

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF
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1. Introduction :

(a) Organization :

Name of the Organisation : DISTRICT MULTIPURPOSE DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION CENTRE (DMDIC)

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Legal Status :

Registration No. : 476/1991 (SRS 1860) at Guwahati

F.C.R.A No. : 020750015. Nature – Social.

Income Tax : 140/12A/CIT/DBR/2005-06/1133-37

PAN No. : AAATD7956N

80G Certificate : 98/80G/CIT/DBR/2008-09/1824-33

Bank A/C No. : A/C – 0306010165069
IFC CODE – UTBIONAH 336,
United Bank of India, Naharkatia Branch

Overall Goal : Secured and Sustainable Livelihood to 5180 nos. Below poverty line (BPL) families in the 3 pockets areas through indigenous productive employment and work.

Objectives :

- i) Increase in Agriculture Production, decrease in food scarcity, increase in income level of poor. Alternate livelihood production like animal husbandry, fishery, kitchen gardening etc. increases through combination of scientific techniques and indigenous knowledge. Employment opportunities for unemployed youth increases.
- ii) The overall health scenario in the referral area improves and occurrence of diseases and illness among the BPL peoples reduced. As a result the living standard of the poor improves.
- iii) Capacity building of peoples groups like Self Help Groups (SHG), Women Groups, Youth Groups, Farmer Groups for proper functioning. Capacity building of peoples and Stakeholders for leadership, disaster mitigation and monitoring of developmental programmes. Church's and Religious Institution play active role in the development process in the areas.
- iv) Improvement in the conservation of Environment & Ecology in the referral areas as people clearly understands the importance of conservation in sustaining life in this planet.
- v) Gender sensitivity strengthens at all level in the targeted areas. The women of the referral areas are empowered and they play equal role with men in the social and economic development of their society.
- vi) Advocacy & Lobby through Networking at different level on prioritized issues for mobilizing public opinion and influencing Government policies towards people's interest.

Areas of Concern : Unemployment, poverty, dwindling environment & ecology, dwindling livelihood resources, inequitable distribution of resources, Government policy more pro-rich, corruption etc.

Area Covered : 62 villages under 3 Blocks in two district namely – Dibrugarh and Tinsukia.

b) Project :

Operational Area : The targeted villages of DMDIC are remote areas where Government and other facilities do not reach easily. The areas are resided by communities who are socially, economically and politically marginalized. The communities are below poverty line people like – ahom, sonowal kacharis, thengal kacharis, adivasis, Bengalis, Nepalese, tea tribes and they belong to hindu, muslim and Christian religion. The basic facilities in the areas like – health, education, market, communication etc are very poor. Moreover, the livelihood opportunities of the people are also dwindling due to factors such as – unemployment, poverty, degrading environment & ecology, lack of proper infrastructure for farming, improper implementation of Government schemes, corruption etc. There is a huge gap between rich and the poor in the areas. The rich are getting richer seizing the benefits and opportunities meant for the poor. The poor are getting poorer and their living standard deteriorating day by day.

Geographical Area : The operational areas of DMDIC are situated in the District of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia. In Dibrugarh District there are 42 villages covered, situated in two Development Blocks namely – Joypur and Tingkhong. In Tinsukia District there are 20 villages under Saikhowa Block. The target groups are 1682 BPL families in Joypur Block, 1667 BPL families in Tingkhong Block and 1831 BPL families in Saikhowa Block.

The climates of the areas are hot and humid in the summer and dry and cold in the winter. The dry winter season prevails from November up to February with few occasional showers. The early rainfall starts from the month March and April with strong wind. The southwest Monsoon starts from the month of June and remains up to the month of October.

The pocket areas under DMDIC have very fertile land suitable for agriculture. The areas are also covered with trees although the number is decreasing. The principal source of water is the mighty River Brahmaputra with its tributaries like – Buridihing, Dishang, Dholla, Dangari, Kundil, Anantanolia.

2. ACTIVITIES :

1. Non Formal Session :

Objectives : To create awareness among the targeted people of 3 cluster area on Govt. Schemes, Agriculture, SHG, PDS, MGNREGA, Environment & Ecology, Health & Hygiene and Herbal Medicine.

