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SECRETARY'S NOTE

Dear Readers;

Thanks as always for the support rendered to ECS and also for all the publicity, even speaking about ECS.

During 2019 and 2020, one lesson learned was the impact of climate change and how inadequate we are to face these challenges. It has also thrown to light the pressing need for good governance and the need for active participation by all in adapting to changing times. There was a time where all it needed was a good leader to usher change; but now it has become imperative for all to join hands to get anything done. This has therefore encouraged ECS to focus on collective change making. We have therefore tried our best to be as inclusive and as much participatory in all our dealings.

On this account, we have tried our very best to actively engage with the Government and the various departments. Not all respond positively to partnership, but we are very delighted to inform that our engagement with Dept of School education has been more than positive. We have moved beyond managing the MDM to Alternative learning through "Sochum" the traditional dorm to "Play School" in 110 villages and now contemplating on setting up Mobile Teaching Teams for Kiphre district. We have even adopted 4 Residential Hostels and we cater to 200 children in 4 Eastern districts.

The Department of Health and Family welfare began with one community managed PHC and we are now into three more PHCs. The department has also been very pro active in servicing PHCs like Mopong and Changlangshu. The Changlangshu PHC has begun generating its own revenue and this year the committee has even taken Rs 10 Lakhs loan as to buy machines. Even this year, the Changlangshu PHC won the best Communitized PHC under Mon. Special thanks to HCL Foundation, the support on health has in more ways than one enabled us to achieve much of what was being pursued. Issues such as outreach into the community is what is crucial, and in this HCL has reached to around 73 villages across 3 districts.

Farmers under the livelihoods programme came to our rescue during the recent 'COVID' lockdown. They supplied the much-needed vegetables and pulses for the Dist HQ in Tuensang. Every morning the endless supplies from the villages in pick-up trucks got all sold out in minutes. Thanks to NEIDA and NABARD for the relentless support and the mentoring and the direction. This year too, because of the support by NSCB, we were able to extend loan to more than 300 farmers and recovery has been very prompt. We are also greatly indebted to the Department of Horticulture for distributing 500 Knapsack sprayers to its beneficiaries under MOVCD, the project has ended but hope the support continues.

The 'complementary feeding' under POSHAN ABHIYAN has enabled 8 villages to achieve 90-100% immunization in Tobu block. Not only this, in addition to feeding the mother and child, the ICDS units in 22 centres have done very well with the 'play school' programme and this concept is now being adopted by the Dept. of School Education in 110 villages. Also sincere thanks to the Dept. of Social Welfare, for agreement to expand the ICDS units to 34 more villages across 3 ENPO districts.

We thank the Greenway Grameen Infra Pvt Ltd Company for introducing 'Easy Own' through which the SHG's and low-income families are now able to own home appliances on down payment basis. The project is now expanded to Dimapur, Kohima and we plan to soon start in Mon.

This year too we build the third community-funded road measuring 17 kms and a 55 feet span bridge over Bhumji river. We sincerely thank the Depart of RD, DUDA and the village Councils of Litem, Khumpung, Yonyu and Sangdak for the collective action. This year too we are working on the 4th Community Link road and we hope to complete by 2021. This will total 56 kms of community self- funded roads and 3 bridges in all.

Chingmak,
Secretary, ECS



ECS HEALTH INITIATIVE



During the year, a number of new initiatives were carried out under health whilst continuing efforts to strengthen health services and increase its utilization by the people. Two health centres were revived and a number of improvement works were carried out in other centres covered by ECS. In order to provide health insurance cover for the population, a massive to enrol beneficiaries under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme was initiated along with the churches and the community in all the three districts. Changlangshu PHC was empanelled as an Ayushman centre and the second health centre to be empanelled after Longpang PHC.

The team partnered with the community on the ground to create demand and link people with services. To enable women a platform to discuss issues, foster group learning and opinion making, mothers' clubs were formed in 19 new villages expanding the mothers' club activities in 55 villages.

Specific programs for men were conducted in 52 villages to sensitize them on the health needs and issues of women and numerous trainings were conducted for

para workers, volunteers, church and community leaders. Trainings on life skill education were conducted district wise to train community trainers on a toolkit that takes a participatory approach and deals with the "whole child" - feelings, beliefs, development needs - and equipping children with skills required to make safe choices and lead healthy lifestyles. District level VHC and mothers' club conferences were conducted in an effort to deliberate and to create a platform for collective community action on health.

As part of the organization's effort to bring specialized treatment services close to the people, the annual surgery camp was conducted from 5th to 20th February 2020. Altogether, 99 patients were operated during the camp of which 58 were major surgeries.

Pilot programs on complementary feeding (52 villages) and play school (9 villages) targeting mothers and children were initiated and the results have been very satisfactory. The government has decided to scale up the play school to 110 villages in Tuensang, Mon and Longleng districts and a MoU has been signed between ECS and the Government in this regard.

Health Camps

To enable health access to people in hard-to-reach villages, 21 health camps were conducted reaching to 1743 individuals through treatment services.



Mens' Sensitization Programs



Programs for men were conducted in across villages in the three districts to sensitize them on the health needs of women and children and to examine and build consciousness about the role of men in addressing their needs both in the home and the community at large. The programs were conducted in 52 villages covering a total of 1652 people.

Mon	15 villages	954 persons
Longleng	13 villages	225 persons
Tuensang	23 villages	473 persons

The programs featured topics on role of fathers in the family and short presentation sessions were conducted on family planning, ante-natal care, importance of Immunization and basics of nutrition.

Life Skills Education

Trainings on Life Skill Education conducted for community trainers in all three districts (Tuensang: 9-20 Nov 2019, Longleng: 10-11 Dec 2019 and Mon: 28 -29 Jan 2020) who would subsequently train the children back in their villages. The training was based on a toolkit that deals with the "whole child" - feelings, beliefs, development needs in a participatory manner and looks to equip them with life skills required to make safe choices and lead healthy lifestyles.



Experiences of a Health Worker

I would like to share my work experience in brief as a health worker in my village. I was longing and zealous to work with women of my village and the needy ones in particular. By the grace of God, ECS came to our village to introduce the health project funded by HCL foundation and I was appointed as a Health Worker by the Church and the Village Council.

I dedicated myself to work with mothers and formed 10 mothers' clubs with 12-15 members in each group. We get-together twice a month. During the gathering, we give each mother to share her experience and problems and through these sharing we reflect on each other's physical and spiritual life and support each other with prayers.

I also make door-to-door visits meeting pregnant mothers and provide ANC check-ups like checking BP, weight measurement etc. and encourages them for institutional delivery. During home visits and club meetings, I share about the importance of ANC, PNC, institutional delivery and child immunization. Before the ECS health project, we would organize only vaccination or immunization day without the feeding. After implementation of ECS Health project, we organize the Village Health Nutrition Day every month in collaboration with ECS, Church, Council, VHC and NHM Longleng. During VHND we provide nutritional food to lactating, pregnant mothers and children and provide health check-ups (ANC) to pregnant mother and vaccination for the children. We are thankful to ECS and HCL for the creative program to help our people. It is our prayer that God will grant you abundant blessings.

Mrs. T. Sejungla
Health Worker, Orangkong Village

Surgical Camp · 5th to 20th February, 2020 ·



ECS has been organizing surgery camps in Tuensang district since 2012 with the idea of providing the rural poor with opportunities for advanced surgical care and so far, has conducted 11 such camps along with a range of public and private partners

The camp was conducted from 5th to 20th February 2020 and this year too was led by Dr George Vargese, a conferred FRCS (Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons) and his wife Dr Sheila, a paediatrician who handled most of the OPD patients.

