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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
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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.

ACTIVITIES: During the period of April 2015 to March 2016, DMDIC conducted the following programmes.

1.1 A Consultation Prog. on Food Security :

Date : 27.07.2015

Venue : Dhadumia GP Community Hall

Participants : Male – 28

Female – 36

Activity : A Consultation Prog. on Food Security was organized by DMDIC on 27.07.2015 at Dhadumia GP Community Hall. The participants comprised of SHG members, Youth Groups, Farmers Group and local people. The programme was organized to create awareness among the poor and marginalized people about their entitlements and they can avail it. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC, Mr. Naba Gogoi, Extension Officer, Joyur ev. Block facilitated the prog. They explained about the rights and entitlements under Food Security Act. The prog. helped the participants to understand the Act and how to avail their entitlements.

1.2 B Consultation Prog. on Climate Change and Global Warming :

Activity : A Consultation Prog. on Climate Change and Global Warming was organized by DMDIC on 5th June 2015 at Rangalipather High School. The prog. was organized to create awareness and importance of World Environment Day among the students and villagers. Arts competition on Environment topics among the school students was also organized. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC facilitated the prog. In the meeting he explained about the present condition of Global Warming and Climate Change which is endangering the life of all living species in the World and how peoples can help in preventing the menace through small but drastic steps. Apart from school students, 36 female and 27 males from around Rangalipather area participated in the programme.

Another programme on Climate Change and Global warming was Organized by Dibrugarh District Administration on the same day at DRDA Meeting Hall, Dibrugarh. Mr. M. Manibban, Deputy Commissioner of Dibrugarh District and Mr. B. Phukan Project Director, DRDA Dibrugarh facilitated the programme. In the meeting the Deputy Commissioner explained the issue of Climate Change and Global Warming and how all Govt. Departments, CSO, VO's can work together to prevent the alarming problem. In the meeting it was decided to launch a massive plantation drive along the 57 km stretch of Moran-Naharkatia State Highway. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC participated in the programme along with other Line Department and CSO, VO's Representatives.

1.3 A GP Level Consultation on Gender Equity :

Date : 28.08.2015

Venue : Nigam GP Community Hall

Participants : Male : 11

Female : 54

Activity : A GP Level Consultation Prog. on Gender Equity was organized by DMDIC on 28.08.2015 and Nigam Panchayat Community Hall. 54 female participants comprising of SHG and Women Group participated in the prog. The training programme was organized to sensitize the women folk of Nigam GP on Gender mainstreaming and Equity and how they could empower themselves to play equal role in the development of their society. The participants were comprised of Women SHG Group under NRLM. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia, SHG Consultant of DMDIC and Mr. Sahjahan Rahman, Facilitator of DMDIC along with Mrs. Tulika Gogoi, Community Resource Person (CRP) of nigam GP moderated the training programme. Mr. Nirmalia, highlighted the importance of gender mainstreaming for overall development of the society and to mitigate gender injustice. He mentioned that the women in the rural areas can capacitate themselves by forming Self Help Group (SHG). In that way they can pursue income generating schemes which will not only help them to improve their economic condition but will also raise their status in their family as well as in the society. This will help in improving the gender mainstreaming in the society. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia and Mr. Sahjahan Rahman explained the participants on SHG formation, pursuing income generating schemes by availing Govt. policies, maintain the different books of Accounts of SHG. The training programme helped the women participants to enhance their knowledge on gender mainstreaming through SHG formation.

1.3 B Consultation Prog. on Women Rights and Trafficking :

Date : 11.06.2015

Venue : Dhadumia GP Community Hall

Participants :

Male - 12

Female - 49

Activity : A Consultation Prog. on Women Rights and Trafficking was organized by DMDIC on 11.06.2015 at Dhadumia GP Community Hall. The prog. was organized to sensitize the women of Dhadumia GP on Women Rights and to deal with the menace of Women Trafficking. The participants comprised of women from Self Help Group under Dhadumia GP. Mrs. Jyoti Saikia, Executive Member of DMDIC and Women Activist and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC facilitated the programme. Mrs. Jyoti Saikia and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla highlighted the rights of women as granted by the Constitution of India to safeguard the interest of the women. They mentioned that due to illiteracy, economic backwardness, lack of awareness of their rights, women are often exploited. Since the overall development of the society will be possible when men and women play equal part, therefore the women folk must know their rights and a conducive environment must be created so that women can also take part in the development of the society. Moreover, due to poverty and illiteracy, women often fall prey to trafficking. So, the women of rural areas must capacitate themselves socially as well as economically so that they don't get into the trap of trafficking. Self Help Group formation by rural women can play a great role in enhancing the capacities of women socially and economically. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia, SHG Consultant of DMDIC explained that women SHG can play the role of sentinel to check women trafficking in their areas. The programme helped the women of Dhadumia GP to understand their responsibility towards their society.