Nos. of Programme : During the period of April 2012 to March 2013, 10 nos. NFE sessions were conducted in the 3 Cluster areas.

Outcome:

10 Nos. NFE session were conducted in the 3 Cluster areas on issues – Govt. Schemes, Agriculture, SHG, PDS, MGNREGA, Environment & Ecology, Health & Hygiene, Herbal medicine and local issues. 150 Male and 195 Female participants comprising from SHG, Farmers, Youth Groups and Women Groups participated in the session. Detailed discussion was held on the mentioned topics. The participants learned about various Govt. Schemes which can be availed by the poor through the formation of SHG and thereby improve their socio-economic status. The participants discussed about Sustainable agro-based techniques which will improve the production of the farmers. The participants learned about health & hygiene and treating their illness through herbal medicine. The participants discussed about the anomalies in PDS by the Fair Price Shop which results in in-appropriate distribution of the goods towards the poor. The participants discussed about MGNREGA which not only provide employment opportunity for the poor but also improves the rural infrastructures.

2. Awareness Camp:

Objectives : To create awareness among the targeted people of 3 cluster area on Handloom and Weaving, Sustainable Agriculture & Vermi Compost and Mushroom Cultivation.

Outcome:

An Awareness Camp was organized at Soibam Vill. under Naharkatia Cluster on 01.04.2012. The Camp was organized to create awareness among the poor and marginalized of Naharkatia Cluster on Handloom and Weaving and various incentives provided by the Govt. for improvement of production ranging from finances, materials and training towards the poor and marginalized weavers. The participants 32 male and 48 female comprised of farmers, SHG members, youth groups, women etc. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC facilitated the programme. Officials from Handloom Deptt. Dibrugarh provided information on the facilities offered towards individuals and SHG for weaving. The participants benefitted from the information and many women SHGs have already received the incentives from the Department.

An Awareness Camp was organized at Betonibam Vill. under Naharkatia Cluster on 19.05.2012. The Camp was organized to create awareness among the poor and marginalized of Naharkatia Cluster on Sustainable Agro-based techniques and Vermi Compost. The participants 26 male and 18 female comprised of farmers, SHG members, youth groups, women etc. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC and Mr. Pradeep Paul CEO of DMDIC facilitated the programme. They highlighted different sustainable agro-based techniques which a poor and marginalized farmer can apply to improve its production in a limited land. The effectiveness of vermin compost was also discussed in the programme which is a cheap and effective bio-fertilizer. All the participants were able to enhance their knowledge on the topics discussed.

An Awareness Camp was organized at No.1 Bortoni Vill. under Tingkhong Cluster on 13.06.2012. The Camp was organized to create awareness among the poor and marginalized of Tingkhong Cluster on Sustainable Agro-based techniques and Vermi Compost. The participants 23 male and 21 female comprised of farmers, SHG members, youth groups, women etc. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer DMDIC and Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia, Field Assistant of DMDIC facilitated the programme assisted by the

Area Organizer and Cluster Area Committee President. They highlighted different sustainable agro-based techniques which a poor and marginalized farmer can apply to improve its production in a limited land. The effectiveness of vermin compost was also discussed in the programme which is a cheap and effective bio-fertilizer. All the participants were able to enhance their knowledge on the topics discussed.

An Awareness Camp was organized at Samuguri Vill. under Naharkatia Cluster on 06.07.2012. The Camp was organized to create awareness among the poor and marginalized of Naharkatia Cluster on Mushroom Cultivation. The participants 24 male and 34 female comprised of farmers, SHG members, youth groups, women etc. During the Camp the Mushroom Spawn Production Unit set up by DMDIC with support from North East Institute of Science & Technology (NEIST), Jorhat was also inaugurated. Sr. Scientist from NEIST Jorhat, Dr. P.K. Bhattacharya and Dr. A.K. Bordoloi were present as Chief Guest and inaugurated the Unit. Dr. Kalyan Baruah, Principal Naharkatia College, Mrs. Tutumoni Lahon, President Joypur Anchalik Panchayat, Retd. Persons, Panchayat Leaders and peoples from in and around Samuguri Village participated in the programme. The Chairman, CEO, Executive Members of DMDIC and Staff as well as the Trainees of Mushroom Spawn Unit were present. The Sr. Scientist from NEIST highlighted the usefulness of Mushroom as a cheap and good protein food sources and also as a means for generating income by cultivating mushroom. The SHG's as well as individual growers of DMDIC's operational area can generate income through cultivating mushroom on one hand and can avail protein food on the other.

