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FOREWORD

by Dr. (Ms.) Bela Cintury



It gives me a great honour and pride to publish the consolidated report of the activities undertaken and the sincere efforts made by our **VHAS team in the year 2022-23**. We take pride in the many achievements and milestones that the Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim has fulfilled this year on many different fronts. These accomplishments have been made possible by the sincere dedication of our Staffs and Board Members. Everyone deserves congratulations and appreciation for their dedication and efforts.

During the year, our relationship with the State and Union Government of India remained very cordial as usual; however, the Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim had a limited number of programs with them. Our endeavours particularly with the department of Health & Family Welfare and Social Welfare Department kept our relations very friendly and productive. We have been able to mobilize support from the National and International funding agencies for the enhancement of the underserved people of far-reaching areas. On behalf of the **VHAS**, I extend sincere gratitude to everyone for their encouragement, support and kind cooperation.

Our relationship with the **RDD, Government of Sikkim** continues to strengthen us in many ways. Together, we conducted the Social Audit for Mahatma Gandhi NREGA & PMAY-G in whole Gram Panchayats successfully this financial year. On behalf of VHAS, I would like to thank the department for giving us the responsibility of managing the Social Audit. Due to our accomplishments, VHAS has been identified as the Social Audit Unit (SAU)-Sikkim of the State.

I am extremely grateful to the Executive Board members for their valuable contributions and steady cooperation. Lastly, I offer lots of thanks and appreciation to our co-operative, highly energetic and supportive **Team at VHAS**. It would not have been possible to carry out the VHAS activities without their constant positive commitment, sincerity and dedication.

VHAS would like to acknowledge the contributions made by individuals, the Government, funding agencies, and other member organizations that help work towards achieving the vision and mission of the organization. I do hope and pray that with everyone's continued sincere effort, the coming year will be even more productive and successful than this past year.

***FROM THE
Executive Director's Desk:
by Dr. B. B. Rai***



An annual report gives information about the organization's activities and financial performances and I am very happy to display the Annual Report for **2023-24**, which highlights VHAS's achievements and its continuous rivalry to bring about a desired change in the little that we do. The report reflects upon what has been achieved and how our organization has contributed to the growth and development of society during the last financial year. Additionally, it measures the organization's yearly outputs. As the years pass, VHAS family grows and so do our responsibilities. VHAS continues to expand year by year with respect to its social responsibilities. We have widened our base to organize the health and development needs of the Sikkim's people through its status as a non-governmental organization. VHAS marches forward with confidence and dedication in every effort and challenge. Before I go any further, I must thank our supporters. Without their consistent encouragement, it would not have been possible to achieve so much.

I express my sincere gratitude to the **Rural Development Department (RDD), Government of Sikkim** for giving us an opportunity of taking on the responsibility of **Social Audit Unit (SAU)** in the State of Sikkim.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Sikkim State **AIDS Control Society (SSACS)** for their valuable contribution in the field of Targeted Intervention Project on HIV-AIDS/STDs. Special thanks to the **Education Department and the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim** for their kind cooperation and support.

I express my sincere thanks to the JICA assisted **State Biodiversity Conservation and Forest Management Project (SBFP), Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim** for selecting us a Facilitating NGO for East District in the project.

I further would like to extend my special thanks to the **Glenmark Foundation & inclusive India Foundation** for giving us an opportunity to work with them and supported with a project on Providing Quality Primary Health facilities and awareness among the communities through mobile health clinic in 12 villages in East Sikkim.

Though the challenges to achieve the desired outcomes were enormous because of many reasons in remote rural hamlets, but we could overcome most of them due to dedicated members of our team. There are numerous achievements and failures which I recognized as learning being with me in a social sector. The annual report is not to glorify our works but to share lessons learnt in the last years. Annual report is the transparent record of our being with the organization and concerted possible efforts made by the team with the mission and vision of making a difference in the field of community health and development ultimately benefitting the society.

We are highly grateful to the Executive Board Members, Member Organizations, NGOs/CBOs, individual, stakeholders of Programs, Colleagues, friends and relatives for their kind cooperation, consistent greatest support, their dedication and selfless efforts.

I further look forward for their selfless consistent support and guidance in the near future.

KNOWING VHAS

Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim was established on 22nd July 1997 and registered under vide sl. no 1083 Vol.-I dated 24/05/1999 with the Land Revenue Department, Government of Sikkim in accordance with notification No. 2602/A/H dated 25/03/1960. The organization was established with the basic philosophy and mission to promote the sustainable community health and development in the State of Sikkim. It is a State level, not for profit, registered and Non-Governmental organisation working with the concept of integrated community health development and action research. It is registered under the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976. VHAS is exempted under Income Tax Sections 12AA of the Income Tax Act 1961 vide F.No12AA/CIT/SLG/Tech/2010-11/3938-40 dated 31/01/2011 and under U/S 80G (5) (vi.) of the Income Tax Act 1961 vide F. No CIT/SLG/Tech/80G/12-13/2806 dated 06/09/2012.**

VHAS has a secular constitution with the aim of improving the health of everyone; the organization provides dignified service without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and gender. The institute believes in sustainable development where community reaches their desired level of development and then continues to archive further.

The organization endeavours to sensitize the general public towards cost effective, preventive care and the promotion of a sustainable health care system through readily available local available resources and a scientific approach to health and community development without ignoring Sikkim's natural traditions and culture.

A democratically elected Executive Board Members as per the constitution consists of seven eminent people who govern VHAS by following a well-developed system of organization. The Executive Director is supported by competent core staff as well as other field level project staff. People selected for jobs are strengthened further with proper orientation and refresher training courses as are required. Responsibilities are shared in a decentralized manner. Programs and performances are monitored at regular intervals by field visits and staff meetings.

In the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare GOI VHAS has was recognised is Mother NGO for the implementation of RCH program. VHAS has been included as one of the members in various Societies under Health Department in Government of Sikkim. **On 02nd February 2010**, VHAS became the recipient of **National Award "Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar"** from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The recognition has given enormous strength as an institution recognized as of State importance.

On **2nd February 2015**, Rural Development Department (RDD), MGNREGA State Team of Sikkim became the recipient of **National Award on Transparency and Accountability under MGNREGA**. The same award was felicitated to Social Audit Unit on **24th February 2015** by RDD Government of Sikkim.

Goals & Objectives of VHAS:-

- ❖ Helping to create an atmosphere for building up people's health and development movement through effective campaign and networking.
- ❖ To promote low cost, appropriate, scientific and people oriented health and development programs in harmony with traditional knowledge and skills of the various communities who comprises our multi-ethnic society
- ❖ To provide people's friendly technical or professional support training and guidance in the field of community health and development.
- ❖ To strengthen professional voluntary initiatives in the state through Capacity Building Training and information dissemination.
- ❖ To promote sustainable community health and development through responsible action and human rights related to the provision and distribution of health services and development activities.

STRATEGIES OF VHAS:

Vision: VHAS visualises a "healthy and just society, it implies sustainable development where people are physically, mentally, socially, economically developed and living in harmony with nature".

Healthy and Just Society: Everyone gets their due with dignity without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed and gender. The people can enjoy their rights and exercise their duties freely.

Sustainable Development: Communities have reached to the desired level of development and continue to achieve further.

Physically: People are free from all minor and major health illness.

Mentally: People are free from all minor and major mental illness.

Socially: People are socially organised, respecting & helping each other become free from all social evils.

Economically: People have better livelihood, economy etc.

Harmony with nature: People will achieve their development without disturbing nature.

MISSION:

VHAS is committed to empower under privileged communities through sensitization, building capacities, linkage, research, and advocacy & lobbying as well as strengthening civil societies on comprehensive community health development level.

- **Empower:** People are accessing their right control over their resources and actively participating in decision making process/governance.
- **Under privilege communities:** It means women, mother, and member belongs to ST, SC, MBC & OBC etc.

IDENTITY OF VHAS:

- Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim is an NGO registered under SI.No.1083 Vol. No- 1 in accordance with the notification No.2602 A/H dated 25/03/1960 under Government of Sikkim.

- Federal Member of VHAI
- Capacity Building Institute
- State Level NGO.
- VHAS has been identified as Social Audit Unit (SAU), Sikkim by RDD, Govt. of Sikkim.

Organizational Structure:-

A democratically elected Executive Board as per the constitution consisting eminent persons governs VHAS. VHAS follows a well-developed system of delegation of authority with the Executive Director managing the affairs of the organization. The people selected for jobs are strengthened further with proper orientation and refresher training courses as per requirements. Responsibilities are shared in a decentralized staff meetings. *Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has recognized VHAS as the mother NGO under RCH program since 2001.* VHAS has been included as one of the members in various Societies of Sikkim Government. The recognition has given enormous strength as an institute of state importance.

ROLE

- Implementation: VHAS will continue the role of an IMPLEMENTING organization which is the strength/core competencies. VHAS will work through partners as well as directly with the communities.
- Capacity building: The presence of civil society is extremely weak in the state due to lack of capacity. VHAS will play a major role in building capacity of various stakeholders.
- Networking, Advocacy and lobbying: Organization will play proactive role in Advocacy and networking at all levels.

Approach & Methodology for Implementation

- Situational analysis,
- Generating awareness,
- Directly as well as through partner NGOs,
- Service delivery to some extent, need based as part of demonstration,
- Empower communities and work through community based organization, and
- Establish Linkages between communities and government or other agencies

Approach & Methodology for Capacity Building

- Customizing/ Tailor made inputs: The Organization will go for building the capacities of NGOs, CBO, PRI, Government and professional in customized manner.
- Announcement of training/calendar.
- Model of capacity building will be large through project and in future will try to build as revenue generation.
- VHAS will also facilitate consultation/workshops on emerging 'Development' issues to initiate dialogue among NGOs and other stakeholders.
- In case of customized input, VHAS may engage the institutional leader so as to ensure implementation of inputs.
- Follow up wherever possible.
- Mode of input would be training, workshops, exposure etc.

- Capacity buildings need analysis.
- Develop set of modules based on the clear analysis.

Approach & Methodology for Networking, Advocacy & Lobbying

- Engaging and influencing the policy makers.
- Sensitize service providers.
- Adopting various mechanisms of campaign/adopting various initiatives to push the agenda of development.
- Engaging various media to highlight the issues.
- Will create and lead network and also be part of other network.
- Study and disseminate the information/issues.
- Using social accountability tool like RTI as required.
- Mobilizing communities around the issues of develop, empower CBOs etc.
- Engaging at various levels of local self-governance and influence them towards proper decision making.

