



## North East Diocesan Social Service Society

Empowering and enabling local communities in the Northeast  
for an inclusive development



Annual Report  
2023-2024

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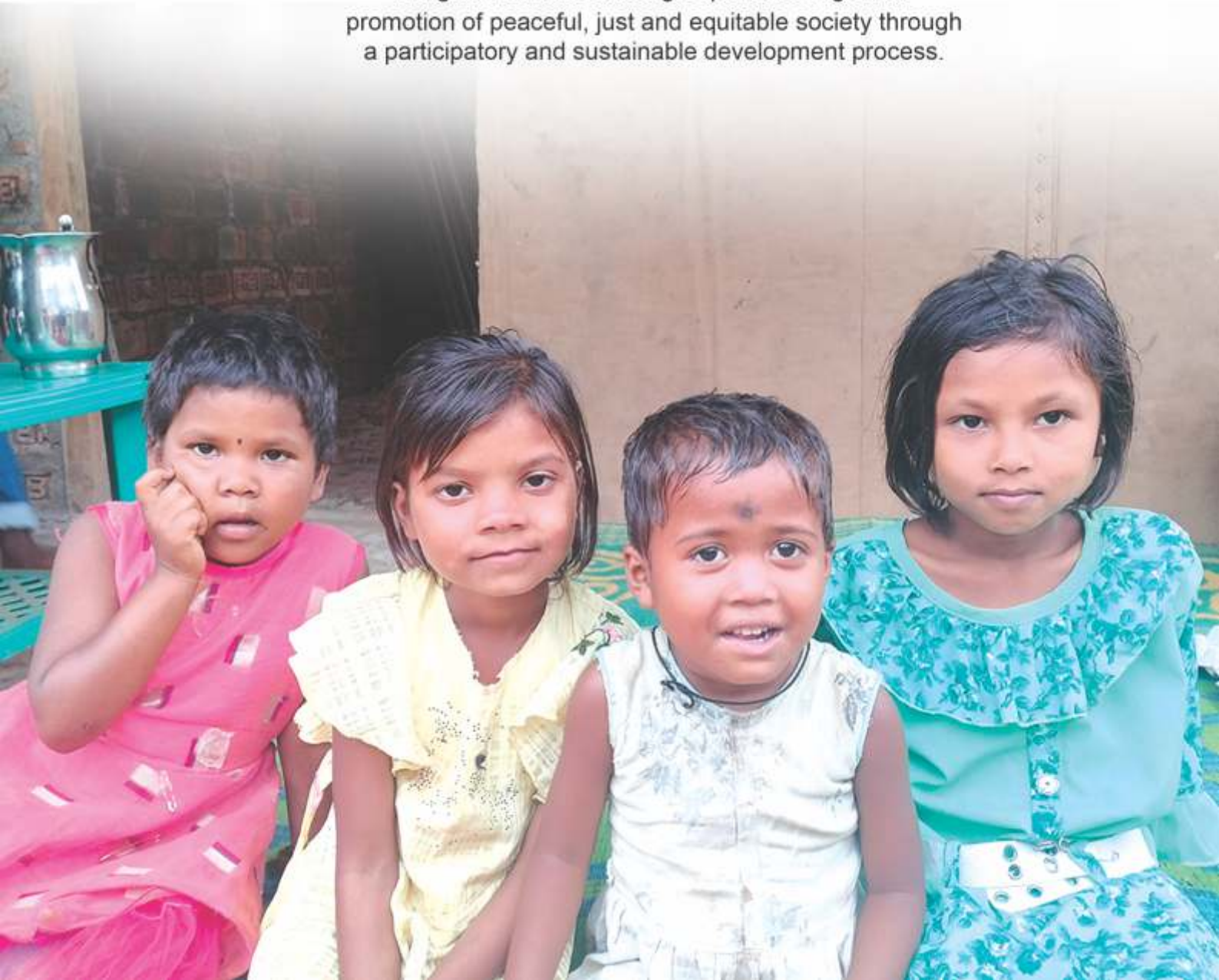
## Our Vision & Mission

### **VISION:**

NEDSSS envisages a society where people live in unity and diversity based on Human Values of Justice and Love.

### **MISSION:**

To enable member associations to empower the poor and marginalized and ethnic groups in the region for promotion of peaceful, just and equitable society through a participatory and sustainable development process.



