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PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOUR FOR SOCIAL CHANGE (PESCH)

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Message from the Executive Director:

It has been in fact, a year of enormous learning and experiences with success and challenges that leads us to higher ground in our endeavor for social change. At the heart of it are the support of the communities with whom we are working with; the partners NGOs with rich and broadening experiences; our board members and staff who are tirelessly giving fullest support towards our desired goal; our nodal agency and donors whose financial support makes everything we do possible.



Our focus intervention on Sustainable Livelihood continue through community-based Natural Resources Management, promoting appropriate livelihood options through women SHG, Food Security programs, System of Rice Intensification, Diversion based Irrigation (DBI) and ensuring Rights & Entitlements of various social welfare programs of the Govt. and after all empowerment of the people.

Our world we live in is full of injustice; inequality, classes, disrespect, suppression, selfishness and subsequent conflict arising out of it. Few enjoy with luxury with riches and wealth, many are just enough while the maximum suffers. The gap between rich and poor is widening day by day while land and its resources are running out. After all every human being have equal senses and rights to have dignified livelihood. However, majority of the population are denied. This is the motivation of PESCH to do something good for the population who suffers and we are learning by doing it hoping that it will contribute towards just, peace, secure and sustainable society.

I'm please to share with you the PESCH Annual Report with a hope for your kind moral and physical support in the days to come. Thank you for supporting us to enable survival of the least.

Dimgonglung Rongmei
Director, People's Endeavour for Social Change (PESCH)

Message from the Chairman:

I would like to share my immense pleasure in bringing out PESCH's annual report 2014. My deepest gratitude for the support given by the communities, donors & partner's organization, staff and Director and executive members of PESCH which enable PESCH to reach out to vulnerable and marginalized section of our society.

PESCH able to reach out to 41 villages 5,125 households and 28,128 people directly with the noble support mentioned above. Other thousands population also could access information and awareness through PESCH.

It is through the Grace of Almighty God who always is our inspirer, supporter, guide, mentor and protector. Your valuable support in terms of financial resources, human resources, materials and moral is always appreciated and seek to continue your invaluable support in the days to come.

K. Keigapou Rongmei,
Chairman, People's Endeavour for Social Change (PESCH)

A. Organizational information

A.1. Board members:

Sln	Name	Designation	Address
1	Mr. K. Aga	Chairman	Ramgajiang, PO/PS Jirighat, Cachar, Assam
2	Mr. Dimgonglung Rongmei	Secretary	Bwanruangh (Taodaijang), PO/PS. Nungba, Tamenglong, Manipur
3	Mr. Rev. G. Poukham	Treasury	Kamranga, PO/PS Gularthol, Jiribam, Manipur
4	Mr. AG. Dinbui	Member	Kamranga, PO/PS Gularthol, Jiribam, Manipur
5	Ms. Miujinlu	Member	Makaamlong, Bidyanagar, PO/PS Gularthol, Jiribam, Manipur
6	Ms. Ludaimei	Member	Ramgajiang, PO/PS Jirighat, Cachar, Assam
7	Mr. Timothy Gangmei	Member	New Alipur, PO/PS Gularthol, Jiribam, Manipur
8	Mr. Isaac Gangmei	Member	Kaiphundai, PO/PS Tausem, Tamenglong, Manipur
9	Mr. G. Agui	Member	Karulong, PO/PS Jirighat, Cachar, Assam

A.2. Office Staff:

Sln	Name	Designation/project	Qualification	Experience & Duration	Responsibility
1	Dimgong Rongmei	Executive Director	B. Sc. (Botany) MU, SCGA Allahabad, DDL Canada	16/7	Team leader & Overall management of the organization including administration and programs.
2	Namkhinlung Pamei	Livelihood coordinator	MA History	5/5	Responsible for sensitizing Govt. official and for lobby and Advocacy of the project and empowering the people
3	R. Aniam	Office Assistant	XII	1/1	Assisting office management
4	D. Puanthanlung	Team Leader, Tribal Livelihood & Food Security Project	B. Sc.	6/5	Coordinating the project mainly conservation of biodiversity and augment livelihood
5	K. Athui	DBI Coordinator	XII SCSA	6/5	Coordinating DBI implementation & reporting
6	G. Solomon	Coordinator, System of Rice Intensification	XII SCSA	6/5	Coordinating SRI implementation and reporting
7	G. Achun	NRM Coordinator	BA BD	5/5	Looking after Natural Resources Management activities of the program.
8	K. Adin	Accountant	B. A. NEHU	5/5	Maintaining books of accounts for

