

# ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008



SPTWD

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF TRIBAL  
WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (SPTWD)

By the grace of God, we have completed one more successful year. I am delighted to present our progress during the year 2007-08 with support from friends, well wishers and the management. Thank you all.




On the ground, we have seen considerable changes in the attitude, thinking and behavior of the people we work with in Delhi slum and Manipur. We have set up one more Ebion Public School (EPS) for poor tribals in Ijairong village, Tamenglong district, Manipur with three local volunteers. At the same time, the teaching and facilities of our existing EPS school/s in Sri Ram colony, Delhi and K. Songlung, Senapati district, Manipur were also improved. As on date about 475 poor slum and rural tribal children are getting quality education @ Rs.35/- Pm fee from the three Ebion Public Schools. We give preference to the girl child, orphan, semi-orphans and children from broken homes and of illiterate parents and poor families.

We have formed more self-help groups and farmer societies in Delhi and Manipur and provided them credit from Indian Bank (micro-sate branch) Delhi for various farm and non-farm income activities. We have tied up with RATARC agriculture training centre, Silchar, Assam and Central Agriculture University, Manipur to train farmer societies in Manipur on organic farming and other technical inputs.

SPTWD has also enter into informal relationship with Larsen and Toubro Ltd (Delhi), and Vipur Groups (Gurgoan) to train the less educated unemployed rural youths in construction related works such as Mason, Capentry, Welding and Electrical etc. About eight (8) youths have trained and placed in construction companies.

We are overwhelmed by the response and support we received from all but the local communities. We are challenged by the enormous problems they faced in day to day life. To this end, we re-dedicate ourselves to live up to the challenge to help them work their way out of poverty.

  
Sem Haokip  
Secretary/Director

## **WHO WE ARE?**

Society for Promotion of Tribal Welfare and Development (SPTWD) is a national level development organization formed by liked minded people from different walks of life. Started in 2003, it got formally registered on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2004 under Societies Registration Act (XXI) of 1860 in Delhi. It is also registered under 80G (5) (VI) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for exemption.

## **OUR VISION**

Peace and sustainable development through compassionate action.

## **OUR MISSION**

To work towards maximizing opportunities for the poorest and Tribals through improved education, livelihood, health care services, economic empowerment, business and skill training, environment protection, research and documentation and influencing policies through lobby and advocacy.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2007-2008** **EDUCATION**

Our aim is to set up a chain of low cost model school by name Ebion Public School/s to provide quality education to the less privileged at affordable fee. This year, we have added one more EPS primary school at Ijairong vilalge, Tamenglong district, Manipur. EPS school/s are a public school for the poor. More than 70% of the seat is reserved for poor children and we give preference to orphans, semi-orphans, girl child, children of single parents, illiterate parents, from broken homes and poor families. We charge a nominal fee @ Rs.35-50/-pm and supports the poorest. So far we have EPS at the following centres,

1. EPS - Sri Ram Colony, Khajoori Khas, Delhi for slum children. Class Nursery to IV. There are about 150 students. We conduct free tuition after school for weak students.
2. EPS-K. Songlung village, Senapati district, Manipur for conflict affected children from class Nur-III. There are 118. Many conflict affected children are back to school after along gap.
3. EPS - Ijairong village, Tamenglong district, Manipur for poor Tribal children from Nur-VI. There are 178 students from poor families.



We organized talent shows, annual sports meet for the school children. We took the Delhi EPS children for education tour. This gave opportunity to them to see around Delhi for the first time. Annual sports meet, talent programs like singing, dancing, poetry and painting competitions have enormous impact on the overall learning and development of the children. They are able to express themselves in various forms and mediums.

**Computer Education**

With support from Room to Read, Delhi, we introduced computer and leap-pad classes for school children. This makes learning more interesting. The children learnt better through interactive and audio-visual Cds. The children learnt to use appropriate words and form short sentences correctly and interact with the teachers. Moreover, the cleanliness and discipline of the children have improved considerably. This makes their parents proud and they are taking more interest in their children education. The trust and confidence of the community in the project team has also increased.

**MEDICAL & HEALTH CAMPS**

On 25th May 2007 we conducted special Health camp for EPS students and their parents at EPS school Sri Ram colony, Delhi. Dr. Sheik of the same colony was invited and he checked 100 children and 50 women. Some of the patients were given medicine free of cost. He also gave awareness talks on how to prevent from common diseases by maintaining health and hygiene.

On 29th June 2007, a special RTI/STI camp was organized at EPS school and Dr. Sangi of EHA was specially invited. About 45 women of RTI/STI cases got treated. She also gave awareness talks to the women groups on prevention and protection from sexually transmitted diseases and MCH/RCH related issues.





## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

### Self-Help Group

We have formed 7 SHGs in Delhi project area so far. The members save regularly and on-lend among themselves the collect amount for emergency and income purposes, We have helped them open their group bank account in SBI Gokulpuri branch. Similarly, the Manipur team have formed 5 SHGs around Kangchup area in villages where they have formed farmers societies. Three of the SHGs have received Rs. 20000/- grant from World Vision. Two SHGs have taken training in soap and detergent making and they are now using their own products. SPTWD team helps in writing meeting minutes and accounts. The SHG movement has given opportunity and a new meaning to women in Delhi slum and rural Manipur to participate in the market place. Their self-worth and confidence increased manifold.

**Vocational Construction Training:** We have tie up with Larsen & Toubro Ltd and Vipul groups in Gurgaon to train rural youth in construction related training such as Mason, Carpentry, Electrical and Welding. SPTWD has sent 8 (boys) from Manipur to Larsen & Toubro Ltd training centre at Mongespur, Delhi. Four of the boys are working in Larson & Toubro metro project in AIIMS-Mehrauli section where as four others have joined other jobs. The training is good for less educated unemployed rural youth because they get placement easily after the training. SPTWD will enter into proper MOU with L&T and facilitate the recruitment of more number of unemployed rural youth for the training in future.