Altogether, 99 patients were operated during the camp of which 58 were major surgeries. A total of 462 patients were seen through OPD during the course of the camp. Some of the cases operated were intestinal obstruction, carcinoma of stomach, ilio-caecal carcinoma, Tubectomy, hysterectomy, cholecystectomy, thyroidectomy, cleft lip, renal calculi, carcinoma breast, post burn contracture release surgery etc.

Below are some cases seen during the camp.

CASE STUDY 1

Mr. Yaolai 55yrs old was referred from CHC Noklak with complaint of pain abdomen. He had a history of previous surgery for the same illness but could not get cure. A clinical diagnosis of intestinal obstruction was made. He underwent Exploratory Laprotomy with resection & end-end anastomosis. He was discharged in good condition.

CASE STUDY 2

Mr. Ama chang 28 yrs came with the diagnosis of Gastric outlet obstruction caused by carcinoma of stomach from hospital in Kohima as he could not proceed with the treatment suggested. He underwent bypass surgery to overcome obstruction. He was discharged in better condition.

CASE STUDY 3

Mrs. Phulei from a village in Longleng District was diagnosed as a case of Prolapsed Uterus, a condition she developed due to complicated child birth at home. She underwent Total abdominal Hysterectomy and was discharged in stable condition.

CASE STUDY 4

MS. Neshe a young girl at 7 yrs old brought to the OPD from remote village of Mon district with Polydactyly (extra digit) both hands. She underwent successful excision at the camp



1. Child with repaired cleft lip.
2. Registration counter.
3. Preparing for surgery.
4. Surgery in progress.
5. Post surgery patient.

Health Centres Strengthening

Under health centres strengthening, two health centres – Sakshi PHC and Mopong PHC was revived and a number of steps were taken to strengthen the others covered by ECS.

MOPONG PHC

The entire community of Mopong Range spearheaded by Mopong Students Union undertook a massive effort to renovate an old unused PHC building including two staff quarters. The building was inaugurated on 22nd November 2019 by the Mission Director, NHM and also provided some equipment and a used ambulance for the centre. A nurse was deployed through the project and a doctor supported by NHM was appointed by ECS for the centre. The health management committee was reorganized and a new set of members were selected during a meeting with area stakeholders on 27th February 2020. Steps are now being taken to empanel the health centre as an Ayushman Bharat Insurance centre.



Community involvement



Mopong PHC inauguration.



Labour room.



Pharmacy.



Mopong PHC before.



Mopong PHC after.

LONGPANG PHC

The year 2019-20 has been a productive year with health-related activities being undertaken side by side with efforts to improve its facilities. The centre saw a surge in both OPDs & inpatients numbers thanks to the ABMJAY health insurance scheme which takes care of their medical expenses. During the year, (April 2019-march 2020) around 382 Patients have benefitted through this scheme. To maintain & improve the quality of health care in the country the national quality assurance standard (NQAS) have earmarked the facility for certification for which periodic assessment by the district quality team are being conducted. The hospital 'Quality Team' continues to work towards achieving the quality certification at the earliest. The centre also upgrades to its facilities like constructing disabled friendly bathrooms and toilets for patients, installation of water treatment facility for clean drinking water and construction of and bio waste management system and additional rooms for other activities. The PHC was also upgraded to a 'Health and Wellness Centre' to deliver a comprehensive range of services spanning preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative care. Health and Wellness Centres are designed to deliver an expanded range of services that go beyond maternal and child health care services to include care for non-communicable diseases, palliative and rehabilitative care, oral, eye, ENT care and mental health care. The first wellness activity undertaken was a one-day Geriatric health care event among the old age group from Hakchang village where they were taught basic hand washing technique, prevention of common non-communicable diseases with the attendees screened for hypertension. The facility continues to perform well in key health indicators – ANC, normal delivery, immunisation and also received the commendation award for the "best PHC" in Tuensang district on Republic day 2020.



Longpang PHC



New pharmacy.



Water treatment facility.

SAKSHI SUB CENTRE

The communities of Sakshi, Yimchong and Auching with support from the project constructed toilets, water and electricity connection at the Sakshi health centre. The health centre was activated after a nurse was deployed through the project. The centre has since conducted eight deliveries.

CHANGLANGSHU PHC

PHC Changlangshu saw many improvements made to its facility. The community built a meeting hall and an operation theatre, tiled the facility and developed a herbal garden and hangout spots for patients and attendants. The community also procured and installed a CBC analyser and a bio chemistry analyser for the PHC through a loan facilitated by ECS. The Nagaland Health Project came in and constructed a bio waste management system for the centre and the centre also got empaneled as an Ayushman Bharat (Insurance) centre – the second centre after Longpang PHC. The centre received the commendation award as the best PHC in Mon district on Republic day 2020.

PESSAO PHC

The health department has agreed to provide a doctor for Pessao PHC through ECS and is in the process of identifying a doctor. The village council has agreed to contribute Rs 5000/- towards the doctor's salary and has also renovated a building in the PHC premises to be used as an extension of the centre. The National Health Project also constructed bio waste management system in Pessao PHC along with Tobu CHC, Yongkhao PHC and Mopong PHC.

YANGPI SUB CENTRE

ECS and the community is in the process of developing the sub centre in Yangpi village into a delivery point. Since the sub centre does not conduct deliveries, expectant mothers have to travel to Noksen PHC and the inconveniences in travel has caused many to deliver in the home. After a series of discussions, work was initiated by the community to build a labour room and a maternity ward. The building was completed and inaugurated in Feb 2020 and ECS is organizing the equipment and materials for activating the delivery point.

The outputs of delivery points in the target area

Indicators	Changlangshu PHC	Mopong PHC	Tobu CHC	Chingmei SC	Noksen PHC	Sakshi SC	Longpang PHC	Ngongchung SC	Total
ANC services	196	26	345	54	66	80	91	32	890
Immunization	512	40	326	131	126	89	186	30	1440
Institutional delivery	123	21	79	15	34	8	55	18	353
OPD services	3908	519	4480	271	1145	175	1902	791	13191
In patient services	108	0	228	0	30	3	531	0	900



Longpang PHC bio waste disposal system.



Disabled friendly toilets at Longpang PHC.



Herbal garden at Longpang PHC.



Changlangshu PHC.



CBC analyzer.



Changlangshu PHC.

VHC and Mothers' Clubs Conference

The project in collaboration with Churches, student bodies and community leaders organized the VHC and mothers club conferences in Longleng and Mon districts. The aim of the conferences was to strengthen the Village Health Committee as an institution and to create district level platforms for cross learning, networking and collective actions amongst them. It brought together leaders from across all villages to share best practices, reflect on issues, review implementation of the communitization act, assess capacity development needs and to collectively brainstorm solutions on common problems faced. It also brought in mothers' club members from across all villages to be part of the discourse and to share their experiences, stories of engagement, encouragement and hope.

TOBU AREA CONFERENCE

The Tobu Conference was held at Monyakshu village on 19th to 21st February 2020 and was attended by 115 participants from 14 villages.

MOPONG HONGKONG RANGE CONFERENCE

The Mopong Hongkong Range Conference was held at Mopong Town on 16th to 18th March 2020 and was attended by 171 participants from 10 villages.

LONGLENG AREA CONFERENCE

The Longleng Conference was held at Hükphang Village on 2nd to 4th March 2020 and was attended by 189 participants from 14 villages.

The conference featured experience sharing by doctors, health care workers, village wise presentation on health work, presentation on communitization and group wise analysis on its implementation, sharing by mothers' club

members, skit and talent presentations etc. Speakers were invited to lead the worship services conducted in the morning and evenings.

