



# Annual Report 2023-24

## Hill Social Welfare Society Vocational Training Centre

Upper cart Road, Opposite Fisheries,  
Kalimpong, West Bengal



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## Honourable Founder Member Late. Binay Khati



*Founder member of Hill social Welfare Society, established on 23.11.2000 acted as a Secretary from 2000-2004. He has formed this organisation to support for the Development of women Empowerment, Children education and health services at remote villages and tea garden area of Kalimpong & Darjeeling hilly region. As being the secretary of the organization he did his level best to provide social welfare services to empower and upgrade the society. After serving the nation he died on 10.09.2004.*



## ***MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY***



***My journey with Hill Social Welfare Society*** has reached 22 years since from the year 2002 contributing my efforts for the overall development of the community people. I have seen so many difficult corners of the women with problems in the hilly region of Kalimpong and Darjeeling districts. The organization was running with hard times in the previous days without any infrastructure and sufficient funds. There was dire need of more development on women empowerment /skill development training /women entrepreneur/ livelihood/ self- reliant and sustainability along with personality development amongst the women. The weaker sections of people were emphasized at various remote villages along with the tea garden areas. We extended our support to single women development program at tea garden area and villages for their social and legal rights. We also extended support towards anti human trafficking programmes especially for the safety for the girls and women (presentation and control of unsafe migration and illicit trafficking). Beside we plan for their social service and legal and sustainable livelihood/ support to self-help group and self-employment further through income generation program for their better source of income upgrading the small & the marginalized farmers.

*My best wishes are always to all the women and all categories of the societies for enhancing their best practices and developing skills for their better future.*

Secretary  
Hill Social Welfare Society  
Dist. Kalimpong

*Messages from our well wishers*



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I extend my heartfelt Greetings to all the esteemed Hill Social Welfare Society members for bringing out The Annual Magazine.

Your commitment to the upliftment and empowerment of women is both inspiring and important in today's world. At Kalimpong College, we share your vision of fostering an environment where women can thrive, excel, and confidently lead. Through HSWS you are creating a platform for women's growth, offering support for creating an inclusive and equitable society.

My best wishes for all the future endeavors of HSWS.

Warm regards,

**Devi Chettri**

Teacher-in-Charge Kalimpong College



**Teacher-in-charge  
Kalimpong College  
Kalimpong**



## **LETTER OF ADMIRATION**

**State Bank of India, Kalimpong branch**



**Dear HSWS Team,**

I am writing to express my heartfelt admiration and gratitude for the incredible work you are doing at your NGO. Your unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds, fostering sustainable livelihoods, and empowering women through skill development is truly inspiring. Each one of you plays a crucial role in shaping the future, and your collective efforts are creating ripples of positive change in communities far and wide.

In your hands, children are not just cared for, but they are given the opportunity to dream, learn, and grow. Your work in child development ensures that these young ones have the foundation they need to become confident, capable, and compassionate adults. Every lesson you teach, every moment of care you provide, plants seed for a brighter tomorrow. Remember, the smiles you see on their faces today are the harbingers of a hopeful future.

Your initiatives in livelihood development are equally commendable. By providing sustainable livelihood opportunities, you are not only helping individuals to support themselves and their families, but you are also fostering a sense of dignity and independence. Each project you undertake, each person you train, is a step towards a more resilient and self-sufficient community. Your work is proof that with the right support and resources, everyone has the potential to thrive.

Empowering women through skill development is perhaps one of the most transformative aspects of your mission. By equipping women with the skills they need to succeed, you are breaking down barriers and opening doors to endless possibilities. You are not just teaching skills; you are fostering confidence, independence, and the power to drive change. Each woman you empower becomes a beacon of strength and an agent of change for her family and her community.

Remember that every challenge you face is a testament to your strength and resilience. Every small step you take today, no matter how challenging, is contributing to a larger movement towards equality, opportunity, and prosperity. Your efforts are not just shaping individual futures but also paving the way for a more inclusive and just society.

As you continue your invaluable work, know that you are not alone. You are part of a global community of change-makers, dreamers, and doers. Together, you are changing the world, one life at a time. Keep shining, keep believing in your mission, and keep moving forward with the knowledge that your hard work is making an indelible impact.

