



Annual Report
Himalayan for Christ
(HFC)

April 2023- March 2024

INTRODUCTION:

Himalayan for Christ (HFC) is a non-profit charitable trust registered in September 15, 2005 at Guwahati, Assam. It is also registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976.

HFC targets to reach out to the people group who are- poor, needy, sick, old, destitute, mentally retarded/intellectual disability, refugees, victims of riots, fire, epidemic and natural calamities. As per the availability of resources and situational priorities, services are provided for all people irrespective of nationality, caste, creed, religion, color, community and sex.

Vision:

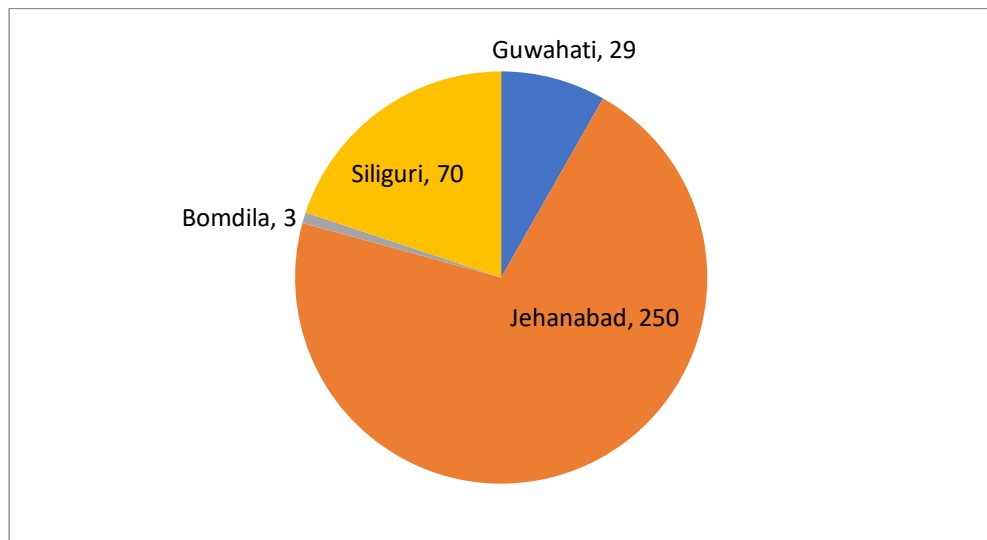
We visualize every individual motivated with moral uprightness, empowered with revenue generating and livelihood skills, informed with knowledge of health & hygiene in order to become self-sufficient and contributing member of a transformed community in North East India and beyond.

BRIEF PROJECT REPORT

EDUCATION:

1. Tuition Centers for primary to middle school classes students:

- a. **Objective of this project:** To educate children from poor and marginalized families, breaking the cycle of poverty and bringing positive change to the community.
- b. **Statistics of the project:**



c. **Activities:**

- Mondays to Fridays, the tutors help the students with their lessons.
- On Saturdays they are engaged in various extracurricular activities and moral science classes.
- Regular house visitation is done by the tutors to interact with the parents and to update them about the progress their children are making.
- Parents- Teachers Meeting (PTM): It is held time to time as per the need. Feedbacks are sought from the parents. The feedbacks are always encouraging and positive.
- Noonmati tuition centre is closed due to unavoidable circumstances in the month of October 2023.



- Special events are celebrated:

- June 20 & 21: Organized a summer camp for the children in Jehanabad. More than 30 children joined
- July 11 & 12: A children's program was organized in Don Public School, Noonmati and it was a resounding success. More than 40 children participated in the program, making it a vibrant and lively event.
- August 15: Independence Day was celebrated in all the 9 tuition centers, Jehanabad, Bihar.
- September 5: Teacher's Day was celebrated in all 9 tuition centers, Jehanabad. During this event, teachers and students gathered to cut a cake, and the children were educated about the life of India's first Vice President, Dr. Sarvepali Radhakrishnan, to commemorate the occasion.
- October 6: The Six Mile, Guwahati Tuition Centre tutor took the kids to the Sankerdev Kalakshetra Cultural Institution. The kids completed their examination and it was a treat for them. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the time.
- November 14: Children's Day was celebrated in all the tuition centers. On this occasion, the teachers taught about the lifestyle of the first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.