					local & Govt. funds Reg. No. 218/SR/TD/1997
9	Robindro Meitei	Accountant	B. Com. MU	6/5	Maintaining books of accounts for Foreign Contribution & General Accounts
10	R. Pouduan	Care Taker	VIII	8/5	Loan collector cum caretaker

A.3. Legal Information:

Registered under FCRA in the year 2007, IT 12A in the year 2006, SR Act at Tamenglong in the year 1997.

B. Organization Vision, Mission and Objectives:

B.1. Vision:

Harmonious society with justice and respect for human rights ensuring sustainability of life

B.2. Mission:

Promotion of present People's assets (Human & Natural Resources) for improving over-all environment and positive societal changes by empowering the people through participatory development processes

B.3. Goal:

Able to understand comprehensively about natural resources and its value and ways of proper management towards optimum benefit and sustainability, able to add value creatively and innovatively ensuring sustainability and able to influence policy makers on the issue of land & its resources.

B.4. Specific objectives:

Promoting sustainable & dignified Livelihood through proper natural resources management:

- Water resources augmentation
- Land & its resources management
- Forest & its biodiversity promotion
- Ensuring community's rich food basket
- Education and Awareness building
- Strengthening Institution for good governance
- Indigenous people's Rights over natural resources

B.5. Projects and its target Area:

1. Tausem Sub-Division, Tamenglong, Manipur for Environment Development & Management Program supported by RNBA/EED
2. People's Empowerment for Accessing Rights to Livelihood supported by IGSSS in Nungba Sub-Division, Tamenglong, Manipur
3. System of Rice Intensification in Jiribam, Manipur & Lakhinagar GP, Lakhipur, Cachar Assam
4. Enhancement of livelihood and promotion of food security program supported by RNBA/JTT in Lakhinagar GP, Cachar, Assam and Tausem Sub-Division, Tamenglong, Manipur
5. Flood affected project in Cachar, Assam supported by HFHI
6. Proper Natural Resources Management and Extractives supported by CENRs in Tamenglong, Manipur
7. Rural Micro Entrepreneurship program in all our target areas which is supported by own fund
8. Community mobilization on reviving Govt. schools in Tamenglong, Manipur
9. Perspective plan under MNREGS for Tamenglong District with DRDA Tamenglong, Manipur

B.6. Networking:

We are networking with Sustainable Livelihood Forum – Manipur (SLF-M), Coalition on Environment and Natural Resources – Manipur (CENRs), Forum for Collective Form of Co-operation (FCFC) and RNBA/EED programs.

C. Our donors and projects:

Slno	Name of Project	Objectives	Supported by
1	Environment Development & Management Program	To empower target communities to manage their own resources (human and natural) with proper local governance and access their right and entitlement ensuring dignified livelihood	RNBA/EED
2	Enhancement of livelihood and promotion of food security program	Land and water development works effected in the project villages, NGO staffs trained and exposed to different aspects of NRM, livelihood, and convergence skills, targeted beneficiaries trained in and exposed to livelihood activities, targeted families increased their income through livelihood	RNBA/JTT

		activities, SHG are accessed to credit from financial Institutions and grant from Government and govt. schemes/programs converged in the selected villages.	Reg. No. 218/SR/TD/1997
3	Diversion Based Irrigation	Land and water resources management towards food security and secure livelihood	RNBA/SDTT
4	System of Rice Intensification	Promotion of food security & ensuring a sustainable impact in the area of poverty reduction through system of rice intensification (SRI)	RNBA/SDTT
5	Proper Natural Resources Management and Livelihood	Enhancing local community capacity to preserve, promote and manage natural resources towards secure livelihood of the tribal	Coalition On Environment and Natural Resources (CENRs)
6	Rural Micro Entrepreneurship Program (RMEP)	Promoting Rural Micro Entrepreneurship for dignified and sustainable livelihood	Locally initiated
7	Reviving Govt. School in Tamenglong	For promoting quality education of the Govt. and to reduce expenses on education particularly in the rural areas	Locally initiated by PESCH with communities & concern Authorities
8	Developing NREGS Perspective Plan	Developing Five years NREGS perspective plan of Tamenglong District	DRDA, Tamenglong, Govt. of Manipur