With immense gratitude and admiration.

Regards,

***Passang Dorjey Rumba***

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## Appreciation for Hill Social Welfare Society



We deeply appreciate the tireless efforts of Hill Social Welfare Society in empowering the people of Kalimpong and its surrounding areas. Your dedication to improving the lives of marginalized communities is truly commendable.

Your organization's initiatives have made a significant impact, bringing hope and positive change to the region.

We acknowledge your partnership with local authorities, organizations, and individuals, demonstrating collaborative spirit.

Hill Social Welfare Society's contributions are invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment.

*Ramal Chhetri*

Ramal Chhetri  
Assistant Inspector,  
Foreign Race Seed Station,  
Sericulture Kalimpong, WB

*Sh. Balasubramanian T., IAS*

**District Magistrate**

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## MESSAGE

It is glad to know that the Hill Social Welfare Society, (HSWS) a women run organization based at Kalimpong working actively in the field of various livelihood initiatives, is going to publish their Annual Report Magazine 2023-2024. The society is actively contributing since 2000 on the Children Development Programs, Livelihood support among the single Women, Unemployed Youths, SHGs, Disaster Management, Skill Development Training and Relief Activities at Tea Garden areas and rural villages in the hilly region.

I express my gratitude and best wishes to the Hill Social Welfare Society for publishing the Annual Report 2023-2024 and wish the society every success in their future endeavours.



  
Balasubramanian T, IAS,  
District Magistrate,  
Kalimpong.

## Message to the upcoming youths of HSWS



*I would like to take a moment to honour my colleagues in this incredible field. From the hard hours to the challenging moments, our work truly matters for the development of the community. Being Social activists are some of the most resourceful, creative, and passionate people in the world. Let's take an oath for unwavering commitment to serve the people of the nation. No matter the circumstances, always rise to handle the situation. Make your hard work- a passion and work joyfully encouraging each other.*

**Dr. Govind Pradhan**  
(Social Activist)  
Administrator HSWS

## *About the organization*

HSWS is a women-based organization working for the development and empowerment of women along with children and youths of underprivileged sectors. This organization focus on activities - livelihood, mainstreaming education, Health, Nutrition, Sanitation, environment, climate change, preservation and conservation of water Gender, Legal awareness, Human trafficking, Domestic violence, Games, sports, etc. The organization is focused on preservation of water and protecting the natural spring water sources in the hill and the water shed management. Our mission is to create sustainable livelihoods by offering vocational training, educational opportunities, and access to healthcare and safe drinking water. By fostering a supportive environment, we aspire to uplift women, enabling them to become self-reliant and active contributors to the community. We are committed to work on the climate change and developing a climate adoptive livelihood model and to conserve, channelized and reserve the water and spreading awareness on sustainable of use water.

### **ORGANISATIONAL MISSION:**

To build up empowerment support and upliftment of the distressed & deserted peoples of the Community especially women for their sustainable development.

### **ORGANISATIONAL VISION:**

To create/facilitate an enabling environment in health, education, social and economic justices and rights, meaningful environmental/natural existence and continuous development.

### **Objectives:**

1. To pursue the Community health related activities, sanitation, prevention and care units for STI/HIV/AIDS and linking approach of RCH (Reproductive & Child Health) Tuberculosis and malaria Services.
2. To promote Livelihood development activities related to socio-economic development of the community in the sustainable way and linkage with different firms.
3. To establish the program for relinquished children for their protection through Child Rights. To pursue activities on the educational and health, nutrition related to child and youth both formal and non-formal systems.
4. To promote and uplift the indigenous cultural status and local folks.
5. To make people aware on anti- human trafficking and ensure protection for the vulnerable children, girls and women.
6. To upgrade the small and the marginalized farmers focusing on indigenous Agriculture Farming encouraging sufficient production of agricultural products and access marketing.