## Our Focus Areas



**Peace:** Empowering Communities and Institutions for Peace Building in North East India



**Health:** Improving Access to Comprehensive Maternal and Child health services



**Education:** Free Tuition support to the Children of the most Marginalized Community.



**Human Trafficking:** Strengthening Child Trafficking Prevention Pathways



**Capacity Building:** Partners Capacity Building and Handholding Support



**Disaster Risk Reduction:** Increasing Resilience to Disasters in High-Risk Areas



**Emergency Response:** Relief Materials Support to Floods, Landslide and Displaced People



**Women Empowerment:** Promoting Gender Equality and Inclusive Development

# Impact

## Impact by Numbers

01

45,552+

Pregnant women and children reached

02

26,019+

Youth leaders, SHG members & Community leaders are trained on peace building skills

03

2,300+

Children are receiving free tuition classes

04

3,770+

Adults are sensitized on importance of education and receiving parenting skills

05

153

Dropouts are enrolled in formal schools

06

175+

Partners teams are given handholding support on developing Strategic Documents & Safeguarding policy

07

4,306+

Affected by disasters are provided with dry ration, blankets & hygiene kits

07

4,542+

Women leaders in Northeast are empowered with leadership skills, on holistic approaches to empowerment & Development

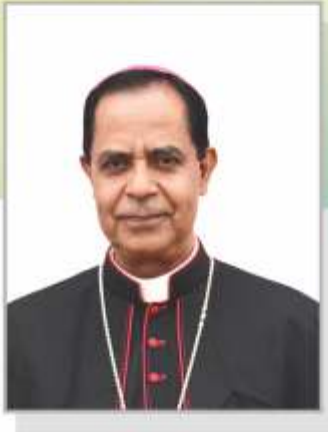
## Northeast wise impact

7 states

62+ districts

16 Partners





## President's Message

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Activities Report of North East Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS), Guwahati for the year 2023-24. It will give a clear insight into the details of interventions undertaken by the organisation in the past one year.

There has been significant progress made by NEDSSS, in continuing its work of empowering local communities in the Northeast, by undertaking various thematic interventions. Our commitment to early childhood development, education, women empowerment, peace building initiatives and emergency response have yielded positive outcomes. The report shows our determination in the pursuit of transformative initiatives showcasing the positive impact generated within our communities with a particular emphasis in the lives of children, youth and women.

I extend my compliments and gratitude to our local communities, partners and donors, who have been steadfast in their support to NEDSSS. Our achievements are a result of our strong partnerships and collaborations with government institutions, donor agencies, partners NGOs and community-based organizations. Their unwavering support has been pivotal in helping us to achieve our goals, and drive our mission forward. I offer my sincere congratulations to the entire NEDSSS team for their contributions throughout the year.

As we look ahead, I am confident of their continued commitment, to positively transform the lives of our fellow community members. We are eager to continue our mission of empowering and enabling local communities in the Northeast for an inclusive development.

Archbishop John Moolachira  
President of NEDSSS





## Director's Message

It gives me immense pleasure to share with you the 35th Annual Report of North East Diocesan Social Service Society (NEDSSS). At the outset, I extend my sincere gratitude to all our past and ongoing supporters for believing in us, to provide services to the people of Northeast India in the field of peace building and conflict resolution, health care services focusing on mother and child, education support to the children, emergency relief assistance to the displaced, flood and landslide affected people in different parts of the Northeast. These support services have addressed and tailored their unique needs.

The year had been eventful and momentous with many achievements to be highlighted. Through health project, we were able to reach out to 45,552 pregnant women and children, including referred cases for treatment to different hospitals. Through peace project, 26,019 youth, village leaders, SHG members were trained on peace building skills, research skills and mediation and leadership. Through education project, 2300 children were provided with free tuition classes. 3770 parents were sensitized on the importance of education. 153 dropouts are enrolled in formal schools and 23 children's parliaments are formed. Through emergency response project, we were able to reach out to 4,306 people affected by natural calamities.

Going forward, NEDSSS believes that creating awareness, providing health services, and promoting inclusive development are crucial steps towards helping the marginalized community to come out of their situations in this part of Northeast India.

We sincerely thank all the donor agencies, General and Governing Body members and staff, and acknowledge them for their incredible generosity and ongoing support. Your continuous support enables us to continue our invaluable work with the most vulnerable children and communities living in the North-eastern region, and build sustainable future for the region.

