weaker predicaments, we can still avail those opportunities and help our society through spreading awareness and sensitization of information on what is happening around the world and the country. I have learnt not to take my situation as an excuse but a motivation to grow.



I am Akash Ali from Dibrugarh, Assam. I am very happy to have attended the seminar as it provided profound knowledge and understanding on roles and responsibilities in bridging social and economic development. It will be instrumental in building a better future and achieving social upliftment.

# FEEDBACK



Bolesower Mili : Attending this meeting has been really helpful for me as I get to learn more about what is happening in the society. Many times I forget how interlinked our society is with what's happening in the political and economic aspects. Learning how our decision is driven by such factors have instilled in me the importance of listening to news and social change. I am very thankful to IOM and our resource person for teaching us how to be sensitive towards such developments.



Greetings, my name is Suren and I from Golaghat. I am really thankful to IOM for this opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful seminar where we are informed about the importance of social awareness, and how it impacts our financial situation and decisions. I have never been a part of such seminar where we are interactively taught how one decision and action ripples through other activities. I intent on learning more links and educating more people, even the elders who are unaware of such indispensable knowledge.

# LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Leadership seminar is one of the capacity building programs conducted by IOM whereby participants are engaged in hands-on learning experience with interactive games and visual resources to enhance their leadership skills. During this program, the participants experienced the art of leading and its many diverse responsibilities by focusing on decision making skills, problem solving, communication skills, and adaptability. These programs evaluate leadership strategies, provide examples of strong and poor leadership, and help individuals become effective leaders.

The participants were leaders from diverse backgrounds, communities, and regions. Irrespective of their stature and position, they came with open minds to grow in becoming good leaders, and most importantly shaping better leaders among the younger generation. Around five Leadership Seminars have been conducted in Assam, and Manipur over the past year, with 530 participants attending them. The aim of the program is to equip the present leaders with contemporary trends and modern leadership skills for guiding the younger generation.

# FEEDBACK



Arnesh Horo: I feel very happy to be part of this leadership seminar. I have got to learn so many things from here. There are basic things in life that we do not get to learn in any school or education centers. These things were taught to us in this leadership seminar. If this had been a part of my life many years ago, I could have developed so much in my life. But I am so thankful to IOM for organizing this seminar.



Polem Tirkey: In my life I faced so many challenges, and I used to feel so inferior because I wasn't smart enough like other children who got to get good education. Their lives and my life was different. I understood that these teachings that I received through this leadership seminar are the ones which I lacked. But I am so happy that I finally got the opportunity to be a part of this teaching. I have a request that please conduct more seminars on topics such as social, political and economic studies. This will not just help me but also help the underprivileged young generation who need to know about these things. I am very grateful to IOM for taking this initiative.

# SCHOLARSHIP EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP

Scholarship sponsorship is an assistance provided to vulnerable youth who are unable to attend further education due to a lack of financial support. The beneficiaries of this project are those who show signs of commitment and zeal to better their life despite the shortcomings. With this assistance, they will be able to access better opportunities and improve their educational standard.

The sponsorship is also extended to vocational courses, short term courses where individuals get to learn specific skills of their choice for better employment opportunity. This enhances their prospect of immediate employability and increases their stake of job suitability in the field of their interest. Vocational sponsorship is open to all age groups who are in need of developing new skills to address their economic sustainability. Individuals who would become stakeholders in shaping a better society are given priority and are assessed based on their prior involvement in community development.

A total of 67 students have been sponsored, 28 being women and 39 men, across different disciplines.

# FEEDBACK



Mr. Godwing Marak hails from Bidyanagar Village in Tripura. Coming from a community that is weak both economically and socially, he has been eager to continue his studies. Through our assistance, he is hoping to continue his further studies after graduation. His ultimate goal in life is to work for his community that is Bru and help them in uplifting their standard of living. He says, “I am very happy to have had the opportunity where I get to have education beyond my imagination. This has led me to further my goals and vision in life.” Thank you, IOM.