## ***HILL SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARD RECEIVED BY THE ORGANIZATION FROM GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT SECTORS***

1. *Affiliated with Nehru Yuva Kendra an Autonomous Body Under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Darjeeling. Affiliation Number is 0428 dated 10.12.2004 application No. 01 Memo No. Affn/NYK/Dj/05/06 dated 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005.*
2. *Received Certificate from office of the District Youth Co-ordinator Nehru Yuva Kendra an Autonomous Body Under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Darjeeling.*
3. *Hill Social Welfare Society has received individual award from Nehru Yuva Kendra, Darjeeling with cash Rs. 10,000 (Ten thousand) only under the Ministry of Youth Affairs of Sports Government of India on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006.*
4. *Certified by the Oriental Insurance Company Limited for participation on the Micro Insurance Agent's Training, Session No. Micro- 2 from 17<sup>th</sup> July- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 conducted by Regional Training Centre, Kolkata- 1.*
5. *A Certificate given to Smt. Shova Chhetri, Secretary of Hill Social Welfare Society, Kalimpong on 11<sup>th</sup> plan consultative Workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2006 from North Bengal University Darjeeling.*
6. *A Certificate given to Smt. Shova Chhetri, Secretary of Hill Social Welfare Society, Kalimpong on Reproductive Child Health (R.C.H.-II) Workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 from West Bengal Health Volunteer Association (W.B.V.H.A.), Kolkata.*
7. *Received prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhawana Award presented to Smt. Shova Chhetri from Central Government on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 during Seven North Eastern State Tae-Kuandoe Championship held at Kalimpong along with the Certificate.*
8. *RAP-Rule Training (24-29<sup>th</sup> December 2006), International Certificate given to Smt. Shova Chhetri from Rutgers Nisso Group, the Netherlands in Rajasthan.*
9. *District Youth Award from Nehru Yuva Kendra Darjeeling along with a cash 10,000/- (Ten thousand) only on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Government of India.*
10. *Netaji Award presented to Smt. Shova Chhetri on the occasion of National Consumer Day on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2007 from Consumer Forum, Government of West Bengal for being the best Consumer Activist at Rabindra Bhawan in Kolkata.*
11. *Received the prestigious certificate regarding inspirative immense source dedicated to the Society from Eurasia Reiyukai 12<sup>th</sup> Branch Japan base organization on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008, presented to Smt. Shova Chhetri.*
12. *Smt. Shova Chhetri, Secretary of Hill Social Welfare Society, Kalimpong facilitated by Sri Satpal ji Maharaj (Manav Utthan Sewa Samiti) as the best Social Worker during the observance of birth anniversary of mother Smt. Rajeshwari Mata held at Kalimpong on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008.*
13. *Received a Felicitation by the Secretary, Shova Chhetri on behalf of the organization for her immense source of dedication towards the rescue of trafficked women & girls of the society from Manav TaskariUnmulan Sangh, Darjeeling on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2011.*
14. *Received a Felicitation from Swami Ramdevji& Acharya Bal Krishnaji by Shova Chhetri, Secretary on community development on behalf of the organization on 13<sup>th</sup> April '2013, Delhi.*


15. Received NGO National Award based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Category on 13<sup>th</sup> August '2013 on the contribution of community development work at Delhi organized by "The Resource Alliance"- India NGO Award
16. Received a certificate of attendance by Shova Chhetri on the International Workshop on Resource Mobilization (IWRM) Asia 2013 on 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> august 2012 at Jaipur (Rajasthan), India.
17. Received "Bharat Nava- Nirman Ratan Award, Certificate of Excellence to Ms. Shova Chhetri for recognizing outstanding Achievements on the occasion of National Seminar organized by Health & Education Development Association (HEDA) on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at New Delhi.
18. Received Indo- Nepal Friendship Award to Ms. Shova Chhetri, Secretary of HSWS in recognition of Sterling Merit Excellent Performance and Outstanding Contribution for the progress of the Nation and Worldwide on the occasion of Indo- Nepal Friendship Summit for "Indo- Nepal Friendship & Economic Co- operation" on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2014 at Kathmandu (Nepal).
19. Received ALMA certification London Award-National Excellence Award- 2015 awarded to Shova Chhetri by Indo- UK Intellectuals Forum, ALMA London, United Kingdom under Category of Top- 25 for the year 2014 for outstanding contributions in socio- economic Development on Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015 at Indore.
20. Received Indo- Nepal Shiromani Award to Ms. Shova Chhetri on Social Economist Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at Kathmandu (Nepal) by Global Achievers Foundation, New Delhi.
21. Received Indian Achievers Award for social services and Certificate of Excellence for Reorganization outstanding Achievements on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at Goa by Intellectual people and Economic Growth Association, New Delhi.
22. Received Jewel of India Award presented to Ms. Shova Chhetri for Outstanding Achievements from Indian Solidarity Council (ISC) on 12<sup>th</sup> August '2015.
23. Received Certificate and trophy Life Time Achievement Award presented to Shova Chhetri for Outstanding Achievements from International Institute of Education & Management, New Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016.
24. Received Honour from West Bengal Tamang Development & Cultural Board, Govt. of West Bengal for the outstanding achievement in Women Empowerment and Development Programme on Dated: 8th Feb. 2017.
25. Received by Shova Chhetri for National Gold Star Award for Talented Personalities in contribution for Economics & Social Service awarded by Association for Rising and Talented personalities- Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> August '2018.
26. Silver award to GSN 5091 HSWS from GuideStar India on FY 2019-20 for account transparency of Organization.
27. Award by IIM (Indian Institute of Management) Calcutta to two women bodies for social welfare on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 through Bangla Natak.