3. Dissemination of Information :

Objectives : To disseminate and generate awareness in the 3 Cluster areas through distribution of leaflets, pamphlets, poster and magazine on different issues.

Activities : During the period of April 2012 to March 2013, 4500 leaflets on herbal medicine, 3000 leaflets on health & hygiene and 2500 leaflets on vermin compost were distributed in the 3 Cluster areas which helped in generating awareness on herbal medicine treatment, maintaining health & hygiene and on vermin compost among the poor and marginalized.

4. Workshop on Planning Monitoring Evaluation for Executive Members and Staff of DMDIC :

Objective : To plan, monitor and evaluate the past, present and future programme activities of DMDIC and build up the capacities of Executive Members and Staff of DMDIC on proper planning and execution.

Participants : **Executive Members - 11 Nos.** **Staff - 10 Nos.**

Outcome :

A Two Day Workshop on Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for Executive Members and Staff of DMDIC was organized on 1st and 2nd September 2012 at DMDIC Head Office, Rangalipather. The Executive Members and Staff from Head Office and Cluster Areas of DMDIC participated in the programme. The Workshop was organized to evaluate the programme activities implemented by DMDIC in the 2nd Phase Project from October 2009 to August 2012 and its impact, and to frame future planning keeping in mind the guidelines from Donor Agency for the 3rd Phase. The Programme was facilitated by Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman and Mr. Pradeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC. Mr. Pradeep Paul highlighted the programme implemented as per the Action Plan during the period of October 2009 to August 2012. Mr. Paul pointed out few difficulties faced during the 2nd Phase which hampered in the implementation of programme activities. Mr. Paul said that delay in fund transfer was the most significant difficulty faced which hampered in implementing programme as per Action Plan and Time Calendar. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka discussed on the guidelines of Donor Agency for the 3rd Phase where the activities of the Organization will be mostly on Collective Form of Cooperation and there will cut back on Staff and Fund. In this matter, Mr. Guluk Nahardeka pointed out that DMDIC has to tap other resources as per the need of the targeted areas. Mr. Paul informed about the Mushroom Spawn Unit set up by DMDIC with support from North East Institute of Science & Technology (NEIST) Jorhat. This unit will help the SHG's and targeted people to take up income generating schemes. The Area Organizer's from the 3 Cluster Areas pointed out that due to delay in programme implementation few Village Development Committees have become weak. The

Executive Members supported for more issue specific programme in the Cluster Areas and agreed on tapping other resources to execute the activities.

5. Support to Sustainable Agriculture and Vermi Compost :

Objective : To provide support to poor and marginalized farmers of the Cluster area for setting up Vermi Compost Production unit in their own backyard and avail the benefit of cheap and effective organic manure in their agriculture.

Output : During the Period of April 2012 to March 2013, 10 nos. SHG and 5 nos. individual famers from Naharkatia and Tingkhong Cluster were provided support in the form of Motherculture and polythene for setting up Vermi Compost production unit in their own backyard.

6. Consultation Programme on Gender Equity & Women Empowerment :

Objective : To strengthen Gender sensitivity at all level in the targeted areas and empower the women for effective role play in social and economic development of the society.

Summary of Activities :

A Consultation Programme on Gender Equity & Women Empowerment was organized on 07.09.2010 at Balimora village Health Sub Centre, Naharkatia. The programme was attended by SHG members, Farmer groups, Youth Groups, Retired Persons, VDC Members and Staff of DMDIC. The programme was facilitated by Ms. Rahil Surin, Ex. Panchayat Leader, Executive Member and Herbal Consultant of DMDIC. She was assisted by Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia and Mr. Amrit Dhan, Field Assistant of DMDIC. Through discussion was held regarding the present status of women and how to mainstream gender in the society. The assembly unanimously accepted that gender bias is still prevalent in the society but the scene is improving day by day. Women are coming out from their confinement and taking active participation in the decision making process. Men are gradually changing their outlook with respect to gender and in various circumstances they are considering women to be their counterpart. But the assembly agreed that it is very long way when men and women will be equal and steps must be ensured for it. The Leaders of the various Groups present in the programme agreed on mainstreaming gender in the society and in their work field.