D. Environment Development and Management program:

D.1. Introduction:

The project was first started in the year 2006 as capacity building and planning phase for a period of 18 months supported by EED through RNBA. Followed by Main phase I for a period of 3 years (2008-2011) and Main Phase II for period of 3 years (2011-2014) and finally entering Main Phase III which is also for a period of 3 years (2014-2017).

The last three years and current program intervention is at Tausem area in six villages. Empowering the local level institutions towards livelihood security through better natural

resources management, capacity organization, appropriate livelihood options and secure land rights is our main thrust. Convergence with Govt. programs is also our major concern and ultimate improvement in local governance ensuring transparency & accountability, inclusiveness and responsible local institutions.

D.2. Key achievement

- Enhanced capacity of village level institutions towards secure and sustainable livelihood
- Enhanced access to land and control over food Production by the target communities;
- Vulnerabilities in the livelihoods of targeted communities addressed through practicing of viable market linked microenterprises by the women SHG;
- Enhanced access to and control of markets by the targeted communities;
- Enhanced community access and control over local natural resources in the Tamenglong district of Manipur;
- Promoted harmonious relationship among ethnic communities and durable peace in project area;
- Enhanced income through water resource augmentation, short term livelihood activities, land development and enhancement of skills.

E. Enhancement of livelihood and promotion of food security program:

E.1. Introduction:

This project has been supported by Jamsedji Tata Trust (JTT) through Development & Relief department, RNBA since 2008 at Oinamlong area of Tausem Sub-Division including few villages in Assam bordering Manipur. Securing food basket and enhancing livelihood through proper natural resources management and appropriate livelihood activities is the main thrust of the project.

The main activities of the project are land development, water resource augmentation and livestock production (piggery, poultry and fishery). Target communities are the Rongmei and Kuki tribal of Manipur.

E.2. Key achievement:

- 20% income enhanced through piggery, poultry, fishery pond development and backyard nutrition garden
- Land development and water resource augmentation (check dam & irrigation channel) enhanced food production

- Capacity of the user groups and SHG enhanced in managing natural resources and assets developed

F. Diversion Based Irrigation:

F.1. Introduction:

This year is the first year to take this project at PESCH target villages. It is implemented at Jarolpokpi a Hmar village in Jiribam. A check dam for fishery cum irrigation with canal lining has been developed. This dam is to enhance water harvesting, higher rate of water infiltration which will serve as fishery and irrigation. This will enhance production, productivity and intensity of production (no. of crops in a year).

Block Development Office, Jiribam, has admitted to work with the user group to enhance land development in the village area through NREGS during the inaugural program of the check dam.

F.2. Key achievement:

- Capacity building imparted on poultry, convergence and fishery
- Livelihood revolving fund supported for poultry which enable to earn extra income of Rs. 5000 per 50 birds (kuroiler)
- Check dam for irrigation and fishery production developed for 20 farmers which enhance irrigation to the fields

G. System of Rice Intensification:

G.1. Introduction:

This project has been supported since 2008 by Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT) since 2009. The project is aimed Promoting food security & ensuring a sustainable impact in the area of poverty reduction through **system of rice intensification** (SRI). The project is implemented in Jiribam area across different communities.

