

Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention Activities

Period Covered: 2023-2024

Introduction:

This report details the significant activities undertaken by the Karbi Anglong Baptist Convention during the year 2023-2024, besides the continuing project activities, other new initiative were taken, in accordance with our registered objectives, highlighting our continued commitment to serving the community in Karbi Anglong.

Key Activities Undertaken:

I. Strengthening Community Action for Development in Northeast India:

- Description of project: This project is focused on strengthening community-based organizations (CBOs), PIOs, and existing institutions/groups by providing skill-building opportunities and technical training in areas such as livelihood, organic farming, climate change, and leadership. Our efforts also included advocacy, networking, and alliance-building through campaigns centered on livelihood issues. We piloted innovative models aimed at promoting collective livelihoods, emphasized gender mainstreaming, and worked to integrate local capacities for peace while addressing conflict-related challenges. These activities were designed to enhance community resilience, foster collaboration, and ensure sustainable development.

Activities held during the year 2023-2024

Activity-1



1. Skill Development Training on Local Food Processing:

- Venue: Artubonglong.
- Date: 28th and 29th of April, 2023
- Resource Person:
 1. Mrs. Aikon Timung, Master Trainer, Hearty Enterprise, Hamren, West Karbi Anglong.
 2. Joysing Ronghang, Kirsan Enterprise, Hamren, West Karbi Anglong.
- Participants: 43
- Training on:
 - Pickle making from Mango, Elephant Apple, olive, Indian Gooseberry and Jujube.
 - Chips making from Bananas.
 - Juice

Impact of the Program:

- The participants plan to take up local food processing as an alternate source of income with the available natural resources or the NTFP.
- There is a potential for taking up local food processing as a pilot innovative model for promoting collective livelihood as shared by the CBO's and PO.



Activity-2

2. Awareness program on Schemes and Facilities for SHG under ASRLM in collaboration with ASRLM, Rongkhang Block:

Date: 06.05.2023

Venue: Mohori, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong, Assam

Participant: 3 KABC-SCADNEI Staff and 25 Participants.

Resource Persons:

- i. Mr. Rajib Teron - Block Coordinator, Rongkhang Block, West Karbi Anglong, Assam.
- ii. Mr. Jeng Enghi - Block Coordinator, Rongkhang Block, West Karbi Anglong, Assam.

Topic of Discussion:

- Various schemes under ASRLM for SHG.
- Challenges in availing the schemes.



- About Schemes and fund such as; Kanaklata, Community Investment Fund (CIF), Vulnerability Reduction Fund (VRF), Ayushman Bharat card, Atal Amrit, PMJJBY, etc.
- The importance of having Aadhaar card and others documents, IDs are also shared by the resource person to avail any fund and schemes of ASRLM, as most of the villagers were unaware of the importance of such documents.

Impact of the program:

- Two women group will get to register their SHG through this program by discussing with the resource persons.
- About Schemes and fund such as; Kanaklata, Community Investment Fund (CIF) Vulnerability Reduction Fund (VRF), Ayushman Bharat card, Atal Amrit, PMJJBY, etc., which are meant for SHGs and individual are being shared and discussed in the program. Almost all the SHG and villagers were unaware about this.
- Ways and measure of rearing Pig and Chicken are being shared by the Pasu Sakhi worker which benefited the participants as pig and chicken are the common domesticated animals.



SHG is one of the potential platform to bring the women together and empowered themselves through various livelihoods opportunities, Thus educating the women SHG's is on various schemes, funds and facilities is one of the crucial ways towards empowering women.

Activity 3

3. Review and planning of the implemented project activities:

Date: 27.05.2023, Venue: Artubonglong.

Participants: 2 KABC-SCADNEI Staff, and 30 PO and CBO members.

Topic of Discussion:

- Review and feedback of activities conducted.
- Planning of implementation of project activities as per PAP.

Impact of the meeting:

- Project activities could be analyzed for proper and better implementation of the project in near future.
- Clear misunderstanding and doubts related to the project.
- Could able to put on thoughts and ideas on the project by the CBO and PO.