Towards the end, village level action plans were developed around the few key areas such as awareness creation, strengthening health centres, improving service utilization, promotion of hospital delivery and strengthening participation of all key stakeholders. The conference culminated with the formation of District Health Association. A presiding officer was selected and the election of office bearers were done through a process of nomination and voting. Four to five office bearers were selected in each district and the chairman of VHCs as executive members of the association.

Roles and functions of District Health Association

- To advocate/pressurize the government at the district and state level
- Support VHCs in tackling issues at the local level
- Capacity building of VHCs and Health care service providers
- Mobilize community actions around health
- Build institutional linkages

Thrust Area for 2020

- Strengthen health centres – for wellbeing of community
- Connect people with basic health care services - ANC, immunization, general health care
- Ensure insurance cover for 100% of the population
- Build linkages with DHS and other stakeholders

A platform such as this will greatly help build a momentum of initiative taking and self-help at the grassroots. It will guide and strengthen the hands of those at the very heart of the effort and will help unlock their abilities to dialogue, share, network, and take action.



Longleng Conference.



Tobu Conference.

Complementary Feeding



ECS rolled out the complementary feeding program in 51 villages in Tuensang, Mon and Longleng as part of its endeavour to develop an integrated response for improving health outcomes. The project is implemented through the Church and the community and conducts feeding twice a week targeting pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under 1 year. The idea is to use the feeding day to scale up delivery of immunization, ANC services, nutrition education and counselling and monitoring growth of children. The Church contributes 10% percent of the feeding cost and provides the space for cooking and feeding. In each village, a committee chaired by the Pastor oversees the implementation. It comprises representatives from the village council, village health committee, student and youth bodies, mothers club, women organizations, SHG and the Church. The church, under the stewardship of the pastor is at the heart of the initiative.

The arrangement for the feeding varies from village to village. In some villages, Morungs/khels on a rotation basis take turns for the cooking while in others, a mixture of church workers, students, mothers club members, ASHA, Anganwadi and health workers handles the cooking and serving as well. Most of the other activities including documentation is done by ASHA, Anganwadi supported by student volunteers or a church leader.

Activities

- ANC registration and checkup
- Immunization
- Growth monitoring – weight and height measurements
- Anaemia screening
- Nutrition education and counselling
- Home visits
- Capacity building of AWWs, ASHAs and the committees

Steps undertaken

- Consultations with the community on the idea of jointly implementing the program and after a few rounds the community agreed to take up the program. The Church agreed to provide the



4 day training workshop on nutrition.



Consultation with community.



space for cooking and feeding and also contributes 10 percent of the feeding cost

- Mapping of pregnant women, lactating mothers and children under 1 year in each village led by the pastor, ASHA and Anganwadi workers
- A four-day training workshop on nutrition conducted for core team of ECS along with community volunteers by a team from FMCH Mumbai.
- Formation of feeding committees in each village
- Training for committees conducted each village
- Orientation of ASHA, AWWs, Health workers, student volunteers on documentation, recipe development and the implementation design
- Setting dates and commencement of feeding

Outcomes:

In less than a year, the program has reached out to 4129 beneficiaries - 643 pregnant mothers, 1473 children and 1473 mothers. Of the 1473 mothers, 1073 were lactating mothers. The project has also brought about many a lot of headway in terms of improving service availability and access and has brought about positive behavioural trends across the villages. Following are some of the observations;

- From its inception, the program has seen strong support and participation from all sections of the community and this has been crucial to the success of the program.
- The active participation of the community and the demand by the community resulted in better functioning of the nurses and health centre staff thereby improving delivery of services such as immunization and ANC.
- The program is also enabling ASHAs and Anganwadi workers to work together who would earlier operate on their own. Coordination between nurse and para workers has also improved.
- Involvement of the Church is breaking cultural barriers around pregnancy and childbirth. Pregnant women feel less inhibited to show up at the feeding centres. The prevailing stigma around pregnancy and childbirth in many pockets prevents pregnant women from freely accessing ANC or hospital delivery services.
- Mothers are voluntarily turning up on feeding days especially on immunization days. Earlier, ASHA and health workers would spend most of their time trying to bring them to use services.
- The trainings and education on nutrition and health provided through the program is helping create awareness among the broader community.
- Access to ANC services is one area that has seen considerable progress with figures close to 70 percent. In many villages, ANC access is 100%. Enrolment in immunization has also improved. The percentage of children enrolled in immunization is 75% which is an increase from 61 percent before initiation.



Height and weight measurements.



Registrations.



Training of feeding committee.

CASE STUDY

Nyuke K is mother to a one-year old Henso Ngaobu from Wangshu village. As a young inexperienced mother, she was not aware of ante natal care and so did not access any services when she was pregnant. By the time ECS stepped into the village, she had already given birth and without any assistance from a nurse or a doctor. However, after the introduction of complementary feeding in the village through ECS, Nyuke K is among the ones who regularly attends the feeding day and has not missed a single dose of vaccine for her child. She says, “coming to the feeding is not only about the food but the pastors, health workers, Ashas and Anganwadi workers educate us on health, personal hygiene, nutrition and help us to understand the nutritional value in different foods that available in the village. We also receive medical care from the nurse and health workers”. She regrets not caring for herself when she was pregnant and said that she will definitely access ANC services in her second pregnancy. She is also thankful to ECS for providing them rations when they could not get anything from the village.

Angangwadi (ICDS) Program

The community led Angangwadi (ICDS) Program in 9 villages continues to sustain the improvements made since its inception in 2016. The implementation in each village is overseen by a committee who discharges a range of responsibilities including monitoring of para workers, management of supplies, maintenance of the centres and problem solving.

Feeding is conducted four times a week and preschool activities have been initiated twice a week have been initiated in one village. and a total 918 beneficiaries were covered by the program during the year. The outputs in the current year for ANC is 81%, immunization coverage at 91.5% and the figure for institutional delivery is 67% of the total deliveries conducted in the villages.



Beneficiary details	
Pregnant women	92
Lactating mothers	102
Children (0-2 years)	188
Children (2-6 years)	536
Total	918



PLAY SCHOOL

To address the issue of early development among children, ECS, with support from HCL Foundation, initiated the play school program in 9 villages across Tuensang, Longleng and Mon. It is implemented as a pilot in partnership with the Church and the community and the main idea is to prepare children before their entry into formal school. The schools adopt the montessori method of education which is centred on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. Classes are conducted twice a week by a trainer and an assistant both hand-picked by the community and trained through ECS. The trainers are provided week-long trainings every two months by trainers from Footprint Montessori based in Guwahati.

The Church provides the space for the school, chips in money for nutrition served and has contributed Rs 30,000/- each towards procurement of learning aids, materials and equipment for the school. Each school has a playroom and a classroom complete with a set of learning materials such as text books, magic slates, rockers, slides, TV set for rhymes and whiteboards. The parents are integral to this design. Mothers accompany their children to school and actively participate and assist children in their learning process. Besides, the mothers help in the preparation of meals served at the school.

Activities are centred on all-round development of the child and is delivered in a play way method. For instance, they are made to play with play-dough, string buttons and blocks and activities like rolling and jumping, hopping & rhymes for motor skill development. For colour and shape recognition, blocks and toys are assembled and arranged. For social development, different people are invited to interact with the children. Language is introduced through four patterns; Slanting, Standing, Sleeping and Curve and arithmetic through hands-on materials like number rods, sandpaper numbers, number boards, spindle box, number tiles, beads, and games.

