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132 Youths Trained as Skilled Mason

Special points of interest:

132 youths trained as skilled mason.

Two graduates set example by becoming the skilled mason after completing 3 months masonry training.

The training aims to produce 200 youth as professional masons.

“It was during the COVID-19 pandemic in the year 2020, while traveling to Siju with Fr. Sunny, the then Director of BAKDIL, the idea of giving masonry training came up,” Mr. Silchi Marak an Architect engineer recalled while speaking to the BAKDIL Bulletin.

Many youths who had gone outside the state searching for jobs were made to return home because of the nationwide lockdown. The spike in the unemployment rate rose immensely.

The construction workers coming from the outside state could not enter the state, and the demand for trained masons swelled up.

Taking the idea of masonry training the former Director of BAKDIL Fr. Sunny submitted the proposal to Me-

ghalaya Basin Management Agency to support the training of 200 youths as professional masons.

Fr. Sunny always says, “the revenue generated in the state should revolve within the state.”

With this quote, BAKDIL initiated three months of training in masonry and plumbing with maximum participants of 30 candidates per batch.

“Since 2020, we have completed two years implementing this masonry training and we have successfully trained 132 young boys as skilled masons,” said Mr. Andrew, non-farm training coordinator of BAKDIL.

Many youths participated in the training from over the four corners of Garo Hills. The course offers 30 days of

theory and 60 days of actual site practical.

Mr. Trinath and Mr. Labitson, among the 132 pass-outs are also general education graduates.

Using the knowledge gained from the training, the pass-outs are working as full-time construction workers at various locations in Garo Hills.

The new Director of BAKDIL Fr. Cyril Sangma also appreciated the responsible people for initiating this program. He also pledged to continue this program and give the unemployed youth an opportunity to become successful mason provided that MBMA extends the Program support.

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BAKDIL run Government PHCs

On the occasion of 76th Indian Independence day celebration BAKDIL run PHCs received Kayakalp awards for the best performance related to hygiene, sanitation, and infection control in their respective districts.

BAKDIL run Salmanpara PHC in South West Garo

Hills, Babadam PHC in West Garo Hills, and Gabil in North Garo Hills.

BKDIL run Wageasi PHC also received the commendation award for their outstanding performance.



Health Camp; Gram Seva—SBI Foundation



BAKDIL through the implementation of Gram Seva project has adopted 5 villages under Dadenggre block to develop and upgrade the villages in various sectors.

Healthcare facility is one of the major component of the project. The mobile medical van, an ambulance has also been procured under the project.

In August, under the project has

organized medical health camps in three villages namely Aigre Songgitcham, Rongdupara and Kantananggre in collaboration with the Dadenggre CHC and ICDS, Department of Social Welfare.

Dr. Dimpy Marak, medical officer from Dadenggre CHC conducted free health check ups for children and adults. She also gave health talks on the importance of infant immunization, regular antenatal check ups and institutional delivery.



In villages most of the parents don't want to vaccinate their children saying their children gets sick right after the immunization. Little do they know that their babies are getting vaccinated against various fatal diseases which does not have treatment.

CDPO spoke on proper nutrition for children and mothers. She also urged the parents to send their children to anganwadi centres where they supply nutritious food for children and mothers.

A total of 163 children and adults participated in the health camps in three villages.

National Urban Livelihood Mission

Government of Meghalaya "Commissionerate of Food Safety" spot licensing and registration camp held at BAKDIL office Tura for the Women SHG from urban areas who have started their small food processing units.

The officials identified the entrepreneurs for food processing and got them FSSAI registered on the spot.

Ms. Tangme Ch Marak, Asst. the commissioner gave a speech on the importance of FSSAI registration.

She also spoke on proper packaging and labeling of the local produce in

order to get a competitive price in the market.

Later in the day officials from the labor department engaged with the women SHGs from urban areas.

The labor officials talked about the various government schemes including E-shram online registration for the identification of unorganized workers from the unorganized sector by the Government of India.

They also explained the process of registering and the benefits for the laborers from this e-shram card.

The official urged all the workers to get registered to avail the benefits of this card. Once registered the candidate will receive a Unique Identification Number (UAN) which is valid all over the country. The official also said that the beneficiaries will get insurance of Rs 2 lakh if they get injured and become permanently handicapped while adding, that insurance of Rs 1 lakh would be provided for undergoing treatment if the beneficiary is partially injured.

Gram Seva: Activities



During the celebration of the 76th Indian Independence Day, the SBI-

funded Gram Seva Project being implemented by BAKDIL has distributed scholarship certificates and cheques worth **Rs 10000** each to the talented students by the hands of MLA Shri. Adus Saleh from Rajabala, Dadenggre Civil SDO Shri. Vibho Agarwal and Sub-divisional Police Officer Shri. R. Kumar IPS.