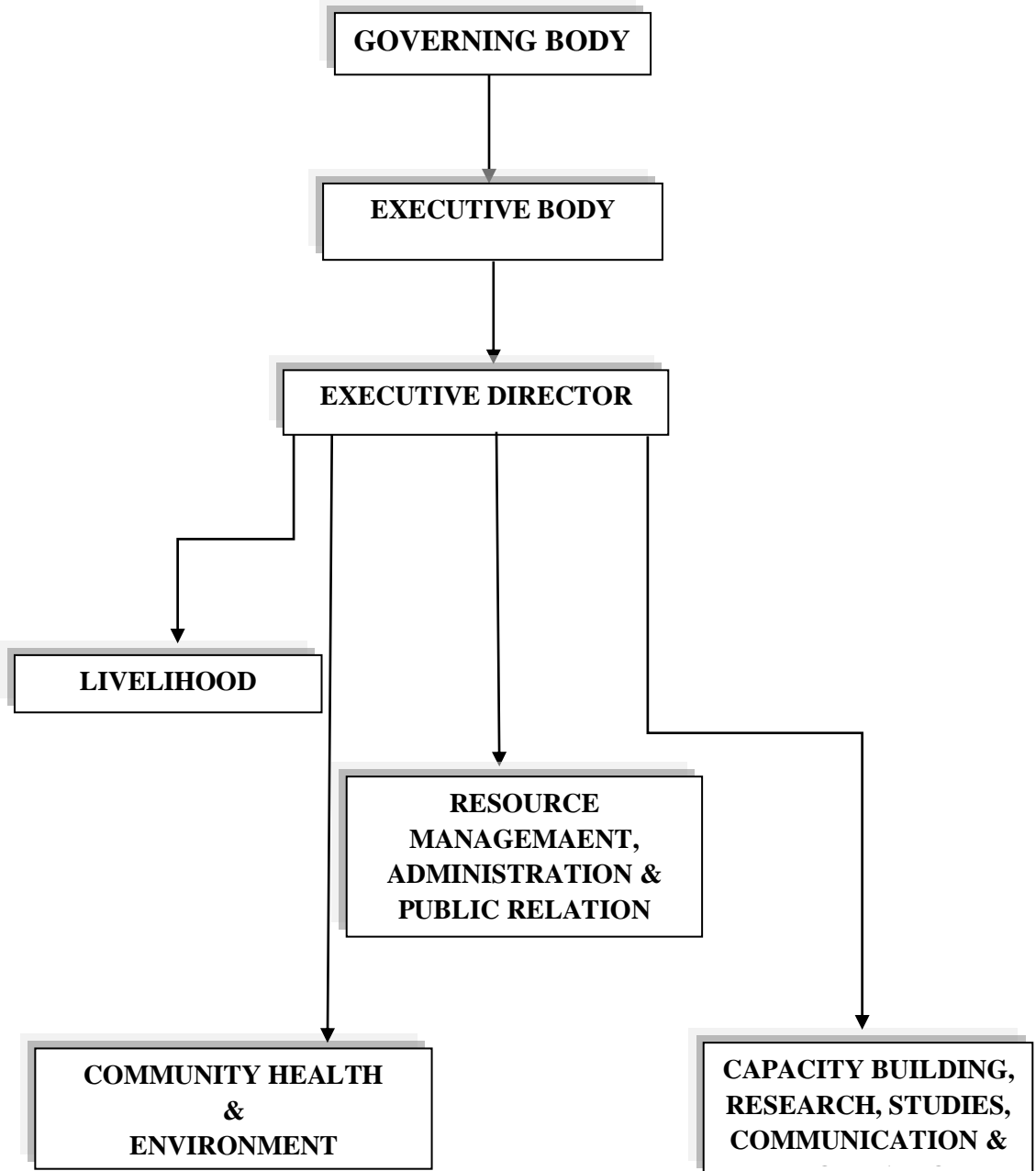
Core Value & Culture of VHAS:-

- **Feedback within and Outside the Organization:** VHAS practices feedback as core value & culture which means anyone can give feedback to anyone. This feedback will be based on the knowledge, skills and attitudes affecting the work of the organization. No feedback will given or taken personally. There will be feedback both ways irrespective of senior or junior status. During feedback, strengths and areas which need improvement will be shared. Feedback should be constructive and include a possible solution.

As far outside the organization is concerned, VHAS will always encourage communities, donors, government, NGOs etc. to provide constructive feedback on the functionality of the organization.

- **Feeling of “WE”:** All achievements belong to the organization and community, not to single individuals. Individuals will get credit of their hard work but other stakeholders will get credit for their recognition.
- **Result Oriented Functioning:** Organization is more concerned about “RESULTS” on ground. In all its discussion, sharing, project designing and getting funds, providing finance to other NGOs will be based on their result.
- **Accountability:** First of all organization (inter and intra division) but at the same as a civil society, will be accountable to other stakeholder such as communities, government, NGOs and will brief them about contribution of VHAS through informal discussion, media communication etc.
- **Shared Vision, Responsibility, and Better Coordination, Team Work:** Any work done by any other divisions will be the work of VHAS and will be responsible to each other. This will help us create ownership of work, with its successes and failures.
- **Openness:** VHAS will be open to accept practical ideas, thoughts, creative feedback, suggestions etc.
- **Proactive Engagement of Stakeholder:** Organization will create opportunities formally & informally for community and various stakeholders.
- **Mutual Growth and Development:** Constructive inputs/ suggestion to member organization for the mutual growth and development.

ORGANOGRAM



SOCIAL AUDIT OF MGNREGA

1. STATUS OF SOCIAL AUDIT IN THE STATE

a) Introduction & Establishment of SAU

i. Social Audit Definition

The basic objective of social audit is to ensure public accountability in the implementation of Projects, laws and policies. Social Audit is an effective means for ensuring transparency, participation, consultation and accountability under MGNREGA. The process of Social Audit combines people's participation and monitoring with the requirements of the audit discipline. Since the agency implementing the Scheme cannot itself audit the Scheme, therefore, it is necessary to promote people's participation in the audit along with support provided by an independent social audit organization that facilitates the process. The Social Audit process is not a fault finding, but a fact-finding process. The work of the Auditor is only to 'investigate' by cross-verifying facts and details in the records from the laborers and cross verifying works at site. The "Auditors" must not view themselves as "Prosecutors".

Social Audit Unit needs to be established for the purpose of Social Audit by state government. State Level Vigilance Cell followed district level and Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (VMC) at village level needs to be strengthened for the purpose of strengthen transparency. Maintaining of Proactive disclosure by gram Sabha, where all the details of works with bills, MR and Vouchers will be read out for the purpose of validation by Gram Sabha.

Section 17 of Act clearly stated that, (1) the 'Gram Sabha shall monitor the execution of works within the Gram Social audit of Panchayat. (2) The Gram Sabha shall conduct regular social audit of all the projects under the Scheme taken up within the Gram Panchayat. (3) The Gram Panchayat shall make available all relevant documents including the Muster rolls, bills, vouchers, measurement books, copies of sanction orders and other books of account and papers to the Gram Sabha for the purpose of conducting the social audit.

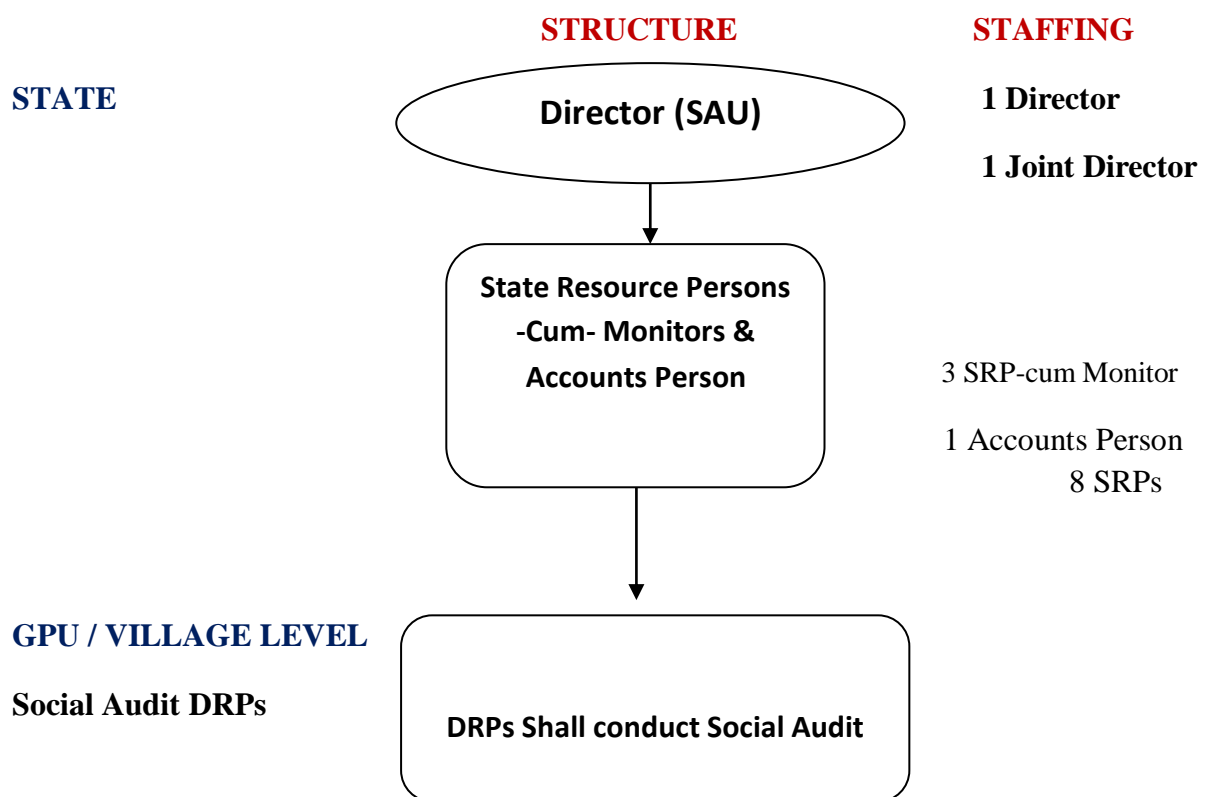
ii. Details of Establishment of SAU

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is a flag program of Government of India which was notified on September, 2005 with mandate to provide hundred days of employment in a financial year to every household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It has a very holistic objective of empowering rural population by ways of generating 100 days employment, livelihood security through durable assets, improved water security, soil conservation and high land productivity, empowering socially disadvantage specially women, STs, SCs through the process of right based legislation. It also strengthens decentralised and participatory planning at grass root level. It has an intrinsic value of maintaining transparency and accountability in governance through

Social Audit. It is a tool to ensure public accountability, transparency in the implementation of the project, laws and Policies. Rule 4 of Audit of Schemes Rules, 2011 stipulate that each state Government shall identified or established an independent organisation, Social Audit Unit (SAU) to facilitate conduct of the Social Audit of MGNREGS works.

Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim (VHAS) was identified by the Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim as the independent organisation to function as the Social Audit Unit (SAU) for conducting Social Audits of MGNREGS works in the state of Sikkim as per office order No.1122/RM&DD, dated 14.12.2011 and No. 03/RM&DD/2012 dated 12/01/13. VHAS had been facilitating the Social Audit for East and North districts of Sikkim state over a period of 5 years i.e. since 2008. Over these years SAU has under gone for long process in collaboration with Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim to set up Social Audit Unit in the State. Dr. B. B. Rai, Executive Director, VHAS has been appointed as the independent Director of Social Audit Unit Sikkim with reference to letter Ref.No.496/RM&DD/MGNREGA, Dated: 04/12/2012.

Human Resource Position at SAU-Sikkim (SOCIAL AUDIT UNIT)



iii. Social Audit Process followed in the State

a). Kick off Meeting: The Kick Off meeting will be organised by the District Programme Coordinator in close collaboration with the SAU at District level at least 30 days before the Social Audit. During the Kick off meeting, implementing agency will be provided with the necessary document required for the Social Audit. Additionally, the Social Audit calendar will be finalised during the meeting.

b). Document Verification: The Social Audit Team will verify all the documents at GPK for two days. During document verifications, the social audit team check documents such as Master Roll, bills, voucher and registers etc. and cross check them with the MIS.

c). Field visit and Door to Door interaction: The Social Audit team will visit the work sites of completed and ongoing projects to verify the work status and cross check the data collected during documentation. Additionally team will interact with job card holders to cross check the job card information with bank passbook and record feedback on the scheme.

d). Data Compilation: On compilation day, the Social Audit Team will compile the data / information collected from document verifications, site visits, work measurement and interaction with the Job Card holders. This information will be prepared for presentation in Jan Sunwai/Gram Sabha for public scrutiny and validation.

e). Jan Sunwai/Gram Sabha: The Jan Sunwai/Gram Sabha will be organised by the Gram Panchayat at a convenient location to ensure maximum participation of the job card holders. The Jan Sunwai will be chaired by the Zilla member and at least 30% of the job card holders must be present to conduct the Jan Sunwai / Public Hearing. The day long programme will be attended by all the implementing agency. All the quires raised by Gram Sabha will be recorded by social audit team, and satisfactory explanation will be sought from implementation agency. All bills, vouchers and Master Roll are read out in the Gram Sabha for scrutiny and validation.

f). Exit Conference: The Exit Conference will be organised by District Programme Coordinator (DPC) at district level. All the finding of Social Audit will be presented in the presence of DPC. The district will direct the responsible officers to submit the Action Taken Report (ATR) within a timeline.

iv. Governing Body & Director of SAU

Chair Person of Governing Body	Shri.V.B Pathak, Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Sikkim
Chair Person of Executive Body	NA
Name of Director	DR.B.B Rai Full time
Name of Civil Society Representatives	Shri Ganesh Prasad Sharma

Shri.Bishnu Pokhrel Shri.Ravi Lall Dulal

a) Support for Social Audit by administration

The conduct of Social Audit in MGNREGS has been going smoothly with support from state government. In the process, involvement of all the stakeholders from job card holders to officials from district level is required to accomplish the SA process. To strengthen the process, MGNREGA Cell has issued different notifications and circulars.

Social Audit guidelines has mandated to have independent individual to preside over the public hearing/Jan Sunwai.State government in this regard to strengthen the process notified through 13/RMDD/MGNREGA,dated:10/03/2014, Zilla Panchayat member as Chair person of the day as Zilla Panchayat are not involved in the implementation of the Schemes. The notification also mandated to have minimum 30% active job card holder as quorum for conduct of Public hearing otherwise it will be cancelled.