The activities are liked by the children and therefore is able to engage every single child in active learning. It is attractive for the children. Mothers accompanying the children to school is an added advantage. Since mothers also learn alongside their child, they are able to apply the same when teaching their children at home therefore reinforcing the learning at home.



Enrolment in Play School

SL No	Name of Village	No. of Students Enrolled
1	Auching	15
2	Yongpgang	20
3	Bhumnyu	21
4	Yaongyimchen	20
5	Kuthur	25
6	Younyu	20
7	Ukha	20
8	Yakshu	23
9	Yongkhao	30

SL No	District	No of Play Schools
1	Mon	30
2	Tuensang	35
3	Kiphire	30
4	Longleng	15
Total		110



Outcomes

The play school is bringing out about many improvements not only in the children but in the mothers as well. It is building confidence in not only the children but the mothers as well. Initially, most mothers were timid, shy and would be covered in shawls. But this gradually changed as they began opening up and got involved in the activities. They are shedding their shyness and can present themselves before crowds. Children too can now read verses or sing in front of others. They are also developing interpersonal skills and behaviours like greeting the teacher if they meet outside school. The methods help children learn fast. They understand alphabets, numbers, matching numbers with objects, pre geometric shapes, sizes, colours, reciting bible verses by memory, rhymes and so on. There is also a lot of improvement seen in personal hygiene and etiquettes after being taught on the 8 steps of handwashing, brushing their own teeth, learning to take bath, sitting manners, greeting etc. Many of the children who have attended pre-school have secured admission in good schools. In one village, five children passed the entrance exams and secured admission in a prestigious school.

The most important outcome is the government stepping in to support the schools. The government through the Dept. of School Education has decided to scale up the play school in 110 villages in Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire and Longleng districts and a MoU has been signed between ECS and the Government in this regard. Another 340 schools have been provided with playing tools and equipment.



Quotes From Parents

“The behaviour of my daughter has changed after joining Play School. The first thing she does in the morning is wish all the family members “good morning” and asks everyone to wash themselves up right after waking up and get ready for lunch. She would always insist to put plate and cup on the table which we normally don’t practice at home. She now is well versed with gripping pencil and writing alphabets. Thank you to teacher and ECS”

“We have not celebrated his birthday even once but my son reminded us it was his birthday through the birthday calendar. Every evening he would ask the whole family to sing and do action song along with him”.

“I am a shy and timid mother who usually don’t standing in front of people but after attending play I became so much comfortable and learn along with my daughter. For my daughter now she can identify small and big alphabets. Thank full to ECS and Yakshu Church”.

“My daughter asks for a bath every day because maam in school told them to come neat and clean”.

“My son became more independent; he can read and write so he has become most influential one among his other siblings”

“My daughter can teach songs, alphabets and other learnings to her friends from other schools. I am very much thankful to ECS and the Church”.

COVID-19 RELIEF WORK

The prolonged lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic has affected life across the state. The hardest hit are the poor & vulnerable. Low income populations such as daily wage earners, labourers, small businesses, farmers are on the brink facing deprivation. With little or no savings, families in the rural areas have fewer meals, nutrition or are running in debt in order to meet their basic needs.

ECS with support from agencies like Social Welfare, HCL Foundation, Wipro Cares and local donations, has provided nutrition packages to 2365 beneficiaries comprising of pregnant women, lactating mothers and children upto 6 years from 70 villages in Tuensang, Mon and Longleng districts. Each individual was provided with a package of eggs/nutrela, dal, fish, tea leaves and a bar of soap for hand washing.

In addition, ECS also undertook the following measures;

- Dissemination of information on preventive measures across its project villages.
- A special program was conducted at Longpang PHC for individuals above 60 years from the neighboring villages to orient them on COVID-19 – its mode of infection, symptoms and preventive measures like proper hand hygiene, cough etiquette etc. Altogether 55 participants attended the program.
- Provided food rations for 300 households through the district administration in Tuensang
- Produced 5000 face-masks for the district administration, Tuensang



Rice distribution during Covid-19 lockdown.

District	No of Villages	PW	LM	Supported by
Longleng	13	93	178	HCL Foundation
Tuensang	16	71	143	HCL Foundation
Tuensang	10	40	74	Wipro Cares
Tobu, Mon	22	325	418	Poshan Abhiyaan, Dept. of Social Welfare

District	No of Villages	PW	LM	0-6 children	Supported by
Tuensang	9	46	116	788	ICDS, Dept. of Social Welfare

No of villages	PW	LM	0-6 children	Total Beneficiaries
70	509	779	788	2365

MIDDAY MEAL SCHEME

Food and education are two of the most basic areas of concern among the poor in the country. People living with limited means have limited access to food resources and seldom enrol for formal education. For the past three years, ECS has been implementing the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, a school meal programme of the Government of India across the district with the help of the Churches Association, Teachers and the Community in general. The idea of the scheme is to help improve the effectiveness of primary education by improving the nutritional status of primary school children. It addresses malnutrition, avoid classroom hunger, increase school enrolment and school attendance.

One of the focus of the organization was to educate and encourage parents to enrol their children for formal education. In the last three years, 203 schools were covered through block level meetings and these, along with the effort of teachers to reach out to parents in their homes has helped improve enrolment in many schools across the district. The other improvement observed is the growing involvement of parents in their children's education. In the past, some parents were reluctant to even provide basic things such as pencils, books etc and on many instances, teachers had to buy it for the students. They seldom encouraged their children to study at home or enquire how they are coping with their studies. The improvements seen in attitudes of parents will considerably impact the performance of children in their studies in the long term.

Year	No of Schools	Students Enrolment
2017	203	15022
2018	203	19224
2019	203	19115



Organic farming at GHS Chingmelen

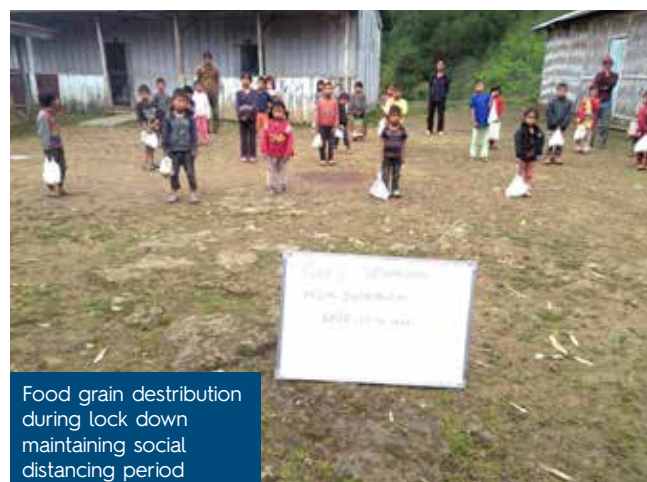


Case Study - Kuthur Village

Kuthur Village is the second largest village of the Yimchungrü tribe with over 600 households. The Village has three primary schools and one high school. According to the village Pastor Mr. Y Mongchim George, the implementation of the scheme is one of the best in the whole Tuensang area and says that good co-ordination between school and church is essential to implement the scheme smoothly. Although the village is large in size and population, co-ordination between the church and the school is strong. When fund arrives to the village every quarter through YBBA, the Pastor conducts a meeting with the head of the schools and disburses the funds allocated for each school. The church visits the schools at regular intervals and keeps track of the implementation in each school. They conduct the morning assembly with the students, checks the condition of the kitchen and other necessities. This practice not only keeps them informed on the scheme but also provides the opportunity to discuss various issues relating to the school and the children.