Success story:

Ransai was studying in the third grade at Government Middle School in Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh. Due to no proper guidance, he was not able to pass out from that class. He remained in the same class for three years. However, things changed for the better when he joined the tuition center last year. He finally passed and moved on to the fourth grade. Both his mother and his tutor are very happy with the improvement in Ransai. His mother now ensures he attends the tuition regularly and has even enrolled her younger daughter in the same center.



2. Hikha Duara Poriborton (Transformation through Education):

- Objective of the project:** *Hikha Duara Poriborton* is an Assamese statement which means *Transformation through Education*. The objective of the project remains the same as tuition centre i.e. to provide free education and guidance to the marginalized and deserving students who dropped out of their schools at middle or upper level classes. This project encourages the school dropouts to return to education and complete their studies at least High School or Higher Secondary with free tuition program.
- Activities:**

- April 5: Organized the first parent-student orientation in Chandrapur, Assam. All the rules and regulations were discussed. Four candidates from marginalized background were identified and were admitted under the HFC Educational Project.
- May 2023: The coaching started. Four students are admitted in the coaching centre.



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT: TAILORING

1. HFC Tailoring Centre:

- Objective:** Empower economically disadvantaged women in urban areas by imparting skills in cloth cutting, tailoring, and embroidery.

- Activities:**

- Interview and Orientation of the new trainees:
 - May 11: Organized Orientation programme for the upcoming 8th batch. To remain focused in the vision of this project, the Project Manager and CRO interviewed the beneficiaries.
 - September 1: Orientation of the 9th batch of tailoring student was held where all the rules and regulations were mentioned.
 - December 11: The 10th batch interview and orientation program have been conducted. Out of 15 participants, 8 were selected for the course.
- Certification Program
 - May 12: Organized the certification programme for the trainees of the 7th batch. Certificates were distributed to all 13 trainees.
 - August 17: The Centre could celebrate its 8th Certification Program for the passed-out trainees. Altogether 13 trainees made it through. Dr. A. K. Lama could be present as the Guest of Honor for the Program. He encouraged the passed-out trainees to keep practicing and be empowered and generate revenue from what they have learned and help their family even in a small way.
 - December 13: The 9th Certification Program was held. 13 trainees received certificates. Mr. Vikash Sharma, one of the Board members, was the Guest of Honor.
- Along with tailoring training, other skill training is also provided as an additional component which are given below:
 - On July 29: A flower making training session was organized. It offered participants the chance to diversify their skill set, making them more versatile and potentially opening up additional income opportunities.



- November 20: A flower-making program was held for the trainees undergoing tailoring training. They were taught to make flowers out of fabrics and also beautiful bouquets out of those flowers.
- February 19: Sewing machine maintenance/training was done to ensure equipment functionality.
- March 27: Flower making program.
- October 20: The organization took a significant step in empowering its tailoring project beneficiaries by organizing the first-ever placement drive. This initiative was made possible through a collaboration effort with Swahlee Textile, a like-minded organization. Some of our beneficiaries have submitted the forms.
- March 8: On the occasion of International Women's Day, a session focused on women's rights, safety, and empowerment was organized. Trainees learned about government resources available to them as homemakers.

Success Story:

Name of the trainee: Ms. Zahanara Begum

Batch: 7th

After passing out from HFC Tailoring Centre, she got placement in Bond Petent as a tailor.



UPDATE ON THE LAND DEVELOPMENT WORK

1. March 28: The slab casting on the 2nd floor left wing of the TLA Training Centre building was done.
2. The construction of the TLA Staff Quarter has been successfully completed. We are now in the final stages before possession, with the last step being the application of the final colour coating.
3. The plinth construction for the Gyan Kendra Primary School has been successfully completed. Once the school construction is completed, the enrolment of students will take place from August 2024.



REVENUE GENERATION PROJECT

These projects intend to generate income and long-term sustainability of the organization. It will help HFC to reinvest the income generated in their own various programs aimed at improving livelihoods in the community.

1. **Goat Farm Project:** Started a new project on April 18 with four female goats for rearing purpose. But due to goat disease, 3 goats died and only one survived. With the help of veterinary doctor and proper care and medication, she is healthy now. Our lone goat delivered 2 kids. Hopefully it will multiply from now onwards.
2. **Piggery project:** HFC took another strategic step to start a piggery farm. The construction of a pig sty started with the aim to rear ten pigs (8 female and 2 males).
3. **Duck farming:** There's a high demand of duck meat in Assam and it is one of the specialities among certain communities. And moreover duck meat is flavorful, lean, and nutritious. Duck eggs are also in demand due to



their unique taste and nutritional value. Dug a water body on the land for duck farming. 6 ducks and 26 duckling of Indian runner breed are reared too.