We hope that you will continue to support our work and vision by which, we empower and enable communities for inclusive development, and look forward to working and engaging with you, our supporters, again in the coming year.

**Fr. Anil Joseph**  
Executive Director



# Capacity building and handholding support for 16 Partners organization in Northeast India

NEDSSS continues to accompany its partner's organizations through knowledge sharing, technical support in re-visiting of strategic plan and drafting of Safeguarding Policy.



**15 out of 16**

Partners have re-visited Strategic Plan

**16**

Partners have drafted their Safeguarding Policy



# Improving Access to Comprehensive Maternal and Child Health Services; and for Diseases/ Conditions of District level Importance

The project is implemented across five states i.e. Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram with a total of 16 districts and 31 health centres across 254 villages.

The project aim at improving the quality of maternal and child health services in the target villages and Improving the access to and quality of primary health care services among the target group for prevention and treatment of district specific diseases.

**2948**

Pregnant women were facilitated for ANC check up

**35967**

Children facilitated for vaccination

**4092**

Under 5 children are referred for nutritional support

**2545**

People across five states have been referred for treatment

**49**

Patients were referred for Cataract Surgeries and their eyesights restored





# Empowering Communities and Institutions for Peace Building in Northeast India

There have been different forms of violence in the North East. In order to minimize the violence, the project build the capacity of individuals and institutions through different activities so that communities living in North East India with focus on 23 districts of Assam, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura will take steps towards reconciliation through mutual respect, reduced violence, confidence-building measures and building bridges of trust in each other.

**108** peace clubs are formed in schools and are functioning

**45** SHG and youth groups have been formed and collaborating in addressing issues of peace at the village level

**30** peace committees have been formed and are functioning in resolving issues in villages of Manipur and KarbiAnglong, Assam

**1704** opinion shapers of the network of NEDSSS such as NGOs and CSOs came together to promote peace and prevent conflict

**4291** community leaders have built their capacity on peacebuilding and conflict resolution knowledge, skills and techniques and are using the learning in their respective field of work

**6818** members of peace committees, SHGs and youth clubs have been empowered on peace education and related issues

**3756** community members have come together to appreciate and celebrate cultural diversity and respect for differences through observation of importance days like internanal peace day, women's day, environment day etc.

**33273** children have been capacitated on peacebuilding and conflict transformation and related topics for self-awareness and promotion among their peers and surroundings.

**2816** teachers have been trained on peace education and how to promote a culture of peace in the educational institutions



# Reduction of Child Labour in the Tea Garden Areas of Assam



The project aims at reducing dropouts in the project villages by providing free tuitions and life skills sessions for a behavioural change to address a balance of four areas-knowledge, attitude, values and skills. Parents of the children and community leaders are sensitized on the importance of education and care and protection for the children.

**1170**

Parents, village leaders and teachers are sensitized on the importance of education and impact of dropping out of school on children

**950**

Vulnerable Children of tea garden villages are provided with free tuition classes

**51**

Dropouts are identified from different project villages and are being enrolled into our tuition centres

**23**

Children's Parliament are functioning and members performing their duties

**17**

Child Protection Committee are formed as part of Children's Parliament



# Education Support for Vulnerable Children in the selected Tea Garden Areas of Assam

The project aims at reaching out to vulnerable children and encourage them to go to school in 10 tea garden villages in Udalguri and Kamrup districts of Assam. The project also focus on spreading mass awareness on School Dropouts, Child Marriage, importance of education among the parents and children and measures to mitigate it.

**2600**

Parents are sensitized on importance of education and parenting skills

**1350**

Children of most vulnerable families of tea garden are accessing our free tuition classes

**102**

Dropouts are identified and are enroled in regular school



# Global Programme: Poverty Reduction and Food Security, Promoting Social Inclusion of Particularly Marginalised Groups and Increasing Resilience to Disasters in High-Risk Areas

The programme aims at improving the life situation particularly marginalized population of eighteen identified districts in four Indian States. Caritas India along with her twenty three partners are implementing the programme covering 260 villages of 18 districts in the Indian states of Assam, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal towards contributing to the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals 2 (Zero Hunger), 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and 13 (Climate Action).