Distribution of food grain during Covid 19 Lock down

During the Covid 19 Lockdown, students across the district were provided with food grains meant for them. Since a majority of the students studying in Government Schools come from poor backgrounds, many families have been greatly benefitted through this support.



Food grain distribution during lock down maintaining social distancing period

SOCHEM

In 2019, the Sochem initiative supported by SSA was implemented in 17 villages with ECS as the facilitator and Dolen Thangjam (CBLT) and the community at village level as the lead partner on the ground. A total of 584 students were covered through the initiative.

The activities at the Sochem feature study time, periodic tests, life skills and culture. One of the focus during the year was to strengthen PTAs (parents' teachers association) and PTAs were formed or reactivated in 15 Sochems. Tests are conducted periodically in every Sochem to check the progress of each child. Besides academic lessons, elders were called during leisure time to teach students the art of weaving and bamboo crafts. Morung nights were organized to showcase the talents of the children in the presence of parents and village elders. In these events, the elders share the significance of the attires, songs and the dances.

Mobile teaching units were engaged to support the schools and students. A team of two teachers spent 5 days in each Sochem teaching maths and science and organizing other extracurricular activities. Two rounds of visits were made to all the 17 villages. To enable students with computer knowledge, the community raised funds and procured 16 computers for the Sochems. The wardens teach students on basics such as typing, printing and using the internet.

Trainings were also conducted for the wardens to enhance their knowledge and skills. A training was held in Tuensang town on 17th June to reorient them on the activities of Sochem, monitoring and computer lessons. Another training cum education tour was organized for wardens in Guwahati from 18-22 June 2019. The training was facilitated by Mr. Mrinal, Regional Officer Actionaid International and his team and discussed topics on Rural Education, Resource mobilization, playful learning and Child Psychology.



Participation in cultural programs.



Inaguration of the hostel in Sangsangyu village.



Waoshu day of weaving and craft.



Training of wardens.

Enrolment 2019

Sl. No.	Village	Male	Female	Total
1	Yimpang	9	11	20
2	Waoshu	20	13	33
3	Chingmei	31	22	53
4	Chendang	12	18	30
5	Ngangpong	11	19	30
6	Konya	15	18	33
7	Kejok	18	20	38
8	Hakchang	21	29	50
9	Maksha	29	35	64
10	Yonyu	4	21	25
11	Nakshou	6	19	25
12	Lokhung	9	12	21
13	Yangpi	16	33	49
14	Noksen village	22	15	37
15	Longra	18	10	28
16	Longtang	14	10	24
17	Tsg Vill. L khel	10	14	24
Total		265	319	584

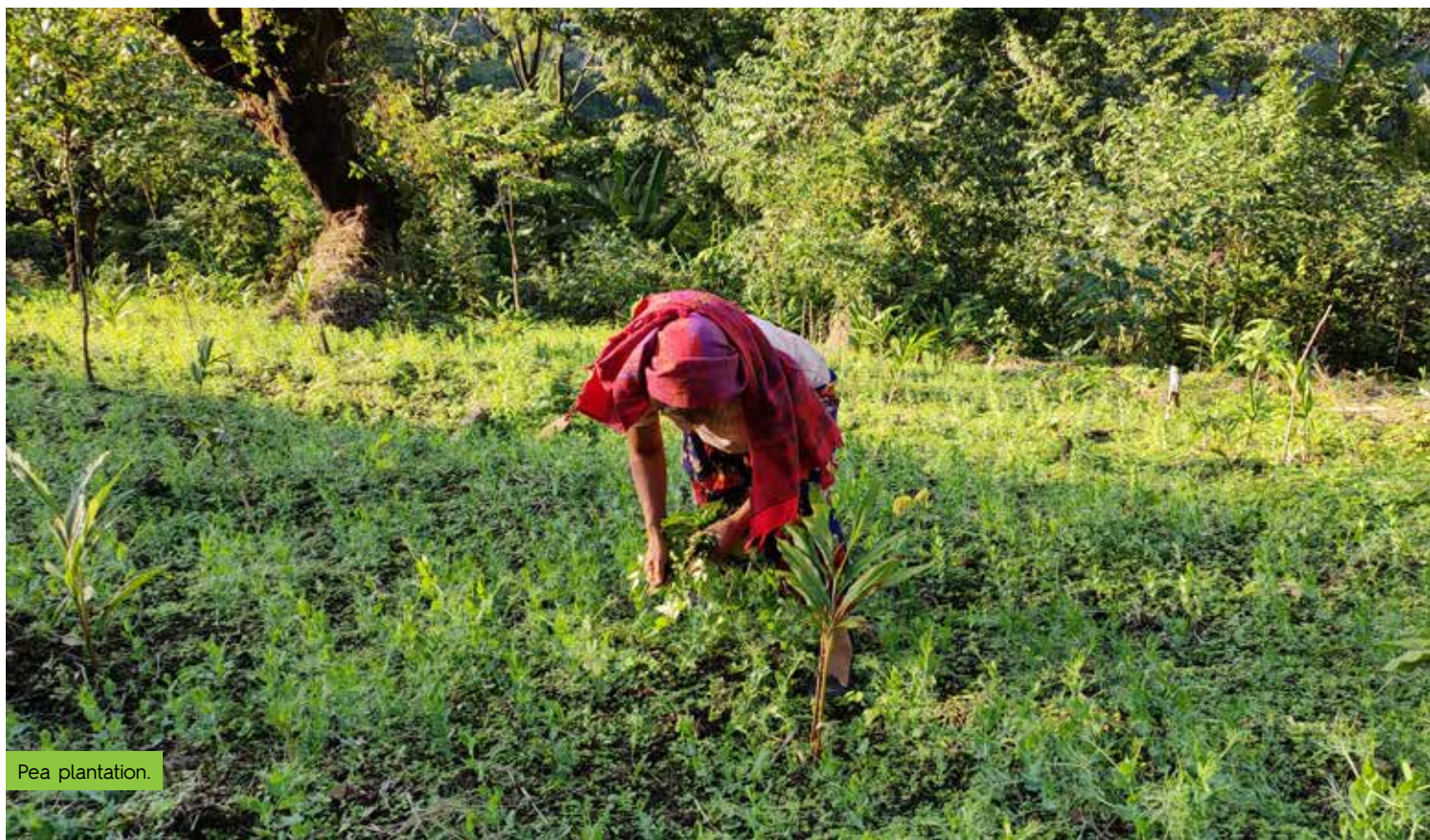
Residential Hostel

In November 2019, ECS signed an MoU with the State Education Mission Society to run 4 residential hostels in Tuensang, Mon, Longleng and Kiphire Districts of Nagaland. In each district, the hostels are run through the Church Associations.

In the mid-2000s, ECS introduced a traditional concept called 'Sochum' where students gather in the evenings to study and simultaneously learn other co-curricular activities. It is managed by a warden and the school teachers are linked to the Sochum in case students face difficulties with certain subjects. Village elders are also linked to the Sochum to teach students art and craft and other traditional values.

The residential hostels too adopt a similar approach the only difference is that in the hostel, the students are in-house residents. A total of 50 girl students have been admitted in each hostel in the 4 districts. Each hostel is manned by a warden, three part time teachers and two helpers.

LIVELIHOOD INITIATIVE 2019-2020



Pea plantation.

The livelihood initiative of Eleutheros Christian Society (ECS) supported by Tata Trust through the North East Initiative Development Agency (NEIDA) as part of the five-year Mission (2015-2020) works in the 3 blocks namely Sangsangyu, Noksen and Noklak of Tuensang district covering 7,000 households in 43 villages.

The project objective is to extend income levels, food and nutrition security and sustainably improve living conditions of marginal farmers in Tuensang through building of strong community institutions and enhancing skills of farmers to produce surplus.

