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ANNUAL REPORT

*People's empowerment for justice and
Development*



Message:

Warm greetings to all readers,

Responding to the emerging development issues, RWUS works with people in addressing issues related to livelihood, food and access to credit, peace and gender. The organization is committed to the promotion of gender equality, social, economic and political inclusion. We believe that inequality based on wealth, ethnicity, region and gender is a fundamental concern for human development. In this annual report, we highlighted activities that touches and change many lives of the rural poor and disadvantages groups of people in a small way.

Mary Beth Sanate
Secretary,
Rural Women Upliftment Society

About us:







Rural Women Upliftment Society (RWUS) is a church based, not for profit, gender just, indigenous philanthropic organization conceived and founded by the Development Department of the Independent Church of India (ICI) in the year 1990. With full autonomy in administration and functioning, RWUS seeks to address the issues and concerns of the suffering poor and marginalized sections of the society without compromising their unique cultural, social and religious practices at the grassroots level while encompassing gender, local capacity for peace (LCP) and environment as cross cutting theme.





Our vision: To empower the people for justice and development.



Our mission *is* to empower grass root communities through capacity building, awareness raising, trainings, advocacy and lobby work, networking and alliance building and through support.

Our aims and objectives *is*

-  To promote awareness on issues related to rights, gender, climate change, agriculture and economic development.
-  To facilitate grass root communities to response to the issue of injustice, corruption and violation of basic rights of men and women.
-  To empower communities through strengthening people's organization such as churches, women's organization, youths, and community based organizations.
-  To empower women, farmers and weaker sections of society through trainings, access to basic rights and provide material support.
-  To create a platform for men and women to have better understanding in social, religious and political aspects and thereby bear the fruit of democracy.
-  To promote the roles of women, farmers and minority communities in decision making and in peace initiatives.

-  To make focus group economically empowered through access to government policy and provisions.
-  To strive and work for the fullest growth and potential of women and minority sections towards justice and sustainable development.

Major focus area:

-  The right to food and Food security.
-  Gender and Women in governance.

RWUS is registered under the Societies Registration Act,1860 under registration no.234 on 3rd April,1990.RWUS is also registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act,1976 with a registration no. of 19410018 on 4th January,1993.

Income tax exemption under 12A of Income Tax Act, 1961 with no. as RA214/12A/CIT/JRT/03 on 1st April, 2003, at Jorhat.

PAN no : AAATR6062P on 3rd April,1990 at Shillong

Executive Board members

- ⊕ Mrs Hrilrohnem: Chairperson
- ⊕ Miss Mary Beth Sanate : Secretary
- ⊕ Mrs Ramsiemzo Tusing: Fin Secretary
- ⊕ Mrs Lalthiengzo: Treasurer
- ⊕ Dr.& Rev.JL Songate ,Executive Secretary (ICI): Ex-officio members
- ⊕ Rev.Lalneikhup Hmar,Secretary Finance & Development(ICI) : Ex-officio members

Members:

- ⊕ Mrs Zosangkim
- ⊕ Mrs Lalthazo
- ⊕ Mrs Levis Singson
- ⊕ Mrs Chinneinam,
- ⊕ Miss Darthangmawi
- ⊕ Mrs Darro.

Present RWUS staff

- ⊕ Miss Mary Beth Sanate, Secretary
- ⊕ Miss Buongzakim,Accountant
- ⊕ Miss Lalnuntluong,Supervisor
- ⊕ Miss Nissi Lalrochan,Prog,staff
- ⊕ Miss Lalnunnem, Prog,staff
- ⊕ Miss Mary Zosangi, Prog,staff
- ⊕ Mr.Lalsiemthar, Accountant
- ⊕ Mr.Samuel Lallawmzuol, Prog,staff
- ⊕ Mr.Ramnghakhla,Driver

Highlights of project implemented by RWUS during 2009-2010

Women in Governance (WING) project

Summary of activities: The project intervened in 5 villages of Churachandpur District with the goal of involving women, who for years has been subjected to violence and prejudice, whose voice has been unheard of, whose needs have been overlooked in the decision making. The project programs included giving awareness to grass-root women on subjects like; Gender, Human Rights, Gender Rights, LCP, lobby & advocacy etc. A total of 42 trainings, workshops and experience sharing were conducted during the last 12 months and also as a part of collective effort and alliance between the grass-root women and the district wide women CBOs, the organization provides monthly support to six (6) women organizations. During this period, ToT on Gender and Governance, and LCP were given to twenty one (21) grass-root women. These trainees have started to make change from their family; giving equal roles and responsibility to their children, having small talk with men folk from their village, and are able to start having a small facilitation role in the village level programs. 10 village level workshops each on Gender, LCP, and Human Rights were conducted. Apart from the planned project programs, district wide program on International Fortnight Observation Violence against Women and International Women's Day was also organized.

Donor: CORDAID, Netherland

Yrs in cycle: 4 yrs

Churachandpur Area Integrated Development Project (CAIDP)

Summary of activities:

The CAIDP project is in the 6th year and going through the exit phase which will end in the month of July 2012. The objective of the exit phase is to help the communities in 'ensuring food security through capacity building and support of farmers in 13 targeted villages of Churachandpur by June, 2012.