Through the same notification role and responsibility of DPC, ADPC, PO, APO, GRS, Gram Panchayat and mate has been clearly instructed with regard to Social Audit, getting all the records from Block and Gram Panchayat was one of the challenges faced during the conduct of Social Audit. In this regard State Government issued official circular No.2/RMDD,dated:24/12/2018 for strengthening documentation process

b) Staff Strength of Social Audit Unit

Sl.No	Staff	Number of Full time Staff	Number Certified(Completed 30 days certificate course)
1	Joint Director	01	01
2	State resource Person	03	03
3	Finance Officer	01	00

2. Number of Social Audit

a) Number of MGNREGA Social Audit Conducted

Financial Year	Number of GPs in the State	GPs where audit was done once		GPs where audit was done twice	
		Number of GPs	% of GP covered	Number of GPs	% of GP covered
2023-24	199	104	51%	--	--
2022-23	185	105	57%	--	--
2021-22	185	38	20.54%	--	--
2020-21	185	90	52%	--	--
2019-20		185	100%	--	--
2018-19		185	100%	--	--
2017-18	176	176	100%	--	--

b) Social Audit Findings and Action Taken Reports

Financial Year	Total Number of Issue Reported	Total Number of issues on which action taken report (ATR) has been submitted	Total number of issues closed satisfactorily	Total number of issues entered in the MIS	Total number of Action Taken Report uploaded in MIS
2023-24	593	96	96	593	96
2022-23	596	186	186	596	186
2021-22	276	217	217	276	217
2020-21	669	563	563	669	563
2019-20	1833	1585	1585	1833	1585
2018-19	1790	1384	1384	1790	1384
2017-18	2052	1803	1803	2052	1803

c) Financial Misappropriation (FM) Issues

Financial Year	Financial Misappropriation issues			Financial Misappropriation Amount		
	Number of FM issues Reported	Number of issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of issue closed satisfactorily	FM amount has reported in social audit (in Lakhs)	Amount rejected (in Lakhs)	Amount Recovered (in lakhs)
2023-24	102	30	30	15.34	--	1.46
2022-23	182	33	33	27.44	--	2.20
2021-22	39	25	25	7.26	--	1.85
2020-21	49	36	36	106	--	99.99
2019-20	175	133	133	51.29	4.56	25.27
2018-19	97	55	55	13.00	--	3.88
2017-18	159	115	115	42.48	3.28	19.57

d) Financial Deviation (FD) Summary

Financial Year	Financial Deviation issues			Financial Deviation Amount		
	Number of FD issues Reported	Number of issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of issue closed satisfactorily	FD amount as reported in social audit	Amount ordered to be recovered	Amount Recovered
2023-24	148	45	45	15.33	--	--
2022-23	136	39	39	91.75 lakh	--	--
2021-22	58	41	41	92 lakh	--	--
2020-21	153	122	122	82lakh	--	--
2019-20	363	262	262	234lakh	--	--

2018-19	396	244	244	49lakh	0.03lakh	0.03lakh
2017-18	560	474	474	237 lakh	0.12lakh	0.12.lakh

e) Grievances

Financial Year	Number			Amount			
	Number of grievances registered	Number of issues on which ATR has been submitted	Number of grievances redress satisfactorily	Amount due to workers as reported in Social Audit	Amount accepted	Amount rejected	Amount paid to workers
2023-24	07	--	--	--	--	--	--
2022-23	09	02	02	3.81lakh	3.81lakh	--	3.81lakh
2021-22	04	03	03	5.80lakh	5.80lakh	--	5.80lakh
2020-21	09	08	08	0.65lakh	0.65lakh	--	0.65lakh
2019-20	99	97	97	0.44lakh	0.44lakh	--	0.44lakh
2018-19	120	103	103	0.97lakh	0.97lakh	--	0.97lakh
2017-18	205	187	187	0.76lakh	0.76lakh	--	0.76lakh

f) Process Violation

Financial Year	Number of Process Violation issues reported	Number of issues in which ATR has been submitted	Number of issues closed satisfactorily
2023-24	94	29	29
2022-23	269	112	112
2021-22	175	148	148
2020-21	458	397	397
2019-20	1196	1093	1093
2018-19	1177	982	982
2017-18	1128	926	926

g) Disciplinary Action

Financial Year	Fines under section 25 of MGNREGA	Number of employees censured / warned	Number of employees censured/warned	Number of employees suspended	Number of employees terminated
2023-24	--	--	--	--	--
2022-23	--	--	--	--	--
2021-22	--	--	--	--	--
2020-21	--	--	--	--	--
2019-20	--	--	--	--	--
2018-19	--	--	--	--	--
2017-18	--	--	--	--	--

h) Criminal Action

Financial year	Number of FIRs filed	Number of cases under investigation	Number of cases in which charge sheet has been filed	Number of cases in which closure report has been filed
2023-24	--	--	--	--
2022-23	--	---	--	--
2021-22	--	---	--	--
2020-21	--	---	--	--
2019-20	--	--	--	--
2018-19	--	--	--	--
Cumulative FY.....	--	--	--	--

3. Qualitative summary of social audit findings, action taken reports and future plan

Summary of social audit Findings in the last financial year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Numbers of FM reported : 102• Total Number of FD reported : 148• Total Number of PV reported :336• Total number of Grievances Reported : 07
Summary of Action Taken Report in the last financial year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total numbers of FM Closed :30• Total Numbers of FD Closed :45• Total Numbers of PV Closed :29• Total numbers of Grievances Closed : 00
Action plan to address the gap between cumulative social audit findings and cumulative action taken reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision has been taken to issue show cause notice to all the responsible officers in case of non-submission of satisfactory ATR on time at the meeting held with Project Director.
Changes in policy/ MGNREG scheme guidelines/ scheme implementation to address issues revealed from the most frequent social audit findings- None

4. Best Practices

a) Strengthening of Record keeping at GP level

In order to strengthen the record keeping at the GP level in addition to MIS, several new registers were developed by the State to improve the transparency and accountability in materials component. This also ensured that the materials for individual assets were issued to

the right beneficiaries as per the materials issued registers. Several new registers were also developed to monitor the materials distribution of Horticulture convergence project taken up in convergence with Horticulture and Cash Crop Development Department.

b) Booking of public expenditure shifts to “as per actual” rather than “as per estimates”

A unique feature in social audits is the reading out of the original expenditure vouchers in a work wise manner by the social audit team during the Jan Sunwai/public hearing, covering not only the wage component but the material component as well. Furthermore, the DRPs under take 100percent physical measurement of assets, door to door survey of workers and wage seekers, and document verification. The inclusion of these steps in the social audit process ensures that expenditure shown for the construction of assets remain “as per actual” rather than “as per estimates”. By presenting the expenditure for individual completed works, implementing agencies and officials are questioned by the public and held accountable for, in cases involving fund embezzlement. Consequently, assets are often completed at less than the estimated cost resulting in sizeable savings in public money and they act as strong prohibitive measures for corrupt practices such as siphoning off funds by making fake bills.

SOCIAL AUDIT IN PMAY-G

Social audit has origin in the democratic values and principles of transparency and accountability. It helps to measure, understand, report and improve the Mission's social and ethical performance. Social Audit is a participatory monitoring exercise used to systematically assess the progress of the PMAY mission. It is not just an information gathering exercise, but a tool for social mobilization and sensitization of the Mission objectives to a wide range of stakeholders. Social Audit should be conducted in a non-threatening environment by making everyone involved in the process fully aware of the Mission objective. It values the voice of all stakeholders, especially the marginalized and poor beneficiaries.

Social Audit provides the beneficiaries and other stakeholders an opportunity to scrutinize the procedures and benefit of the Mission.

The process involved in Social Audit of PMAY-G

Social audit of PMAY-G was carried out along with the process of MGNREGS social audit in 25 Gram Panchayat under Pakyong District, Gangtok District and Soreng District from 16th August 2023 to 8th December 2023. The Social Audit covered the PMAY-G works which were sanctioned in the financial year: 2020-21 & 2021-22. Concerned PMAY-G block coordinator and Panchayat Development Assistant (PDA) provide the documents related to verification at GP. After that site verification was carried out in the presence of PDA and Panchayat. The findings were placed in the Jan Sunwai/Public Hearing which was being chaired by Hon'ble Zilla Panchayat Member.

Some of the general finding which were recorded during the social audit as follows:

- Work has not been completed for a long period of time.
- Delay in release of fund to beneficiaries.
- Permanent waiting list was not published in the Gram Panchayat Office.

SOCIAL AUDIT OF SWACCH BHARAT MISSION (SBM)-GRAMIN

Social Audit Unit-Sikkim was assigned for facilitating social audit of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Gramin by the SBM Cell, Rural Development Department , Government of Sikkim vide office letter No: **135/RDD/San/2023-24, Dated: 10/08/2023.**

The Social Audit was carried out from 6th November 2023 to 13th January 2024. The works and programs which were executed in the financial year: 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 was audited during the Social Audit period.

The Social Audit process includes 1st & 2nd day document verification at GP office followed by site visit and 3rd day Jan Sunwai/ Public hearing in the presence of Gram Panchayat, Block & GP level functionaries, PDA-cum-Swachhgrahis, beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

Some of the general findings which were recorded during the social audit are as follows:

- Information was not displayed in the IHHL.
- Local social audit committee was not formed.
- Orientation was not provided to the social audit committee.

The details of tribal village covered during the social audit period are as follows:

Sl.No	District	Block	Gram Panchayat	Tribal village
01	Namchi	Ravangla	Ralong Namlung	Namlung
02			Kewzing Bakhim	Bakhim
03			Lamting Tingmoo	Tingmoo
04			Barfung Jarrong	Barfung
05		Namthang	Kateng Pamphok	Kateng Bokrang
06			Perbing Dovan	Perbing
07			Yangang	Sripatam
08	Pakyong	Parakha	Latuk Chochenpheri	Chochenpheri
09		Regu	Lingtam Phadamchen	Lingtam
10		Pakyong	Aho Yangtam	Changey Senti
11		Duga	Sumin Lingzey	Sumin
12	Gangtok	Ranka	Rawtey Rumtek	Shagyong, Rumtek
13		Nandok	Rongay Tathangchen	Rongyek, Tathangchen
14	Mangan	Kabi	Rongong Tumlung	Phodong
15			Men Rongong	Chawang
16			Phensong	Paney, Pensong,Labi
17			Kabi Rongpa	Kabi
18			Lindok Nampong	Nampong
19			Navey Shotak	Navey
20		Passingdang	Tingvong	Tingvong
21			Lingthem Lingdem	Linthem
22			Lingdon Barfok	Barfok, Lingdong

23			Lum Gor Sangtok	Gor, Sangtok
24			Hee Gyathang	Hee Gyathang
25		Mangan	Toong Naga	Singchit
26			Singhik Sentam	Sentam, Singhik
27			Mangshila Tibuk	Lower Mangshila, Upper Mangshila
28			Ringhim Nampatam	Ringhim
29			Tingchim Chadey	Zimchung
30	Soreng		Mangalbaria	Khaniserbong
31		Chumbong	Chota Samdong	Chota Samdong
32		Daramdin	Upper Fambong	Upper Fambong
33			Lower Fambong	Lower Fambong
34	Gyalshing	Chongrang	Gerethang	Gerethang, Labing
35			Tashiding	Gangyap, Tashiding
36		Yuksam	Thingling	Thingling, Tingle-I
37		Gyalshing	Darap Singpheng	Darap
38			Nambu Singdrabong	Nambu
39			Sigyang Chumbung	Naku
40			Yangtey	Bhaluthang
41			Dentam	Maneybong
42		Hee		Hee

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA)
ASSISTED SIKKIM BIO-DIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND
FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT (SBFP)

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assisted Sikkim Bio-diversity Conservation & Forest Management Project (SBFP) has been approved for the implementation from 2010-11 with a financial outlay of Rs.330.57 corers. The implementing agency of this project is Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim. The project has covered all the six districts of Sikkim.

Project Objective

The project has the goal of improving the management of natural resources and alleviating the rural poverty. In order to achieve these goals, the project has the following objectives:

To strengthen biodiversity conservation activities and forest management capacity, and to improve livelihood for the local people who are dependent on forests by promoting sustainable biodiversity conservation, afforestation and income generation activities including eco-tourism for the community development, thereby contributing environment conservation and harmonized socio-economic development of Sikkim.

