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ABOUT:

Himalayan for Christ (HFC) is a non-profit charitable trust registered in Dimapur, but currently located in Guwahati, Assam. It is also registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976.

HFC is committed to meeting the various needs of people of the community who are needy and marginalized, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, religion, or gender. HFC uses the available resources in helping the community through various ways like income generating self-help project, livelihood skill training, education, charity etc.

VISION:

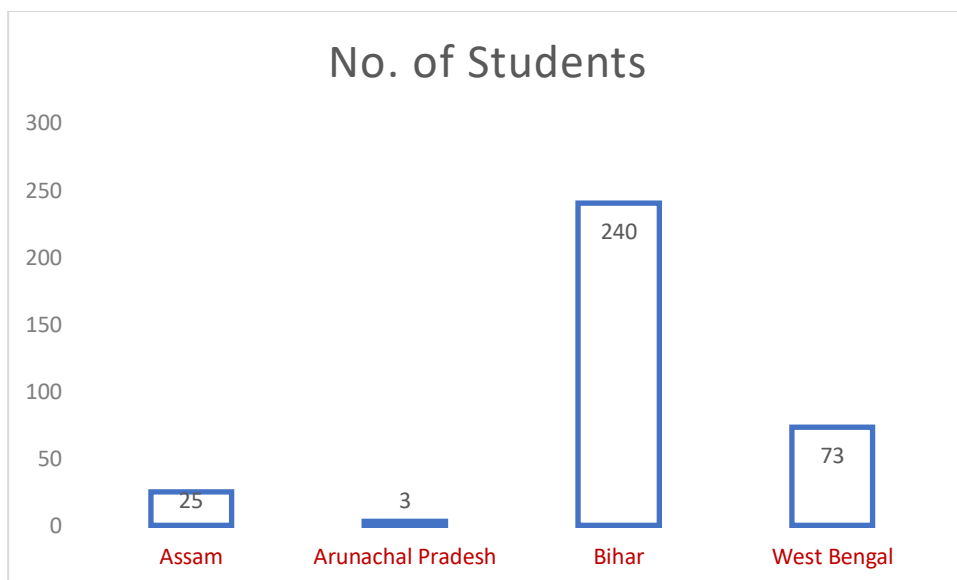
We visualize every individual motivated with moral uprightness, empowered with revenue generating and livelihood skills, informed with knowledge of health & hygiene in order to become self-sufficient and contributing member of a transformed community in Northeast India and beyond.

PROJECTS RUN BY HFC

EDUCATION:

1. Tuition Centres 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:**

- Monday to Fridays, the tutors help the students to complete their school homework. On Saturdays they are engaged in various activities like storytelling, games and sports, singing etc. Regular house visitation is done by the tutors to interact with the parents and to update them about the progress their children are making.
- Special events are celebrated:

- ✓ May 31, 2022: Good Books Educational Trust, an NGO, gave grant for books and stationery. Note book, pencil, pen etc. were bought and distributed among the children of all the tuition centers on
- ✓ August 15, 2022: Independence Day was celebrated in all the tuition centers. Flag was hoisted, importance of the day was shared and sweets were distributed.
- ✓ September 5, 2022: The children celebrated Teacher's Day.
- ✓ November 14, 2022: The Tuition Centres celebrated Children Day on. Children participated and enjoyed various games; cultural activities planned by the teachers. They were also given candies and some gifts.
- ✓ November 19, 2022: In West Bengal, Children Camp was organized on for children in Day Care Center. The tutors did a wonderful job on teaching and interacting with kids.
- ✓ On January 26, 2023: The team of Bihar distributed educational kit, school bags, notebooks, pencils, books, etc. to all the children. Children were excited to receive the kits. Some parents of the children also participated in this celebration.