The intent of the project is to achieve increased productivity of lead crops through multiple strategic interventions for both Kharif and Rabi crops suitable in the area, piggery enterprise by focusing on constructing improved pig sty, supply of quality piglets, farmer's training on care and management of pigs, veterinary services (improved feeding practices, better utilization of alternative feed ingredients besides raw concentrate fortified with minerals and vitamins) and build strong community institutions such as SHG, FG, PO and Cooperatives to ensure sustainability of project interventions.

To enhance the productivity of primary led crops under Agriculture, the project has reached out to around

3230 Households during FY 2019-20 out of which 2759 HH covered under Kharif and 1716 HH covered under Rabi season. Under Livestock (Piggery) intervention, the project has covered 864 new households in 14 villages during the FY. Field support and season long trainings focusing on method demonstrations and field level trainings was organized for the farmers. Similarly, capacity building programs for the service providers and the Project Management Committee members was designed and conducted. In order to mitigate the piglet deficit, the project has completed 9 mini pig breeding units in strategic locations and another 12 mini breeding unit is in the process of completion. A total of 35 animal health camps was organized this year where mass vaccination, deworming and basic veterinary treatment services was provided. The project has also conducted a 3-day institutional training for Livestock Service Provider (LSP) on "Pig Production and Management" from 29th – 31st Oct 2019 in collaboration with ICAR Medziphema, Dimapur. 19 LSPs from three blocks along with one staff attended the training. In collaboration with KVK, the project has selected about 34 farmers from Noklak village and Nokyan A village for soya (RVS variety) production and training was conducted by KVK on specific activities theoretically and on field demonstration for the farmers.

Target vs. Achievement (2015-2020)

Sl. No	Indicator Type	Indicator Text	Target		
			Total 2015-2020	Achievement 2015-2020	Achievement %
1	Output	Total Number of HH covered	7000	4351	62
2	Output	Number of farmers adopting improved cultivation practices	5000	4180	83.6
3	Output	Number of plots installed with drip irrigation unit	100	75	75
4	Output	Number of irrigation structures established	100	25	25
5	Output	Number of training conducted for farmers on improved cultivation practices	500	460	92
6	Output	Number of villages promoted for potato seed development	6	6	100
7	Output	Number of demonstration plots established	43	43	100
8	Output	Number of households covered under piggery activities	3000	2519	83.9
9	Output	Number of trainings organized on improved piggery management for farmers	200	376	188
10	Output	Number of Piglets farrowed	18000	2533	14
11	Output	Number of fatteners sold	5000	1372	27.4
12	Output	Number of SHGs promoted	300	260	86
13	Output	Number of Village Level Organizations formed	14	14	100
14	Output	Number of SHGs linked to banks	300	260	86.6
15	Activity	Number of Animal Health Camps organized	100	92	92

Target vs Achievement 2019-20 (AWP)

Sl No	Physical Targets	Annual Target	Q1+Q2 +Q3+Q4 Achievement	Q1+Q2 +Q3+Q4 % Achieved	Category (Achieved/ on track/off track/ Not started)
1	Agriculture and Horticulture				
	Total number of model demonstration plots	6	6	100%	Achieved
	Total HHs to be covered under Maize	900	1504	167%	Achieved
	Expected maize to be marketed (MT)	583	618	106%	On track
	Total HHs to be covered under Maize-Improved variety	200	113	57%	On track
	Expected maize to be marketed(MT)	130	228	176%	On track
	Total HHs to be covered under Potato-Seed purpose	200	262	131%	Achieved
	Expected potato to be marketed (MT)	97	88	91%	On Track
	Total HHs to be covered under Potato-Table purpose	843	795	94%	On track

	Expected Potato to be marketed (MT)	513	340	66%	On track
	Total HHs to be covered under SRI	240	295	123%	Achieved
	Expected Rice Harvested (MT)	194	512	264%	On track
	Total HHs to be covered under vegetables	697	609	87%	on track
	Total HHs to be covered under Ginger	747	811	109%	Achieved
	Total HHs to be covered under Kholar	1561	1460	94%	On track
	Expected Harvested to be marketed (MT)	303	163	54%	
	Total HHs to be covered under Millet	500	500	100%	Achieved
	Total No. of heap compost	455	455	100%	Achieved
	Total no. of water harvesting tank to be constructed	5	10	200%	Not started
	Total No. of Diversion Based Irrigation (DBI) structure to be established.	1	1	100%	On going
	Total No. of Farmers Training- Kharif season	45	78	173%	Achieved
	Total No. of Farmers Training- Rabi season	40	81	203%	Achieved
	Total household under Orchard Development (HH)	200	200	100%	
2	Piggery Promotion				
	Total No. of Improved pig sty to be constructed	933	866	93%	On track
	Total No. of Mini breeding units to be established	20	20	100%	On going
	Total No. of Animal Health Camp to be conducted	37	35	95%	On track
	Total Quantity of Concentrated feed to be supplied (MT)	5	10	192%	Achieved
	Total No. Farmers Training on Piggery Management	4	39	975%	Achieved
	Expected piglets to be farrowed	2250	1002	45%	On track
3	Community Institutions				
	Total planned No. of Agri PGs formed/ Adopted (new)	0	2	#DIV/o!	Achieved
	Total planned Awareness and mobilization drive on FG	0	8	#DIV/o!	Achieved
	Total No. of Training on PGs/VLOs	9	37	411%	On track
	One day block level consultation meeting with PG/SHG	3	3	100%	Achieved
	District level Farmer and SHG Mela	1	0	0%	Planned
	Formation of Block Level Federation	4	3	75%	On track

AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS OF 2019-2020

Potato Production

As per the harvest report data, a total of 428 MT of Potato was harvested out of which 275 MT of potato was sold with a sale record of Rs. 7,129,965/- during the FY. The project has been promoting 6 village as potato seed villages from which a total 34 MT (2 MT in Khudei, 15 MT in Noklak, Chendang 12 MT, Sangdak 3 MT and Longtang 2 MT) have been preserved as seeds for the coming year.

Case Study

Mr. Hangthing is a farmer from Noklak village. He and his wife have two children - a son & a daughter. When ECS initiated the project in his village, he was identified as a progressive farmer. In 2019, he was encouraged to take up potato cultivation and was provided with hands on training on improved package of practice for cultivation of potato. He planted 500 kgs of tubers and it cost him Rs 22,150 (twenty-two thousand one hundred fifty) from land preparation till harvest. Following all the package of practices, he harvested 97 bags i.e. 3880 kgs of potato. After factoring in all the expenditures, he earned a profit of Rs. 55450/- (Fifty-five thousand four hundred and fifty rupees only) from potato cultivation alone. When asked about the differences between traditional way of cultivation and improved package of practices, he says that the improved method of cultivation definitely yields better result in terms of production and want to continue the same in the coming years. He has preserved 800 kgs of quality tubers for the coming season.

Maize Production

As per harvest report data, the total harvest of maize recorded was 846 MT of which only 103 MT was sold since farmers usually keep the maize for feeding pigs. The sale proceed was Rs. 1,370,376/- for the FY.



Potato cultivation.



Potato plantation.



Potato seed purpose.



Potato tubers.



Maize.



Nursery preparation.

French Beans (Kholar)

The total harvest recorded in the FY was 163 MT of which 100 MT was sold with a sale record of Rs. 6,103,931/-.