**Partnered** with ASDMA's Orientation programme for Historical Disaster Data Collection

**Strengthened** Morigaon District IAG as an functioning agency with addition of new chairperson and members

**Networked** and Collaborated with ASDMA, UNICEF, NIRD & PR, DDMA (Morigaon), IAG Morigaon, Dhemaji, Majuli and Lakhimpur, KVK, Vet Dept. (Morigaon Dist) in building a disaster resilient community

**NEDSSS** was part of a series of meetings for flood preparedness at the state level, organized by the ASDMA headed by the Chief Secretary of the Government of Assam

**Collaborated** with Sphere India and ECHO on cash transfer & assistance with NIDM & IAG Assam



# Psychosocial Support and Counselling to Persons Displaced by Conflict in Manipur



The project is designed for 6 months and is implemented in Manipur and Mizoram to provide psychological support for Internally Displaced Persons in Manipur.

**815**

Counselling sessions for youth, parents and children in 41 relief camps

**17037**

Displaced people were reached out in Manipur and Mizoram



# Empowering Women for Holistic Development

The project aims at strengthening women in families and communities through holistic approaches to empowerment & development. It includes:

Nurturing and promoting self-reliance and economic empowerment.  
Fostering unity in family life and community life.

**1559**

Women are Trained on Holistic Approaches to Empowerment and Development



**1853**

Women received Training of Trainers on Family life values and Efficacy of Community life



**1130**

Women received Training of Trainers on Leadership and Empowerment



# Suraksha: Strengthening Child Trafficking Prevention Pathways



Through focused efforts in one Panchayat in Golaghat district, the project seeks to create a protective environment for these children, reducing their vulnerability to traffickers. The vulnerability to trafficking will be reduced by engaging at the level of child, family, community and the system including the gram panchayats and the child protection system.

**160** life skills sessions are conducted for 185 children of vulnerable families belonging to Nepali and Adivasi tribes. Children are beginning to benefit from life skills sessions, which encourages them to take on responsibility and leadership roles. These activities are helping them develop problem-solving skills and fostering a sense of discipline, care, and concern for their peers.

**178** Parents from socio-economically marginalized backgrounds were invited and 112 started to attend parenting sessions, which helped them to understand their children's emotional and psychological needs. This early engagement is leading to improved relationships between parents and children. 55 parents have expressed a newfound awareness of effective parenting practices and a willingness to implement what they have learned

**102** Sports sessions was conducted for 185 children in four villages. Sports sessions encouraged and helped children to come together putting aside their differences. Strengthened bonding and relationship and stay informed about each other. Developed children's self-confidence and self-esteem.



# Emergency Response

North East India is prone to different types of Disasters; floods, landslides, storms, ethnic violence between different communities etc. These disasters create havoc in the life of the affected people. Displacement and casualties and even death are regular phenomenon during the disaster every year.

NEDSSS had tried its best to mobilize resources and funds to give immediate support to the affected people.



**4306**  
Household  
reached out with dry ration  
kits and medicines





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Biswajit Ekka	Member
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Joseph Thankachen	Member
Sebastian Ousepparampil	Member



# Audit Report

## CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

RECEIPTS		RUPEES	RUPEES	PAYMENTS		RUPEES	RUPEES
<b>To BALANCE ON 01.04.2023 :</b>							
On Fixed Deposits		55,22,010.00		<b>By EXPENSES ON :</b>			
On Savings Bank Account		3,30,86,151.40		Educational Expenses		24,79,690.00	
On Current Account		35,271.80		Social Work Expenses		9,18,51,987.77	
Cash in Hand		<u>3,76,753.00</u>	3,90,20,186.20	Administrative Expenses		64,73,064.81	10,08,04,742.58
<b>DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>							
Local Donations		1,08,887.08		<b>OTHER EXPENSES :</b>			
Local Contributions for Social Work Activities		22,05,138.00		Poultry and Piggery Expenses		24,754.00	
Foreign Contributions for Social Work Activities		<u>7,92,07,816.85</u>	8,15,21,841.73	Tax Deducted at Source (Receivable)		11,333.00	
<b>INTEREST REALISED :</b>							
<b>On Fixed Deposits</b>				Professional Tax		42,860.00	
General Fund		3,81,302.00		Advance for Expenses		13,982.00	
<b>On Savings Bank Account :</b>				Refund of Caution Deposit		85,000.00	
Programme Funds		1,31,661.45		Income Tax for A.Y. 2024-25		<u>1,86,270.00</u>	3,64,199.00
General Fund		<u>7,47,723.55</u>	12,60,687.00	<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE :</b>			
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS :</b>							
Programme Receipts		45,06,296.74		Buildings		88,50,806.99	
Training Centre Receipts		70,56,821.42		Computers and Accessories		41,000.00	
Insight Civil Service Academy Project		21,56,304.12		Equipments		<u>8,65,311.00</u>	97,57,217.99
Use of Infrastructure Facilities		17,25,698.89		<b>BALANCE ON 31.03.2024 :</b>			
Caution Deposit		50,000.00		On Fixed Deposits		58,63,273.00	
Professional Tax		1,376.00		On Savings Bank Account		2,94,59,550.22	
Good and Service Tax		29,000.00		On Current Account		57,895.80	
Income Tax A.Y. 2022-23		3,26,172.00		Cash in Hand		<u>2,21,153.70</u>	3,56,01,932.72
Refund of Advances		31,016.00					
Tax Deducted at Source		28,125.20					
Employee Provident Fund		4,953.00					
Assets out of Earmarked Funds		87,78,100.99					
Miscellaneous Income		<u>31,523.00</u>	2,47,25,377.36				
			<b>14,65,28,092.29</b>				<b>14,65,28,092.29</b>
<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>14,65,28,092.29</b>		<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>14,65,28,092.29</b>	

