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RURAL WOMEN UPLIFTMENT SOCIETY



ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION:

Rural Women Upliftment Society (RWUS) is a Church Based, Not for Profit, Gender just indigenous philanthropic organization 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 people without compromising their unique cultural, social and religious practices encompassing gender, Local Capacity for Peace (LCP) and environment as cross cutting theme.

VISION AND MISSION

Vision :To empower the people for justice and development.

Mission :To empower grass root communities through capacity building, awareness raising, trainings, advocacy and lobby work, networking and alliance building and through support.

Thematic Area:

Anchored on a mission to empower grass root communities,

RWUS has the following core thematic issue-

- ✓ **The right to food and Food Security**
- ✓ **Gender and Women in governance**
- ✓ **Capacity Building and Training**
- ✓ **Environment and Natural Resources**
- ✓ **Clean and Renewable energy**

Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative(APPI)

Summary of Activities: The nationwide lockdown at the start of the pandemic last year has impacted the day to day functioning of the organization. Most of the programs carried were related with relief distribution. During the year 2020-2021, the following relief programs were implemented.

1. During the month of May 2021, a total of 368 households in 20 villages with the help of CBO's and village level task force the in 2 days. Most of the items included Rice, Potatoes, dal, salt, Onion,Oil.



2. Second phase relief distribution was carried out again in the month of June 2021 providing health and safety items to 43 Community Quarantine centres, Asha workers, district health workers and police personal.



Community based sustainable development and adaptation to climate change.

Summary of Activities: The project involved awareness, capacity building and training for local people and to works toward response to Climate Change adaptation and sustainable development. To achieve this, during the year 2020-2021, the following programs were implemented.

1. Awareness programme on climate change and Gender program was held at T.Daijang village on 1/12/2020 with 30 participants.
2. One day Awareness on Patriarchy and Masculinity at Rengkai Village on 1/12/2020.
3. PACDR training for Village Community Plan at Saidan Village on 21/05/2020 attended by 45 participants.
4. One day Community Leaders meet on Climate Resilient Village at Saidan on 23/11/2020



Women First International Fund

Summary of activities: The project focus on empowering women through training and livelihood support. During the last year, the following activities were implemented.

1. 120 women's beneficiaries are supported in weaving traditional shawl under livelihood support.

2. 4 school dropout and returnees from metro city due to Covid are given training on Beautician.
3. 13 dropout girls and returnees are train in tailoring sector under livelihood support.
4. 9 ladies of covid-19 returnees were provided chicken (Kuroiler & feed) under start-up capital.
5. 12 ladies were financially supported for their second hand business under start-up supplier.
6. 13 ladies were given piglets and its feed.
7. 1 lady was provided financial support for knitting.



Renewable Energy for Livelihood and Homelighting

Summary of Activities: The project involves promoting alternative energy to rural household for regular power supply for home lighting and livelihood enhancement. Regarding this as a small step towards combating climate change, RWUS has slowly moved forward in spreading awareness and convincing the community to adopt clean energy. During the last 1 year, a total of 115 system comprising 40 watt, 100 watt and 200 watt Home lighting was provided.



AYNI(Seed Project)

Summary of activities: The project aims to conserve and safeguard environment with women at the forefront. Women play as a pivotal role as a custodian of forest and other vital resources in a traditional tribal society. Thus involving women CBOs and volunteer to promote, campaign and safeguard the environment constitute the primary goals. Amidst the pandemic, the following activities were organized during the past year



1. Consultation with Women CBO'S, CSO'S on save the Khuga River was held 3 times during the month of February & March2020. Altogether, 30 district level women CBOs leaders attended the meeting. The meeting deliberated on the issue of Cleaning the Khuga Rivers and dissemination of awareness among the community living along the Khuga Rivers and different streams in the district.

2. One day observation of International Day of Action for Rivers and subsequent cleaning drive on March 14, 2020. Hundreds of volunteers from different community participated.
3. Radio talk show on "Save Khuga Rivers" by indigenous women leader was held in the month of July 2020. Again, as a campaign to safeguard the rivers and streams in the district, a television talk show was organized on 13 August, 2010.
4. Adopting of Saidan Village as Green Model Village. Through this program, emphasis was placed to make the village's climate resilient and a hub of promoting green initiatives.
5. 7 Women Environment Promotion were supported financially on monthly Honorarium.
6. 1 for handicraft & 1 for selling chicken.
7. 5 Self Help group were trained for paper bag making and were provided the materials.
8. Psycho Social support programme with 25 women and young girls.
9. RWUS also provided safety health kit and dry ration to the frontline workers.



Executive Board members:

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

The society is also registered under the Income tax exemption under 12A of Income Tax Act, 1961 with no. as RA214/12A/CIT/JRT/03 on April, 2003, at Jorhat.