Vegetable Production

With an objective to promote variety of winter crops, the project distributed various seeds like cabbage, Broccoli, Pea, Carrot, Radish, Chickpea and corianders in all the 6 demonstration plots established by the project. In the demo plots, soil and water conservation measures was undertaken before the plantation of the crops. As per the harvest report data, a total of 207 MT was harvested of which 206 MT was sold for Rs. 6,336,210/-.

Ginger Production

Under ginger, a total of 455 MT of ginger was harvested of which 323 MT was sold for Rs. 9,561,405/-.

Case Study

My name is Langpong from Hakchang village I have four kids. I'm a farmer by profession. Initially, life was difficult for my family to sell our products like vegetables and other spices. Earlier there was no scope for selling ginger so I only planted it for domestic use but after establishing linkages with Kisan Network, I have increased the produce as all the ginger produced is being converted to cash. This year I harvested 5000 kgs of ginger fetching me Rs 1,50,000 (one lakh fifty thousand). I'm planning for more quantity for the next season. ECS and Kisan Network really helped me and the villagers in particular for selling our ginger. I also encourage my fellow farmers to plant ginger as it has high potential for marketing.



Kholar plantation.



Pea plantation.



Cabbage raising nursery bed.



Cabbage plantation.



King chilli.



Survey with KVK.



Plantation of pea.



SRI in Sangdak village.



Farmer Scientist interface at SRI Plot

Soya Bean

In collaboration with KVK, the project has selected 34 farmers from both Noklak village and Nokyan A village for soya (RVS variety) production as demonstration. As per the harvest report from the para workers, a total of 960 Kgs was harvested with an income of Rs. 11,52,000/- (Eleven lakhs fifty-two thousand).

System of Rice Intensification (SRI)

The project has been promoting SRI technology under wet terrace cultivation and has seen an increase in the Household coverage from 134 HHs to 294 HHs. It also reported an increase in the harvest as compared to previous year harvest report.

PIGGERY PROGRESS IN 2019-2020

During the year, the project has reached out to 864 HHs under Piggery intervention. 866 beneficiaries were selected and distributed input support like materials for construction of Pigsty. The project also distributed good piglets breed to around 234 beneficiaries. A total of 1002 piglets were farrowed with approximate sale proceed of Rs. 1,647,000/- (Sixteen lakhs Forty-Seven thousand only), and a total sale record of fatteners with an income proceed of Rs. 7,200,000/- (Seventy-two lakhs) only.

A Story of Piggery Initiative

Mr. C. Takum Chang lives with his wife and 5 children in Kumpung village under Noksen block. Most of the children are studying in Tuensang Town. The project has supported him with a sty and one piglet. He was trained through the project on pig rearing. He says that there is better growth in the animal by using the scientific practices. From one piglet he has increased it to 5 pigs; one boar, two sows and two fatteners from the profit he has earned. "Last year I have earned about Rs. 1,17,000/- (One lakh seventeen thousand) by selling fatterner, piglet and boar service. My family is deeply indebted to TATA Trust, NEIDA and ECS for bringing such a big project to our village despite the village being situated in the remotest part of the block. We thank the project staff for the hardship that they endured in supporting us especially during the monsoon season. We have seen that the field staff often travel on foot to conduct training and support visits. The project has really helped improve our economic status and I am looking forward to upgrading our endeavours into mini breeding units in near future if the project supports".



Training on piggy management



Site inspection of pig sty.



Piggery fattening.

Story of Mr. Imti Chuba

A farmer from Tuensang village, Mr. Imti Chuba have been rearing pigs in a traditional way for almost 30 years. He is married to Nyimang and blessed with four sons and one daughter. Being a marginal farmer, his income is from agricultural produce but the main income is from his backyard pig rearing. He says, “rearing pigs is similar to saving in the bank for farmers like us”. He can provide quality education for his children in mainland India from income generated from piggery. The eldest son did his B.Sc Optometrist and the next two children did their M.Sc forestry and B.Sc medical and laboratory technology. He learnt that pigs are highly profitable. A sow can breed as early as in 10-12 months and can farrow twice in a year producing 6-12 piglets in each farrowing. In the first year, the project supported him with 1 breeding sow and construction material for 1 pigsty but he managed to rear 1 sow and 3 fatterner which earned him a profit of more than Rs. 90,000 (ninety thousand) from piglet and fattening. After observing his interest, the project decided to upgrade the unit into a mini breeding unit for the village and was provided with additional 4 sows and 1 boar. “Feeding and clean breeding practices plays an important role in making piggery a profitable business” says Chuba.



Imti Chuba from Tuensang village.



Animal health camp.

Case Study of Breeding Sow

Mr. Cheya Isa is a resident of Phemkhem Sector in Noklak village. He and his wife are blessed with two daughters and four Sons. It was hard for him to provide for his children's educational expenses and the needs of his large family through small conventional agriculture practices. In mid-2016, he was selected by the project for rearing breeding sows as he showed a lot of interest. With the inputs and knowledge gained through various trainings on piggery practices and management, he earned an additional income of Rs 30,000/- (thirty thousand) from first piglets farrowed in 2017. The following year in 2018, he earned Rs 37,000/- (Twenty-seven thousand) from two farrowing. He made Rs 36000/- (Thirty-six thousand) in 2019 and Rs. 21000/- (Twenty-one thousand) early 2020 from the sale of piglets. Apart from rearing breeding sows, he also rears fatteners which is sold only once a year. sWith whatever income that was generated, he was able to manage his family and also support his children's education.



Piggery Mini Breeding Unit

SHG & FPO PROGRESS IN 2019-2020

During the year, the project has reached out to various financial institutions for availing loans for Farmers Groups as well as the SHG groups in. A of total 115 groups have availed loans for their federations.

Around, 134 SHGs has availed loan of Rs. 24,05,000/- (Twenty-four lakhs five thousand) through CCL (Cash credit Limit).

SHG Success Story

Haak village is situated approximately 23 km away from Tuensang Town. The village solely depends on agricultural for their daily sustenance. After its introduction, the project adopted the SHGs formed by the organisation way back in 2007 with few likeminded women folks. Over the years, the SHGs in the village made a lot of progress treading over many hurdles and challenges. One success story is of Achila, a SHG member. She is married to Besoyimjong and blessed with 3 daughters and 4 sons. She and her husband worked really hard in order to meet their daily requirements and pay school fees of the children. Her first venture into business was a small grocery shop which she set up with a loan from the group. She recollected how she had to struggle for setting up her mini business. Later, from the small savings, she managed to buy a plot of land for cultivation which also brings in additional income. From the income generated through her businesses, the couple built a cosy building in the village.

The project also formed 3 FPO's in 3 blocks and their registration completed under Nagaland Cooperative Societies Act. The share capital collected in Ajai-ei-Wathat FPO was Rs 1.17 lakhs and Rs 93,000 in Chenya FPO.



SHG grading and analysis.



SHG Loan Disbursement



Mrs. Achila with her family.

The project also promoted one District level Pig Producer Group with an objective to help Pig Producers in the villages in financial and other related activities.

The project with the help of NABARD launched the E-Shakti for SHGs with an objective to digitalize all SHG accounts and to bring SHG members under the fold of financial Inclusion thereby creating avenues for SHGs to access a wider range of financial services from financial institutions. Altogether 260 SHGs were registered in the E-shakti portal and is online. Details of the SHGs and individual members can be accessed online in the portal.

Update on Cash Credit Linkage (CCL) supported by NSCB

A total of 32 SHGs comprising of 261 members were provided loans through CCL. Around 35 Young entrepreneurs were also supported with loans for setting up enterprises like grocery shops, local taxis, hotels, farming, fishery etc. A total of Rs 5.6 cr loan is in circulation as of March 2020.

Easy OWN Home Appliances.