Ms. Rahil Surin also highlighted that economic improvement of women can also help in empowering the women in her household and in the society. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia and Mr. Amrit Dhan highlighted that SHG formation and income generating schemes will help in improving the status of women. They highlighted few schemes for them.

7. Capacity Building Workshop for Village Leader :

Objective : To enhance the capacities of the Village Leaders for effective addressing of issues hampering in the development of their areas and proper monitoring of Schemes implemented by Govt. and other Departments.

Participants - Male – 35 nos. Female - 44 nos. Total - 79 nos.

Outcome: A one day Capacity Building Workshop for Village Leaders was organized at Kopahtuli Village under DMDIC Cluster Area, Dholla on 24.09.2012. The Dholla Cluster Area is hit by flood during the month of September 2012 and caused extensive damage to standing crops, livestock's and household. Therefore the programme was organized to enhance the capacities of the Village Leaders and the peoples of the Cluster area to cope with the disaster and approach Govt. Department and other sources to reduce their suffering. Mr. Pardeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC assisted by Mr. Atul Nag, Cluster Area Organizer of Dholla facilitated the programme. Mr. Pradeep Paul expressed deep concern on the suffering of the people of the area due to flood. He said that many organizations as well as Govt. Department are coming forward with relief measures. So the Village Leaders must ensure that the vulnerable ones and severely affected peoples get the relief measures. Mr.

Paul highlighted few precautionary measures to be taken during flood maintaining hygiene. He also expressed that DMDIC will take every possible step to provide relief to the affected people.

8. Training on Sustainable Agriculture :

Objectives : To enhance the capacities of the poor and marginalized farmers of the 3 cluster areas on sustainable agro-based techniques, organic farming and to provide knowledge on different schemes under Agriculture Department Govt. of India so that the farmers can increase their output and improve their socio-economic status.

Outcome :

A two day Training Programme on Sustainable Agriculture was conducted by DMDIC at Dhadumia Gaon Panchayat Community Hall, Rangalipather on 30th and 31st August 2012. 29 male and 5 female from Farmers Club, Field Management Committee and SHG participated in the training. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC and Mr. Pradeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC moderated the training programme. The Resource Person for the Training Programme were – Mr. Baikuntha Deka, Sr. Agriculture Development Officer and Mr. Ruchik Dutta, Agriculture Development Officer from Joyur Agri. Sub-division Naharkatia. The topics given emphasis during the two day training programme were – organic farming, double cropping, vermin compost and organic manure, integrated pest management. The Resource Person provided descriptive information in an interactive on the topics with PowerPoint presentation to make it simple for the participants to understand. Mr. Ruchik Dutta highlighted on organic farming, preparation of vermin compost and organic manure citing comparison between organic and chemical fertilizers. Mr. Baikuntha Deka highlighted the method and benefit of double cropping, and integrated pest management techniques which are very useful and safe compared to chemical pesticides. The participants were able to understand the inputs provided to them. DMDIC asked the Participants comprising from Farmers Club, Field Management Committee and SHG to disseminate the knowledge gained during the two day training among other farmers of their areas so that they also can enhance their knowledge and improve their production.

A two day Training Programme on Sustainable Agriculture was conducted by DMDIC at Tipam Fakial L.P. School, Tipam under Naharkatia Cluster on 18th and 19th September 2012. 22male and 32 female from Farmers Club, Field Management Committee and SHG participated in the training. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC moderated the training programme. The Resource Person for the Training Programme was – Mr. Tapan Neog, Sr. Agriculture Development Officer from Joyur Agri. Sub-division Naharkatia. The topics given emphasis during the two day training programme were – organic farming, double cropping, vermin compost and organic manure, integrated pest management. The Resource Person provided descriptive information in an interactive manner on the topics with PowerPoint presentation to make it simple for the participants to understand. Mr. Tapan Neog highlighted on organic farming, preparation of vermin compost and organic manure citing comparison between organic and chemical fertilizers. Mr. Neog highlighted the method and benefit of double cropping, and integrated pest management techniques which are very useful and safe compared to chemical pesticides. The participants were able to understand the inputs provided to them. DMDIC asked the Participants comprising from Farmers Club, Field Management Committee and SHG to disseminate the knowledge gained during the two day training among other farmers of their areas so that they also can enhance their knowledge and improve their production.