My name is Ms. Vunlunkim Guite from Imphal, Manipur. Raised by a single mother and being displaced, we lost everything in Imphal. We are in trauma, struggling to survive for our living. Going through all the struggle I have decided to be someone, but I could not afford to pay my training fees. Thank you so much IOM for supporting my Banking course. Without your support it would have been so difficult. But your team has given me chance to grow in my life.

# FEEDBACK



Nyda Rengma: Being born and brought up in a tribal community environment where there is lack of information and guidance on further studies, my dream kept on growing new heights with every new thing and possibilities I learnt. I have always admired lawyers and their ethics of justice. But I never had the means to pursue a Law degree. That is until, I heard of this project from a friend. I am immensely thankful for the support and the opportunities bestowed on me.



Tongminlen Haokip: I am extremely happy to have been selected for educational sponsorship. Even before the conflict started, I had always wanted to complete my Bachelor of Arts and make a better use of my career. As the source of income and mobility became an issue, I was tense to take any decision. But now I am excited and sincerely thankful for the support and encouragement. It truly humbles me.



I am Thangjam Kunand from Imphal and I just want to state that I am extremely touch by IOM's financial assistance for my Bachelor of Arts studies. I could not ask my family and make them more financially burden than they already are. So your help is very big for me and I am very happy.

# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

In today's age where information and opportunities are often the pivotal catalyst for growth and empowerment, women often take a backseat due to cultural norms, traditions, and limited resources.

Therefore, this program is aimed at establishing a platform for amplifying awareness on gender equality, confidence building, and development of essential skills to build potentials among the women. By developing their inputs and bringing in inclusivity of gender into the ambit of community development, it helps women in overcoming challenges, access newer opportunities, and advocate for their rights.

Thus, the participants for this program are essentially from rural and tribal communities where the progress is often significant and enriching. IOM have conducted four Women Empowerment seminars at different places during the 2024-25 calendar year - at Diphu (2), Muolvaipei Churachandpur, and Bongaigaon, Assam, with 310 participants.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Lalthrazo from Rengkai, Manipur. it was very encouraging for me. We as a group came together to stand for our country and also for the situation in Northeast. It is high time for us to reach different places so that our people are aware of what is going on in our area. Thank you so much IOM team for bringing this wonderful seminar to our place. I am so much blessed to attend this seminar.



My name is Khopuimawi from Muolwaiphei, Churachandpur, Manipur. I am really grateful for this seminar. After we lost our house and properties, we do not know how to survive. It was difficult to stay. Sometimes we do not know how to restore things, and our hearts are heavy. There are so many difficulties. Thank you, IOM for organizing this seminar. Thank you so much for your encouraging message.



Jhamo Tirkey: Attending women seminar has been one of the best decision for me as I have been able to assess my understanding and possessed skills unlike before. I have discovered that I can really relate well with others through my communication skills. Enriching this with information and the zeal to better my life, I am sure I will have the potential for a positive growth.

# YOUTH CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Youth career development programs offer a comprehensive approach to career planning and skill development, equipping youth with the knowledge, tools, and support needed to excel in their chosen fields.

It intends to bring youths and opportunities together to expand their scope of employment. With this project, there will be bridging of gap between unemployed youth and job security.

Four such seminars have been conducted during the year at four different places namely Golaghat (Assam), Unakoti (Tripura), Dimapur, and Mantripukhri (Manipur). Out of 330 youth attendees at the seminars, 193 were young women. It was a progressive and a good initiative.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Chinglembi from Imphal. Thank you, IOM, for conducting this seminar. It has been a life-changer for me. I learned how to plan my career and gained valuable skills that I can use to improve my situation. The guidance on overcoming adversity was especially helpful. This will not only help me build a better future for myself but also allow me to contribute positively to my community by sharing what I've learned and supporting others.