1.3.4 GP Level Consultation Prog. on National Social Security Schemes :

Date : 18.09.2015

Venue : Dhadumia GP Community Hall

Participants :

Male - 24

Female - 68

Activity : A GP Level Consultation on National Social Security Schemes (NSSS) was organized by DMDIC on 18.09.2015 at Dhadumia GP Community Hall. The participants for the programme comprised on SHG members, Youth Groups, Farmers Group Women group from Dhadumia, Borbam and Nigam GP. DMDIC organized the programme to sensitize the people on different Govt. Schemes and how the poor and needy can avail them. Mr. N. Gogoi, Extension Officer, Joypur Dev. Block and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC facilitated the prog. They highlighted various schemes under NSSS like National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme, Widow Pension scheme and the eligibility criteria to avail the benefit for the beneficiaries. He also mentioned about NRLM, through which the poor and marginalized women in the rural areas can form SHG's and undertake income generating schemes with support from the Govt. to improve their socio-economic condition and sustain their livelihood. This prog. helped the participants to aware themselves on the schemes and access their entitlements.

1.4 A Networking Meeting With Partners Organization on Issue Based Activities :

Date : 06.09.2015

Venue : DMDIC Head Office, Rangalipather

Participants : DMDIC members & Staff - 11

Partners - 9

Activity : A Networking Meeting on Issue Based Activities was organized by DMDIC on 06.09.2015 at its Head Office, Rangalipather. The meeting was organized to discuss Issue based activities undertaken by DMDIC with its Network Partners. DMDIC has partnered with Voluntary Organizations, SHG, Women Group and Farmers Club to work jointly on addressing issues which are hampering in the development of the society. As such, the meeting was organized to review the current trend of issues in the society and what strategy can be taken up by the Network Partners to address the issues. In the Meeting the Executive Members and Staff of DMDIC along with 9 members from 5 partner Organizations participated. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC moderated the programme. He mentioned that DMDIC and its partners like RECOPE and CAPE has taken up issues like - Global Warming & Climate Change, Food

Insecurity, Gender, and Governance for addressal. So, the Network must also identify some prevailing issues in the local context and work together for addressing. Mr. Birinchi Borah, Secretary of Prithivi SHG mentioned that since Global warming & Climate Change and Food Insecurity are the burning problem in the area, so more emphasis must be given to the issues. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC highlighted that RECOPE has drafted a policy paper on Climate Change & Global Warming. Based on this policy paper, the Network partners can work towards addressing the issue in local context. With regard to Food Insecurity, Mr. Agarwalla mentioned that Govt. of India has been implementing few schemes like – MGNREGA, NRLM, PDS, NSAP to address the issue of food insecurity. The Implementing Agencies are collaborating with VO's and CBO's for creating awareness among the general public. The Network can collaborate with the Govt. Agencies in creating awareness among the general people so that they can avail their entitlements. The Partners agreed on jointly working towards awareness creation on the Rights and Entitlements of the people.

1.4 A Consultation Prog. on Schemes of Social Welfare Department :

Date : 29.07.2015

Venue : State Social Welfare Deptt. Guwahati.

Activity : A Consultation Prog. was Organized by State Social Welfare Department, Guwahati on 29.07.2015 at its Meeting Hall, Guwahati. The programme was organized to briefed the Voluntary Organization of Assam on the Nutritional Food Supplement Programme launched by the Department. The Director of State Social Welfare Department briefed the participants comprising of NGO Representatives from all over the State of Assam about the schemes which will be implemented by the NGO's. He also distributed the Work Orders of the Schemes to the Organization's who were selected. Mr. Bhabesh Nahardeka, Chairman of DMDIC and Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC participated in the prog. DMDIC also got the opportunity to get the approval of implementing the Scheme.

1.4 C Training Prog. on Human Resource Development & Documentation Process.

Date : 5-7th August 2015

Venue : Hotel Grand Majesty, Guwahati.