9. Training on Vermi Compost:

Objective : To enhance the knowledge and capacities of the rural farmers on Vermi Compost and trained them to start their own Vermi Compost Production Unit.

Outcome:

One nos. Training programme on Vermi Compost was organized on 15.09.2010 at DMDIC's Head Office, Rangalipather. 12 male and 28 female participants comprised of farmers and SHG Members Naharkatia pocket area participated in the programme. The programme was facilitated by Mr. Pradeep Paul CEO of DMDIC and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer, DMDIC. The topics discussed in the training were use and benefit of vermin compost, method of producing vermin compost manure at one's

own backyard and marketing it. The participants understood about Vermi Compost manure's usefulness and the method of producing it.

10. Capacity Building Programme of DMDIC Staff :

Objective : To enhance the capacities of DMDIC's Staff on Book keeping and Accounts.

Summary of Activities :

A Capacity Building Programme for the Staff of PIO's of Assam was organized at CASA Guwahati Office, Satribari from 17th April 2012 to 19th April 2012. The programme was organized to enhance the capacities of the PIO's on Accounts, Book Keeping and other relevant documents and to complete the requirement for Auditing the Finances of the Organizations. Mr. Christie George, Accountant CASA, Mr. Pradip Surin Field Office CASA Assam and Ms. Anamika Gogoi, programme Assistant of CASA facilitated the programme. The Chief Executive Officers and Accountants from the 3 PIO's of Assam namely – DMDIC, DCDP and CRMS participated in the programme. Mr. Sahjahan Rahman, Accountant of DMDIC participated in the programme. The topic discussed in the programme were – Sharing of 2nd Phase Project proposal, Utilization Status of Budget, Activity Reports, Action Plan, Activity Monitoring Chart of all the PIO's.

A Training Programme on Project Proposal Designing was organized at NIPCCD, Khanpara Guwahati from 7th May 2012 to 11th May 2012. The training was organized by National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) to enhance the capacities of Voluntary Organizations on Project Designing which will help them to address the issues of poor and marginalized in a more effective manner. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC participated in the training and enhanced his knowledge on project designing which will help the Organization in the ensuing period.

A programme on Project Formulation and Resource Mobilization was organized by Institute of Development Action (IDEA), a Voluntary Organization. The training was organized at PACE Training Centre, Chabua from 2nd May 2012 to 5th May 2012. The objective of the training was to enhance the capacities of grass root level Voluntary Organization on Project formulation and Resource mobilization. Mr. Sahjahan Rahman, Accountant of DMDIC participated in the training programme.

11. Advocacy and Lobby at Regional Level :

Summary of Activities :

A Regional level Workshop on Anti-Corruption Acts and Governance was organized by RECOPE at CASA CTC, Satribari, Guwahati on 02.05.2012 and 03.05.2012. The Workshop was organized to enhance the capacities of RECOPE's Partners on Anti Corruption Acts and Good Governance. The Resource Persons for the Workshop were – Mr. A.K. Goldsmith, Director ARLDF and Adviser of RECOPE, Mr. Allen Brooks, Chairman Minority Commission and Mr. Rajan A. Baruah, Social Entrepreneur. The Resource Persons highlighted various Acts of Govt. of India to curb corruption and what should be the duty of Voluntary Organizations on Good Governance. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC participated in the Workshop.

The Executive Committee Meeting of RECOPE was held on 4th May 2012 at CASA CTC, Satribari Guwahati. RECOPE's Chairman, Secretary and other Executive Members were present in the meeting. The topics discussed in the meeting were - Internal Audit of RECOPE, Appointment of new Programme Assistant of RECOPE and pending contribution of RECOPE's partners.