- d. **Impact:** After joining the tuition centre, children are doing well in their studies. The final examination result is out and all of them passed with flying colours.
- *Miss Dikshikha Das, a student of class V from Noonmati, got promoted to class VI. She got 96% mark in English. Both the child and parents are excited and encouraged by this improvement.*
 - *Riya, 7-year-old, was demoted from class I to class KG as she performed poorly in her studies. She was brought to our tuition center seeking for help. Initially she struggled reading or writing even alphabets. But now not only she can read and write all the alphabets but also has started learning how to write short sentences.*
 - *Bawal Kumar, a 13-year-old boy, comes from a backward considered caste known as Nat. The Muslim Nat are mainly cattle dealers, while a small number are involved in begging. Almost all the Nat are landless. Bawal's father is a cattle farmer and sometimes he would work as laborer in other's paddy fields. The family is very poor.*

The field staff visited their place and saw that the children were not going to school. The Field Staff counselled the parents to educate their kids. Bawal's parents informed that they are very poor and can't afford even a decent meal every day. They belong to the lowest caste so people dislike them. They do not have means to educate their children. With tears in his eyes, Bawal's father asked, "Can our kids sit with the kids of upper caste people?" The field staff counselled the parents and encouraged Bawal to study instead of wasting time just playing or gambling. Eventually Bawal started attending the Tuition centre

He is now able to read and write slowly, able to write his and parents name and even learned tables and mathematics. Even though Bawal is 13 years old, he was admitted in Class II in a Government School of the village. The school authorities were not willing to admit Bawal in their school. But the field staff persisted and persuaded them for his admission.

Now, he regularly attends the school and his parents are happy seeing Bawal's progress. He continues to attend the tuition center and is appointed as the monitor or leader of the center. Seeing this, many parents from this community are bringing their children to the tuition center now.

- *The field staff in West Bengal wanted the children under his care to be admitted in good English medium schools. He approached several schools, but most of them turned down his request, as these children come from downtrodden families and cannot afford to pay the fees. However, after much request, St. John English School agreed to grant admission to 2 children with full scholarship till 10th grade.*

2. **Hikha Duara Poriborton** (Transformation through Education):

a. **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.

b. **Activities:**

- Four locations were identified: Six mile, Chandrapur, Noonmati and Village Adingiri all in the Kamrup (Metropolitan) district of Assam. The survey was done by visiting the schools where the need, the social issues of the area and the data is discussed.
- March 16, 2023: The orientation program for the first batch was organized in Chandrapur, Kamrup Metro District. Four interested candidates attended it. The tutor follows the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) syllabus.
- March 23, 2023: Orientation of students was done in Six Mile, Guwahati.

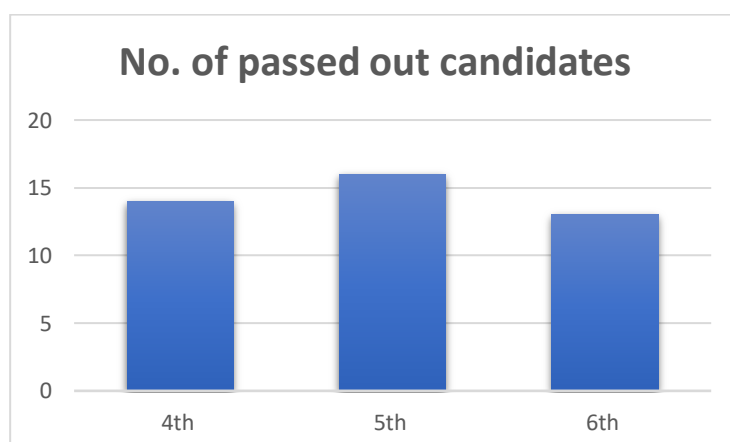
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROJECT: TAILORING

1. **HFC Tailoring Centre:**

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

b. **Activities:**

- 3 months basic training is provided to the trainees.
- June 21, 2022: *4th Certification* Program of the Tailoring course was held for the 4th and 5th batch of Trainees. Total 20 candidates were selected for the training, 6 of them dropped out for different reasons.
- October 8, 2022: *5th Certification* Program was held and 16 candidates got certificate. Mrs. Krishna Kakoti received the Best trainee Award.
- February 28, 2023: *6th Certification* Program was held, thirteen (13) candidates completed three months basic training and certificates were distributed.





2. Libaas Project:

a. **Objective of the project:** A new program “Libaas” is launched under the HFC Tailoring centre, Guwahati is started in the month of November 2022. It is a revenue cum livelihood project which caters the need for financial freedom of both the beneficiaries and the organization. This is an advance training for the trainees who have passed their basic 3-month training in HFC Tailoring Centre.

b. Activities:

- Five interested candidates are given advanced training in designing and making kurtis for women under the guidance of the Instructor.
- December 16, 2022: The outfits for women made by the trainees were sold on this day. They were encouraged to receive the first fruit of their hard work.
- February 2023: The new batch with five trainees started.



