# WEAKER SECTIONS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

(WSDC) ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



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# ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

# **OUR ORIGIN**

WSDC was established in 1992 in Chandel, Manipur. Bordering Myanmar, Chandel's topography consists of hilly terrain with rivers flowing from North to South as well as West to East into Myanmar. The hilly region is divided into three areas namely Western, Eastern and Southern.

The effect of the Naga-Kuki(tribes) conflict, the diminished natural resources and the injustices against women and children, drove WSDC to help the marginalized and vulnerable to work towards peace and sustainable developement preserve indigenous resources and culture; and enable women to fight for Gender-just-Governance and against discrimination in society.

# **Key Objectives of Weaker Sections Development Council (WSDC)**

- To conduct workshop, seminars, consultation and trainings Building local
- institutions Rights & Entitlements Organizing skill and knowledge Natural
- resource augmentation Sustainable agricultural practices Engaging
- · community to enhance livelihood, health, sanitation and environment
- Economic empowerment of youth and women Land rights in tribal land
- tenure system Engaging youth and local institutions for good governance Advocacy and lobby for vulnerable

# **OUR PRESENCE**

#### **ENGAGING WITH**

- Khoibu
- Kuki
- Tangkhul
- Maring
- Meitei





#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS TARGETED



Our work spans across a wide spectrum of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and outcomes. The specific number outcomes have been paraphrased to reflect our stated outcomes more effectively.



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END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORM EVERYWHERE'

- 1.2 Reduce living in poverty
- 1.4 Equal rights to economic resource, ownership and control over land, inheritance and natural resources
- 1.5 Build the resilience and reduce vulnerability to environment



ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

7.2 Upgrade technology for supplying modern and Sustainable energy services



MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

11.2 Integrate policies of inclusion, resource efficiency, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and resilience to disasters



2 ZERO HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE'

- 2.3 Double the agricultural **productivity and incomes** of small-scale
  Food producers, indigenous people and market opportunities for value addition
- 2.4 Sustainable food production systems and implement resilient
- 2.5 Maintain genetic diversity of seeds associated traditional



8 DECENT WORK AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, SULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENTWORK FOR ANY PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

- 3 Promote development-oriented policies that support. Productive activities, decent job creation, microenterprise.
- 8. 5 Achieve full and productive employment
- 8. 6 Reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, Education or training



PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OFTERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT BIODIVERSITY LOSS'



ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS



10 REDUCED REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES'

- 10.2 Empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all
- 10.3 Eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices



16 PEACE, JUSTICE PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS'

16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

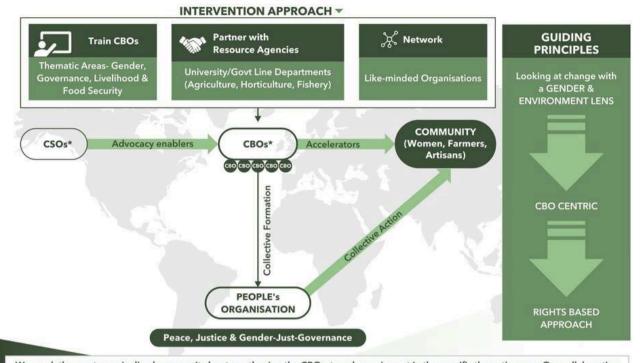
In the SDGs targeted, SDGs 5 and 7 are targeted by designing programmes with a strong Gender and Clean energy lens respectively.



#### **WORKING MODEL**



Our working model shows how we operationally make the Theory of Change a reality. Our approach and Guiding principles helps us churn our work smoothly based on which we plan, implement and assess our impact.



We reach the most marginalised community by strengthening the CBOs, to enhance impact in the specific thematic areas. Our collaboration with Civil Society Organisations, Agriculture departments and other like-minded organisations ensure sustenance in development.

\*CSO- Civil Society Organisation

\* CBO- Community Based Organisation



# "Programs and Projects: 1. Strengthening Community Action for Development in India:

WSDC has been fortunate to receive support from Breadth for the World, Germany for the past six years. The project, "Strengthening Community action for Development in India" Asserting Social Security Schemes, Gender Issues, and Local Capacities for Peace," This project has been impacted by the prevalent violent conflict in our state. Despite, the challenges, we successfully implemented the following activities:

Component	Activities taken	Outcome of the programme	
Strengthen Community Based Institutions, Issue based Collective institutions.	CBOs and Pos capacity building for asserting thier social security schemes. such as Farmers card, weavers card health card.	to women and Child and awareness program	
Skill building, Tech training on livelihood/organic farming/climate change/leadership	Skill building, Tech training on livelihood/organic farming/climate change/leadership	Training on rice husk charcoal and Mushroom making conducted at Biyang village  13 Female	
		Sloping Agriculture Land Technology(SALT )training was given to farmers of Khongkhang Village 7 Female, 3 Male=10 Individuals	
		Innauguration of Adult Literacy Program was held Mr. Shonngam Saka, APFC, EPFO was the Government official who launched the program. 24 Female, 2 Male=26 Individuals	
Advocacy, Networking & Alliance Building through Campaigns on livehood.  To conduct one training program for 16 Local Resource on lobby & Advocacy with relevant line departments		Training on lobby and advocacy was done for CBOs of 16 project villages.  K. Bongdar and Dangsawa Boinu, who are theInternal Mentors with MSRLM were the resource persons.  14 Female	