Activity : A Training Prog. on Human Resource Development and Documentation Process was organized by Centre for Microfinance and Livelihood (CML) from 5th to 7th August 2015 at Hotel Grand Majesty, Guwahati for its Partners Organization from Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC participated in the prog. In the three day prog. the topics covered by the CML Resource Team were :

- Recruiting, Managing and Developing of Staff.
- Employee Transfer, Grievance and Salary Structure.
- Human Resource Manual.
- Introduction to Documentation.
- Documentation for NGO's.
- Communication Materials.
- Standard Formatting Guidelines.

The training prog. helped DMDIC along with other participating Organization in strengthening their Human Resource and Documentation Process.

Other Activities :

- 1. Training Prog. of SHG :** Training prog. for SHG was conducted by DMDIC at Borbam, Chengelijan and Nigam on 22nd April 25th April and 7th May 2015 respectively. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia, SHG Consultant of DMDIC provided the training prog. During the prog. Mr. Nirmalia provided inputs on maintenance of Books of Accounts and others related documents of SHG's. Altogether 22 Women SHG's participated in the training programme.

2. **Training Prog. on Income Generating Schemes** : Training Prog. on Income Generating Schemes for SHG was conducted by DMDIC at Ghuronia Vill. on 13th May 2015, Ghuguloni Vill. on 21st May 2015 and 23rd May 2015 at Borbam Vill. Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia SHG Consultant of DMDIC and Mrs. Dipti Gogoi, Community Resource Person of Borbam GP facilitated the training prog. During the prog. they provided training on mushroom cultivation, which is a very good income generating schemes for Women SHG's.
3. **Meeting of CASA and Assam PIO's** : A meeting of CASA Guwahati and the PIO's of Assam State was held on 29.5.2015 at CTC Guwahati. The meeting was organized to reformulate the Action Plans of PIO's, State and regional Networks. Mr. L. Meru, Sr. Coordinator, CASA NEI, Mr. C.A. George, Accountant CASA NEI and Mr. A. Kawa, Field Officer CASA Assam along with all the four PIO's of Assam participated in the meeting. During the meeting the Action Plan for the period of June to September 2015 was finalized for the PIO's as well as Assam State Network.
4. **Regional Level Workshop on Advocacy and Lobby** : A regional Level Workshop on Advocacy was organized by CASA and RECOPE on 24th and 25th June 2015 at RRC Mawlien. The programme was organized for conceptual understanding on Advocacy and Lobby among the RECOPE Members. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, CEO of DMDIC and Executive Member of RECOPE along with all the functionaries of RECOPE and Partners Organization participated in the programme.
5. **State Level Consultation Prog. on Water Shed Management** : A State Level Consultation Programme on Water Shed management was organized by Assam State Network "CAPE" and CASA on 04.07.2015 at Mahur, Dima Hasao District. The prog. was organized to create awareness among the community people of Mahur area on Water Shed Management and its benefit to the community as well as the environment. Mr. Austin Kawa, Field Officer CASA Assam and former Chairman of CRMS Mr. Ahum facilitated the prog. highlighting on watershed Management. All the partner Organization of CAPE and community people of Mahur area participated in the programme. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Secretary of DMDIC represented DMDIC in the prog.
6. **Consultation Prog. on Gender and Conflict Policy Paper** : A Consultation prog. on Gender and Conflict Policy Paper was organized by RECOPE and CASA on 29-30th September 2015 at RRC, Mawlien Meghalaya. The prog. was organized to discussed on the policy paper of RECOPE on Gender and Conflict and to finalized it. All the RECOPE partners and representatives of CASA participated in the two day Prog. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Secretary of DMDIC participated in the prog. on behalf of DMDIC.
7. **Training Programme on Gaon Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)** : A three day training prog. on Gaon Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) was organized by State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) from 11th - 13th January 2016 at Dhadumia GP Community Hall. The training was organized to trained up the Resource Group Team of 14 Panchayat of Joypur Development Block on GPDP and how to execute them in the village areas. All the Resource Group Team members from the 14 Panchayat under Joypur Development Block participated in the three day training prog. Mr. Beeman Agarwalla, Secretary of DMDIC who has been selected as Resource Group member from Dhadumia GP participated in the training programme.

- 8. Social Audit of Rangalipather M.E. School :** The Social Audit of Rangalipather M.E School was conducted on 14.03.2016 at its School Campus. Mr. Sahjahan Rahman, Accounts facilitator of DMDIC and Mr. Gunindra Nirmalia, Field Assistant of DMDIC who were selected as member of Social Audit Team along with other members conducted the Social Audit of the School verifying all the Books of Accounts and other relevant documents.

Submitted by : DMDIC