To achieve this project objectives, it is provided in the project to take the support of NGO as a district level facilitating Organization, so that again the same 3 NGOs selected for the six district of Sikkim namely Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim (VHAS) for the Gangtok & Pakyong District, Kanchandzonga Conservation Committee (KCC) for the Gyalshing, Soreng and Namchi District and Eco-Tourism & Conservation Society of Sikkim (ECOSS) for the Mangan District.

The following activities have been proposed in the Project.

- Afforestation
- Protected Area Management & Biodiversity Conservation
- Income Generation Activities for poverty alleviation
- Supporting Activities for Forest Management (Research and Training, Monitoring and Evaluation and Enhancement of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Management Information System (MIS)).

The project area covered 26 Forest Ranges across the state of Sikkim.

The details of Community Organizers along with their place of posting are given below as follows:

Sl. No	Range	Name of Community Organizer (CO)	Contact No:
1.	Singtam Territorial	Mrs. Chumkey Dem Bhutia	7679002209
2.	Ranipool Territorial	Mrs. Shanti Chettri	7602237026
3.	Pakyong Territorial	Ms. Dawa Kipa Lepcha	8167742202
4.	Gangtok Territorial	Ms. Keshang Ongmu Lepcha	7908216800
5.	Rongli Territorial	Mr. Siyon Subba	9734747918
6.	Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	Ms. Yeshey Ongmu Ethenpa	7305074853
7.	Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary	Mr. Dinesh Sharma	7872883148
8.	Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary	Mrs. Yogita Chettri	9475300738

9.	Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary	Ms. Tara Rai	9832066293
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Details of JFMCs & EDCs adopted under JICA Assisted SBFP-East Wildlife Division, Gangtok Territorial Division and Pakyong Territorial Division

Since the initiation of the JICA Assisted SBFP in the Sikkim State, altogether 46 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) and Eco-Development Committees (EDCs) has been selected and adopted under JICA Assisted SBFP in East Wildlife Division, Gangtok Territorial Division and Pakyong Territorial Division in five batches (IIVs, SEVs-I, SEVs-II, SEVs-III & SEVs-IV). Out of which 3 JFMCs (Phegyong Zingla JFMC, Aritar JFMC & Taaza JFMC) has been abolished after 3R exercise.

Batch wise list of JFMCs & EDCs is shown below in Table-1.1 & 1.2

Table-1.1

LIST OF JFMCs ADOPTED UNDER JICA ASSISTED SBFP-GANGTOK & PAKYONG TERRITORIAL DIVISION		
BATCH	RANGE	JFMCs
IIVs	Singtam Territorial	Sirwani-Chisopani
	Ranipool Territorial	Tumlabong
	Rongli Territorial	Sudunglakha-Kopchey-Mukulay Aritar ¹
	Pakyong Territorial	East Pendam
SEVs-I	Singtam Territorial	Central Pendam Phegyong Zingla ¹
	Ranipool Territorial	Assam-Gairigoan
	Rongli Territorial	Lamaten
	Pakyong Territorial	Taaza ¹ Pakyong-Karthok
	Phadamchen Territorial	Lingtam
SEVs-II	Gangtok Territorial	Syari-Kobibari Navey Shotak Rateychu
	Barapathing Territorial	Parakha
	Rongli Territorial	Rongli-Chujachen
SEVs-III	Gangtok Territorial	Lingdok
	Rongli Territorial	Rolep
	Ranipool Territorial	Changey Senti
	Singtam Territorial	Lower Martam Bordang Singleybong
	Pakyong Territorial	Pachey Phirphirey Linkey Thekabong
SEVs-IV	Gangtok Territorial	Bojoghari
	Ranipool Territorial	Nandok
	Pakyong Territorial	Namcheybong Amba

¹ Phegyong Zingla JFMC (Singtam Territorial Range), Aritar JFMC & Taaza JFMC (Rongli Territorial Range) was abolished after 3R exercise

Table-1.2

LIST OF EDCs ADOPTED UNDER JICA ASSISTED SBFP-EAST WILDLIFE DIVISION		
BATCH	RANGE	EDCs
IIVs	Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	Tumin
		Ranka
		Sang
		Luing-Perbing ²
	Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary	Tsangu
	Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary	Phadamchen Dalapchand
SEVs-I	Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary	Kyongnosla
	Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary	Singaney-Bas
		South Regu
SEVs-II	Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	Lingdok-Pangthang
		Rumtek
		Rakdong-Tintek
		Samdong
		Simik-Lingzey
SEVs-III	Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	Nazitam-Lingtam
		Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary
	North Regu	Gnathang
		Kupup

²LuingPerbing JFMC (Gangtok Territorial Range) was reorganized as LuingPerbing EDC (Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary) after 3R exercise.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR: 2023-24

In the financial year: 2023-24, District Facilitating NGO: Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim (VHAS) along with Community Organizers (COs) and forest official conducted a series of meeting at the grassroots level to strengthen the documentation, activities and functioning of Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs), Eco-development Committees (EDCs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under East Wildlife Division, Gangtok Territorial Division and Pakyong Territorial Division.

- **Monitoring of activities of the JFMCs, EDCs and SHGs**

Community Organizers along with Assistant Program Officer, VHAS and Forest Department officials carried out a meeting with JFMCs, EDCs and SHGs. Important agendas such as maintenance of registers of the JFMCs, EDCs and SHGs, monitoring of income generation activities of the SHGs, status of the assets procured under the provision of entry point activities, installation of information board at IGA site and profit earned by SHGs through income generation activities were discussed during the meeting.



- **Income Generation Activities (IGAs)**

Under the provision of the project JICA assisted SBFP, Forest and Environment Department- Government of Sikkim provided block grant of ₹. 1, 80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) to JFMCs and EDCs adopted under the project as revolving fund for income generation activities to self-help groups.

Following the provision, JFMCs and EDCs provided a loan amounting Rs.60, 000/- at minimal interest rate to 148 Self Help Groups (SHGs) as on date: 31.03. 2024. Vegetable cultivation, poultry farming, piggery farming, goat farming, mushroom cultivation, candle & diya making, phenyl making, ginger cultivation, broom binding, flower nursery, cardamom nursery/cultivation and business (canteen/shop) are the selected activities under IGAs.

₹. 76, 20,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Six Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) was disbursed as IGA loan to SHGs under Gangtok & Pakyong Territorial Division, out of which repayment of ₹. 63,84,600/- (Rupees Sixty-Three Lakhs Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Only) was made by respective SHGs as on date: 31.03.2024 (Table-1.3).

₹. 39,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Nine Lakhs Only) was disbursed as IGA loan to SHGs under East Wildlife Division, out of which repayment of ₹. 39,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Nine Lakhs Only) was made by respective SHGs as on date: 31.03.2024 (Table-1.4).



Table-1.3

**DETAILS OF SHGs UNDER GANGTOK & PAKTONG TERRITORIAL DIVISION
AS ON DATE: 31ST MARCH 2024**

DIVISION	RANGE	JFMC	SHG	IGA	NUMBER OF ROTATION	LOAN DISBURSED AMOUNT	REPAYMENT MADE
Gangtok Territorial & Pakyong Territorial	Gangtok Territorial	Sayri Kobibari	Gurash	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Lotus	Goat Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Suns	Poultry Farming & Piggery Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
			Jagriti	Piggery Farming	2	1,20,000	90,000
			Makhmali	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Hope	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Mahila Sakti	Piggery Farming	1	60,000	30,600
			Singdo Valley	Business-Manihari shop	1	60,000	60000
		Lingdok	Ekta	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Rising Sun	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Mahima	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Samarpan Women SHG	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	
			Devithan SHG	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	
			Sunakhari SHG	Manihari SHG	1	60,000	
	Singtam Territorial	Sirwani Chisopani	Kalyan Jyoti	Poultry Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
			Ama Milan	Broom Binding & Pickle Making	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
			Ekta	Poultry Farming	3	1,80,000	1,35,000
			Upakar	Piggery farming	1	60,000	15,000
Jyoti			Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	15,000	
Central Pendum		Makhmali	Zinger & Dalley Chilli Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Progressive	Zinger & Dalley Chilli Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000		

		Triveni	Goat Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Blue Sky	Tea Packaiging	1	60,000	49,000
		Nilkamal	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	55,000
	Bordang Singleybo ng	Surya	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Kanchan	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sanskriti	Vegetables Shop	1	60,000	60,000
	Lower Martam	Ujjwal	Broom Binding & Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Bless	Pickle Making	1	60,000	60,000
		Uphar	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	40,000
		Pragya	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	45,000
		Rising women	Phenyl Making, Diya & Candel Making	2	1,20,000	1,05,000
Ranipool Territorial	Tumlabong	Makhmali	Neutrela/ Soyabean Pickle Making	1	60,000	60,000
		Prakriti	Poultry Farming	3	1,80,000	1,20,000
		Bless	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
	Assam Gairigoan	Keshari	Vegetable Cultivation	3	1,80,000	1,80,000
		Mitok Pema	Vegetable Cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Sayapatri	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Surya Jyoti	Piggery Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Yadop Metok	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	
		Kosheli	Vegetable Cultivation	3	1,80,000	1,20,000
	Changey Senti	Unity	Bussiness - Fastfood	1	60,000	60,000
		Haryali	Bussiness	1	60,000	60,000
		Jyoti	Manihari	1	60,000	35,000
	Nandok	Cheli	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sakchyam Cheli	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sanjivini	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
Pakyong Territorial	East Pendam	Triveni	Goat Farming	3	2,10,000	1,50,000

		Akash Ganga	Poultry Farming	3	2,10,000	1,50,000
		Lily	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Jhandi Dara	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Sunakhari	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Jumbling	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Orchid	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Parijat	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Meylong	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	
	Pakyong Karthok	Rani Chap	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Anmol	Vegetable Cultivation	2	1,20,000	60,000
		Jyoti	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Umang	Vegetable Cultivation & Flower nursey	2	1,20,000	60,000
		Laligurash	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Pragiti	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Himalayan	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Prayas	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Ruby	Vegetable Cultivation & Food processing	2	1,20,000	60,000
		Ekta	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
	Kanchan	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Linkey Thekabong	Yargay	Mushroom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
Noap Jyoti		Ginger Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
Suracha		Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
Pachey Phirphirey	Mary Gold	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Evergreen	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Sayapatri	Business	1	60,000	60,000	
Amba	Orchid	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Pragati	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Jagriti	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000	
	Kasturi	Flower nursery	1	60,000	60,000	

Barapathing Territorial	Parakha	Srijana	Goatery Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sunakhari	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Kalyan	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Gadavari	Ginger Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Parakha Educated Unemployment Society	Homestay	1	60,000	
Rongli Territorial	Sudunglakhakha Kopchey Mukuley	Kanchanjunga	Dairy Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Lotus	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	40,000
		Pragati	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	40,000
	Lamaten	Sayapatri	Cardamon Cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Laligurash	Cardamon Cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Lily	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
	Rongli Chujechen	Kalyan	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	20,000
		Angel	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	30,000
		Aago	Cloth Business	1	60,000	60,000
		Sakcham	Bamboo Crafting	1	60,000	
	Rolep	Chelli Jagran	Piggery Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Namuna	Business-Shop	1	60,000	60,000
		Sagarmatha	Business-Shop	1	60,000	60,000
Phadamchen Territorial	Lingtam	Makhmali	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sayapatri	Mushroom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Laligurash	Poultry Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sunstar	Vegetable Cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Sangam	Mushroom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
TOTAL				126	76,20,000	63,84,600