My name is Thothoiba from Chingmeirong. I want to express my gratitude to IOM for organizing this seminar. It has given me a new perspective on my future. The sessions on career development and mental health awareness were incredibly informative. This will help me overcome the challenges I face and enable me to contribute to my community by using my new skills and knowledge to assist others in need.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Pari Rongmei from Tamenglong, Manipur. Thank you, IOM, for this invaluable seminar. It provided me with practical tools and strategies to deal with difficulties in my life. The focus on skill development and substance abuse prevention was very relevant. This will help me build a better future for myself and empower me to give back to my community by helping others who are facing similar struggles. Though the youth today are going in different directions, especially towards violence in Manipur, it is our responsibility to lead the state in path of peace, harmony and development.



My name is Lalrouhkim, from Tuibuong, Churachandpur. I would like to thank IOM Team for organizing youth seminar. This seminar is very important for me because it takes the contemporary and modern struggles into consideration. And learning how to cope with the challenges to reach our goal is very defining.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Thangminlal Guite from Lamka. This seminar has encouraged and motivated me immensely. Despite the social hardship, I am committed to establish my career with positive growth this year. I intend to be really serious with my skill development. Learning about the strength of social media, smart goal and tactic on navigating the job searching environment has been insightful. It is very much encouraging for me to learn new things.



My name is Grace Lalremrout, from Bungmuol, Manipur. I am really grateful for this seminar. After losing everything even our aspiration and dreams were lost too.

With your encouraging sessions and motivation to strengthen our mental health through positive hobbies and learning, I feel energized and eager to continue building a career. Thank you.

# CHILDREN CAMP

Children camp is conducted at different areas among economically deprived and vulnerable communities specifically for children during their extensive holidays.

The camp aims at enhancing the overall holistic growth of children as it bridges learning and opening opportunity for future growth and inspire the children. It promotes inclusivity and development of life-skills to enhance their future prospects.

IOM has been able to conduct seven children camps during the calendar year with a total reach of 730 children in different regions such as Golaghat, North Gandabil, Kokrajhar, Athiabari, Joypur, Bhawanipatna, and Nongstoin.

# FEEDBACK



Prarthana Induwar: "The camp was really fun and useful. I learned a lot about different skills, like how to be more organized with my schoolwork and manage my time better. The safety tips we discussed, like being aware of our surroundings and keeping our personal things secure, were very helpful. I also enjoyed the art and music activities and discovered that I'm pretty good at drawing. I feel more confident now about my abilities and how to handle things in my daily life."



ANONDO TETE: I had a great time at the camp! The sessions on problem-solving and handling tough situations were really interesting. I didn't realize before how important it is to stay calm and think things through when facing challenges. The safety advice, like being cautious online and knowing how to handle emergencies, was practical and important. I also liked working on group projects and learned a lot about teamwork and communication. I feel more prepared to face challenges and work better with others."

# FEEDBACK



Hi I am Joyful from Joypur, West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya. The camp was super helpful and fun! I enjoyed learning new things about taking care of myself and staying safe. The discussions about how to stay alert and protect myself were very useful. I also loved the creative activities like music and crafts, which helped me find out more about my own interests and talents. I feel more aware of how to keep myself safe and more excited about exploring my hobbies. It was a great experience that taught me a lot of practical things I can use every day."



My name is Lolinda and I would like to express my gratitude to IOM for supporting us during our Children Camp. Through this camp I am able to learn good moral characters, know more about the world and other news impacting our day to day life as a child, and most importantly new activities.

# SOCIAL SERVICE TRAINING SEMINAR ON SENSITIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING

The activity aims to spread awareness on socio-economic development to the local community youth who are chosen based on their capacity to input in the welfare of the society as well as their involvement in the community developmental activities. The aim of the activity is to amplify awareness and sensitize the local leaders with the current social issues and the opportunities it entails for economic and social development. The participants are generally youth and individuals who are vocal for social progress and advocate for constitutional rights. Considering they are already involved in the field and making decisions for the collective masses, it is paramount for them to understand and make an informed and sound decisions. They are also given an introduction on their legal rights as well as on public schemes so that they could be rational in their thinking and way of life.

