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Promotion of Women's Rights and Empowerment



INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS' DAY 2026

Honouring the “Silent Strength” of Families

16 June 2026 • Across project locations including head office, Guwahati

The programme brought together domestic workers, government officials, staff, students and guests to recognise their contribution and promote dignity, rights and social security.



The day highlighted on:-

- ☐ Fair wages and decent working conditions
- ☐ Social protection and social security
- ☐ Safe workplaces and awareness of rights
- ☐ Recognition of domestic workers' contribution

Child Rights and Child Protection



Every child deserves a safe childhood.



A wider movement for protection

The activities in June also strengthened the Children Clubs, education coordination and community responsibility around safe migration and human trafficking in the 5 districts of Assam.



Awareness, dialogue and participation

Sessions addressed child labour, children's rights, education, health and nutrition, responsible parenting, child-related laws, Juvenile Justice, free legal aid, good touch and bad touch. Storytelling, dance, drama and game-based activities made learning engaging.



Economic Empowerment through Livelihood Promotion

FROM SKILLS TO SMALL ENTERPRISES

Building practical pathways to income and resilience

KITCHEN GARDENING

25 participants • Satrapara • 27 June

Food security, family nutrition and opportunities through seedlings, nurseries and fresh produce.

PICKLE MAKING + RIGHTS

23 participants • Santola • 26 June

Rights and entitlements awareness followed by preparation, preservation, packaging, pricing and marketing.

MICRO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

10 participants • CDI Campus • 25 June

Business ideas, customer needs, market trends, SWOT analysis and feasibility.

DETERGENT MAKING

26 participants • Natunbasti • 30 June

A practical home-based skill explored as an additional income opportunity.



LIVELIHOOD AS EMPOWERMENT

The livelihood activities combined with practical skills with business thinking helped participants explore ways to turn knowledge into sustainable household-level opportunities.

Economic Empowerment through Livelihood Promotion

Building practical skills for safer work, financial confidence and household resilience

DIGITAL & FINANCIAL LITERACY

25 participants • CDI, Guwahati • 19 June

Savings, budgeting, digital payments, cyber safety and financial planning.



ELDERLY CARE, CHILD CARE & HYGIENE

34 participants • Bori, Jalukbari • 24 June

Practical caregiving, nutrition, hygiene and emergency response.



KITCHEN EQUIPMENT & COOKING PROCESS OPTIMISATION

25 participants • Satrapara • 29 June

Kitchen safety, LPG use, equipment handling, hygiene and fuel-efficient cooking.

SKILLS AS EMPOWERMENT

The trainings strengthened practical, financial and professional skills among domestic workers.

Youth Empowerment through Skill Development



Youth leadership and planning

100 participants • Borengajuli TE Community Hall • 8 June

The Joint Reflection and Planning session brought together the Youth Forum, VVC and women's groups. Discussions included labour laws, entitlements, migration, rights, health, nutrition and sexual harassment.

Career counselling & self-employment

50 participants • Chirang • 9 June

The quarterly youth counselling session focused on education, career counselling and self-employment, supporting young people to explore sustainable pathways.

A pathway back to education

16 dropout students • Deosiri, Chirang • 1 June

Counselling encouraged students to continue their studies through NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling).

69

remedial coaching
centres

1,725

average children learning
after school

Healthcare and Health Promotion



**BRINGING ESSENTIAL HEALTHCARE
CLOSER TO RURAL COMMUNITIES**



Health screening and treatment

Venue:

Barpratima: 103 participants

Batarhat: 70 participants

Screening included BP, blood sugar, haemoglobin and HbA1c, with treatment and medicines for identified conditions.

Environmental Care and Sustainability



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Planting Today for a Greener Tomorrow

05 June 2026

Children from CDI's Tuition Centres, teachers, domestic workers, and community members engaged under various CDI projects came together to promote environmental conservation, tree plantation, biodiversity, and responsible stewardship of nature.

A living lesson in biodiversity

Participants planted Neem, Haritaki and Holong and learned about their ecological and medicinal significance. Children were encouraged to water, protect and care for the saplings as they grow.



Community Impact at a Glance

One month. Six themes. Many pathways to stronger children, families and communities.

WOMEN & DOMESTIC WORKERS

120

International Domestic Workers' Day

25

Digital & Financial Literacy

34

Elderly / Child Care & Hygiene

25

Kitchen Equipment & Cooking

CHILDREN & EDUCATION

1,725

Average children learning after school

537

Anti-Child Labour Day

262

Education Interface

153

Child Club orientations

69

Remedial coaching centres

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

516

World Environment Day participants

HEALTHCARE & HEALTH PROMOTION

103

Barpratima medical health camp

70

Batarhat medical health camp

LIVELIHOOD & ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

25

Kitchen Gardening

10

Micro Entrepreneurship

23

Pickle Making + Rights

26

Detergent Making

25

Digital & Financial Literacy

34

Care & Hygiene

- 25 Digital & Financial
- 34 Care & Hygiene
- 25 Kitchen Skills

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SKILLS

100

Youth leadership & planning

50

Career counselling & self-employment

16

NIOS dropout counselling



A month of action, learning and community participation