The Executive Committee of RECOPE was held at Guwahati from 30.05.2012 to 01.06.2012. RECOPE's Chairman, Secretary and other Office bearers were present in the meeting. Mr. Pradeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC and Treasurer of RECOPE attended the meeting. The topics discussed were – Internal Audit of RECOPE, meeting NEICC Secretary for recommendation on RECOPE's Concept Paper on Climate Change.

A Preparatory Workshop on Re-Planning of 3rd Phase Project Proposal of the PIO's was held at CASA CTC, Satribari Guwahati from 4th June 2012 to 6th June 2012. The Workshop was held with an aim to re-plan the 3rd Phase Project Proposal of the PIO's as per the guideline of the Donor Agency and submit it within the prescribed time line. Mr. L. Meru, Sr. Coordinator, CASA NEI, Mr. Pradip Surin Field Officer CASA Assam, Mr. Lalthanfala, Field Officer CASA Mizoram and Mr. Christie George, Accountant CASA NEI facilitated the programme. The PIO's from Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur and Mizoram participated in the

programme. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC participated in the Workshop. All the PIO's were able to prepare the proposal as per the guideline and submitted it to CASA.

The Executive Committee Meeting of RECOPE was held on 23rd August 2012 at CTC, CASA Satribari, Guwahati. The meeting was attended by all the Executive Members of RECOPE. Mr. Pradeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC and Treasurer of RECOPE participated in the programme. The topics discussed were – due list of partners, reports on Advocacy and Lobby, Compilation of State Network's report, Action Plan of RECOPE for the month of October 2012, new budget of RECOPE, 3rd Phase Project of RECOPE and Registration of RECOPE.

12. Advocacy & Lobby at State Level :

Summary of Activities :

A State level preparatory Workshop was organized on 21.05.2012 at CASA, Guwahati. The workshop was organized to highlight the new trends of development to be incorporated in the 3rd Phase Project Planning of the CASA PIO's and assist the PIO's in developing the Project Proposal. Mr. L. Meru, Sr. Coordinator CASA NEI, Mr. Pradip Surin Field Officer CASA Assam facilitated in the programme. They highlighted the guidelines given by the Donor Agency in developing the Project proposal. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC participated in the programme.

(A) The Executive Committee Meeting of Assam State Network, Collective Action for People's Empowerment (CAPE) was held on 6th and 7th September 2012 at CASA Guwahati. The Meeting was organized to review past activities of the Network to frame future course of Action. The meeting was attended by CAPE Chairman, Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, CAPE Secretary, Mr. Kretofil Bhengra along with Executive Members of CAPE and representatives of the three Partners of CAPE. Mr. L. Meru, Sr. Coordinator, CASA NEI and Mr. Pradip Surin, Field Officer CASA Assam also participated and facilitated in the programme. The past activities and future action plan of CAPE were discussed in the programme. Mr. L. Meru stressed on the need of CAPE playing more proactive role in addressing issues of the State and become more visible as a Network. Mr. Pradip Surin highlighted the concept of Networking giving examples of some of the existing Organizational Network in Assam. Few decision taken in the meeting were :

1. Developing Perspective Plan of CAPE and constituting the Drafting Committee for the same.
2. Continuation of the present Committee till the next Convention.
3. Recruitment of two full time volunteer for CAPE.
4. Registration of CAPE under Societies Registration Act and opening of Bank Account.

(B) A Workshop on Climate Change and Global Warming was organized by CAPE on 27th September 2012 at North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Kharghuli Guwahati. The participants attending the programme comprised of Church Leaders, Representatives from Voluntary Organization from the State of Assam, CAPE Office Bearers and Partners and RECOPE. The Workshop was organized with an aim to create a common platform where the Church Leaders and Voluntary Organization jointly review their role and mission towards Climate Change and Global Warming and reaffirm their action to address the issue. The Resource Person for the programme were – Sister Prema from NEDSF and Mr. A.K. Goldsmith, Director, ARLDF. Sister Prema highlighted the ecological crisis being faced by human and the various areas of concern which are propelling Global Warming. She highlighted few processes which can help in reducing carbon footprint. Mr. A.K. Goldsmith stressed on the need of having a clear perspective on Global Warming and Climate Change and asked CAPE as well as the participants to work on it wholeheartedly. Mr. Greenson Ruiva, Chairman of RECOPE highlighted the Climate Policy and the course of action of RECOPE on Global Warming and Climate Change. In the plenary discussion it was decided that CAPE will finalize a clear perspective on the issue and all the Organizations will ensure their mission declaration with some concrete action.