# NEWSPAPER CUTTING PHOTO



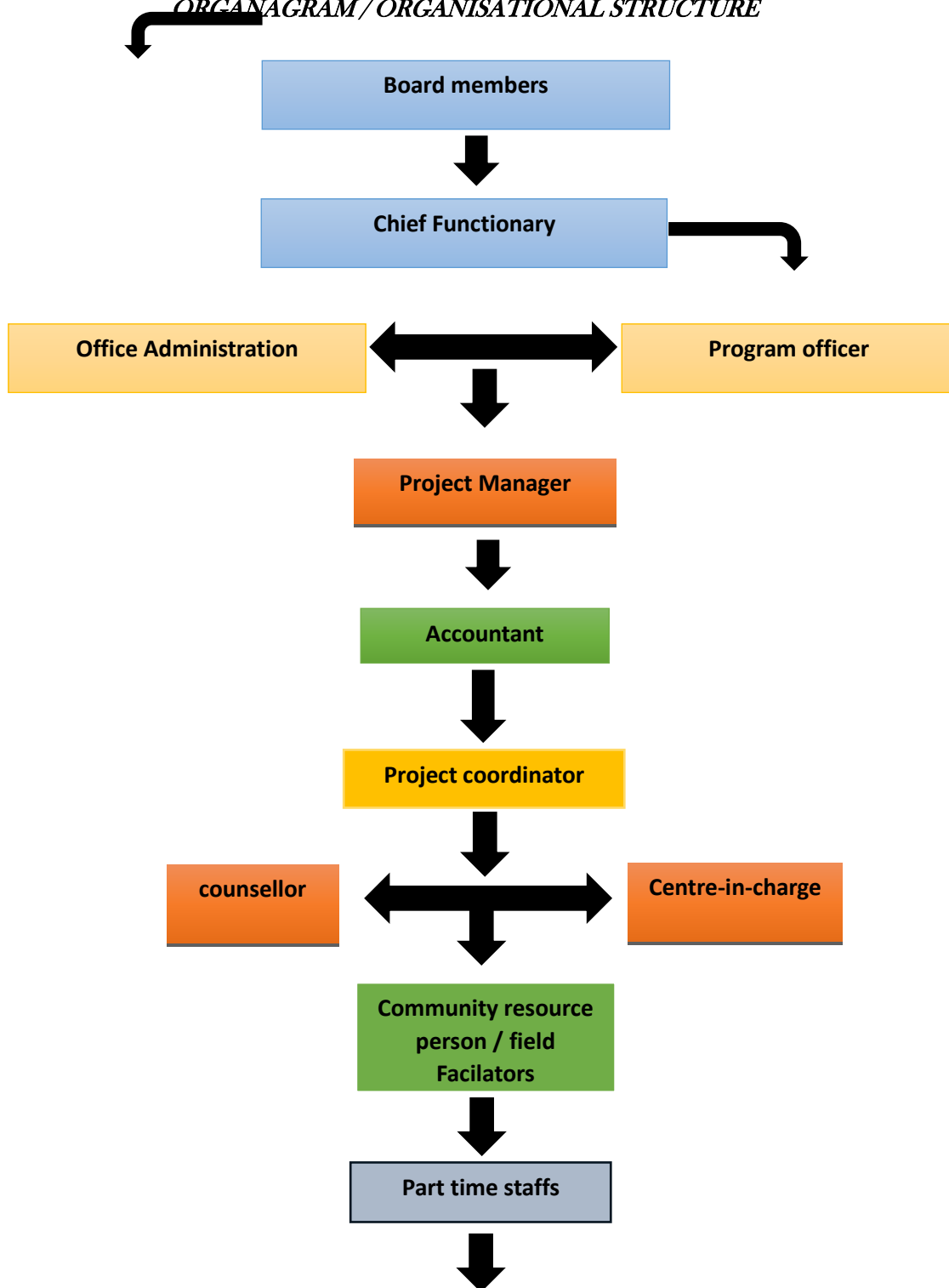
### *List of HSWS Board Members*

Sl. No	Name	Designation & Category	Address	Occupation/Contact No:	Photo
1	Miss. Meera Labar. D/O Late. Govardhan Labar	President <b>SC</b>	Chest Clinic Road, Deshbandhu Chest Clinic, PO/PS: Kalimpong, Dist: Kalimpong 734301	Social Worker 9932252807	
2	Miss. Pasang Doma Lama  D/O Late. Renzen Lama	Vice-President <b>ST</b>	Shaid Sabitri Ghishing Road, Middle Bong Busty, PO/PS : Kalimpong,  Dist: Kalimpong 734301	Handloom Weaver 9679605069	
3	Shova Chhetri, W/O. Dorjee Bhutia	Secretary <b>OBC</b>	Primtam  Road, Near Hope Family trust, PO/PS : Kalimpong, Dist: Kalimpong 734301	Social Worker 9434166419	
4	Mrs. Sunita Rasaily, W/O Uttam Gazmer	Assistant Secretary <b>SC</b>	Near Bom Church, Middle Bong Busty, PO/PS: Kalimpong, Dist: Kalimpong 734301	Social Worker 8918538905	
5	Mrs. Indra Maya Gurung, W/O Deepak Gurung	Treasurer <b>OBC</b>	Upper Cart Road, Near Birla House, PO/PS: Kalimpong, Dist: Kalimpong 734301	Entrepreneur 9832069824	
6	Mrs. Bimla Rai, W/O Kumar Rai	Executive member <b>OBC</b>	Sangsey GP, Middlekharka, Block II, PS: Kalimpong, PO: Makaldara, Kalimpong, Dist: Kalimpong 734301	SHG member 9635156855	

7	Mrs. Madhu Pradhan, W/O Bijay Pradhan	Executive member <b>OBC</b>	HarizanRoad,PO/PS : Kalimpong, Dist: Kalimpong 734301	Handloom master trainer  9002901072	
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***HILL SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY***