We have verified the above Receipts and Payments account with the books of account and the vouchers relating thereto and we hereby report that in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept. The Receipts and Payments Account is in agreement with the books of account maintained. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. The Receipts and Payments Account gives a true and fair view receipts and disbursements of North East Diocesan Social Service Society, Guwahati.

For North East Diocesan Social Service Society, Guwahati

Fr. Anil V.J.  
Director

Guwahati :  
Dated : 9th July, 2024



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# Audit Report

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES	RUPEES	RUPEES	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	RUPEES	RUPEES
<b>CAPITAL ASSET FUND :</b>			<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	5,43,55,338.25		As per Schedule 'B' Annexed		8,88,07,606.98
Add - Assets acquired out of Earmarked Funds	<u>87,78,100.99</u>	6,31,33,439.24			
<b>PROJECT EARMARKED FUNDS :</b>			<b>CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES</b>		
As per Schedule 'K' Annexed		2,24,01,258.55	Advance to Staff and Others	2,07,368.56	
<b>OTHER LIABILITIES :</b>			Security Deposit	2,33,224.00	
Caution Deposit	8,14,750.00		Tax Deducted at Source (Interest)	<u>9,25,488.00</u>	13,66,080.56
Security Deposit	95,000.00		<b>CASH AND BANK BALANCES</b>		
Professional Tax	14,822.00		On Fixed Deposits	58,63,273.00	
Employee Provident Fund	11,816.00		On Savings Bank Account	2,94,58,550.22	
Goods and Service Tax	76,104.00		On Current Account	57,955.80	
Tax Deducted at Source	<u>1,38,686.86</u>	11,51,178.86	Cash in Hand	<u>2,21,153.70</u>	3,56,01,902.72
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>					
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	4,41,15,576.04				
Less - Deficit during the year	<u>50,25,832.43</u>	3,90,89,743.61			
<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>12,57,75,620.26</b>	<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>12,57,75,620.26</b>

As per our report of even date

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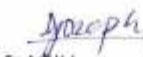
  
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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

EXPENDITURE	RUPEES	RUPEES	INCOME	RUPEES	RUPEES
<b>To EXPENSES ON :</b>			<b>By INTEREST REALISED</b>		
Social Work Expenses	54,30,399.16		On Fixed Deposits	3,81,302.00	
Administrative Expenses	64,73,054.81		On Savings Bank Accounts	<u>7,47,723.55</u>	11,29,025.55
Poultry and Piggy Expenses	<u>24,754.00</u>	1,19,26,217.97	<b>DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<b>* DEPRECIATION WRITTEN OFF :</b>			Local Donations		1,08,867.08
As per Schedule 'B' Annexed		98,12,161.26	<b>INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES</b>		
			Programme Receipts	45,06,286.74	
			Training Centre Receipts	70,56,821.42	
			Insight Civil Service Academy Project	21,50,304.12	
			Use of Infrastructure Facilities	17,29,698.89	
			Miscellaneous Income	<u>31,523.00</u>	1,54,75,634.17
			<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>2,17,40,379.23</b>
			* Deficit carried over to Balance Sheet		50,25,832.43
<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>2,17,40,379.23</b>	<b>TOTAL RUPEES ...</b>		<b>2,17,40,379.23</b>