Activity 4

4. Observation of World Environment Day Cum Awareness program on Climate Change:

Date: 05.05.2023

Venue: Dera Arlok, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong, Assam.

Participants: 3 KABC-SCADNEI Staff and 15 Participants.

Topic of Discussions:

- About world environment day.
 - Plastic pollution and its impact
 - Importance of Conservation of Nature
 - Climate change and Global Warming
 - Ways and measures to combat climate change
 - Plantation drive was carried out after the program
- Impact of the event:
- People are now aware about climate change
 - Each CBO plan to observe Environment day from coming year
 - The villagers plan to conserve nature.

The villagers plan to do plantation drive whenever possible.



Activity 5

5. Pilot innovative models for promoting collective livelihood:

Date: 06.06.2023

Venue: Artubonglong, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong, Assam.

Participants: 2 KABC-SCADNEI Staff and 16 PO and CBO members.

Topic discussed:

- Livelihood skill training on local entrepreneur for CBO and SHG



- Promoting local food processing as collective livelihood.

Impact of the event:

- PO and CBO together began to promote local food processing as collective livelihood through hands-on practice from processing food to marketing.
- The CBO and PO take up local food processing as pilot innovative models for promoting collective livelihood.
- The unemployed youths will also work on local food processing as their source of income.



Activity 6

6. **Advocacy, Networking, and Alliance Building Program: An Awareness Program on Right to Information Act, 2005:**

On September 9, 2023, an Awareness Program on the Right to Information Act, 2005, was organized in Manja as part of the Advocacy, Networking, and Alliance Building Program. The event aimed to inform the local community about their rights under the Act and its significance in promoting transparency and accountability within

government institutions. Participants were educated on how to access public information, the procedures involved, and the legal framework protecting their rights.



The program also facilitated discussions on the importance of civic engagement and how individuals can use the Right to Information (RTI) to address public concerns and foster good governance. Through this initiative, the organizers aimed to strengthen community involvement in the democratic process by providing citizens with the knowledge and tools to hold public authorities accountable.

Activity 7

7. Training and Capacity Building for SHGs and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) on Book Keeping, held in Artubonglong, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong, from September 15-16, 2023.

A two-day training on Book Keeping for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) was conducted in

Artubonglong, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong, from

September 15-16, 2023. The training aimed to enhance the financial management skills of SHGs and CBOs by equipping them with essential book-keeping knowledge. The

resource persons for the session were Mrs. Ruplin Katharpi and Mrs. Dipali Phangchopi, both Master Bookkeepers from ASRLM, Rongkhang

Development Block.



During the training, participants were guided on maintaining proper financial records, budgeting, and the importance of transparency in financial dealings. The workshop emphasized practical skills to help participants manage funds effectively, ensuring the sustainability and growth of their organizations. This initiative aimed to

strengthen the capacity of SHGs and CBOs in West Karbi Anglong, empowering them to make informed financial decisions and improve their overall operations.



Activity 8

8. Training on Leadership for People's Organization (PO) and Community Based Organization (CBO), on September 22, 2023, at CBCNEI Compound, Panbazar, Guwahati, Assam:



On September 22, 2023, a training session on Leadership for People's Organizations (PO) and Community Based Organizations (CBO) was held at the CBCNEI Compound, Panbazar, Guwahati, Assam. The training aimed to enhance leadership skills among members of POs and CBOs, empowering them to take effective roles in their respective

communities.

Participants were provided with valuable insights on leadership styles, decision-making, conflict resolution, and the importance of collective action in achieving organizational goals. The session fostered an interactive learning environment, allowing participants to share experiences and best practices. The program's goal was to strengthen the leadership capacity within these organizations, promoting better governance and increased community engagement in social development initiatives.