Chart-1A

STATUS OF LOAN DISBURSEMENT & REPAYMENT MADE BY SHGs UNDER GANGTOK & PAKYONG TERRITORIAL DIVISION AS ON DATE: 31.03.2024

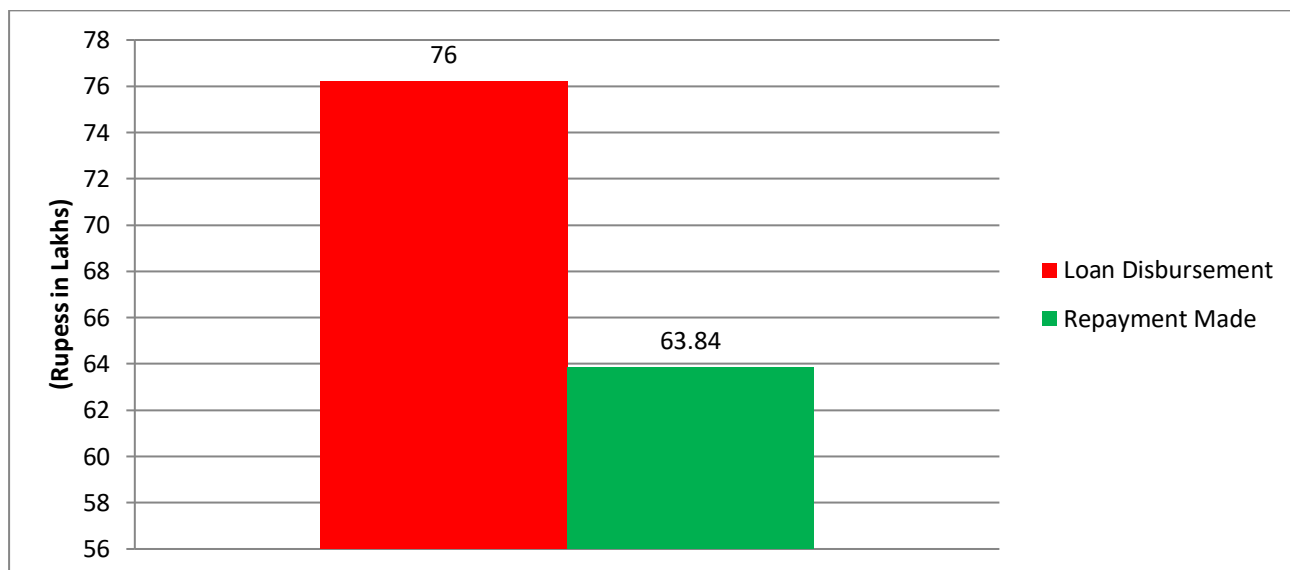


Table-1.4

DETAILS OF SHGs UNDER EAST WILDLIFE DIVISION AS ON DATE: 31ST MARCH 2024

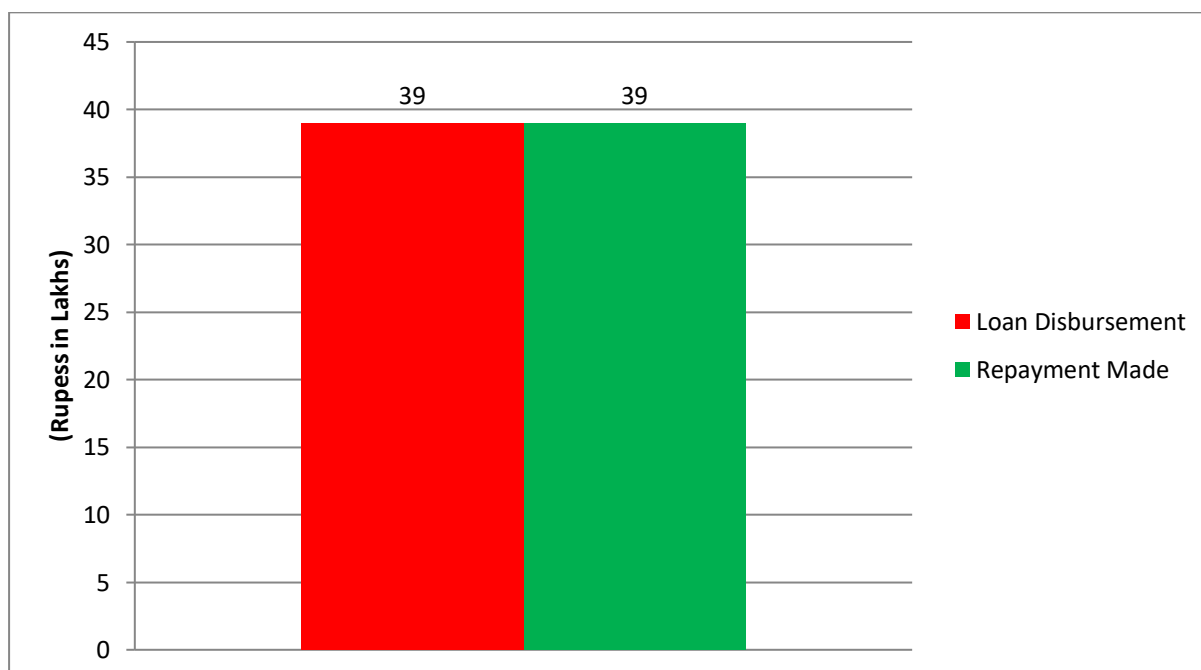
DIVISION	RANGE	EDC	SHG	IGA	NUMBER OF ROTATION	LOAN DISBURSED AMOUNT	REPAYMENT MADE
East Wildlife	Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	Tumin	Aasirwad	Goat Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Jyoti	Cardamom Nursery	3	1,80,000	1,80,000
			Tendongchu	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Ranka	Pragati	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Suryamukhey	Broom Binding	1	60,000	60,000
		Simick Linzey	Yargay	Cardamom Cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
			Rose	Vegetable Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
			Prativa	Vegetable Farming	3	1,80,000	1,80,000
		Samdong Kambal	Sidhivinayak	Cardamom Nursey & Fishery	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
			Narikalyan	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
			Sunakhari	Vegetable Farming	3	2,40,000	2,40,000
		Rakdong Tintek	Pratigya	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000

		Konchell All	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Reebum	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
	Rumtek	Khangri	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Makhim Yargay	Pickle Making	1	60,000	60,000
	Lingdok Pangthang	Bijay	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Teenjurey	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Rising Sun	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
	Naizitam Lingtam	Sai Gurukul	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary	Phadamchen	Jan Kalyan Sunakhari	Poultry Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Mahila Kiran Sanstha	Business (Fast food)	1	60,000	60,000
		Rising Sun	Poultry Farming	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Himalayan	Business (Fast food)	1	60,000	60,000
		Jabik Yug	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Sunakhari	Business	1	60,000	60,000
		Munal	Floriculture	1	60,000	60,000
	Dalapchand	Surakcha	Mushroom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Shanti Ekta	Doll making & Coshion making	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Sheetal	Cardamom nursery	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Mangkhim	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Mamta	Vegetable & ginger cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
		Pema Metok	Champa making	1	60,000	60,000
		Sunakhari	Dairy Farming	1	60,000	60,000
		Haryali	Vegetable Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
	South Regu	Himali Sangh	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Premula	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
		Jyoti	Cardamom Cultivation	1	60,000	60,000
	Singaney Bas	Rachela	Vegetable Farming	1	60,000	60,000
	North Regu	Smriti	Cardamom Cultivation	2	1,20,000	1,20,000
Makhmali		Cloth business	2	1,20,000	1,20,000	

		Prakiti	Cloth business	1	60,000	60,000
	Gnathang	Silk Route	Business	1	60,000	60,000
		House of Cloud	Business	1	60,000	60,000
	Kupup	Himalayan	Canteen business	1	60,000	60,000
		Kanchenjunga	Canteen business	1	60,000	60,000
Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary	Kyongnosla	Karponang	Canteen business	1	60,000	60,000
		Kyongnosla Sewa Samiti	Canteen business	1	60,000	60,000
TOTAL				64	39,00,000	39,00,000

Chart-1B

STATUS OF LOAN DISBURSEMENT & REPAYMENT MADE BY SHGs UNDER EAST WILDLIFE DIVISION AS ON DATE: 31.03.2024



• **Unutilized/Challenge fund under IGA**

Though the JICA assisted SBFP, Forest and Environment Department- Government of Sikkim has already released a block grant of ₹. 1, 80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Thousand Only) to JFMCs and EDCs adopted under the project as revolving fund for income generation activities to self-help groups. Even after the numerous efforts made by Community Organizers and Forest Department officials for ease availability of IGA loan to SHGs, some of this block grant remains park as unutilized in JFMC and EDC account since the release of the grant.

Details of unutilized funds/challenge funds as on date: 31.03.2024 as follows:

EAST WILDIFE DIVISION			
RANGE	EDCs	BATCH	AMOUNT (IN ₹.)
Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary	Sang Beyong	IIVs	1,80,000
	Luing Perbing	IIVs	1,80,000
Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary	Tsangu	IIVs	1,80,000
TOTAL			5,40,000

GANGTOK & PAKYONG TERRITORIAL DIVISION			
RANGE	JFMCs	BATCH	AMOUNT (IN ₹.)
Gangtok Territorial	Navey Shotak Rateychu	SEVs-II	1,80,000
	Bojoghari	SEVs-IV	1,80,000
Pakyong Territorial	Namcheybong	SEVs-IV	1,80,000
TOTAL			5,40,000

- **Challenges**

Since District Facilitating NGOs and Community Organizers are involved in the facilitation of the JICA assisted Sikkim Biodiversity & Forest Management Project from 2011-12 to 2023-24, there were many challenges pertaining to implementation of the project as below:

1. Continuous support of activities to the JFMCs, EDCs and IGAs.
2. Uncertainty of services of Community Organizers after the project.
3. Low awareness among executive members of JFMCs and EDCs about their roles and responsibilities.
4. Unutilized revolving funds of ₹. **10,80,000/-** under the provision of income generation activities in the account of JFMCs and EDCs.
5. Non-follow-up and execution of the activities as planned and proposed during the micro-planning exercise.
6. Low coordination meeting among JFMCs, EDCs and concerned division officials.
7. Irregular annual general meeting of the JFMCs and EDCs.
8. No proper platform was provided to the JFMCs and EDCs to address their various issues and challenges.

VHAS on behalf of entire Community Organizers of the project would like to draw the attention of the SBFP officials and sincerely request to kindly consider the continuation of service of Community Organizers in the Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim as they were actively and sincerely engaged at grassroot levels since the beginning of the project JICA assisted SBFP and completed all the activities of the JFMCs, EDCs and SHGs with utmost dedication and sincerity.

TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/AIDS & STI:

The voluntary Health Association of Sikkim is implementing the Targeted Intervention (TI) Project with the support of Sikkim State AIDS Control Society (SSACS) on HIV-AIDS/STIs amongst the high risked behaviour groups i.e., Female Sex Workers (FSW). We have two TI project running i.e., TI Project I & TI Project II. Under TI Project I we are covering Gangtok & Ranipool and the target population registered till now is 340 and under TI Project II we are covering Singtam & Rangpo and the target population registered till now is 385.

The project was initiated with the following objectives-

- To create awareness about HIV-AIDS/STI among the vulnerable flying FSW.
- To detect and cure Sexually Transmitted Infection.
- To motivate for visiting ICTC.
- To stop the transmission of HIV-AIDS/STI among the high-risk group population.
- To promote safer sex practice.
- To reduce multiple partners and to use regular condom with regular partner.

The most effective way of controlling HIV-AIDS/STI from further spread was to carry out direct intervention programme among this high-risk behaviour groups, through multi- pronged strategy such as: -

- ❖ Advocacy & Community Meetings
- ❖ Field visit/Networking
- ❖ Group Discussion/Focus Group Discussion
- ❖ One to One interaction
- ❖ Counselling
- ❖ STI Management
- ❖ IEC materials distribution
- ❖ Training to Peer Educator
- ❖ Condom promotion and distribution.

PROJECT COMPONENTS

Following components were emphasized in the project programmes.

- **Out Reaching:** To motivate target group to access the facilities available at DIC. Field visit & networking to reach towards target group for one-to-one interaction, GD/FGD, motivate to make visit Drop-In-Centre for seeking the facilities & benefit.
- **Behavior Change & Communication:** correct and consistent use of condom and to motivate them for safer sex practice, IEC Materials for behavioral change, motivate for condom use, improves health care seeking behaviors, counseling on HIV-AIDS/STI to minimize the risk of spread & reduces number of sexual partners.
- **STI Management:** Clinical services for the management of STI and to meet other health care needs. Besides this we also do partner notification and follow up on STI patient.
- **Condom Promotion:** Condom programming to ensure the availability of easily accessible, good quality and affordable condoms and to use regular condom with regular partner also.
- **Linkages and Referrals:** Linkages with ICTC, STI, DOTs, ART Centre For referrals and support.
- **Monitoring and evaluation:** Monitoring and evaluation for providing regular feed back to the managers for the project at different levels.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To make awareness of HIV-AIDS/STI infection to flying FSW as well as their clients.
- To give knowledge on HIV-AIDS/STI to flying FSW as well as their clients.
- To established a Drop-in Centre for Health Checkup, condom demonstration & distribution, counseling and other relevant program.
- To provide STI treatment facilities at DIC.
- Condom promotion for minimizing the spread of HIV-AIDS/STI.
- To extend individual and group counseling for behavior change.
- To create awareness amongst the target groups through IEC materials, Training, Quiz competition, Group Discussion/Focus Group Discussion.
- To inform about HIV testing facilities available in our state and implication of positive or negative test result.