4. Poultry (local chicken) rearing: 32 local chickens and 55 chicks were reared. Acquired 2 hatching machines which will provide us with chicks.
5. Fish Rearing: Fishes are reared too.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK:

1. Reaching out to people dealing with substance abuse:

- **Workshop of Bukhari (Heater):** The field staff in Arunachal Pradesh is experienced and skilled in the art of making *Bukhari* (a sort of space heater used in the cold hilly areas). Through this skill also he is positively impacting the lives of people who deal with substance abuse. For instance, two young individuals (Bisney and Vijay Rizal) who were struggling with alcoholism and drug addiction are now learning the skill of making Bukhari. The field staff's aim is to share his expertise of making *Bukhari* with the interested people at his workshop. Along with the skill, he provides free food, lodging, and counseling in the workshop. It has created a supportive environment for the rehabilitation and personal growth.

2. **Relief during flood:** During the month of July 2023, village Dirang was struck by severe flood and landslides. The field staff promptly visited the affected area and seeing the plight of the local residents, his heart was filled with compassion. The houses were completely washed away, leaving nothing behind in terms of property. Without hesitation, he opened his house in Bomdila to provide shelter for some of the displaced residents. Additionally, he ensured that they had access to food. His exemplary effort for the people touched the local residents and they were grateful to him and his family.

3. **Goat distribution livelihood program:** The Goat Distribution Livelihood Program was initiated to uplift underprivileged families. One of such goats has given birth to a male kid in Chandrapur village. This joyous event brought hope and happiness to the lives of the beneficiaries, particularly Rajat and his family.

Success Story:

Rajat comes from an underprivileged family and had been struggling to make ends meet for years. With limited income-generating opportunities, his family often faced financial hardships. He worked as a daily wage laborer and was often jobless. HFC after survey selected Rajat's family as one of their beneficiaries for the Goat Distribution Livelihood Program. Rajat's family received a female goat, which was part of a



broader effort to empower disadvantaged households by providing them with livestock. The birth of a male kid from their goat has been a cause for celebration in Rajat's family. It signifies not only the growth of their livestock assets but also the potential for future income generation. Moreover, the positive impact of the Goat Distribution Livelihood Program extends beyond Chandrapur. In another village Rani, two more goats that were part of the program pregnant. This development holds promise for the families in Rani village as well, as they eagerly anticipate the birth of new kids that will further boost their economic prospects.

In due time, both the goats at Rani (field area) gave birth, with one female kid born to beneficiary Esther Marak, and one female and one male kid born to beneficiary Thaneswar Rabha.

4. December 8: Charitable event took place in the Geriatric ward of Satribari Christian Hospital, bringing together our Board members, hospital staff, and patients in a compassionate atmosphere. The primary objective was to spread joy and warmth to the elderly patients and provide comfort. Blankets were distributed to the wards.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

Sl. No.	Training	Date	Venue	No. of participants	Resource Person
1.	Leadership Training	April 3	Babubasa	15	Mr. Kunsang Chhophel
2.	Family Reform seminar	April 12 - 15	Patna		Dr. A .K. Lama & Dr. Asangla Ao.
3.	Leadership Training for community leaders	May 27	Jalapara, North Bengal	60	
4.	Training on Social Media	June 26- 29		10	
5.	Leadership Training	July 8 and 9	Rupa, Bomdila	50 participants	Mr. Jai Prakash Sharma
6.	Youth program	August 15	Noonmati	40 youth	Mr. K. Chuichalung
7.	Training on Human trafficking and Child marriage	July 30	Jaigaon	150 youths	Mr. Jai Prakash Sharma



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

August 20, 2023: **5th HFC AGM** was held. It was an opportunity where the activities were updated; decisions were made which set the course for the organization(s)'s future.

March 23, 2024: The Board Meeting for HFC was held at Guwahati office. Discussions were held on various agenda items, including project updates, financial matters, and future strategies. Action points were identified, and responsibilities were assigned to ensure follow-up and implementation.