A total of 139 activities were successfully implemented in the year 2024-25 with 4,425 participants. The biggest success was that 2,154 women taking part in it. The participants were empowered with information important to wellbeing. It may also be noted that 2,271 men also attended, albeit in lesser numbers. The activity coverage has been extensive in almost all the states of the Northeastern region.

# FEEDBACK



Sidamjao Singh from Imphal West, Manipur. "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to IOM for organizing the SSTS seminar. This seminar has been immensely beneficial in providing social service training, equipping us with the skills and knowledge to make a positive difference in our community. Despite the challenges posed by the situation in Manipur, this seminar has empowered us to strive for improvement and to continue our efforts in serving our community effectively. Thank you for your support and guidance."



Mrs. Manisana Devi, from Imphal West, Manipur. "I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to IOM for hosting the SSTS seminar. This seminar has been instrumental in enhancing our social service training, enabling us to contribute more effectively to our community, even amidst the challenges faced in Manipur. I am grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow, and IOM's support has inspired me to continue striving for the betterment of our community. Thank you for your invaluable contribution."

# FEEDBACKS



Mr. Th. Brojen, from Imphal West, Manipur. "I extend my sincere gratitude to IOM for organizing the SSTS seminar, which has been a transformative experience for me. Following the violence and unrest in Manipur, I must admit I was deeply fearful and hesitant to contribute to community growth. However, participating in this seminar has completely changed my perspective. The valuable insights and training provided have instilled in me a renewed sense of purpose and determination to make a positive impact despite the challenges we face. I am now more committed than ever to contribute to the growth and wellbeing of our community. Thank you, IOM, for this invaluable opportunity."



My name is Samananda from thoubal, Manipur. I would like to thank IOM Team for reaching us with SSTS teaching in our area. This subject is very important for us. Sometimes I face lot of verbal abuse from community & stigma of many sorts from the society. Today I am very encouraged by the teaching. I feel very encouraged to understand social service teaching. What I have faced, I want to share my experience and teach better things to others through it. You have given me joy after attending your seminar. Thank you so much, IOM.

# FEEDBACK



My name is Mohitchandra Singh, from Thoubal, Manipur. I am truly happy to have had attend the SSTS classes. This teaching is the most needed in our area. Everyone suffers in different ways in their lives every day. I am struggling with many things and how I wish there were people who got such teachings and would help other people. But now, after attending this training, I am very encouraged to help others. I will utilize this training in my life. So, I thank IOM for this.



My name is Ksh. Echanbi Devi from Khunyai, Kakching, Manipur. I am very happy to attend this module classes. Thank you so much IOM for arranging this type of effective practical teaching. Struggles are not the end in our lives, but growing beyond our struggles and bringing impact from our lives is very important. I want to develop my society by not only being a social worker but by doing everything willing for its development. We need to look beyond hatred and find love in our hearts, then only we can grow.

# FEEDBACK



I am Mintin. This seminar has been educational and enriching. I specifically enjoyed the interactive group discussion on defining every social issue and our responsibilities towards our society. It provided me with lots of insight on opportunities that are still not exploited for social cohesiveness and development.

# SOCIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Under this theme, we have Adult literacy and Tuition centre which intends to cater to people deprived of literacy by providing additional education assistance through the formation of a centre. The former one is for elderly individuals who are illiterate, while the latter is for children who need additional help in following the academic curriculum.

Other than education, being the common factor, economic conditions and vulnerability are other aspects which exponentially increased the rate of illiteracy and decreased the quality of education. Through these centres, the elderly at Adult Literacy centres and children at Tuition centres will have the opportunity to improve their socio-economic standards. The centres are provided with qualified and experienced teachers who with the help of visual and other learning resources provide assistance to the participants.