		Linkage buiding with Wangjing Women and Girls Society(WWAGS) was done for the villagers of Khoibu, Biyang and Yamolching for Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Program(SVEP). The SVEP program allows any individual to take a loan of Rs. 40000/- to start any non-farm activity.		
		WSDC participated in seed mela at Central Agriculture University, Imphal from 17th to 19th March 2023.		
		Linkage building with Kudumbashree, National Resource Organization, Kerala on 11-03-23 for strengthening Village authority and CBO convergence to access to entitlements and enhance community participation in local governance at Heinoukhong for the Local Resource Group of 16 project villages.  9Female, 2 Male=11 Individual		
Gender Mainstreaming		Awareness program on JJ act and Women Helpline was held at Heinoukhong village for the 16 project villages on 04-02-23 Ms. Darngam Khaling, Member Secy. CWC was the resource person.  100 Female, 2 Male=102 Individuals		
		International Women's Day was celebrated on 08- 03-23 at Cluster Level Federation Office, Heinoukhong. Ms. Nonibala Narengbam, Chief Functionery, IRDSO, Ms. R. Moikham, Secretary, ATWO, Ms. R. Techa, Entrepreneur and K. Shangnaidar, Secy. WSDC were the resource persons. 128 Female, 4 Male= 132 Individuals		
Mainstreaming Local Capacities for Peace & working conflicts	To conduct one workshop on Do No Harm policy with the Village Authority of 16 project villages	A workshop on Do no harm / Local Capacities for peace was held at WSDC. Given the high risk of escalating violence, we focused on sensitizing our project area villages to manage conflicts effectively. Madam Shangnaidar, Secy. WSDC was the resource person 16 emale, 10 Male=26 Individuals		



## **Project 2(A)**

# Project No. 2: Handloom and Handicraft Program

WSDC has been fortunate to receive support from Selco Foundation, Bangalore for the project "Empowering Women on Livelihood Security" since, 2018-2020. The project aimed to provide solar-powered machines, including:

- Solar power looms
- Embroidery machines
- Sewing machines

This initiative has enabled 35 women able to generate income and manage their daily basic needs. Notably, the project has sustained even after funding ended, demonstrating its long-term impact.

To ensure affordability, machines were provided at a subsidized rate, and WSDC facilitated instalments-based payments to collect the machine prices. This approach allowed for the efficient use of funds and enabled expansion.

The use of solar energy has addressed power irregularities and promoted the production of green products, contributing to sustainable livelihood security. This project showcases WSDC's commitment to empowering women and promoting environmentally friendly practices."

# **Project 2(B): Promotion of Handicraft Artisans sustainable production:**

WSDC has gained valuable insights from handicraft artisans, recognizing that their craftmaking encompasses not only technical skills but also a deep understanding of traditional arts, cultural heritage, and environmental sustainability. These artisans play a vital role in creating eco-friendly products using forest resources and natural raw materials.

However, despite their unique offerings, artisans face challenges in competing with cheap market alternatives due to limited exposure and market trends. To address this, WSDC has leveraged connections with reputable buyers and agencies. Free Trade Forum India, have trained 100 artisans to support artisans in:

- Design thinking
- Product innovation

This collaboration has enabled artisans to reach a wider market, selling their crafts across states like Bangalore, Assam, Nagaland, and beyond, in addition to local buyers. By promoting handicraft artisans, WSDC aims to preserve traditional arts, support sustainable livelihoods, and celebrate India's rich cultural heritage.



# **Project 2 (C) Income Generation Activities:**

WSDC conducted training sessions on various income-generating activities, such as:

- Soap making
- Compost manure making
- Rice husk charcoal making
- Natural pest management

These trainings benefited farmers in our project villages, empowering them with new skills and opportunities for economic growth and enhancing source of livelihood.

While the conflict limited our scope of work, we remain committed to our mission and look forward to continuing our efforts in the future.

# "Partnership Program on Relief Work for Conflict-Affected People:

In response to the conflict that began on May 3rd, resulting in loss of life, displacement, and property damage, WSDC, to address the urgent needs of affected communities. We leveraged essential items from CASA and FST to reach vulnerable populations in our project area.

Through our partnership, we successfully distributed:

- Food
- Clothing
- Medicine

to approximately:

- 200 families in Tengnoupal district relief camps
- 200 individuals in Kakching district

Additionally, we supported students affected by the conflict zone through:

- RNBA
- Crowd funding

This initiative enabled 60 students to complete their courses without dropping out, ensuring their educational journey continued uninterrupted.

WSDC is grateful for the support from individual generous givers, CASA, FST, RNBA, and crowd funding platforms, which enabled us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by the conflict."















Participating Design thinking and product innovation workshop at kolkota organised by FTFI



# **Financial Statement**

#### WEAKER SECTION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL KHANGSHIM, P.O. KAKCHING, MANIPUR.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/03/2024.

(Amount in Rs.)

	Receipts	Note	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
Α	Opening Balance :			
	Cash in Hand & at bank	4	2,05,889.16	20,783.25
В	Gross Receipts	7	7,30,739.26	19,69,261.00
C	Other Receipts	8	3,112.00	8,893.00
-	TOTAL		9,39,740.42	19,98,937.25

SI.	Payments	Note	F.Y. 2023-24	F.Y. 2022-23
Α	Recurring Expenditure	9	8,54,063.12	17,32,977.29
В	Non-recurring Expenditure	10	0.00	0.00
С	Employee benefits expense (Salaries, wages, other)	11	60,000.00	60,000.00
D	Other Expenditure	12	0.00	70.80
F	Closing Balance: Cash in Hand	5	25,677.30	2,05,889.16
	Total		9,39,740.42	19,98,937.25

Note: All the Notes and Annexures as mentioned above and annexed to the accounts are forming an integral part of the accounts.

For

WEAKER SECTION DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

> Khangshim Village President/Secretary,

Weaker Section's Development Council

Date: This 20th Day of September, 2024.

Place: Imphal

As per our Report of even date annexed herewith.

For, M/S AMD & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants,

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