Following is the total coverage of TI-I of the financial year 2023-2024

Gangtok (209) & Ranipool (131) =340 (Active Population)

Months														
1)STI Symptomatic Treated	Apr.23	May.23	Jun.23	Jul.23	Aug23	Sept.23	Oct.23	Nov.23	Dec.23	Jan.24	Feb.24	Mar.24	Twelve months total	Total %
RMC/PT	86	82	93	83	90	86	73	83	65	99	92	88	1020	79.6 %
2)HIV Tested	46	47	50	53	48	64	55	46	49	57	55	49	619	96.7 %
Counseling	109	102	117	116	124	124	108	102	92	125	123	113	1355	-
STI	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	11	-
New Registration	5	4	5	3	4	4	1	5	2	3	3	0	39	-
Condom Demand	7332	7563	7660	8264	8422	8584	9160	9210	9448	9236	9380	9716	103975	-
Condom Distribution	6894	7166	7240	7744	7900	8137	8712	8636	8992	8896	8874	9028	100289	96.4 %

ACTIVITIES OF TI

Health Camp

Health camp was organized at Dr. Kanti's North-East Clinic, Deorali, twice in a year to our HRG's. As well as general people also took benefit of this health camp. Ms. Devika Gurung Counsellor of TI project provides basic facts on HIV/AIDS and also counsellor of TI Project gives general information on STI and its treatment. General people and our target group (HRG) were attended the camp. During this camp patient were provided free screening of Hepatitis B & C, Syphilis, HIV, Blood Pressure, Blood sugar, weight measurement, medical check-up and STI treatment of patient by Dr. Kanti Sharma (Sr. Gynecologist) and also provided free medicines and sanitary napkins to them. More than 50 patients were attended the camp.

Community Events

HEPATITIS AWARENESS CUM SCREENING CAMP

Viral Hepatitis awareness cum screening camp was conducted in collaboration with National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) among the FSW's and their partner and spouse of Gangtok and Ranipool area.

Total no. of 3 camps was organized at Gangtok & Ranipool. During the camp screening of hepatitis B and C was done.

The main aim of doing the screening was to provide free medicine and treatment to our community members at govt hospitals. First camp was organized during health camp on 29th sept 2023.

On dated 20/10/2023, at Ranipool DIC in the presence of Dr. Nagengra Gurung, Nodal officer of National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP)NHM, Govt of Sikkim was attended as a resource person and carried out the session on it. He briefed about sign and symptoms of Hepatitis B & C, early diagnose and treatment through testing.

Ms. Sonam Diki from SSACS was attended as a technician. More than 30 community members took the benefit of it.

On dated 10/11/2024, similar camp has been conducted at Deorali with our community members and their partners also. A total 40 members had attended the camp. Ms. Laxmi Mishra (Project Manager) of TI Project, briefed about Hepatitis B & C and its mode of transmission and treatment. Lab technician Ms. Sonam Diki (mobile ICTC) of SSACS did the screening of the participant.

WOMEN's DAY CELEBRATION

On Dated 8/03/2024, International Women's Day was celebrated at Gangtok DIC with HRG's and TI staff. 20 HRGs had participated the program.

We celebrated women's day in a different manner by facilitating our peer educators with khadas and mementos for their dedication and hard work at field level activities.

Program manager Mrs. Laxmi Mishra welcomed all the participants and briefed about the importance of celebration of international women's day.

Ms. Devika Gurung counsellor of TI project gave a short speech on women's day and its significance. She further informed everyone about how far women in Indian Society have come despite gender discrimination in the past and now it has been changed, "it gives us the confidence and value of team work" she added.

Ms. Sunita Gurung M&E cum accountant provides gift hampers to the HRG during the event.

Lastly vote of thanks was given by Ms. Anupama Gurung ORW.

The programme went grand and joyous.

Strengthening Outreach Activities (SOA)

(Revamp Strategies of TI'S)

SOA is that activities where we must find out uncovered or hard to reach HRG's from non-TI catchment areas. It also motivates them to do testing through CBS for early diagnosis and treatment of HIV, if their report comes positive, we refer them in ICTC center for confirmatory test of HIV.

Through these activities we covered many areas and found many hidden HRGs and after that we counselled them regarding STI treatment, free doctor check-ups and free medicine facilities for the community groups, so that they get motivated and wants to register in our line list to avail services. This year we have done 24 camps in non- TI catchment area. This camp is being organized twice a month.

Group Discussion

Group Discussion is being done every month with the HRG's at DIC. In this meeting we discuss on facts about HIV/ AIDS & STI and its sign and symptoms and also discussed about the Tuberculosis and its similar symptoms with HIV, discussed about Hepatitis awareness and screening, advantages of condom and problems/situation related to the individual's health.

Focus Group Discussion

Focus Group Discussion are being organized by outreach worker every month with HRG's at field level. In this meeting, they discussed on regular use of condom in every sexual act, whether they have used it or not and discuss on sign and symptoms of STI, Regular Medical Checkup and ICTC. We also suggest and convey those regarding HRG and TB screening and if they have symptoms of TB, we can refer them in DOT.

Best Practice

As per the order from supreme court to the departments of Food and Civil Supplies, Election Dept and DESME, regarding document making of registered community members, we make Aadhar Card, Voter Card and ration Card to the needy HRG's with the help from different officials from different departments and officials from SSACS,

HRG's who does not have document also possesses Aadhar card, Voter card and Ration card.

HIV Sentinel Surveillance

In the gap of two years, TI have been done sentinel surveillance with the support from Sikkim state Aids Control Society (SSACS) and ICMR, NICED Kolkata RI (3) at HRG sites. In this surveillance, first we have send master line list to HSS team, after that they shortlisted the random line list of

HRGs and send back to us for testing. Total no. 75 target has been given and completed within 3 months. Sample was collected through pricking the blood from lancet and filter it on DBS card.

HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B & C test was done during HIV Sentinel Surveillance. Sample has been sent to NICED Kolkata for the result.

World AIDS Day

On 1st December 2023, TI- I (Gangtok & Ranipool) and TI-II (Singtam & Rangpo) in collaboration with Sikkim State Aids Control Society (SSACS) observed World Aids Day with the theme “LET COMMUNITIES LEAD” at M.G. Marg.

This is the first time SSACS organized world Aids Day with NGO’s and their community members. In this event, community member installed the stall in M.G. Marg to sale their products. Product was made by our own community members like aachar, knitting clothes, candle, bags, ear rings etc. as well as HRG also took part in ramp work. It was their new experience and for we involved them in this kind of event for their behaviour change.

Training Details

Sl. No	Name of the training	Designation	Date of training	Training conducted by
1.	SOCH	PM, Counsellor, M&E Acct. ORW	28.06.2023 1.7.2023	PM, Counsellor, ORW
2	Refresher Training	ORW	3.10. 2023 7.10.2023	Bosco Reach out
3	HIV Sentinel Surveillance	PM, Counsellor, ORW	9.01.2024 10.01.2024	SSACS in Collaboration with ICMR NICED Kolkata RI (E)

Following is the total coverage of TI-II of the financial year 2023-24

Singtam & Rangpo (TI-II)

Months													
1) STIs Symptomatic Treated	Apr.23	May.23	Jun.23	Jul.23	Aug.23	Sept.23	Oct.23	Nov.23	Dec.23	Jan.24	Feb.24	Mar.24	Twelve months total
RMC	106	103	112	106	100	117	113	105	113	119	108	112	1314
2) ICTC Tested	61	48	50	53	63	88	60	44	56	56	62	88	729
Counseling	58	57	66	64	52	76	51	72	69	77	72	68	782
STI	4	1	3	5	2	4	3	1	1	2	1	1	28

In this financial year, we organized various programs which are as follows:

- **Health Camp**

During this financial year, we organized two-health camp at Rangpo and Singtam. Every year we organize this programme. On this day, we provide free medical checkup and free general medicines to all HRGs and general public. We invited Doctor, lab. Technician for HIV testing and counselor for counseling session to all the patients at District Hospital Singtam. The main objective of this programme was to provide free services to people and make them aware of HIV/AIDS and STI.

- **WOMEN'S DAY**

FSW Cum Women's Day was celebrated at Singtam DIC on 8 March 2024. 26 HRGs had participated the programme. Counsellor Mrs. Poonam Tamang explains the importance of International Women 'Day. She briefly talked about the purpose of celebrating Women's Day and right of Women. Lastly, she briefly discussed about Theme of 2024 Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress".

The Resource Person of The day was Dr. M.P Sharma Senior Gynecologist District Hospital Singtam. He briefly aware the participants on Cervical Cancer, Breast Cancer and STIs. He also discussed the preventions, sign, and symptom of Cervical Cancer, Breast cancer and STIs.

Further Mrs. Reena Tamang ORW Singtam carried the programme by briefing about HIV/AIDS and STIs. She briefly discussed about prevention and the mode of transmission of HIV and STIs. Lastly, she discussed on treatment of HIV and STIs.

- **Community Based Screening**

We started this program in the month of November 2018 and thereafter we are conducting this Community Based Screening during field visits. The HIV screening or testing program is done at project area and this is mainly for those HRGs who do not feel comfortable coming to Drop-In-Centre or those HRGs who are difficult to meet as they are travelling most of the time. The public can also avail this service after their consent only. No one is forced to undergo this CBS screening. Out Reach Worker carries out this test as they are trained and if anyone person is tested HIV positive then for further confirmation, we have to refer them to ICTC.

- **Strengthen Outreach Activities (SOA)**

Strengthen Outreach Activities (SOA) started from December 2019 in TIs it will focus on hard to reach and hidden HRGs who are outside TIs. To saturate coverage, efforts will be made to reach to new populations and newer areas. Eligibility criteria for HRGs registration is individual who are 18 years and above, who have never registered TI and those who are engaged in high-risk behavior.

We have done 24 SOA camp in financial year 2023-24 that are unreached areas before in Singtam and Rangpo areas. In that camp we did counselling and Community Based Screening (CBS) HIV screening of new HRGs and we have registered them in our TI. On SOA camp we also did index testing of HIV positive HRG partners.

- **Ration Cards, Voter Cards and Aadhaar cards for Registered Community Members Under TI**

The Supreme Court directed the State Govt and Union Territories to commence the process of issuance of Ration Cards, Voter Cards and Aadhaar Cards immediately to our Community Members from the list that is maintained by NACO (TI). A Bench comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai and B V Nagarathah observed that fundamental rights guaranteed to every citizen irrespective of vocation and there is abounded duty on the government to provide basic amenities to the citizens of the country.

As per high court order, we have provided the data of our community members those who do not have any identity proof. In addition, with the help of Food Department, Election Department and DESME we have successfully issued the identity proof to our registered community members.

- **Hepatitis B & C Awareness Cum Screening Camp**

Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim-II Singtam and Rangpo organized Hepatitis B & C Awareness cum Screening Camps in Collaboration with National Viral Hepatitis Control Programme (NVHCP) with our community members.

Total three camps has been organized at Singtam & Rangpo. On dated 30/12/2023, the camp was organized at Rangpo DIC. Yamuna Khatiwada (ORW Rangpo) started the camp with welcome speech. The awareness session was carried by Ms. Dhan Maya Chhetri Project Manager VHAS-II (Singtam-Rangpo). She briefly discussed about Hep B&C and its treatment. The camp was further carried by screening Programme by Lab Technician Mr. Nanda Kishor Sharma (District Hospital Singtam) total 56 community members had participated the camp.

On dated 20/01/2024, the same camp was organized at Singtam DIC with our community members. Total 58 community members had participated the camp. Dr. M.P Sharma Senior Gynecologist, DHS did the awareness session. He discussed about Hep B&C basic facts and its mode of transmission and treatment. Lab Technician Mrs. Nanda Kishor Sharma (DHS) did the screening. The Third Camp was organized on 12/02/2024 at Singtam DIC. 48 Hep B&C screening was done.

- **HIV Sentinel Surveillance (HSS)**

The Sentinel Surveillance is a joint effort of the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), National Institute of Health Family Welfare (NIHFW), National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMS) with the State AIDS Control Societies (SACS), and reputed regional institutes across the country.

Sentinel Surveillance provides essential information to understand the trends and dynamics of HIV epidemic among different risk groups in the country.

Every two years Targeted Intervention is conducting HSS among HRG (FSW). VHAS-II is conducting HSS among FSW from the month of Feb-2024 and the total target for HSS is 75.