### Cutting and Tailoring

SPTWD Delhi project started Cutting and tailoring training women and young girls at Sri Ram Colony, Khajuri Khas. About 25 students have graduated this year. Many of the girls in tailoring centre have joined the self-help groups. Five of the girls have expressed their desire to continue their studies. SPTWD will help them enrol in Open school and conduct special tuition for them. The trainees develop a sense of unity, confidence and feel empower.



## AGRICULTURE TRAINING

SPTWD Manipur branch team has formed more farmer societies in K. Songlung vilage, Lhangjol and Ponlen. The farmer societies are then trained in organic farming and Sustainable Agriculture Land Technology. This has helped farmers who are mostly practicing traditional method of shifting cultivation which is not environmentally sustainable slowly changing to terrace cultivation and other permanent method of cultivation.

Mr. J. Lhungdim Jr. Scientist from Central Agriculture University, Manipur was invited to train farmers on Kharif crop and he also provided them technical guidance on how to prevent crops from insects using simple local methods. Mr. Lhungdim is now using Kangchup area farmer society as Front-line demonstration project for his research. Majority of the farmers are now into Pineapple cultivation and other cash crops such as ginger, turmeric, onion and variety of beans than food crops such as rice. As a result, the income of K. songlung farmer society members increased on an average to Rs.5,000-10,000/-. Over all, the farmers are not able to get good prices for their produce in a local market during seasons.

For farmers who are into pineapple cultivation and other cash crops, marketing and transportation has become one of the major hurdles. There is need for market support and food processing units such as cold storage facility and others to make the initiative sustainable for the farmers societies to get sustained income from their farms. Some of the farmers are now into Dairy and goatry farming which is encouraging. The farmer society members are now equipt to train others in organic farming and other methods.

We also encourage the farmer societies to make small but regular savings for machinery and other improvement. At present, all the farmer societies are making Rs.100/- monthly saving for improved tools and seedlings.





## LOCAL LEADERS TRAINING

In association with RATARC, Silchar Assam, and EFICOR, New Delh, we conducted two days seminar on holistic mission for local church leaders with Kuki Baptist Convention, Imphal on 8-9 October 2007. The prevailing social issues where the church is silent where it should have played a vital role and the consequences were discussed with the leaders. The participants went back motivated and they promise to tack in their capacity at the local level with the local communities.

Similarly, another two days seminar on Christian youth leadership was conducted at Ereng village with Kangchup area churches forum from 11-12 October 2007. About 80 local youth participated in the seminar. It was the first of its kind in Kangchup area where youth from different community come together in a seminar or workshop. The participants

were motivated that some of them say Mr. Jacob and Sofia of Ereng village decided to start tuition classes for children who are not able to go to regular school.

Yet, another seminar on holistic mission was conducted with The Good Samaritan Foundation (GSF) Churachandpur, on 17-18 November 2007 for local church leaders belonging to different community and denominations. About 35 local church leaders from around churachandpur town participated. The leaders resolved to work together putting aside their differences and work for peace-to end ethnic conflict in their area.



## STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

SPTWD believe that the strength of an organizations depends on the capacity and effectiveness of its staff. Hence, we give importance to capacity building to enhance their skill and improve their knowledge to develop them into effective workers and managers. Hence, we have sent our team for various training programs during the year as under;

Sl. No	Name of training	Period	Conducted by	Place	Name of staff participants
1.	HIV/AIDS Training	22 <sup>nd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	EFICOR	ISI Lodi R.N-Delhi	Mr. Paokam Mr. Paobul
2.	Project cycle management	13 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	EFICOR	ISI Lodi Road. New Delhi	Mr. Sem Mr. Seikhongam
3.	Direct project partner training	7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	EFICOR	CDS, Nagpur	Mr. Sem Mr. Paokam
4.	HIV/AIDS Counselling	3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	EFICOR	Carmal Niwas, Okla New Delhi	Mr. Paobul
5.	Hardware & Networking computer training	20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2007 to 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2008	Oxford Institute	Bhajanpura North Delhi	Mr.Thanglenkam
6.	English speaking course	Sep to Nov-2007 Two months	British language school	Delhi university Delhi	Mr. Kamboi
7.	CDO course	Jun-Nov-07 (10 month)	EFICOR	New Delhi	Mr. Onkholun Ms. Babita
8.	National workshop on " <b><u>Gender &amp; development issue</u></b> "	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct-2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov-2007	ISI Training provider department	ISI Lodi Road New Delhi	Ms. Alice Ms. Lhingcha
9.	National workshop on "Sustainable livelihood for poor community in urban & rural"	27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> Nov-2007	ISI Training provider department	ISI Lodi Road New Delhi	Mr. Paokam Mr. Paobul
10.	Workshop on "Compassionate Community Work"	29 <sup>th</sup> Feb-2008	ISI Conference Hall	ISI Lodi Road New Delhi	Mr. Seikhongam Mr. Paobul



## WORKING PARTNERS

SPTWD has established partnership with RATARC Agriculture Training Centre, Silchar, Assam, Central Agriculture University, Manipur for technical training of farmer societies in Organic and other improved method of farming. The Good Samaritan Foundation (Churachandpur, Manipur) and Pricila Centre, Guahati for training of home-based weaves on improved design and product development of handloom and related crafts.

The team in Delhi has joined hands with Indian Bank to give small bank loans directly to SHGs promoted by SPTWD. It has network with other like minded organisations such as EFICOR and Room to Read, Delhi.

## GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

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