There are six Adult literacy centres with over 100 non-literates. The main objective of the centre is to provide education with no age barriers, and for the participants to possess the basic skills of reading and writing. There are 18 Tuition centres across Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura. These centres currently have 507 students enrolled in them with 302 students being girl children. The objective of the centres is to promote inclusivity even in education and provide a platform for learning without barriers.

# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Nengkhonei Haokip: As a child, I worked in the mountains, helping my parents to survive. Later, I got married at a young age and grew up in a village where I never had the opportunity to attend school and I missed out on educational opportunities. Recently, due to the situation in Manipur, our house was burnt down. Despite these challenges, I always dreamed of being able to read and write. Thanks to the IOM team, I now have the privilege to learn these skills. I am grateful for this chance to grow and intend to teach my children what I have learned and participate more actively in community activities.



Mrs. Kim Elizabeth: **With** great joy and gratitude, I thank the IOM for providing essential resources like whiteboards, slates, chalk, mats, tables, and chairs to start the Adult Literacy program. I never had the chance to study due to financial constraints. This platform has given us hope and an opportunity to learn and grow. Now, I am able to learn for free, without any financial burden. I can read, write, and participate in various activities. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to learn and improve my life.

# INCOME GENERATION PLAN

Under the Income Generation Plan, we have three projects that we foresee would be beneficial towards individuals and groups of people from remote villages, the unemployed, those affected by the conflict and displacement, and people who are struggling financially. The three projects are Self-Help Groups (SHG), Saving Scheme Training, and Income Generation Projects (IGP). SHG activity seeks to find a group of like-minded individuals with common goals and help them in establishing a self-sustainable group. It could be on any activities that are suitable and feasible for financial security. Saving Scheme Training is another capacity building where common citizens from backward communities are informed about government schemes and disciplines of maintaining a secure and safe savings of income. Lastly, IGP activity extends financial assistance in acquiring resources required for establishing a small business for individuals with specific skills with the aim to create employment and sustainable income.

During the year, Saving Scheme Training was conducted twice at Andro village in Manipur where 48 participants attended the capacity building. They were taught and explained on various economic platforms and schemes provided by the government to safeguard their finances. IGP was extended to 72 families with overall benefit reaching to 381 people. The number comprises of 4 bicycle workshops, 5 carpentry shops, 7 goat farming, 5 piggery farming, 18 grocery shops, 14 tailoring units, 2 xerox and stationery shops, 8 weaving units, 1 bakery, 1 beauty parlour, 1 barber shop, 2 reaper machines, and 3 welding shops. The project's presence is at 27 places across all the northeastern regions of India.

# FEEDBACK



Laldinpui: This project has been really beneficial for me and I feel like it was solely intended for me. I used to have a tailoring shop in Imphal at a mixed community locality. But due to the conflict, I have lost all my sewing machines. I had just gotten married before the conflict and my savings had been exhausted on it. Feeling lost and hopeless, it made me really depressed. However, with your assistance, I have hope and motivation to rebuild my life in a new place. Your project has really instilled in me the conviction to dream again.



Lhinghoiven: I was a teacher back in Imphal for primary students in a private school. I had learnt tailoring and was planning to invest on it for a business. But I lost everything in one night because of the conflict. There are many teachers like me and most of them had gotten all the jobs in schools here in Lamka. Living in a rented house, I felt hopeless knowing I couldn't help my family financially. Your project is a lifeline to me and has renewed me with aspiration to achieve my broken dream.

# FEEDBACK



Jacob Laldinglien: I am a carpenter by profession and had been doing it for more than 20 years. Being displaced in Assam, with no tools and machine, I borrowed a hammer and a saw to start earning. With no capital and in need of investment, IOM came forward and helped me with all my basic tool requirement. Now I have generated employment for two more people and we are receiving onsite orders. My young daughter can continue her college and I am hoping to open a shop soon. This is all because of your support and trust. Thank you, IOM.



Boloram Toppo: I started my hair cutting business with only 1 scissor, 1 comb and 1 mirror. I would walk from one place to another to find business mostly among soldiers, but I could only do so for a certain period. Getting the assistance from IOM has enriched me with conviction and gratitude for all my hard work, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have my own shop with complete tools.