- **Training**

Sl.no	Date	Training on	Staff who attended training	Place of training	Training Provided by
1	28/06/2023to 29/06/2023	SOCH	PM, M&E, Counsellor, ORWs	Hotel Shangri-La, Gangtok	SSACS
2	03/10/2023 to 07/10/2023	ORW Module Training	ORWs	7 Mirror, Gangtok	SSACS
3	09/01/2024 to 10/01/2024	HSS	PM, Counsellor, ORWs	7 Mirror Gangtok	SSACS

HEALTH ON WHEELS (HOW)

BACKGROUND:

Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim in collaboration with Inclusive India Foundation is implementing Health on Wheels (HoW) project. The project is financially supported by Glenmark Foundation, Mumbai. The objective is to provide Quality Primary Health facilities and awareness among the communities through mobile health clinic covering 15 villages in East Sikkim, as follows:-

1. Rumtek-Samlik
2. Tumlabong
3. Radong
4. Namin
5. Namli
6. Chuba
7. Chuja
8. Tshalamthang
9. Mangthang
10. Namrang
11. Khimsithang
12. Nintar
13. Yangthang
14. Dhankutey
15. Burung

Presently, 22290 populations and 37 ICDS area are being covered under 15 villages. The main target population is 0-6 year children, Pregnant and lactating mothers and Community.

DELIVERABLES: To provide mobile health care services in East District of Sikkim covering 15 broad villages where the basic access to health services is lacking.

STRATEGY OF HoW: Provide quality primary health facilities and awareness among the community through mobile health clinic.

OBJECTIVES OF HoW:

- To reduce and control diseases through mobile clinics covering the target population/proposed beneficiaries
- To provide health care to the poor and needy at their door step

- To undertake awareness and IEC activities informing the target audience regarding the programme and its operation
- To provide health education to the target population, especially women and adolescent girls
- To provide reproductive health care including immunization to the expectant and lactating women
- To provide complete immunization service for the children below 6 years of age
- To educate the target population on health and sanitation and the use of safe drinking water and protection of the environment
- To transport serious pediatric patients and emergency cases to nearby PHCs, District Hospital, Singtam or STNM Hospital, Gangtok or private clinics by Ambulance
- To strengthen the Village Health & Nutrition Day scheme of the Government through its activities in each ICDS Centre (AWC)
- To strengthen the hands of the Government as a collaborative partner in healthcare service delivery in order to progress towards its objectives of a complete healthy state
- To portray Glenmark as a concerned and responsible corporate that contributes to the growth and development of the nation

MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

1. **Health Camp:** A total of 339 Health Camps have been organized at project locations during 2023 – 2024. Services have been provided to 6181 people through Health Camps. Among them, the target population of mother and children up to 6 years of age, who have been provided services, were 1600 and the remaining people were from the community comprising of adolescent, adult and geriatric people.
A total of 312 Health Camps in a year was the targeted with average of 26 Health Camps per month covering all project sites on rotation basis to the people of 37 ICDS areas under 15 broad villages given by the funding agency. However, this year we could conduct a total of 339 Health Camps.
To achieve these, monthly plans were prepared and executed accordingly. Venues for Health Camps have been decided in consultation with other stakeholders and concerned authorities of various departments of state Governments like Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Panchayati Raj Institutions, and Schools etc.
2. **Awareness Program on various health issues:** A total of 72 Health Awareness programs have been conducted in the year 2023-24 and total beneficiaries who attended Awareness Program is 1613. Awareness have been generated on various health issues and the broad topics covered were:
 - a. Nutrition: Awareness program was focused on importance of Nutrition as it is one of the most vital parts of life.
 - b. Reproductive & Child Health: Importance of Ante Natal and Post Natal Care, Institutional Delivery, Immunization, Family Planning, Exclusive Breastfeeding etc.
 - c. Communicable Diseases: Awareness have been generated on various communicable diseases like Tuberculosis, HIV-AIDS
 - d. Non-Communicable Diseases: Awareness have been generated on various NCDs like Diabetes, Hypertension, Heart Diseases, Liver Diseases, Different Cancers, Substance Abuse etc

- e. Hygiene, Sanitation & Safe Drinking Water: Awareness has been generated on the issues of Hygiene, Sanitation and Safe Drinking Water from time to time.
3. **Free Medicines:** A total of 22,466 medicines for ailments like fever, cold, cough, worm infestation, skin problems, cut injuries, vitamins etc. were given to the needy patients free of cost along with iron and calcium supplements to pregnant and nursing mothers during 2023-24.
 4. **Health Related Days / Weeks celebrated:** Important health related days/ weeks have also been celebrated by HoW Project Team at various project locations. Nutrition Week, Breastfeeding Week, Diabetes Week, National De-worming Day and all health related days were observed and awareness has been generated to the people.
 5. **Random Blood Sugar (RBS) Test:** Facility for Blood Sugar Test through One touch Glucometer at Health Camps and Home Visits had been provided and 693 people were provided with this service.
 6. **Heamoglobin (HB)Test:** Health on Wheels project has the Facility for hemoglobin test at health camps and Home visits. During 2023-24, a total of 137 people have been tested.
 7. **Blood Pressure Measurement:** Under this head, a total of 4063 people were provided services throughout project locations in 2023-24.
 8. **Home Visits** : Home visits to the project villages have been done to inform the people about the project. Besides, people with mobility problem, who could not make to Health Camps, have been given services like RBS, Pressure measurement and services to the emergency cases were also a part of home visit. 250 Households were visited and 1099 people were met during Home visits in 2023-24.
 9. **Meeting with Stakeholders / Govt. officials / Glenmark Officials:** Networking, Rapport Building and project update meeting with Health Department officials like Chief Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre officials and PHSC staff, ICDS Supervisors and AWWs, School Head and Teachers, Panchayats, ASHAs have been organized by HoW Team from time to time. Along with this, update meeting has been done with Glenmark Plant officials as well.

BENEFICIARIES: Initially, free medicines and ambulance services were provided only to children up to 6 years, expecting mothers and lactating mothers but from 2019 onwards, all the community people who needs are getting these services along with the facility for Random Blood Sugar testing, Blood Pressure measurement, Hemoglobin estimation.

HoW TEAM : HoW team consists of seven members in total as follows:-

1. Project coordinator : 01
2. Accountant : : 01
3. Medical Officer: : 01
4. Health worker: : 01

5. Nurse: : 02
6. Driver: : 01

OUTPUT OF ACTIVITIES:

1. Number of health camp conducted: 339
2. Number of patients seen: 6181
3. Number of target group examined: 1600
4. Number of health awareness conducted: 72
5. Number of people attended awareness program: 1613
6. Number of medicine distributed: 22,466
7. Number of people who did RBS Testing: 693
8. Number of people who did Hemoglobin Testing: 137
9. Number of people who did BP measurement: 4063
10. Number of Home Visited: 250
11. Number of People met during home visit: 1099
12. Number of people referred to higher health facilities: 125

Report on VHAS visit by ANM students

A visit to the office of Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim had been done by 2nd year ANM students from Nursing Training Centre, Chuwatar, Singtam on 20th February 2024.

This visit was a mandatory part of their curriculum. The purpose of the visit was to gain practical knowledge about the various activities done by the organization.

A total of 17 students and two Faculties visited VHAS where they learnt about the organogram of the organization and the way how it functions. They have been briefed about all the ongoing projects by the respective program heads. They got overall insights of programs and its activities. They were impressed by the work of the organization and expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to visit the organization.

REPORT ON PLACEMENT OF INTERN UNDER HEALTH ON WHEELS (HOW) PROJECT

Dr. Sonila Moktan, a dental graduate who was pursuing Master of Public Health (MPH) from the Indian Institute of Public Health – Delhi has been given placement as an intern in Health on Wheels Project. The purpose of her internship is to gain practical experience during summer break, as summer internship of the course.

Duration of her internship was around two months from 1st June to 22nd July 2023. Area of interest for her Internship was Basic Health Care for Rural Areas, who was interested to focus on preventive and primary care rather than tertiary care.

During her time as an intern at VHAS, the organization provided her ample opportunities to interact with the actual working mechanisms of a public health project and guided through the whole internship. During her tenure, she visited around 35 villages with the team members of Health on Wheels Project. Being a Dentist, she sometimes gave awareness on oral health and also provided dental health services to the beneficiaries of Health on Wheels project across various locations.



“REPORT ON VISIT OF 68TH LEVEL E-TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR UNDER SECRETARIES OF CSS AT VHAS OFFICE, TADONG- GANGTOK”

On 20th May 2023, A team of undersecretaries led by Shri. Naresh Bhardwaj, Joint Director (Ministry of personnel, PG & Pensions-Institute of Secretariat Training & Management, Government of India) visited office of the Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim, Tadong-Gangtok with the purpose to understand the scope of work, challenges and best practices of the organization.

Dr. B.B Rai, Executive Director and Founder of VHAS firstly welcomed all the participants and gave a brief introduction and background of the organization and stressed on how the organization has been established in the Sikkim State on 22nd July 1997 and the various works being carried out by VHAS since its establishment at different level. He informed that VHAS is a registered NGO under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 and is exempted under income tax section 12 AA and U/S 80 G (5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

He also mentioned that VHAS has been identified as Social Audit Unit, Sikkim in the year 2011 by the Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim with the responsibilities to carry out the social audit of MGNREGA and Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the state, since then VHAS has been participating in various training and workshop at regional and national level.

He mentioned that VHAS has been involved in the capacity building of grassroot level NGOs/CSOs of the State and imparted various training and exposure under the provision of SIMAVI project.

He also shared that Voluntary Health Association of Sikkim in collaboration with Inclusive India Foundation is implementing Health on Wheels (HoW) project since 2016. The project is financially supported by Glenmark Foundation, Mumbai, under its CSR Project. The objective is to provide Quality Primary Health facilities and awareness among the communities through mobile health clinic covering 37 Aganwadi areas in East Sikkim,

He also informed about the various activities carried out by the NGO under the provision of Project-PARAS THEZUM, MEMISA, JICA assisted SBFP, Sikkim State Aids Control Society (SSACS) and other agencies.

After that Dr. B.B Rai highlights on some of the major achievements as-

- Federal member of Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI).
- Member in various societies and committees of state government.
- VHAS has been identified as Mother NGO under Reproductive and Child Health program by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.
- Recipient of National Award “Rozgar JagrooktaPuraskar” from the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India on 2nd February 2010.

- On 2nd February 2015, Rural Management & Development Department (RM & DD)-MGNREGA State Team of Sikkim became the recipient of National Award on Transparency and Accountability under MGNREGA. The same award was felicitated to Social Audit Unit, Sikkim (Office of the VHAS) by 24th February 2015 by Rural Management & Development Department (RM & DD), Govt. of Sikkim.
- Social Audit Unit, Sikkim (Office of the VHAS) has been involved in the facilitation team for the Training-cum-Workshop on Social Audit Under MGNREGA For North Eastern States organized by National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

After that he shared about the challenges being faced by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as due to the limitation of support from the Government and other agencies.

While talking on the best practices, he stressed that VHAS has its own Human Resource Policy, Financial Policy and conducted board meeting on regular time interval.

Mr. Naresh Bhardwaj, Joint Director (Ministry of personnel, PG & Pensions-Institute of Secretariat Training & Management, Government of India in his short note highly appreciated the work and efforts of Dr. B.B Rai and his entire team for providing valuable service to the communities and bridging the gaps between the local people and the government and mentioned that he and his team had gained a good acquaintance regarding the works and challenges being faced by VHAS and other NGOs/CSOs.

He also assured to provide support to VHAS from his office whenever needed and extend best wishes to VHAS especially Dr. B.B Rai and other staff.

In the end, Mrs. Anjana Rai, Treasurer-cum-Sr. Program Officer concluded the meeting with the vote of thanks and distribution of annual report to all the participants.