***ORGANAGRAM/ ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE***




**volunteers**



**Target Community  
Beneficiaries (VDC/ SHG)**

***HILL SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY***



***PROJECT STAFF***

SL No	Name	Name of the Project	Designation	Qualification	Photos
1.	Yamuna Chettri	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-1)	Project Coordinator	MSW	
2.	Rimal Mokatan	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-1)	Field facilitator	Class 12	
3.	Miskan Rai	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-1)	Field facilitator	B. A	
4.	Philip Tamang	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-1)	Field facilitator	Class 12	
5.	Christopher Binay Nag	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-2)	Field facilitator	M. Phil	
6.	Nikita Chik Baraik	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-2)	Field facilitator	M. A	
7.	Raj Oraon	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-2)	Field facilitator	M. A	

8.	Sujit Barla	Global Greengrants Fund (unit-2)	Field facilitator	M. A	
9.	Sulochana Kakrki	DASRA	Project Coordinator	M.A	
10	H.B.Rai	DASRA	Field Facilitators	Class 8	
11	Pooja Sharma	DASRA/ Global Greengrants Fund (unit- 1 & 2)	Accountant	M.Com	
12	Aashima Moktan	Sag Kanyasree Prokolpa	Project Coordinator	MSW	
13	Laku dem Bhutia	Sag Kanyasree Prokolpa	Field facilitator	Class 12	
14	Sabita Chhetri	Sag Kanyasree Prokolpa	Field facilitator	Class 12	