# FEEDBACK



Jwngsar Basumatary: IOM assistance has helped me a lot, even to the point of extending a helping hand to others. Ever since I was given the assistance of starting my own printing and Xerox shop, my financial status has improved and I am able to take care of my younger brother and my own family. My son will start going to school soon, and I am in position to help the community and bring positivity here in our remote village.



Bhayaram Lakra: Thank you IOM for the grocery shop assistance and making me one of the first shopkeepers here in our locality. I will run this with great joy and happiness, and hope that it will provide many benefits to the community here as well.

# SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

These two activities also come under Socio-Economic Development whereby beneficiaries are assisted with capital investment according to their requirements to achieve self-sustainability. Reaching sustainability level is important because through this, they will be able to improve not only their personal's economic standard, but also collectively enhance the community's development as well.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING is an activity where a centre is established for economically vulnerable people. The centre provides free of cost training to selected individuals, who with the acquired new skills would get the opportunity to elevate their social and economic status. The activity is chosen as a means of platform to empower the weaker community and help them established a more sustainable and stable livelihood. Currently, there are eight training centres which provide tailoring courses to young women and mothers. 117 women have been impacted through this course and are learning how to cut and sew multiple clothing designs and other fabric. The centres have been provided with sewing and overlapped machines for the same.

# FEEDBACK



Zenlamniang: I am very happy to be teaching tailoring as I see there's so much scope and so many people we can help in our area. I have had few people coming trying to learn but I never had extra machines to teach them with. It will be very good if all the women from relief camp learn this skill and be able to practice for their livelihood.



I am Jenevive and I am displaced from Imphal. I had just given birth when the conflict started and made us all displaced. Thank you for this opportunity to teach and help many women. Being displaced myself, I know how hard it is to live without contributing towards betterment of the community. Therefore, I would give my best to train them all.



Kim Panmei: The opportunity to learn a skill at free of cost and at the same time, provide a new means of livelihood in the long run or at the most, acquired a productive skill amongst the single mother, and economically poor women is such a good initiative. I am so grateful for being part of it and be an agent of progressive change for them.

# COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

This is a project specifically meant for a self-help group formed with a specific aim and goals. The chosen group is primarily women who collectively come together with the intention to develop their personal and community development.

They are committed to driving towards women's financial independence, empowerment, and become a stakeholder in the community. Apart from meeting all these criteria, they must also be dedicated in providing a platform for job creation and financial solidarity within them.

The chosen groups are assisted with capital investment to start a small industry according to the group's collective skillset and experience. Assistance in the form of monitoring, planning, and execution is also extended to the group for its optimum output.

Thus, in 2024, three cottage industries have been given such assistance namely Food processing unit to Rupapa's Meg in Sibsagar, a Food catering service for "Chaokhat Thourang" at Manipur, and Eri Silk Spinning Unit at Sibsagar, Assam. They are all administered by women from financially dependent and vulnerable communities with no substantial income resources.

# FEEDBACK



I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanksgiving to the team at IOM for their kind generosity in understanding our plight and facilitating our vision. As a group we intend to empower every woman to achieve financial independence where they can feel important and be part of building the community. Our skills and expertise have been with processing food and fruit items locally. It has garnered much appreciation but never improved our sales and profit. With our inability to finance huge machine for diversifying our product and achieving that well established stature, your assistance has been immensely helpful. It is a pivotal moment for us as we are increasing our production at a low cost, minimal hours, and intensifying our presence. Thank you making this possible, our lives are changing for the better.



# FEEDBACK



Mrs. Juliana: Our society loves food like no other. Every family and social gathering calls for a feast and we all love authentic home cooked delicacies. Being a woman and having had vast experience of catering from single to joint gatherings, along with like-minded women, we initiated to form a “Chaokhat Thourang” self-help group.