G.2. Key achievement:

- Increase Number of Farmers who practice SRI up to 723
- Grain support given to 250 farmers
- Awareness and capacity building program conducted 13 times
- Which enable overall Food production increases to 10%

H. Proper Natural Resources Management towards secure livelihood of the tribal:

H.1. Introduction:

This program has been supported by Coalition on Environment and Natural Resources (CENRs). Enhancing local community capacity to protect, promote and manage **natural resources towards secure livelihood of the tribal** is the main objective of the program. Ensuring tribal and marginal farmers land's rights and capacity organization of the community in managing the natural resources are the key

activities of the program. Ensuring equity and sustainability in managing natural resources, policy of natural resources governance and capacity organization of the tribal community are some of the issues placed by the coalition to address.

H.2. Key achievement:

- Awareness on proper natural resources management conducted and reach out to around 1000 individuals
- Alternative livelihood skill on poultry, SRI, fishery, backyard nutrition garden and biodiversity garden imparted to 15 villages
- Natural resources management policy started developing in 7 villages
- Natural or organic food production promoted
- Legal awareness given on related policies of the Govt.

I. Rural Micro Entrepreneurship Program (RMEP):

I.1. Introduction:

PESCH is promoting entrepreneurship to rural farmers in livestock (poultry and piggery) production and fishery, carpentry with some petty business by providing training and small

loans. Our support is mainly capacity organization of the target members and marketing linkages and linkages with concern authorities.

I.2. Key achievement:

- 15,000 chicks (kuroiler) able to acquire by target families
- Earned extra income around 10,000 per 100 birds
- Enhanced nutrition support to children by egg and poultry meat to target families (200 households)

J. Reviving Govt. School at Taudaijang, Tamenglong:

J.1. Introduction:

Almost 65% of the students in Tamenglong district are sent to private institutions incurring huge expenditure. Rural families are mostly affected. Parents unable to visit and look after their wards on time and in need and the efforts they are giving (resources) are exhausted when their children reached ten (X) standards. Therefore, children drop out and other unwanted children's behavior is increasing which become social evils in the long run. Besides, this seriously affect livelihood of the rural families. Whereas Govt. is investing huge amount for children education with revised Act like RTE.

At Taudaijang Junior high school only few students were present (20-30). No regular staff, SMDC is functioning properly. Parents are finding great difficulties in sending their wards to outside school. Neither outside school nor local school is functioning properly. Parents spent huge amount of money besides unable to monitor them regularly. Therefore, our endeavor is to revive the existing Govt. schools particularly in the rural areas for desired change.

J.2. Key achievement:

- 154 students from the village are attending the school and Information and application has been forwarded to ZEO & DC Tamenglong and local MLA
- Parents are more aware about having schooling in own village
- Teachers are oriented on RTE, teachings method (joyful learning method) and school planning developed for two years
- Reduce expenditure on schooling and able to spare more time for other livelihood activities
- Village Authority, Church and SMDC strengthened on quality education

K. Developing NREGS Perspective Plan:**K.1. Introduction:**

In an attempt to take an important step towards the realization of 'Right to work' The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA) is enacted by the Government of India. The Act guarantees 100 days of employment in a financial year to any rural household whose adult members are willing to do unskilled work. Recently the Lokshaba has passed 150 days of employment for the tribal. Initially, the Act is brought in force in 200 districts since February 2, 2006 which include Tamenglong district, and will be extended gradually to other areas notified by the Central Government.

The Act is in true sense a 'Peoples Act' because it was prepared through a wide range of consultations with peoples' organizations, secondly the Act addresses to working people and their fundamental right to life with dignity. Third, the Act empowers ordinary people to play an active role in the implementation of employment guarantee schemes through various means. The Act is prepared with an expectation that it will enhance peoples' livelihoods on sustainable basis, by developing the economic and social infrastructure in rural areas with durable assets development. The Act will address the reasons of poverty such as drought, deforestation and soil erosion.

However, expectations have not been met in the last several years. Therefore, PESCH strongly felt that proper planning must be developed which will enable better and proper implementation of the program.

K.2. Key achievement:

- 32 volunteers train on MNREGS and its perspective for Tamenglong district
- Developed 5 years perspective plan for Tamenglong District (218 villages with a population of 1,56,784)
- Perspective shift from construction of connectivity (roads) towards income generating activities with sustainable natural resources management

Dimgong Rongmei
Director PESCH