The Easy Own home appliances scheme that was initiated in 2018 has been able to reach many households in



Training on concept of FPO.

Tuensang District. The idea was to enable mothers to buy and own their desired products at affordable installment payment mode. Easy own provides home appliances like washing machine, refrigerator, inverter, laptop, almirah, solar lamp, pressure cooker, television set etc. During the year, 786 different products worth Rs.1,02,45,000/- were sold under this scheme.



Key Achievements during the Financial Year of the Project

Agriculture

1. Scaling of production has been a major achievement of the project. For instance, ginger production in 2015 was 20 tons which has now scaled up to more than 300 tons and potato from household consumption was commercialized to more than 400 tons.
2. Adoption of 500 ginger grower farmers by the Department of Horticulture under Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD) and leveraged funds of more than 1.6 cr which was directly channelled to the Account of the farmers.
3. The creation of assets in the household level is improving the quality of life.

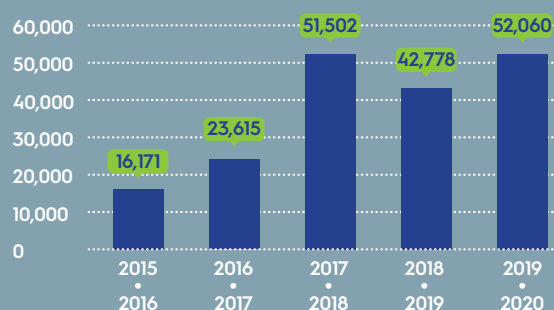
Piggery

1. Permanent infrastructure of sty in the household levels.
2. Decrease in mortality, improved hygiene management with better sanitation was a major achievement of the project.
3. Establishment of Mini Breeding Units in strategic locations across the project to meet the piglet deficit in the district.

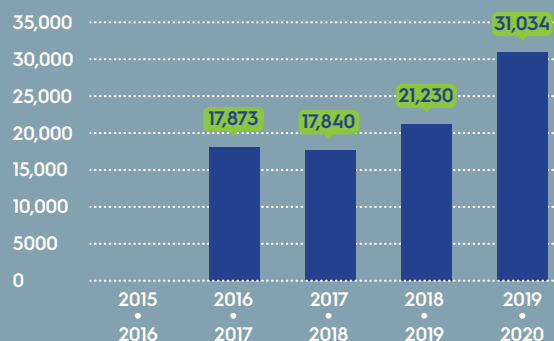
Community Institution

1. Formation of farmer's institutions through cooperatives (SHG and Marketing) with raising of share capitals to more than 3 cr, which is managed and decided by farmers themselves.
2. Leveraging of credit from the financial institution to the tune of more than 4.7 cr to the farmers and SHGs.
3. Registration of all the project SHGs under E-Shakti programme under NABARD with an objective to digitalize all SHG accounts to bring SHG members under the fold of financial Inclusion thereby helping them to access wider range of financial services together increasing bankers' comfort in credit appraisal.
4. Formation of District Level Pig Producer Organisation.

AVERAGE INCOME (RS.) EARNED IN CASH PER HOUSEHOLD UNDER AGRICULTURE



AVERAGE INCOME (RS.) FROM PIGGERY PER HOUSEHOLD



GINGER

Agriculture is the one of the essential sectors that needs special attention so as to meet the everyday challenges by the marginalized farmers especially with regard to the rural population. Tuensang, although an urban area yet in terms of developmental activities very few changes can be seen during the past few decades. As per, the survey taken to monitor the income ratio by selling ginger the following records have been indicated for reference.

Statistic Report On Ginger

Sl. No	Name of village	Quantity (In Kg)	Year	Income (in Rs)
1.	Hakchang	56513	2018	1412825
2.	Maksha	4621	2018	115525
3.	Sangsangyu	12618	2018	315450
4.	Saoshou	3852	2018	96300
5.	Momching	10789	2018	269725
6.	Sangchen	5765	2019	129533
7.	Kumpung	1768	2019	44200
8.	Longtang	1599	2019	39975

As per the record, a turnover of Rs 2,423,533/- (twenty-four lakhs twenty-three thousand five hundred thirty-three only) can be seen. According to the chart, we have seen drastic change in income ratio compared to initial periods when ginger was cultivated either for domestic use or sold in small quantity with an approximate income of only 2000-5000/- annually per individual.

Below is the list of 10 selected progressive farmers who were personally interviewed during the harvest period in 2019.

Sl. No	Name	Qty (in kg) Current year	Income current year@ 30/Kg	Qty in initial year	Income in initial year @ 25/Kg
1.	B. Langpong	5000	150000	1500	37500
2.	M.B. Mongba	753	22590	200	5000
3.	Y. Beti	1002	30060	250	6250
4.	B. Bumut	625	18750	150	3750
5.	L. Bongshei	1146	34380	230	5750
6.	M. Chongma	1221	36630	220	5500
7.	I. Ongmang	1216	36480	100	2500
8.	L. Chingmak	860	25980	180	4500
9.	B. Ayang	886	26580	170	4250
10.	O. Somba	836	25080	190	4750

Price fluctuation plays an important role in marketing. However, with the support of Governmental organizations and various trusts, cultivation of ginger has never been an optional crop.



VIDYAGYAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Vidyagyan Leader Academy, an initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, for the first-time invited Students from North Eastern States to appear in its Entrance Exam for the year 2019-2020. Vidyagyan is specially designed to identify and nurture gifted students from economically underprivileged rural backgrounds and transform them into future leaders through high-quality education. It is a 100% scholarship residential academy and admits students who have completed their primary schooling upto 5th Standard.

The academy holds a rigorous three level of examination including door to door inspection of the selected students to ensure that only the most deserving students gets admitted into the academy. The Academy is focused on developing future leaders who can act as catalysts of change for their communities, villages and nation at large. The inspiration of the Vidyagyan stems from the belief that high quality education will have a positive impact on the academic and socio-economic

structure of the society to a point where it can truly uplift and transform lives.

For the State of Nagaland, ECS partnered with the Department of School Education to conduct the entrance exams in four Districts - Kohima, Dimapur, Mokokchung, and Tuensang and a few students from Mon and Longleng district appeared the exams in Dimapur and Longleng. Altogether, 486 students appeared in the first level written examination of which only 18 students were selected for the second level. In level two, personal interviews as well as medical fitness of the students was conducted in Dimapur. In level three, teachers from the Academy along with ECS made visits to the homes of candidates in all four districts. After a thorough examination and back verification, seven students were finally admitted to the academy for the 2019-2020 session. *Although only a handful of students got inducted into the school, we hope that the society will immensely benefit from them in the future.*

ECS STAFF RETREAT 2019

The organization conducted a two-day retreat for the staff on 26-27 July 2019. It was a program packed with activities and games – a fun way to way to converse and get to know the broader team.

Sessions were also built in to help reflect and reevaluate self, rediscovering co-workers and building team's bonding and cohesion. The Executive Secretary, CBLT, Rev. Achu Chang was also invited to speak on leadership and team building. He used group exercises to demonstrate trust in one another, harnessing diverse ideas, and team work to achieve a common goal. He stressed on the key leadership qualities as to instruct, motivate, being loyal and humble and encouraged everyone be interdependent, decisive and cooperative to meet the needs of the community. On the second day, the team also took out time and planted 500 tree saplings in the area surrounding Longpang PHC. In a nutshell, it was an exciting two days of rejuvenation, learning and repositioning of both individual and collective outlook. The success of the program was largely due to huge support and contribution, good planning and organizing skills of the team as a whole.



Balloon race.



Tug of war.



Volleyball.



Sack race.



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