During the intervening 12 months, different programs were conducted to enhance the food security and livelihood of the project community through capacity building of ADC, People Initiative for Development(PID) a CBO formed and working in the project and the SHG' Federation. The communities were trained on the right to food; improved agriculture method and also Village Food Policy were developed. The project also provide support to 53 System of Rice Intensification(SRI) farmers,16 Sloping Agriculture land Technology(SALT) farmers,76 Food Always In The Home(FAITH) gardeners and 20 piglets revolved and were provided to marginal farmers for enhancing their livelihood. The project also maintains local level alliance and networking with Churachandpur Joint Women Organization, Churachandpur District Student Union, Youth and different Women CBO's on PDS issue. The project organized 1 exposure trip to Chandel for SHG Federation, Farmers Mela and 16 trainings, workshops and orientation which were attended by 515 participants from the projects.

Donor: World Relief Canada/Canadian Food grains Bank.

Years in cycle: 5 yrs.



Strengthening collective efforts in NEI (SCENEI) project

Summary of the activity: The project is implemented in 2 districts of Manipur namely Bishnupur and Churachandpur. Major components are capacity building, advocacy and networking, gender and livelihood security. It works towards creating a Peoples Organizations for self sustenance, economic development and effective right based advocacy and lobbying. It also provides training to address the impact of global warming and climate change, awareness workshop on Right to food, Human Rights, Right to Information Act, Exposure/exchange visit for SHG leaders and PO members, conflict and gender discrimination and training program for SHGs. During this period, PIO and Village level POs also jointly advocates and raised community issues to the concern govt line department. Meanwhile, “**Peoples Initiative for Development (PID)**” a forum for the voiceless poor and marginalized met with candidates of State Assembly election and submitted memorandum that includes efficient implementation of govt. food provisions and other agriculture related programs in the district. The project monitor and worked with 14 SHG’s and 9 community food grain banks, set up and managed by SHG’s and Peoples organization(PO).

The project conducted 19 trainings and awareness workshop participated by 597 participants and 14 Consultation meetings attended by 415 Po’s and CBO’s during the 12 months period.

Donor : EED, Germany in partnership with Centre for Social Development (CSD), Imphal, Manipur

Years in cycle: 6 yrs

Peace and development project through United NGO's Mission-Manipur

UNM-M is a network of more than hundred NGOs in Manipur. The network aims to create justice for better Manipur. The network conducted awareness creating and creating links with different civil society organizations. RWUS conducted workshops and consultations on Non-violent conflict transformation, local capacity for peace, women trafficking and informal meetings with civil society organizations in the district of Churachandpur.

RWUS Staff attended the following Capacity Building program during (2009-2010)

1. Composite heritage, Dhaka
2. Legal & financial management, Chennai
3. Reporting & documentation, Manipur
4. Human rights, Manipur
5. Film & Photo documentation, Assam
6. Integrated farming, Meghalaya
7. NE women w/s on Lobby, Shillong
8. ToT on LCP, Manipur
9. Gender resource dev. Manipur
10. Climate change, Guwahati
11. Budget Analysis, Delhi
12. Training on Local Governance, Decentralization and peace, Barcelona.

Summary of Accounts for the year 2009-2010

ACCOUNT: General Consolidated Account.

Receipt and Payment as on 31st March,2010

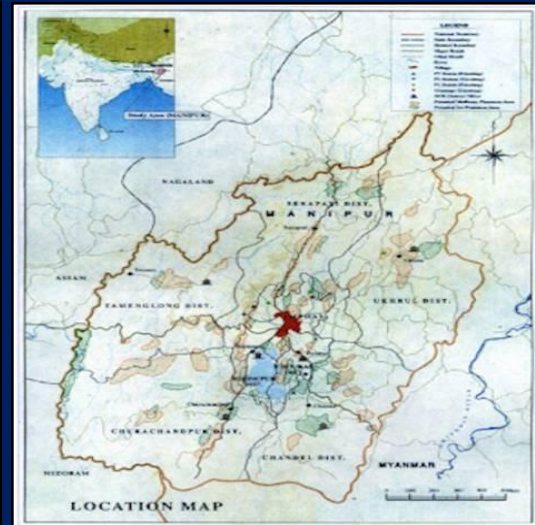
PAYMENT	AMOUNT	RECEIPT	AMOUNT
To CSD/EED (FC)	427,585.00	By Opening Balance	26,746.00
To CSD/EED (Local)	29,800.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from EED Germany/ CSD	488,000.00
To Manipur Food Security Program under NEICORD/WRC Agriculture and Livelihood	1,089,918.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from FST	290,000.00
To FST	271,464.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from NEICORD/WRC	547,000.00
To Capacity Building for Involving Women in Governance under CORDAID	573,900.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from NEICORD/WRC	562,468.00
To VDO/EED Administration and Maintenance	695.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from IRDSO/CORDAID	573,900.00
To SRI for Food Security	170,557.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from RNBA	170,557.00
To DBI for Food Security	605,829.00	By Grant-in-Aid received from RNBA	605,829.00
		By Local contribution	29,800.00
		By Bank interest	20,097.00
Grand Total:	3,169,748.00		3,314,397.00
Closing Balance:	144,649.00		

Audited by: Gangwal & Co,
Thangal Bazar, Imphal, Manipur.
Charter Accountant and Consultant

Map of NE India indicating bordering countries.



Map of Manipur showing Churachandpur District



Join & support us in our endeavor to empower the people for justice and development.

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