***HILL SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY***

***NON-PROJECT STAFF***

Sl. No	Name	Name of the Project	Designation	Qualification	Photos
	Kamala Thapa	Non project staffs	Program Assistant	M.A	
	Suren Rai	Non project staffs	Night Guard	Class 8	
	Manju Thapa	Non project staffs	Cleaning Staff	Class 5	
	Gobind Pradhan	Non project staffs	Consultant	BA	

***Activities of HSWS***

***Previous project activities / experience of the organization:***

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE PROJECT / PROGRAMME	SUPPORTED BY	DURATION OR YEAR	PROJECT / PROGRAMME STATUS
1.	RCH (Reproductive & Child Health) Programme for safe motherhood and 0-6 yrs children at Lingkha GP & Lola GP Block II Kalimpong.	WBVHA, Kolkata	2005-12	COMPLETED
2	TI Project for prevention & Control programme on STI/HIV/AIDS at Kalimpong municipality area targeted group FSW.	WBSACS/DAPCU, Govt. of West Bengal.	2007-14	COMPLETED
3	Legal Advice Programme /Awareness campaign in Darjeeling Hills	HSWS	2006-onwards	ONGOING
4	NEAC (National Environment Awareness	Forshep	2008	COMPLETED

	Campaign) in Kalimpong region.	Darjeeling		
5	Formation of SHG & Bank linkage in different villages Kalimpong and Darjeeling Ares (continuous follow-up)	NABARD	2005	COMPLETED
6	Skill Development initiative training/ Livelihood schemes for women/girls/ farmers group of villages	Cinchona Medicinal Plant Board, Govt. of West Bengal, Mongpoo.	2010-11	COMPLETED
7	Self-employment training programme for unemployed youths	Youth Development Programme (NYK), Govt. of India	2006-07	COMPLETED
8	Anti-Trafficking Programme-Awareness on trafficking issues- Women & Child Protection/Caring Programme. Continuously handling issues.	SANLAAP, Kolkata	2007-16	COMPLETED
9	Consumer Awareness Programme Consumer and Fair Business practices.	Govt. of West Bengal	2005-16	COMPLETED
10	Inclusive health & Nutritional Development of Children & youths Path Sala project & Second round comprehensive development of children.	TDH-Altamura (Germany)	2009-16	COMPLETED
12	Towards Basic Health Care and Support, (Rural Intervention) facilitated West Bengal Voluntary Health Association	Belgium	2008-21	COMPLETED
13	TB/DOT Programme under RNTCP (GLRA)	USAID-AXSHYA INDIA	2011	COMPLETED
14	Hill Farming Intervention for farmers and Integrated Sustainable livelihood and Disaster Mitigation at Tukdah Tea Garden	CASA, KOLKATA	2008-21	COMPLETED
15	Agriculture/Floriculture farming programme for women SHG and Establishment of 90nos, of Poly Green Houses for Floriculture Farming for 325 women beneficiaries of SHG at the Darjeeling&Kalimpong Dist.	West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Ltd, (WBSCl) Govt. of West Bengal undertaking, Kolkata	2014-21	COMPLETED
16	Multi-Gym installed at Peshok Tea Garden for the youths of the entire region.	Department of Youth affairs, Govt. of West Bengal	2013-14	COMPLETED
17	National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP).	Leprosy division-Swasthya Bhawan, Kolkata targeted at Kalimpong region	2014-15	COMPLETED