LIVELIHOOD PROJECT

1. Goatery

a. **Objective:**The objective is to empower needy families and encourage them to be self-reliant. We provide one female goat to each family. Once the goat multiplies, the families are encouraged and instructed to give back one baby goat so that another family can benefit from this income generating project.

b. Activities:

- Our team has launched a survey in the neighborhood of Guwahati (Mairapur, Chandrapur, and Noonmati) to identify a minimum of five families who are poor and needy. As of now, we have successfully identified five families who are needy.
- February 18, 2023:We took a significant step by providing two pregnant goats to two families located in Chandrapur, Guwahati, Assam. To ensure the success of this initiative, our Project Manager maintains a regular communication and follow-up with the beneficiary families.



LAND PROJECT:

- a. **Objective:** To provide with facilities and an environment to teach, equip, empower and encourage current and future community leaders
- b. **Activities:**
 - The finishing (plastering and smoothing of the wall surface) of the back portion of the Staff Quarter is almost complete.
 - Slab casting on 1st floor of the Training Centre has been completed successfully.



PROGRAMMES RUN BY HFC

TRAINING ON REPORT WRITING & DOCUMENTATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS/FIELD STAFFS:

It was held in Jehanabad from **June 21-22, 2022**. It was facilitated by Communication Research Officers (CROs) of GBET, Ranchi and HFC Guwahati. 12 Field Staff attended the training along with the Team Leader. The CROs took the opportunity to visit the 2 Tuition Centers. This has helped the CROs to understand the field area, their work and challenges too.

The Project Manager of Jehanabad commented, *“Many thanks to both of you for coming to Jehanabad and giving training. All the Field Staff have learnt to write in a very simple and easy way. We have been writing reports for some time now, but it was not right. I also learned how we can write a success story which can be easily understood by the readers. We also learned things which are necessary*



for our service. Both of you also visited the tuition centers and gave very good advice. I hope that there will be more such training in future which will be beneficial for us.”

CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY:

India completed the 75th year of Independence and celebrated its 76th year on August 15, 2022. The government named the celebration as ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. TLA-ET/HFC staff celebrated the Independence Day in the office by hoisting the National Flag of India and offered light refreshment to all.

In Bihar, the team along with Good News Prayer Fellowship organized a pad yatra (campaign) on August 14. 100 National flags were distributed. 250 people participated. On 15th August, on the occasion of Independence Day, the National Flag was hoisted by Team Leader in Regional Office, Jehanabad and sweets were distributed among the people.



COMBINED STAFF RETREAT OF HFC, TLA-ET & GBET:

A retreat for all the staff of HFC, TLA-ET, and GBET was organized in Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati, Assam, where a total of 61 participated. The participants were from the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, and Jammu & Kashmir. This was the first get together for the staff after the pandemic.



The CROs took up the sessions on report and story writing. Program and IT Managers enhanced the participants with the use of mobile, photography and PowerPoint presentations. The staff had a refreshing time together.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

- July 10, 2022: Leadership Training was held. Eight people attended the training.
- August 20, 2022: One day Youth Seminar was held. 23 participants attended the Seminar. The field staff wants them to be trained so that the community work will be done better.
- November 26, 2022: One day Leadership Training was held. 41 participants attended the training. The training was motivating to build up a team there which will help the field staff to work together.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND PROGRAMS IN WEST BENGAL:

The field staff facilitates group discussions and seminars on different social current issues like Alcoholism, Domestic Violence, etc. He also counsels couples or families if an issue breaks in the family.



STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING:

1. **January- March 2023:** Two staff from Guwahati, Assam, attended the Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) Workshop.
2. **January 16-20, 2023:** Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission On Relief (EFICOR) organized Training on Community Transformation Training Program in New Delhi. One staff from HFC attended. The topics were Creation Care, Gender Issue and Trafficking. The topics were very relevant and practical.

EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK



1. **June 27, 2022:** The flood situation in Assam remains grim, taking the death toll to 135. HFC could collect clothes from family and friends and distributed to the families affected by the flood.
2. **July 30, 2022:** HFC donated used clothes to '*Destination*', which is a shelter home for specially challenged people.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- **August 25, 2022:** The AGM of HFC was held. The Board of Trustees, and some invited observers attended the meetings.
- **March 17, 2023:** Executive Board meeting was held at HFC office, Guwahati.