Institute of Secretariat Training and Management

List of participants of 68th Level-E Training Programme for under Secretaries of CSS

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4.	Shri Devinder Kumar	Under Secretary	NMC
5.	Shri Govind Ram	Under Secretary	Agriculture
6.	Shri Hari Kishore	Under Secretary	Expenditure

7.	Shri Jasvinder Singh	Under Secretary	Financial Intelligence Unit
8.	Shri K C Raju	Under Secretary	Commerce
9.	Shri Kaikam Dounge	Under Secretary	DARPG
10.	Shri Kumar Garison	Under Secretary	ISCS
11.	Shri Lohrii Kapani	Under Secretary	CPWD
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14.	Shri Narendra Vashista	Under Secretary	Housing and Urban Affairs
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17.	Shri Paresh Malakar	Under Secretary	Economic Affairs
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21.	Shri Rajesh Samplay	Under Secretary	Higher Education
22.	Shri Ram Naresh	Under Secretary	DPIIT
23.	Shri Robin Gangte	Under Secretary	Fertilizer
24.	Shri S R Raja	Under Secretary	Economic Affairs
25.	Shri Sachin Dev Varma	Under Secretary	Jal Shakti
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30.	Shri Shyamal Samadder	Under Secretary	Revenue
31.	Shri Subir Narayan	Under Secretary	Social Justice
32.	Shri Sunil Kumar Meena	Under Secretary	Revenue
33.	Shri Suresh Kumar Meena	Under Secretary	CEIB
34.	Shri Swaraj	Under Secretary	Road Transport
35.	Shri T Chinsum Naulak	Under Secretary	Health and Family welfare
36.	Shri Vijay Kumar	Under Secretary	Commerce
37.	Shri Vijay Soni	Under Secretary	Agriculture.

Visit Of Under Secretaries of CSS at VHAS Office, Tadong-Gangtok



TRAINING ATTENDED BY VHAS STAFFS

Training and Meeting:

S. No.	Name of Participants	Training/Meeting/ Seminar/ Webinar	Date	Venue	Resource Agency	No. of Participants
1	1. Ms. Basanti Gurung 2. Mr. Dal Bdr. Gurung 3. Ms. Pingkey Lepcha 4. Ms. Puja Rai 5. Mr. Pem Dawa Sherpa 6. Ms. Tsheringmit Lepcha 7. Arati Manger	30-Day Certificate Course on Social Audit and Social Accountability for SAU resource persons on centrally sponsored scheme -MGNREGS, PMAY-G & NSAP	07.08.2023 to 05.09.2023	Conference hall, department of tourism, Itanagar	SIRD&NIRD, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh	07
2	1. Dr. Ash Bdr. Subba 2. Ms. Basanti Gurung 3. Mr. Sawan Rai	Second National Seminar on Social Audit of Rural development programs	26 September 2023	Dr. Ambedkar International centre 15, Janpath, New Delhi	Ministry of Rural Development	03

MGNREGA SOCIAL AUDIT



Kick Off Meeting at DAC Hall, Soreng



Documentation at Mellidara Payong GPK



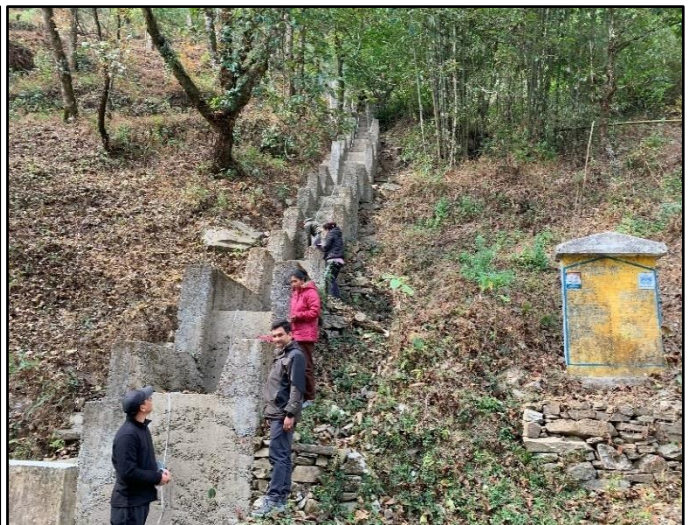
Inspection of Pigshed at Samdong Kambal GPU



Inspection of Napear Plantation at Namli



Crematorium shed at Yuksom Dubdi GPU



Box drain at Tashiding GPU

MGNREGA SOCIAL AUDIT



Cowshed at Darap Nambu GPU



MIC at Patuk Singbel GPU



Interaction with job card holder and job card verification Postering for Jansunwai at Samdong Kambal GPU



MGNREGA Jansunwai at Sanganath GPU



Exit Conference at DAC Hall Soreng

SOCIAL AUDIT ON PRADHAN MANTRI AWAJ YOJNA -GRAMIN



Inspection of PMAY-G house at Taza GP



Inspection of PMY-G house at Namcheybong GP



Inspection of PMAY-G house at Rumbuk GP



Inspection of PMAY-G House at Sangadorjee GP



Inspection of PMAY-G house at Upper Fabong GP



**PMAY-G Social Audit Jansunwai
under Upper Fabong GP**

SOCIAL AUDIT ON SWATCHA BHARAT MISSION -GRAMIN



Community Sanitary Complex at Ringkhim

Inspection of IHHL at Kateng Pamphok GPU



Inspection of IHHL at Latu Chochenpheri GPU

Inspection of IHHL at Lingdok Namphong GPU



IEC displayed at Ringkhim Nampatam GPU SBM-G Jansunwai under Jansunwai at Maneybong GP Office

**JICA ASSISTED SBFP
PHOTO GALLERY
2023-24**



Meeting with SHGs under Lower Martam JFMC



**Coordination meeting with DFO
(JFM),NGOs & COs**



Meeting with SHGs under Pakyong Karthok JFMC



**Meeting with SHGs under Simick
Lingzey EDC**



Meeting with SHGs under Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary



**Monitoring of IGA of Upakar SHG under
Sirwani-Chisopani JFMC**

TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECT ON HIV/AIDS & STIs



Women's Day Celebration



Hepatitis Camp



Strengthen Outreach Activity



HIV Sentinel Surveillance



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Advocacy meeting at Deorali Out Post



Awareness and Testing program of Hepatitis B & C



Celebration of Events Day



Celebration of World AIDS day at MG Marg



Celebration of World AIDS day at MG Marg



SOA at Field

HEALTH ON WHEELS



National Nutrition week



Meeting at Glenmark



World Breast Feeding Week



Health Camp



Meeting with CMO



Nutrition Week

HEALTH ON WHEELS



Health Camp



Meeting with MO IC Sang



New Born care provided during Home Visit



PNC service



Awareness on Exclusive Breastfeeding



ANC Checkup

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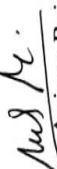
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VOLUNTARY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SIKKIM							
STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND UTILISATION AS ON 31.03.2024							
SL NO	ACTIVITY / SOURCE	OPENING BALANCE AS ON 01.04.2023	RECEIPTS 2023-24	INTEREST EARNED 2023-24	TOTAL RECEIPTS 2023-24	TOTAL PAYMENTS 2023-24	CLOSING BALANCE AS ON 31.03.2024
A	Community Health & Environment Division						
1	Targetted Intervention prog. on HIV- AIDS/STDs Sikkim State AIDS Control Society	-	44,24,600.00	-	44,24,600.00	44,24,600.00	-
2	Health on Wheels, IIF-Kolkata, West Bengal	9,07,000.00	26,48,123.00	-	35,55,123.00	35,47,123.00	8,000.00
3	Re-Conduct of Social Audit, BAC, RMDD, Govt. of Sikkim	28,700.00	15,300.00	-	44,000.00	6,800.00	37,200.00
4	Hepatitis Program/NVHCP/Health Dept. GoS	-	-	-	-	81,000.00	-81,000.00
	TOTAL - A	9,35,700.00	70,88,023.00	-	80,23,723.00	80,59,523.00	-35,800.00
B	Livelihood Division						
5	JICA-SBFP Forest Department, Govt. of Sikkim	1,82,730.00	23,75,490.00	-	25,58,220.00	25,58,220.00	-
6	MGNREGA Social Audit RMDD, Govt. of Sikkim & MORD	23,89,551.47	46,87,500.00	71,219.00	71,48,270.47	57,00,072.00	14,48,198.47
7	Social Audit on SBM/RDD, Govt. of Sikkim	-	6,73,000.00	-	6,73,000.00	6,73,000.00	-
8	Social Audit on DOSJE	-	83,842.00	-	83,842.00	40,410.00	43,432.00
9	Social Audit on PMAYG	-	56,000.00	-	56,000.00	56,000.00	-
10	Social Audit on SAMAGHRA SIKCHA	-	3,48,000.00	-	3,48,000.00	-	3,48,000.00
	TOTAL - B	25,72,281.47	82,23,832.00	71,219.00	1,08,67,332.47	90,27,702.00	18,39,630.47
C	Capacity Building, Research Studies, Communication & Information Division						
	TOTAL - A+B	35,07,981.47	1,53,11,855.00	71,219.00	1,88,91,055.47	1,70,87,225.00	18,03,830.47

* Note: An amount of Rs. 81,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Thousand) only has not received from the department for the program Hepatitis. Whereas the program has conducted and payments has been done during the F.Y 2023-24 from the VHAS Account. Therefore the mentioned amount will be adjust in the next F.Y 2024-25.

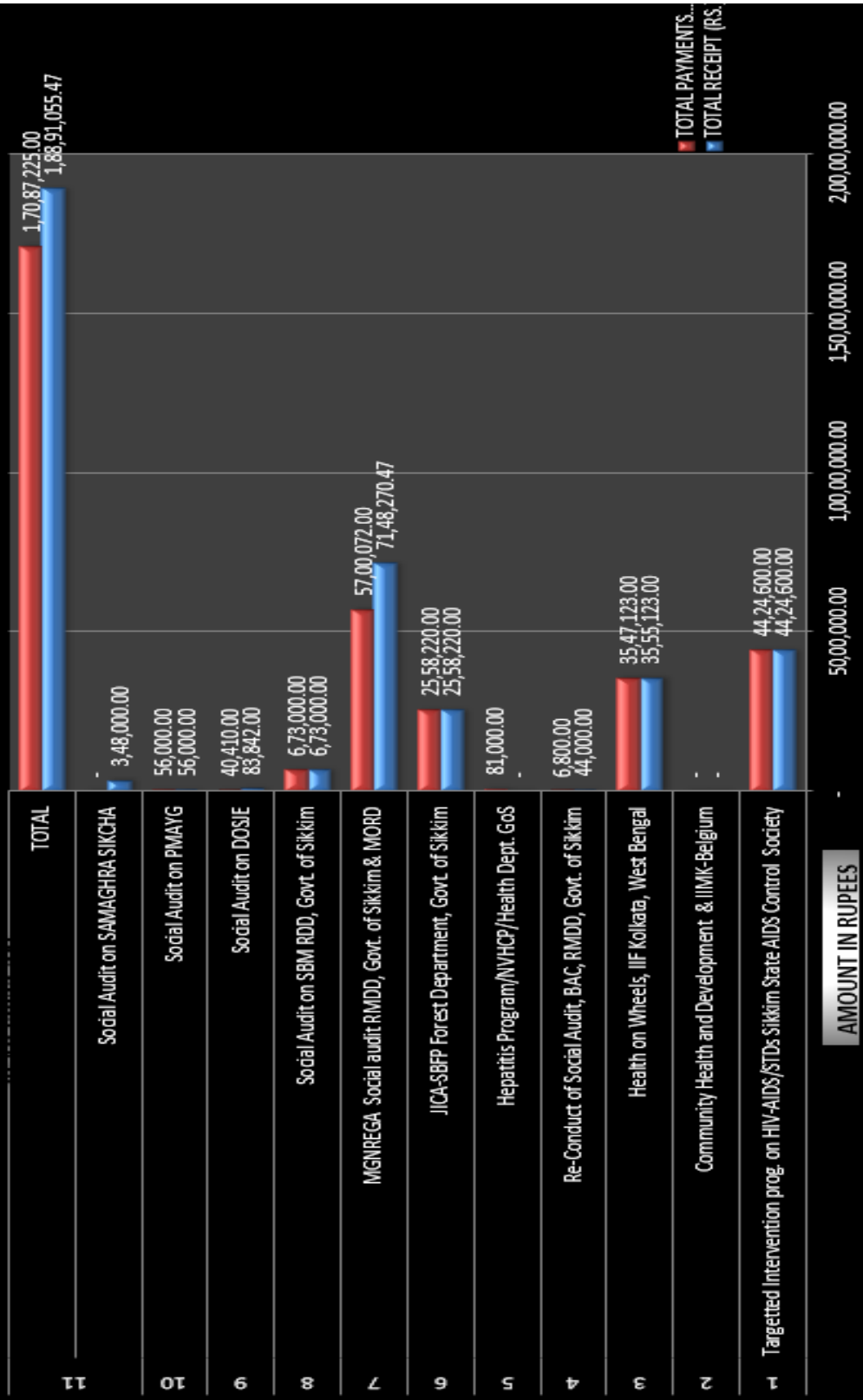

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GRAPH SHOWING PROJECTS WISE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL



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