18	Infrastructure Support to Non-formal Education Centers at Lopchu&Peshok.	Smile Foundation, Kolkata	2014-16	COMPLETED
19	Water Sanitation Programme in Kalimpong region.	Nirman foundation, Kolkata	2015	COMPLETED
19	Awareness programme on Apiculture (Bee-Keeping) for farmers implemented by Hill Social Welfare Society at Lingsay GP and Lingsaykha GP Algarah Block II Darjeeling.	HSWS	2015	ONGOING
20	Disaster relief program for landslide prone zone at Linghskhya, Sangsay, Gorubathan, Tashiding, LopchuPeshok under Kalimpong and DARJEELING DISTRICT.	Goonj	2015	COMPLETED
21	Single women- developing sustainable livelihood.	American Jewish World Service (AJWS)	2016-17	COMPLETED
22	Nutrition programme to children of 0-18 years- Peshok tea garden.	Smile Foundation, Kolkata	2016-17	COMPLETED
23	USHA Silai school 10 nos. tailoring programme for different underprivileged women of Kalimpong region.	USHA International	2015-16	COMPLETED
24	Empanelled as Vocational Training Provider (VTP) supported by.	Pachim Bango Society for Skill Development (PBSSD)	2015	COMPLETED
25	Support for sustainable livelihood on unemployed youths, single women, SHG and ST on organic farming (horticulture, apiculture) training, handloom weaving and noodles making training.	NA		COMPLETED
26	90 no of poly greenhouse	West Bengal Swarogzar co-operation, Govt. of West Bengal for women SHGs	2018-19 1 <sup>st</sup> phase and 2019-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase.	COMPLETED
27	Covid 19 support program (relief, ration and health kits and livelihood support).	DASRA	2021-22	COMPLETED
	Covid 19 relief ration and health kits and cloth support under (dignity for work.	Goonj	2020-21	

### Activities of the Organization:

To create/facilitate an enabling environment in health, education, social and economic justices and rights, meaningful environmental/natural existence and continuous development.

1. **Samarth textile inauguration 1<sup>st</sup> phase Rojzar mela:** The inauguration of the first phase of Samarth Textiles, hosted at the Hill Social Welfare Society, marked a significant milestone for this women-based NGO committed to the upliftment and empowerment of women in the Kalimpong and Darjeeling districts. The event celebrated the collaborative efforts aimed at enhancing the socio-economic status of local women, providing them with sustainable livelihood opportunities. The establishment of Samarth Textiles not only promises to create job opportunities but also aims to foster skill development, ensuring that the women of this region can achieve financial independence and contribute meaningfully to their communities. This initiative is a testament to the dedication of the Hill Social Welfare Society in promoting women's empowerment and driving regional development.
2. **Vocational training centre Foundation Day 30 July 2023:** On July 30, 2023, the Hill Social Welfare Society Vocational Training Centre celebrated its Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and community spirit. The event marked a significant milestone in the center's journey of empowering individuals through skill development and vocational training. Attendees included staff, general members, trainees, board members and distinguished guests who gathered to commemorate the achievements and progress made over the years. The celebration featured inspiring speeches, and an exhibition showcasing the skills of the artisans of the training centers. The day served as a reminder of the center's commitment to fostering self-reliance and providing opportunities for personal and professional growth within the community.
3. **Samarth textile 2<sup>nd</sup> phase inauguration and Bhanu Jayanti:** On July 13, 2013, the Vocational Training Centre of Hill Social Welfare Society hosted a momentous event: the inauguration of the second phase of Samarth Textiles' handloom weaving program, coinciding with the celebration of Bhanu Jayanti. This dual celebration highlighted the center's ongoing commitment to skill development and cultural heritage. The inauguration ceremony was attended by local dignitaries, weavers, and community members who gathered to witness the expansion of the handloom program, which aims to enhance traditional weaving skills and create sustainable livelihoods. The Bhanu Jayanti festivities added a rich cultural dimension to the event, with performances and tributes to the literary icon Bhanu Bhakta Acharya, fostering a sense of pride and unity among the attendees. The day was a harmonious blend of progress and tradition, underscoring the center's dedication to both vocational training and cultural preservation.
4. **Goonj relief support:** In early August 2023, Goonj provided crucial relief support to the landslide victims of Sangsay GP Block 2, Kalimpong. The relief operations, conducted on the 4th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of August, aimed to address the immediate needs of the affected communities. Mr. Iftikar Ahmad, a representative of Goonj, visited the area to assess the ground situation firsthand, ensuring that the aid reached those in dire need. His visit

highlighted the organization's commitment to understanding and responding to the specific challenges faced by the victims. The relief efforts included the distribution of essential supplies and resources to help the residents cope with the aftermath of the devastating landslides, reflecting Goonj's dedication to providing timely and effective support in times of crisis to the 11 landslide affected villages of the Sangsay GP, Block II Kalimpong.