Other Gram Seva Activities in the month are: Financial literacy camp

cum opening of saving accounts and collaborated for aadhaar enrolment.

Career guidance organized for students of Puri Govt Higher Secondary School. A total of 113 students attended the career guidance. The topic highlighted during the program was inventory test, exploring own innate capability of talents, fitting their career as per personal interest and limitations.

Community Health Intervention Project; Songsak

Bakdil has been implementing Community Health Intervention Project focusing on women and children in Songsak.

Focusing on the reduction of anemia in women and children the main activity of the project is to conduct anemia tests and to provide proper nutrition guidelines to the people of the area.

It has been observed that most women and children in the villages of Garo Hills are anemic. This is one of the main reasons for maternal death.

During the implementation last



month, Bakdil organized at least 6 health camps in different villages combined with an anemia identification program.

A total of 267 participants received a free medical check-up from Samin Sembukol, Samin

Rongmerang, Samin Waksogre, Koksi Songgital, Koksi Songama, and Koksi Nengsat villages.

In all the Health Camps, the most common illness identified were scabies, a stomach infection, fever, body weakness, loss of appetite, nausea, and such. It was also observed that most of these are due to a lack of clean drinking water facilities, and a lack of nutritious dietary habits.

Along with medicines and tonics, nutritious bars made of groundnut and jaggery were also distributed to all to improve the Hb level of anemic women and children.

Agri-Allied; NABARD Supported programs



On 11 August 2022, Mrs Sanre Momin, SDO, Sericulture Department EGH, inaugurated the 30 days training on weaving for conventional women from Songsak block, in

presence of Mrs Vivian A Sangma, Arushat Hussain, both entrepreneurs and Director of BAKDIL Fr Cyril Sangma.

This training is funded by NABARD and it supports 25 weavers from Songsak Block.

Mrs Sonajing M Sangma, a resident of Songsak will give training for 30 days for 25 selected women. Mrs Sonajing Sangma, has been practicing handloom since 1994.

Training Programme on Vermi Composting Under ITDP- III Kharkutta and ITDP –IV Rongram: vermi composting training conducted for the beneficiaries of ITDP—III & IV.

The objective of the training is for the beneficiaries to practice vermi composting and to use vermi manure for the planted saplings under the project.

The ITDP project supports plantation of cash crops like mango, litchi and oranges.

FARM—NE

Phase III of the FARM-NE program for facilitating agriculture regeneration in NE India.

The one-day training program was conducted on black pepper nurseries and banana plantations.

The source of information was Mr. Francis A. Sangma, the Bakdil Training Coordinator, who supervised a training program on managing a black pepper nursery and a banana plantation.

More than 20 farmers took part in the training.

The other relevant activity was training on Green Gram Cultivation. Dr. Y Sofia Devi, (Agronomy) and Dr. Trudy A Sangma, (Horticulture) were the resource persons of the training program.

Dr. Sofia Devi took up the first session of the program. She gave them the scientific way of growing green



gram. She has given information about the Green Gram's vitamins, minerals, and fiber content. She also gave instructions to retain row spacing of 30 cm and plant spacing of 10 cm before sowing Kharif. Line-up spacing of 22.5 cm and plant spacing of 7 cm is recommended for rabbi sowing.

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Ongoing BAKDIL Projects.

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| 1. Women Self Help Groups and Self Help Group Federation. | 9. BAKDIL Daring Tailors Association. | 17. National Rural Livelihoods Mission. |
| 2. BAKDIL Farmer's Club. | 10. Farmer's Producer Organization (FPO). | 18. Springshed based Watershed Development Program. |
| 3. Facilitating Agriculture Regenerating Measure (FARM) Phase -III. | 11. BAKDIL Bishop's Refundable Financial Assistance for Higher Education. | 19. Gram Seva—SBIF. |
| 4. Integrated Tribal Development Program). | 12. BAKDIL Training Center, Walbakgre. | 20. Meghalaya Community-based Forest Management and Livelihood Improvement Programme, (MeCFLIP), MBDA-JICA |
| 5. Livelihood Enterprise Development Program (LEDP). | 13. BAKDIL Training Center, Baghmara. | |
| 6. Micro Entrepreneurship Development Program | 14. BAKDIL Training Center, Zikzak. | |
| 7. Management of Primary health Centers. | 15. BAKDIL Training Center, Dadenggre. | |
| 8. Refundable Financial Assistance for Livelihood Development. | 16. BAKDIL Training Center, Songsak. | |