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Together, we continue to make a positive difference and move closer to realizing our vision.

With sincere appreciation,



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Secretary/ Chief Functionary
Weaker Section's Development
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Organizational Background

Weaker Section's Development Council (WSDC)

Established on 17th June 1992 by a group of committed social workers, the Weaker Section's Development Council (WSDC) is a voluntary organization dedicated to the empowerment of marginalized tribal communities, backward classes, and particularly women. The organization engages in consultancy, evidence-based policy formulation, demonstration workshops, training programs, and advocacy efforts. It fosters strong networks with community-based women's organizations, like-minded agencies, and individuals.

Vision

WSDC envisions a society where peace, justice, harmonious coexistence, prosperity, a healthy environment, and gender-just democratic governance are enjoyed by all.

Mission

WSDC aims to uplift the human dignity of marginalized communities, empowering them towards sustainable Peace and development.

Core Belief

WSDC recognizes the urgent need to promote peace and justice, particularly for marginalized communities' women in particular. whose voices are often excluded from mainstream development discourse.

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Years of operations

22

CBOs Strengthened

50+

Villages Covered

500+

Farmers Impacted

200+

Women Impacted

2

CSO Networks

5+

Knowledge Partners

7

Board Members

5

Working Staff



Thematic Focus Areas

WSDC concentrates its efforts on the following four thematic areas:

- Natural Resource Management, Food and Livelihood Security
- Combating Violence Against Women and Promoting Women in Governance
- Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation

The project is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal: Responsible Consumption and Production, with the broader aim of promoting gender justice and a hunger-free society. It seeks to empower rural women artisans and farmers by mentoring them in the production of safe, chemical-free food products and eco-friendly crafts, rooted in the traditional knowledge and skills passed down through generations.

By emphasizing appropriate and feasible traditional practices, the project not only enhances livelihoods but also nurtures sustainable development. It also aims to cultivate conscious consumers who choose eco-friendly products and actively support local producers. This mutual relationship fosters interdependence, strengthens community ties, and lays the foundation for a sustainable and inclusive society.

At its core, the project addresses the deeper concern of coexistence—recognizing the need to live together in harmony while respecting both people and the planet.

Brief Overview of the Project

Introduction

The WSDC is deeply concerned about the devastating impact of the climate crisis, pollution, and toxic carbon footprint on indigenous tribes and small-scale producers. Our project aims to promote sustainable agriculture practices, reduce chemical inputs and plastic waste, and empower women to produce eco-friendly products.



Objectives

- Reduce chemical inputs: Minimize the use of chemical inputs in agriculture practices. Minimize plastic waste: Reduce plastic waste in agricultural and artisanal activities.
- Promote eco-friendly products: Encourage the production and use that prioritize environmental safety and consumer well-being.
- Educate consumers: Raise awareness about the importance of safety-oriented products.
- Empower women: Support women in producing green byproducts and adopting green energy sources.

Project Activities

1. Collaboration with women farmers and artisans:

Work with women farmers and rural artisans to produce eco-friendly products.

2. Sustainable agriculture practices:

Promote sustainable agriculture practices that reduce chemical inputs and plastic waste.

3. Eco-friendly product development:

Develop and promote eco-friendly products that prioritize environmental safety and consumer well-being.

4. Consumer education:

Educate consumers about the importance of safety oriented products

Expected Outcomes

1. 100 farmers do not use of chemical inputs in agriculture practices.
2. Minimized plastic waste: Reduced plastic waste in agricultural and artisanal activities.
3. 100 artisan produce eco-friendly products safe for health and earth.
4. Women empowered to produce green byproducts and adopt green energy sources.
5. Sustainable community: Contribution to a more sustainable and environmentally conscious community, where women play a vital role in driving positive change and played leadership role.



Summary Activities Report

1. Collaboration with women farmers and artisans:

- Identification of 100 woman farmers
- Identification of 100 woman artisans of different trades.
- Work with women farmers and rural artisans to produce eco-friendly products.

2. Sustainable agriculture practices:

Promote sustainable agriculture practices that reduce chemical inputs and plastic waste.

- Training on herbal based pesticide
- Training on Rice Husk Charcoal Making

3. Eco-friendly product development:

Develop and promote eco-friendly products that prioritize environmental safety and consumer well-being.

- Training on natural handmade/ homemade soap making
- Training on Chocolate Making

4. Consumer education:

- Educate consumers about the importance of safety-oriented products.

5. Training on Financial Management

- Understand key financial management principles in NGOs.
- Bookkeeping and Accounting Systems
- Maintain transparent accounting systems and documentation.
- Compliance and Governance
- Internal Controls and Audit

6. Awareness on Climate Change

7. Website Development



Details on Activities Report

1. Identification of 100 woman Farmers

WSDC identify 100 women farmers from 9 villages of different District particularly of Tengenoupal, Thoubal and Kakching district. Collecting and confirming details about persons or households involved in farming — including crop cultivation, livestock rearing, fisheries, or allied activities — to establish their identity as farmers.