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## Stories of transformation



*Domai Pahan*

**Domai Pahan**, currently a student at Peren, Nagaland Govt. College, narrates his story after joining the peace club. "In 2023, I joined the peer mediation forum in my college, marking the beginning of a transformative journey. Before joining the peace club, I was a reserved person, often distancing myself from society and neglecting opportunities for social work. However, being part of the peace club opened me up through regular meetings and gatherings, connecting me with people. It not only enhanced my self-confidence but also fostered my ability to understand others' perspectives. From being introverted, I have started to open up, and I am determined to share my newfound wisdom with others. I owe my transformation to the peace club, and I express gratitude to the NEDSSS family for this opportunity. I believe that by sharing my experiences, I can inspire positive change in my community and society. Thank you for allowing me to share a glimpse of my journey".

**Doibila Christina** of class 6 from Don Bosco Hr, Sec, School, Maram said that membership in peace club brought about many realizations. She shared one should always have positive mind-set and help their friends in small thing can help in bringing peace. Inner peace is one of the most important parts in life and one should learn how to cultivate it in oneself. Peace club have helped her so much that she is able to concentrate and study well. She also realized that doing her duty well on time can bring peace to herself. She vowed to be always an active peace maker to her friends and family. She has been sharing her learning to her younger brothers and sisters. She vows to continue to be a peace lover, peace maker, peace promoter in the future.



*Doibila Christina*



*Thuanimei Rongmei*

A child named **Thuanimei Rongmei** from Ramgaizang village from Cachar district, Assam was diagnosed with malnutrition and underweight during a home visit by our Village Health Worker (VHW). The MUAC of the child was 12.2 cm and weight 9 kg. The VHW inquired about the caused of the child's malnutrition and learned that the child had a tongue infection when the child was 6 months old. Due to which the mother couldn't breastfeed for a while. VHW advised the parents to take care of the child in terms of feeding nutritious food and maintain hygiene. VHW and the supervisor made regular visits to the child and gave vitamin A drops, iron syrup and ORS. After seven months the child was re-examined and his health was improved. The MUAC of the child was 15 cm and weight 14 kg. VHW advised the parents to take care of their child's health in future. The parents thanked VHW and NEDSSS for showing how to take care of their child.



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**Mrs. Kache Beypi** from Bibia Pai village of Karbi Anglong district was 3 months pregnant when she came for the health camp conducted by NEDSSS at Rongmongve Health Centre. She was found to be very anaemic and with high blood pressure. Our Village Health Worker took her to Tezpur medical college for further treatment where she was given blood and other medication in the medical college. When she came back home the health workers together with ANM visited her and educate her about the health care routine. She was given IFA and TT1 along with regular follow up and nutrition. She also completed her 4 ANC due to which her health improved slowly and she had a normal delivery. Both the mother and the child are safe.



*Smriti Orang*

**Smriti Orang** is a 10-year-old, class 7 dropout from Betalai TE No. 6 Line village. She had to drop out of school 3 years back when both her parents passed away. She went to live with her unmarried aunt who was economically poor and unable to send Smriti to school.

But with the setting up of a tuition centre by NEDSSS in the village and regular home visits by project animator, there was complete change of mindset. When initial contact was made by animator, Smriti was of the view that education is not important at all. She, in fact, believed that in order to live a good life, only economic stability was needed. She thought she could achieve this even without going to school. Regular visit and counselling on importance of education by the animator have brought cognitive changes in her and her aunty. Later, she agreed to go to the tuition centre. Even her aunty assured that she will provide all possible ways to let her continue her study.

**Robina Pradhan** is a 14 years old girl studying in class 6 from Amchong Tea Estate. She lost her father and her mother is hospitalized. So, she used to stay with her Sister-in-law in the house. But her brother and sister-in law being alcoholic and drinks everyday and did not create for her a conducive environment. Due to the family environment she was not able to study properly and she stopped going to school and moved to another Tea Estate to her married sister's house. After knowing the news our project Animator intervened and approached her brother and sister-in-law and explained about the need to take care of her and the importance of education. With the advice of our Animator they were ready to bring her back to Amchong Tea Estate and send her to school. She is now going to school and participating in all the activities that the project is offering for the children. Her brother and Sister in-law are creating a good environment for her study.