Activity 9

9. Training and Capacity Building, "Awareness Program on Fish Rearing" held in Mohori, Jengkhā, West Karbi Anglong district, on September 23, 2023:

On September 23, 2023, a training and capacity-building session on "Awareness Program on Fish Rearing" was held in Mohori, Jengkhā, West Karbi Anglong district. The program aimed to educate local communities about the techniques and benefits



of fish rearing as a sustainable livelihood option. Participants were introduced to various aspects of fish farming, including pond management, fish species selection, feeding practices, and disease control.

The session also focused on the economic potential of fish rearing, encouraging participants to consider it as a viable source of income. The training provided practical knowledge and skills, empowering community members to enhance their agricultural practices and improve their livelihoods through aquaculture. The event was part of an ongoing effort to promote sustainable farming and rural development in the region.

Activity 10

10. Training Program on Gender Equality, held on October 19, 2023, venue: Norteng Bey village, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong district:

On October 19, 2023, a Training Program on Gender Equality was held in Norteng Bey village, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong district. The program aimed to raise awareness and promote understanding of gender equality issues within the community. The resource person for the session was

Jirleen Rongpipi, a Gender Administrator from OSC, who led the discussions and activities.



The training focused on the importance of gender equality in social, economic, and political spheres, addressing common misconceptions and encouraging inclusive practices. Participants were educated on the rights of women and men, as well as strategies to combat gender-based discrimination. The session aimed to empower community members, particularly women, by fostering a more equitable and supportive environment in the region.

11. Training on Mushroom Rearing held from February 8-9, 2024, in Dera Arlok, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong/ Chengbong, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong from February 16-17, 2024:

A two-day training on Mushroom Rearing was held from February 8-9, 2024, in Dera Arlok, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong, aimed at equipping local farmers with the knowledge and skills to start mushroom farming as a sustainable agricultural activity.

The resource person, Waisong Bey, a Master Trainer, guided participants through the techniques of mushroom cultivation, including substrate preparation, inoculation, care, and harvesting.





Following the success of the initial training, a similar session was conducted from February 16-17, 2024, in Chengbong, Jengkha, West Karbi Anglong. The program aimed to further promote mushroom rearing as a viable source of income and food security for the local communities. By providing practical training, the initiative encouraged farmers to diversify their agricultural practices, improve their livelihoods, and contribute to sustainable farming practices in the region.

II. Village Transformation Capacity Building Program:

As part of the ongoing Village Transformation Capacity Building Program, two training sessions were conducted for local participants in Karbi Anglong district and West Karbi Anglong. The first training took place in Karbi Anglong, and the second in West Karbi Anglong, with 30 participants in each session.

The trainings were designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of community members, focusing on various aspects of village transformation. Participants were provided with practical insights and tools to improve their local communities' overall development, including sustainable practices, governance, and resource management.



III. Capacity Building for Community Development:

In 2021-2022, we implemented a capacity-building program for community development through training sessions, workshops, and hands-on activities focused on livelihood, organic farming, climate change adaptation, and leadership. We emphasized gender mainstreaming and conflict resolution, fostering inclusive, sustainable growth. The program also supported networking and alliance-building, enabling communities to collaborate and advocate for their rights. These efforts empowered individuals and groups to actively contribute to their communities' development.



IV. Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Program:

Date: October 23-25, 2023

Venue: West Diphu Town Baptist Church

An Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness program was successfully conducted from October 23 to 25, 2023, at West Diphu Town Baptist Church. The program aimed to raise awareness about the various aspects of human trafficking, focusing on educating the community about identifying potential victims and understanding the signs of human trafficking.



Throughout the three-day event, participants were engaged in discussions that covered a wide range of topics, including the different forms of trafficking, methods traffickers use to lure victims, and the psychological and physical impacts on those affected. In addition, experts provided valuable information on how to spot potential human trafficking situations and steps that can be taken to intervene safely.

The program received positive feedback from the attendees, who expressed greater awareness of the issue and a stronger commitment to combatting human trafficking in their communities. The event was an important step in empowering individuals to recognize and address this pressing social issue.



Overall, the Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness program was a successful initiative, contributing significantly to the ongoing fight against human trafficking and fostering a more informed and proactive community.