We focus on farming practices that promote sustainability — helping maintain soil health, protect the environment, and ensure long-term agricultural productivity:

- Growing different crops in sequence on the same land to improve soil fertility and reduce pest and disease buildup.
- Focuses on composting, green manures, and natural pest control.
- Giving training to reduces soil disturbance, maintaining organic matter and preventing erosion.
- To support agricultural planning and research.

Sl. No.	Name of Village	No. of Women Farmer
1	Santhel Khoibu	10
3	Khulsaibung	10
4	Wairi Kanem	25
5	Ram	10
6	Beaulahram	10
7	Ringpam	20
8	Khangshim	10
9		5
Total		100



2. Identification of 100 woman Artisans

WSDC identify 100 women artisan of different trades from 13 villages of different District particularly of Tengnoupal, Thoubal and Kakching district.

We focus on local/tribal artisans who creates handmade goods using traditional skills passed down through generations — such as weaving, pottery, wood carving, metalwork, beadwork, bamboo craft, or embroidery.

- Sustainable Materials: Most use eco-friendly materials like bamboo, clay, wool, or natural dyes.
- Community-based Production: The work is usually done within families or cooperatives rather than factories.
- Economic Importance: Their crafts contribute to rural livelihoods and sustainable local economies.

Sl. No.	Name of Village	No. of Artisan	Trades
1	Wairi, Kharou, Khuringmol	20	Weaving
2	Khangshim, Yamolching, Khoibu, Wairi	10	Tailors
3	kakching, Nungourok, Khangshim	10	Embroider
4	Kharou Khullen, Hongkong, Khangshim, S. Phunal	30	Craft
5	Praolon, Khangshim,	10	Jewellery
6	Khangshim, Chandel, Kakching	20	Soap Making
Total		100	



3. Training on soap making & Chocolate Making

Training on soap and chocolate making was conducted on dated 13th February, 2025 at WSDC hall.

- 20 participants 10 each for soap and chocolate were attended for this particular training
- WSDC Secretary Shangnaidar Tontang was the Resource person.
- 5 trainees were employed for soap production at WSDC Soap making on daily wages basis.
- All the attended trainees of chocolate making were started making chocolate of their own at there respective place or villages.
- WSDC provide raw materials at affordable price.





4. Training on herbal based pesticide



Making Process

- Each component is taken in equal amount (eg. Neem-1kg, Tapioca leaf-1 kg, Marigold leave-1k, Ginger-1 kg)
- Each component is crushed separately
- Put the crushed component in a tub all together.
- Add water to its of water per 1 kg of component) and Mixed thoroughly
- Take out the crushed components by squeezing out the water
- Sieve the solution in bucket
- Put the solution in a bottle and close the lid.
- Put the bottle in the sunlight for a week and is ready to use.

Ingredients Properties

- Brief Description of the activity: First the ingredients and their properties are explained one by one
- Neem: Neem extract can protect crops against moth, aphids, leaf and plant hoppers, leaf miners, grasshoppers, scale insects, white flies and nematodes.
- Tapioca leave: Effective against noxious borer pests
- Marigold Leave: Marigold leaves can help to repel pests such as aphids, white flies and nematodes. They also produce a chemical called alpha-terphenyl which is toxic to many soils borne pests.
- Ginger: Ginger has antibacterial and antifungal properties with great potentials in fighting against common vegetable pest.



5. Training on Rice husk Charcoal making



Rice Husk Charcoal

Making Process

- We used traditional method of Carbonizing rice husks using empty metal tin (Square shape) constructing a steel pipe.
- Natural, Eco-Friendly, Multipurpose, made from 100% rice husk.
- Smokeless & odor-free Long-lasting burn
- Low ash residue Ideal for BBQ, gardening, air purification
- Safe & sustainable alternative to wood charcoal

6. Awareness on Climate change



- Awareness on climate change was conducted at WSDC hall on dated 29th March, 2023
- 30 participants were attended from the cluster of WSDC identified farmers and artisans.
- This awareness explored the linkages between climate change and sustainable development.
- Discuss how these climate changes are affecting crop yields, livestock health, and the livelihoods of farmers. Introduce techniques like rainwater harvesting, drip irrigation, and efficient use of irrigation water.



7. Develop comprehensive plan for each trade.

- 100 women farmers and Aisns were identified as entrepreneurs and work engaged.
- 100 women farmers were elected from 8 villages of 2 nearby districts i.e Chandel and Tengnoup District
- 100 women artisans were identified from the respective trades of weaving, tailoring, Jewellery, Craft Soap Making, Chocolate Making and Embroidery.
- Around 100 women of farmers and Aisns were attended the meeting.
- Opinion was poll from present members and discussed the challenges and grievances
- Opportunities and importance of Members being professional experts, local knowledge, and valuable connections
- Membership Application and Consent form were obtained for the database and record.
- Team Leader or Point of Contact person selected for different trades for smooth communication and proper implementation of training and other associated future program of WSDC.



ORGANISE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AT WSDC, TRAINING HALL





Team/ Trade wise Photo



CANE & BAMBOO CRAFT



JEWELLER



WEAVING



SOAP & CHOCOLATE



FARMERS



FARMERS



8. Training on Rice Husk Charcoal Making

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RICE HUSK CHARCOAL MAKING
KHULSAIBUNG VILLAGE





Thank You!



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