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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### Babadam PHC Run by BAKDIL Awarded Prestigious NQAS Certification, A First in Garo Hills

We are proud to share that Babadam Primary Health Centre (PHC), operated by BAKDIL in collaboration with the Government of Meghalaya under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, has achieved a major milestone by receiving the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certification from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

This recognition is a first for any PHC in the Garo Hills region and marks a significant achievement in the state's journey toward quality public healthcare.

The NQAS certification, developed by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC) under the Quality Council of India (QCI), evaluates public health facilities on a range of stringent criteria, including:

- Patient care
- Infection control
- Infrastructure
- Cleanliness
- Service delivery

With unwavering commitment and meticulous effort, the Babadam PHC team secured an exceptional score of 91.09%, setting a new benchmark for quality healthcare delivery in Meghalaya.

Babadam PHC is one of 122 facilities selected under the IPA model, an innovative, performance-based financing approach within the Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project (MHSSP), supported by the World Bank. Facilities under IPA are evaluated based on key performance indicators and rewarded with additional resources for achieving high scores—encouraging continuous improvement.

This milestone was made possible through the collaborative efforts of:

- The Joint Directorate Quality Committee (JDQC)
- The District Medical & Health Officer (DM&HO), West Garo Hills
- MHSSP and NHM teams

Their guidance, mentorship, and technical support played a crucial role throughout the certification journey.

In this newsletter you can expect:

BAKDIL-run Babadam AAM PHC becomes the first PHC in Garo Hills to be awarded with Prestigious National Quality Certification (NQAS)

SIDBI, FARM & MECDM all working to bring a change

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## Financial Literacy Program Empowers SHG Members in West Garo Hills

On 21st July 2025, the Community Managed Training Centre (CMTTC) at Nokrek Midan Cluster Level Federation, Asanang Rongram, hosted a Financial Literacy Program under the Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) Project in collaboration with MSRLS, Rongram Block. The initiative, funded by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and NABARD, aimed to strengthen financial awareness among Self Help Group (SHG) members.

Chaired by Mr. Rakseng Marak, Deputy Director of Bakdil and Manager of the CFL Project, the program began with a welcome address from Mr. Hidam Singh, Lead District Manager (LDM), West Garo Hills. He highlighted key social security schemes — PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY — and shared an inspiring success story of an SHG member from Tebronggre Cluster who received vital insurance support under PMJJBY during a family crisis.

Mr. Arun Kumar, Manager at RBI Guwahati, delivered an insightful session on identifying genuine currency notes, addressing counterfeit circulation, and explaining RBI guidelines for replacing damaged or soiled notes. Mr. Kitmiller Sangma, District Development Manager (DDM), NABARD, translated and contextualized the presentation, ensuring clarity for local participants.

An open discussion saw women participants raise concerns over non-enrollment in schemes and credit linkage issues, to which bank officials provided guidance. Mr. Tengba Marak, District Functional Specialist (Financial Inclusion), MSRLS, urged SHG members to proactively avail themselves of available schemes and services.

The event concluded with a symbolic gesture under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” initiative, where officials, bankers, and community members planted fruit saplings around the venue, marking the day with a commitment to both financial and environmental growth.

## Training & Awareness Programs Empower Communities in Resubelpara Block



BAKDIL, in partnership with SIDBI, FARM, and MECDM, recently conducted impactful training and awareness programs in Thapa Dangre and Chisimari villages under Resubelpara Block. The sessions focused on three key areas:

- System of Rice Intensification (SRI): An improved method of rice cultivation that enhances yield through better management of plants, soil, water, and nutrients.

- Early Childhood Development: Raising awareness about the importance of nurturing care during the crucial early years of a child's life.
- Bank Loans & Enterprise Promotion: Guiding participants on accessing financial services and starting sustainable livelihoods.

In Thapa Dangre, over 45 participants, including youth from both Rabha and Garo communities, engaged in the sessions. In Chisimari, 30 community members benefited from the practical, hands-on training.

Through these initiatives, BAKDIL and its partners continue to empower rural communities with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed for sustainable growth.



## Mobilization & Data Collection for Upcoming Skill Development Training

BAKDIL teams carried out mobilization and data collection drives in Selsella and Dadenggre Blocks to prepare for the upcoming Skill Development Program. Later, a similar exercise was conducted in Dolwarigre village under Samanda Block, ensuring that community members are well-informed and ready to participate in the training.



## Gram Seva Project Evaluation Visit

From 16th to 18th July 2025, a 3-day evaluation visit was conducted by the Mart Global Pvt. Ltd. team under the Gram Seva Project, funded by the SBI Foundation. The team visited five adopted villages, reviewing progress and assessing the project's impact on community development.