13. Advocacy and Lobby at District Level :

Summary of Activities :

A District Level Meeting on Resource Tapping and Schemes under Department of Soil Conservation was held at District Soil Conservation Office Dibrugarh on 23.05.2012. Mr. A.K. Goswami, Senior Divisional Engineer of Soil Conservation Office facilitated the Programme. Key persons from 4 Voluntary Organization and 7 SHG's participated in the programme. Mr. Pradeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Project Officer of DMDIC participated in the meeting. Mr. Goswami highlighted the different schemes where the NGO's and SHG's can cooperate with the Department for proper implementation thereby benefitting the poor and needy.

A District Level Meeting was organized by DMDIC on 21.09.2012 at Dhadumia Gaon Panchayat Hall, Rangalipather. The meeting was organized to highlight Govt. Schemes implemented in the State like – Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarna Jayanti Gram Sarojgar Yojana (SGSY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). The participants attending the programme comprised of – 15 nos. SHG, one SHG Federations, 3 nos. Voluntary Organization, 4 nos. Field Management Committee, one farmers Club and Gaon Panchayat Leaders. The programme was moderated by Mr. Pradeep Paul, CEO of DMDIC. The Resource Person for the programme was Mr Naba Gogoi, Extension Officer of Joypur Development Block. Mrs. Phuleswari Rajput, President of Dhadumia Gaon Panchayat was also present and facilitated the programme. Mr. Naba Gogoi highlighted about the Scheme, MGNREGA which has able to generate employment opportunity for the poor in the rural areas and improves the rural infrastructure. Few SHG's raised apprehension on irregularities in the scheme. Mr. Naba Gogoi pointed out that there are few such instances of irregularities but overall MGNREGA is implemented properly in Joypur Block. Mrs. Phuleswari Rajput highlighted proper implementation of the scheme in Dhadumia Gaon Panchayat. Mr. Naba Gogoi highlighted about NRLM which will replace the existing SGSY scheme in the 12th Year Plan. NRLM will meet the shortcoming in the SGSY Plan and it will involve planning and execution of programme from the grass root level. The grass root level people's organization like SHG's, SHG Federation, Farmers Club and NGO will be involved in the planning and execution process in the Scheme. The Organization's participating in the programme hoped that NRLM will able to reduce poverty and improves the standard of life in the rural areas. They asked the Govt. Department to ensure proper implementation of the Scheme and urged DMDIC to play an active role in this regard.

14. Corporate Social Responsibility :

Activities :

M/S Andrew Yule Company, a premier Govt. undertaking Company engaged in the field of Automobile Engineering, Electrical and Tea Garden has been implementing welfare schemes in its operational areas under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Desam Tea Estate, a Unit of Andrew Yule Company situated at Naharkatia LAC, under Dibrugarh District has been implementing welfare schemes in its adjoining areas under the CSR scheme and these schemes are being executed by Voluntary Organization. As such, DMDIC, an enlisted Voluntary Organization under Andrew Yule Company got the opportunity to implement the CSR Scheme for the Year 2011-2012. During this period the Company under CSR Scheme provided drinking water facilities in School, College and Cultural Institution. DMDIC implemented the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme granted by Andrew Yule Co. Ltd., installing Electric Water Motor Pump with tank and 5 nos. distribution tap at Naharkatia College and Tingkhong College which will provide drinking water facilities for the students of the said Educational Institution. The scheme amounting to Rs. 1, 17,051.00 (Rupees one lakh seventeen thousand and fifty one only).

15. SHG Activities :

During the period, 40 SHG visited DMDIC for enhancing their knowledge on SHG functioning, Book Keeping, Accounts, Proceedings and Schemes. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia, SHG Consultant, assisted the SHG's on updating their knowledge and rectifying their errors which helped them to improve their functioning.

Photographs of Programme Activities During the Period :