It literally means “striving for development”. We pool in our savings and have been doing small gatherings, but we needed a much more suitable plans and investment to maximise our earnings. Therefore, with your assistance and help, it has been possible and we are looking to grow in numbers soon. We aim to be a model group inspiring younger generation and other women to take the leap with confidence, and with good people. Thank you



Mrs. Sanjima Daimary: I am really grateful to IOM for providing us the assistance of acquiring eri-silk spinning machine for Alaisiri Self-help group. Being at the forefront of helping and development of women in our society at Paschim Patala, Udalguri; we have seen the importance of acquiring skills collectively and working together for the overall benefits. We started with handloom, but we wanted to enhance our productivity from the initial stage to maximise our resources and output. Your assistance has made our dream possible and will be a guiding light for our society.

# URGENT AID RELIEF: GROCERY

## RAYAGADA, ODISHA

Most of the Tribal people living in the Nayagarh area are poor and helpless. They have been the victims of the fight between the two castes. The caste system is very prominent in this area. These people had to leave the place to safeguard their lives. As they live in the outskirts of the village, they are mostly neglected and not given any work for the sustaining of the families.

These people neither have proper shelter or food nor proper drinking water. They did not have proper utensils to cook or things for their basic daily use. Therefore, looking at the peoples' need, they were chosen for the UAR distribution. IOM has bountifully supplied the needs of the people and reached 930 beneficiaries and following are some succinct descriptions of the work.



# FEEDBACK



I am Kamala Mallik from a rural village in Nayagarh. I am a widow living with my only son and daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. Due to water scarcity our land got fully dried up, spoiling our paddy crop. We do not have any other source of earning to feed our family. In the midst of this suffering, I am thankful to this team who cared for me. Sometimes my son does not care for me, but I am a mother, so I have to be there. Many times, I used to stay empty stomach but when I saw this provision, my heart was filled with joy. Thank you so much for providing me with groceries items. I have no words to express my gratitude for your support. Thank you.



I am Prabhati Panda from rural village in Nayagarh. Due to domestic problems my husband has left me and now my elderly parents also are not well and unable to support me. I used to do daily wage labor works and live. Many times, I am taunted by people and ridiculed by other women. My days often ended in tears. Sometimes, I had no food and survived just by drinking water. But thank you so much that you noticed me and gave me these groceries. I am so blessed by this. Thank you so much.

# URGENT AID RELIEF: HOUSE REPAIRING

IOM has voluntarily and generously provided significant aid to the destitute and poor, helping them construct house or provide thatch roofs to the house where they can lay their heads. It might be a community or a single family who is struggling to build; IOM stood right there to meet their necessities. As their earnings were too less, they were poor and needy. Most of their land is rocky, and people cannot depend on agriculture alone. So, IOM provided cement and tiles to more than 39 beneficiaries in Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar. The community of Karlaga of Deogarh district Odisha was facing the challenge of building a community hall. IOM supplied necessary material to complete its construction.



# URGENT AID RELIEF: HAND PUMP

IOM has chosen to help the people in providing handpumps in many places of Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal states because there is a scarcity of water. People struggled to get drinking and bathing water. Considering these things, IOM has helped the people with 12 handpumps in different places of these three states.

IOM provided the people of Karpi, Arwal, with a hand pump, because they faced severe water scarcity. The villagers had to travel long distances to fetch water, which was both time-consuming and tiring. By installing a handpump, IOM aimed to provide them with easy access to clean water, improving their daily lives. It installed the handpump to solve the water shortage problem in the village.

Clean water is essential for drinking, cooking, and maintaining good health. The handpump will reduce the burden on villagers and ensure they have a reliable water source close to home.

# FEEDBACK



I am Arun Kumar from Karpi Arwel, Bihar. I live with my wife and three children. For the last five years we have been suffering from water crisis. Women have to go long distances, almost a kilometer distance to fetch water. In summers it will be very hot, just like burning in the hell. Lack of sufficient water frequently leads to altercations between our women and the local women. But thanks to IOM for installing this handpump here. More than 50 households benefit from this provision.