## Audit Training for Master Book Keepers



An Audit Training was held at the Bakdil Training Centre, Asimgre, Dadenggre Block, with 27 participants from various SHG and VO groups for three days. The sessions covered essential topics in maintaining Books of Accounts, including:

- Receipts & Payments
- Income & Expenditure
- Balance Sheet

A practical, hands-on session was also conducted to help participants apply their learning directly to account books. Funded by MSRLS and implemented by BAKDIL, the training aimed to strengthen financial literacy, accountability, and record-keeping at the grassroots level.

## IMEP-III



BAKDIL has received official approval to implement the Intensified Malaria Elimination Project – III (IMEP-III) in South Garo Hills, Meghalaya, supported by The Global Fund for the period April 2024 to March 2027 under the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) framework.

On 4th August 2025, BAKDIL signed a tripartite MoU with the State Programme Officer (Malaria Division) in Shillong, later sent to NCVBDC, New Delhi, completing the formalization of BAKDIL's role as a Sub-Recipient (SR) under the IMEP-III grant.

This partnership strengthens efforts to eliminate malaria in high-endemic regions, focusing on hard-to-reach and vulnerable communities.

Key Focus Areas of IMEP-III in South Garo Hills:

- Strengthening malaria surveillance mechanisms
- Ensuring timely diagnosis and complete treatment
- Enhancing community awareness and prevention measures
- Supporting integrated vector management in targeted areas



# BAKDIL Holds Productive Meeting on Safeguarding Policy and Employee Rights

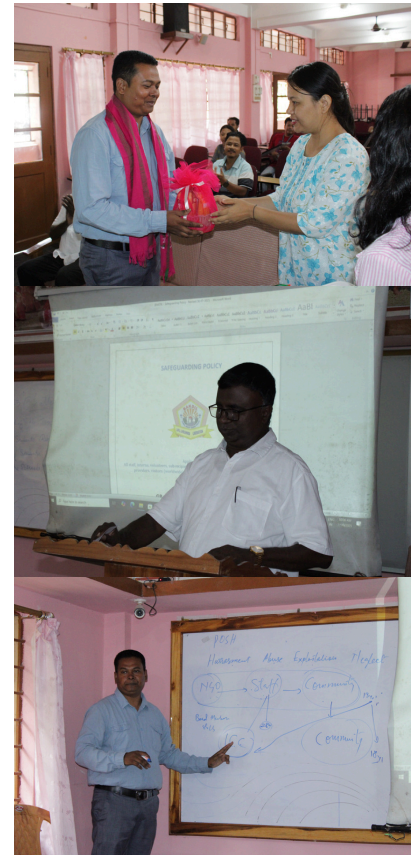


30 July 2025 | Tura, Meghalaya –

BAKDIL conducted an important meeting today focused on strengthening its safeguarding policies to ensure the protection of its employees, the organization and the communities it serves.

A key agenda item was the proposal to establish an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) in line with statutory requirements and best practices. Names for potential committee members were suggested, and their roles and responsibilities were discussed to ensure a transparent and effective grievance redressal mechanism.

The session also featured in-depth discussions on safeguarding rights, particularly those of employees and vulnerable community members. Participants engaged in thoughtful deliberations on Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) in the workplace and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, underscoring the organization's commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all. The meeting marked a significant step toward institutionalizing robust safeguarding frameworks within BAKDIL, reflecting its ongoing dedication to rights-based approaches and ethical standards in all aspects of its work.



## Special points on the program:

- Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) to be formed
- Five members out of which maximum numbers will be formed by female staffs
- Potential names were highlighted





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Established in 1987, BAKDIL is a registered non-governmental organization headquartered in Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. Dedicated to the sustainable development of indigenous communities, BAKDIL works across 22 blocks, reaching nearly 20,000 farmers and their families. Our initiatives span health, education, agriculture, women empowerment, disaster response, micro-finance, entrepreneurship, and skill development. With a committed team on the ground and in the office, we deliver holistic, community-driven support to the most marginalized populations.

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*"Ensuring Life, Livelihood & Liberation"*

## Ongoing BAKDIL Projects

- Integrated Tribal Development Program (ITDP IV & V)
- Micro Entrepreneurship Development Program (MEDP)
- Springshed based Watershed Development Program
- Micro Enterprises Promotion Program (MEPP)
- National Urban Livelihood Mission
- National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- Management of 5 Government AAM Primary health Centers (PHC)
- Social Welfare Department, South West Garo Hills (Short term Trainings)
- Young Professionals Program
- Meghalaya Early Childhood Development Mission (MECDM)
- Dairy Farm at Mebon Rongsep
- Financial Literacy (FLC)
- Meghalaya State Skill Development Society (MSSDS)
- FARM IV

## Training Centres of BAKDIL

- BAKDIL Training Center, Walbakgre
- BAKDIL Training Center, Baghmara
- BAKDIL Training Center, Dadenggre
- Spark Hills, Songsak
- BAKDIL Training Center, Zikzak.

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