*Robina Pradhan*

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In the hushed hallways of St. Mary's School Diphu, a silent revolution was stirring within me, **Sarlong Enghi**, the recently appointed Publicity Secretary of the peace club. As a newcomer to the world of clubs and groups, I found myself embarking on a journey that would redefine my understanding of communication and community. The journey with the peace club became a platform for my personal development. It was a catalyst for learning, adaptation, and positive change. The club, with its inclusive environment, provided a safe space for me and fellow members to evolve and grow. Reflecting on my experiences, I realized the profound transformation I underwent. From a reserved individual uncertain about my ability to communicate, I emerged as a confident leader, finding my voice and contributing meaningfully to the club's mission. My story stands as a testament to the transformative power of the Peace Club, a reminder that even in the quietest corners, profound personal growth and positive change can take root within the nurturing environment of a dedicated group.



*Sarlong Enghi*



*Siva Sawashi*

**Siva Sawashi**, a 12-year-old boy residing in Majbat Bagan Bhatta Line, was smoking bidi and cigarettes at a tender age. During the field visits by NEDSSS Animator discovered Siva's smoking habit. Our Animator visited his home, spoke with his father, and counselled Siva and encouraged him to attend out tuition centre. Accordingly he joined other children in attending classes, and Siva, who used to indulge in smoking bidis, cigarettes, and alcohol, gradually abandoned his habits. He started coming to school regularly, leaving his old habit behind. He and his parents are grateful to our Animator and NEDSSS for their support.

**Junali Murmu** is a 14 years old girl studying in class VI of Amchong Tea Estate. She was a shy girl, scared to speak in front of the people. After attending tuition classes, Life skills sessions and children's parliament conducted by the project, she started to demonstrate a changed behaviour, she became very active member of Amchong Tea Estate Children's Parliament, and she actively participated in all the activities with great joy and cheerfulness. She took great initiatives to make their village a clean village and undertook many cleanliness drives under her leadership. She said that she likes children's parliament since it gave her the platform to speak and it also create a different and better environment for the children.



*Junali Murmu*

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*Felix Marak*

Felix Marak, age 30 years from Mariampur-B village was suffering from severe skin allergy and ring worm in her legs. It was swelling and watering with pus for 2 months. The village Health worker of NEDSSS came to know about her skin problem and took her to St. Joseph health centre for treatment. She was immediately attended and treated her with medicines. She was instructed with health education, preventive methods like personal hygiene and good nutrition. After a month she was cured of her Ring worm. She was really happy to be treated and cured. She expressed and thanked NEDSSS project team who have assisted and helped her to regain her health.

**Ngapa Vincent** is from Maram bazar, who joined peace club in February 2023. He said, joining the club over the past one year brought about positive changes in many aspects of his life. He has improved concentration and focus ability. Despite the numerous challenges in his life, being a member of the peace club and understanding the true meaning of peace has empowered him to engage in positive actions. He has learned that inner peace is closely related to happiness. Attaining inner peace has had a calming effect on his heart. In his perspective, peace cannot be forced; it should come unconditionally. It has motivated him to assist people in need. He encourages his friends to join the peace club and introduced them to various trainings and programs organized by NEDSSS.



*Ngapa Vincent*



*Asrita Budding*

**Asrita Budding**, a mother of 3 children from Ornalpur village, Golaghat, Assam was a shy woman, who rarely talks and mingle with her neighbors. She was reluctant to attend parenting sessions. However, our field Animator visited her house and encouraged her to participate in the sessions. Gradually, she opened up about her shyness, parenting challenges, and family dynamics. Accompanied by field team members, she began attending sessions where she felt valued and important.

Over time, Asrita developed confidence, openly sharing her thoughts and insights on parenting. She actively encouraged other parents to join awareness sessions, demonstrating leadership within the Ornalpur parenting group. Expressing gratitude to the team, she credited the project with helping her overcome her shyness and expressed a strong commitment to contributing to societal upliftment.

Asrita Budding's journey exemplifies the transformative power of community engagement and support. Through the Suraksha project, She has not only overcome personal challenges but has also become a catalyst for positive change in Ornalpur, inspiring others to actively participate in building a better future for their children and community.

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