I am Babloo Kumar from Dharampur, Jahanabad. I am so happy to see this hand-pump provided for the benefit of my people. For several years we struggled for water and people in my village have been infected with many diseases. In rainy season the water gets so contaminated that many get diseases. So, thank you, IOM for this hand-pump.

# URGENT AID RELIEF: SCHOOL BAGS

Bridge Schools students of Phiringinali and Hirliaguda, Khordha, Odisha are from poor and needy background. They were selected to provide the schools bags. Their parents are daily wage earners and struggle to earn their daily bread and butter. Children are deprived of basic needs due to their families' financial situation. Thus, children are lacking educational support. Taking note of this urgent need, the organization has chosen to execute this program for these students. Around 339 children benefited with this provision.



# FEEDBACK



Chanda Hasda  
Bridge School Student  
At- Phirki nali  
Dist- Khurda, , Odisha

I personally thank the organization for providing me this school bag which is very good in quality. It will be a great support to carry my textbooks and other educational materials. I am studying 8<sup>th</sup> standard. My parents are poor and needy. What I did not get from my parents for years, I got from IOM.



Pooja Deogam  
Student Bridge School  
Phiringinali, Dist-Khurda, Odisha

I am thankful to the people of organization for their kind support. I was struggling to have this type of bag to keep my schoolbooks and my sister's books. Due to lack of enough money, my parents could not afford them. But I got this beautiful school bag from IOM. Thank you.

# URGENT AID RELIEF: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

IOM extends its reach to those in dire need of medical help, recognizing that many cannot afford treatment due to poverty. Identifying this need the organization has supported families whose members were facing severe health challenges. Nine patients were provided with medical aid.

Soumya Ranjan Das, from a poor family, had to take up the responsibility of his entire family, after his father's death. He became the sole breadwinner of the family. But unfortunately, he suffered a paralytic stroke. As a result, he had to leave his job and the family's financial condition worsened. When IOM was approached for help, the organization could come to their rescue by providing medical support for Soumya Ranjan.



# FEEDBACK



Ullas Pani is from Almenda, Koraput, Odisha. He has two children, studying 8 and 9 standards. His wife is a homemaker. Ullas is a daily wage laborer. In 2023 both his kidneys got damaged, and his condition was very critical. His family sold their land and gold for his treatment. But finally, they also lost the hope. In March 2024 IOM got to know of their struggle and sponsored the medical help. With dialysis and good treatment, his kidneys are functioning better. His family is happy that he is still alive and able to walk and move.



I am Ullas Pani from Almenda Koraput, Odisha. I am still alive today; I cannot believe it. Both my kidneys were damaged, and my family had lost hope for my survival but today I am alive because of the financial support of IOM. I was able to get admitted to a good hospital and avail better treatment. Thank you, IOM for all your precious support for me.

# WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The year 2024-25 has been an amazing year for IOM as we have been occupied to our optimum capacity in reaching communities across diverse geographical terrain. It has brought us with series of challenges and struggles beyond our control. Nevertheless, as we strive towards our vision of reaching to the vulnerable children with the right opportunities and nutrition for good health; we conquered them all and saw the opportunities to tackle the root causes of such impoverished development in the form of Urgent Aid Relief, Capacity Building, and Socio-Economic Developments across the North-eastern region. Thus in total, we were able to impact 32,215 lives with multiple assistance.

This achievement would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of our field volunteers and staff. We are indebted to their arduous task of reaching the unreached and making an impactful change in the lives of many people. We are also thankful to the administrative and technical support, for the coordination and encouragement received throughout the year. Every effort counts and is of utmost value to us. These numbers are a testament of their commitment, dedication, and genuine teamwork of creating a better world for all people.

Therefore, my sincere gratitude and congratulations to all the people involved. May our hopes for our children become the foundation upon which dreams are achieved, and a better future is built.



**KIRAN KUMAR LIMA**  
Secretary, IOM

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