

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (CDI)

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THEMATIC FOCUS

- 1) *Promotion of Women's Rights and Empowerment*
- 2) *Child Rights and Child Protection*
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- 6) *Environmental care and Sustainability*



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Numerical Data Information

- ❑ Domestic Workers identified and registered – 135
- ❑ Domestic Workers groups formed – 2
- ❑ Group meetings conducted – 4
- ❑ Home/workplace visits completed – 24
- ❑ Domestic Workers assisted for placement – 22
- ❑ E-Shram applications submitted – 2
- ❑ E-Shram cards received – 2
- ❑ PAN Card applications submitted – 3
- ❑ PAN Cards received – 5
- ❑ Bank accounts opened – 7
- ❑ Health Card applications submitted – 1

Promotion of Women's Rights and their Empowerment

REGISTRATION OF DOMESTIC WORKERS

Through door-to-door outreach, 68 domestic workers were identified and registered across six project cities, improving their access to social protection and formal recognition.



AWARENESS MEETING ON RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

CDI conducted an awareness session for 18 domestic workers on labour rights, minimum wages, social security, workplace safety, and available support services, strengthening their knowledge and confidence.



AWARENESS ON SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

Awareness programmes reached 464 domestic workers, providing information on E-Shram registration, health insurance, pensions, and other government welfare schemes.



LEADERSHIP AND CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING

A total of 98 group leaders received training on leadership, financial literacy, bookkeeping, conflict resolution, and group management to strengthen collective leadership.



GROUP MEETINGS WITH DOMESTIC WORKERS

CDI organized nine group meetings to encourage collective action, experience sharing, and discussions on wages, working conditions, health, safety, and workers' rights.



VILLAGE-LEVEL BUSINESS COLLECTIVE MEETING

On 26 April 2026, a Village-Level Business Collective Meeting was held at Old Mangtaline to promote sustainable livelihoods by encouraging collaboration, the effective use of natural resources, and the exploration

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STATE-LEVEL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Stakeholders from government departments, NGOs, and labour institutions in Mizoram and Nagaland discussed fair employment, social protection, and collaborative support for domestic workers.



LINKING WORKERS WITH SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES

Eligible domestic workers received support in obtaining PAN Cards, income certificates, and educational scholarships, improving their access to government entitlements and financial inclusion.



EMPLOYER SENSITIZATION MEETINGS

CDI engaged 16 employers through one-to-one meetings to promote fair employment practices and encourage registration and social security for domestic workers.



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CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION

TEACHING AT THE RIGHT LEVEL (TARL) TRAINING

CDI conducted Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) training under the SHELTER Project for 10 teachers across Baksa and Udalguri districts. Each teacher received four days of intensive, centre-based training on activity-based teaching methodologies and foundational learning. The training strengthened teachers' skills in assessing children's learning levels, grouping learners, and using effective teaching-learning materials (TLMs).



REMEDIAL COACHING CENTRES

CDI currently operates 71 active Remedial Coaching Centres across project villages. These centres provide after-school academic support while promoting child protection, health and hygiene awareness, trafficking prevention, and extracurricular activities. The initiative continues to improve learning outcomes and reduce school dropout rates through strong community and parental engagement.



CDI organized three interface meetings in Baksa and Kokrajhar districts with 116 participants, including education officials, service providers, and community stakeholders. The meetings strengthened coordination among key stakeholders to improve access to quality education, address educational challenges, and ensure continued learning opportunities for children.



CDI conducted four Children's Club Orientation sessions across Baksa and Dhubri districts, reaching 207 children. The sessions introduced children to the purpose and functioning of the Children's Clubs, encouraging active participation, leadership, teamwork, and awareness of child rights. The initiative aims to strengthen child participation and promote child-friendly villages.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Natural Farming Skill Development Training

Four domestic workers from Churachandpur participated in a Natural Farming Training organized by ICAR-KVK Pearsonmun, Lamka. The training introduced participants to sustainable, chemical-free farming practices aimed at improving soil health, reducing cultivation costs, and promoting environmentally friendly agricultural techniques. The initiative enhanced participants' livelihood skills while encouraging sustainable farming as an alternative source of income.



HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH PROMOTION

Free Medical Health Camp

CDI, in collaboration with ERC, a unit of Down Town Hospital, organized a Free Medical Health Camp at Dhopguri, Borihat, benefiting 55 community members. The camp provided free eye examinations, blood pressure and diabetes screening, distribution of spectacles and essential medicines, and referrals for specialized treatment where required. Awareness sessions on eye care, healthy lifestyles, and disease prevention encouraged participants to adopt healthier practices and seek timely medical care.

*Strengthening community health
through prevention and care.*