5. **Visit of DIC Director, Handloom state director, DIC manager:** The Vocational Training Centre of Hill Social Welfare Society was honored by the visit of the Director of Textile Mr. Rajiv Kumar Ghosh, Handloom State Director, and Kalimpong DIC Manager, Mr. Sukumar Bhar, to discuss an ambitious proposed project focusing on handloom weaving, entrepreneurship skill development, and the promotion of cottage industries. Their visit underscored a collaborative effort to bolster local economies and preserve traditional crafts. Discussions centered on strategies for enhancing the handloom sector, providing comprehensive training to budding entrepreneurs, and fostering sustainable cottage industries. The project aims to create employment opportunities, support artisans, and stimulate economic growth within the community. The engagement of these high-ranking officials highlighted the importance of the initiative and set a strong foundation for its successful implementation.
6. Hill social welfare society is also a member of District Child Protection committee and being its member, we participate in the Child safe home with DCPU and CWC.
7. Awareness drive in Kalimpong town for ban of SUP with KANGON 9<sup>th</sup> August.
8. **Relief distribution at flood affected areas of Rangpoo:** On October 15 and 18th, 2023, relief distribution efforts were initiated in the flood-affected areas of Rangpoo along the Tista River. Supported by donations from Donate Kart and Amazon, the initiative was implemented by the Hill Social Welfare Society. Essential relief materials, including dry rations and blankets, were distributed to the victims, providing much-needed support to those who lost their homes and belongings in the devastating floods. This collaborative effort played a crucial role in addressing the immediate needs of the affected communities, ensuring they received timely assistance during a challenging period.
9. **Relief distribution to the landslide affected community of Sangsay:** In a significant humanitarian effort, the Hill Social Welfare Society, with support from the Global Green Grant Fund, undertook a comprehensive relief distribution initiative for the landslide-affected community of 11 villages in Sangsay GP Block 2, Kalimpong. This initiative aimed to alleviate the suffering of those who had lost their homes and livelihoods in the devastating landslides. Essential supplies, including dry ration, clothing, and emergency shelter materials like tarpaulins, and livestock like pigs and goats were distributed to ensure the immediate needs of the affected families were met. The coordinated efforts of the Hill Social Welfare Society, bolstered by the generous backing of the Global Green Grant Fund, underscored a robust community-centric approach to disaster relief, emphasizing resilience and recovery for the vulnerable populations of these remote villages.
10. KANGON Monthly meeting hosted by HSWS 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 23. HSWS a member of Kalimpong NGO network has hosted the monthly meeting of KANGON at its office. All the members' organizations have given their presence in the meeting along with the president and secretary of the network.

11. **EDII training program:** The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) organized a comprehensive series of programs to foster entrepreneurial skills in Kalimpong and Lopchu. A one-day awareness program on entrepreneurship was conducted, followed by a week-long entrepreneurship management program at the HSWS vocational training center. Additionally, a six-week training program focused on handloom weaving and beauty and wellness was held. Mr. Narendranath Mukherjee, the program coordinator, was present throughout the training sessions. These initiatives, successfully completed through the collaborative efforts of HSWS and EDII, aimed to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary for entrepreneurial success.
12. **Celebration of World Women's Day:** On the occasion of World Women's Day, a sensitization and awareness program on women's issues was collaboratively organized by the ONE STOP Centre and HSWS. Facilitated by district ONE STOP Centre coordinator Mrs. Sushmita Thapa and HSWS secretary Shova Chhetri, at the vocational training centre hall of HSWS. The event focused on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act, child rights, and women's rights. The program drew a diverse audience, including business professionals, homemakers, weavers, and artisans. Informative sessions and interactive discussions empowered participants with crucial knowledge and resources, underscoring the importance of community engagement in advancing gender equality and protecting the rights of women and children. The program aimed to address critical issues affecting women and to promote gender equality. The program featured informative sessions, interactive discussions, and resource distribution, empowering participants with knowledge on legal rights, healthcare, and support services available to women. Mrs. Thapa's leadership ensured a comprehensive and engaging initiative, highlighting the importance of community involvement in addressing and resolving women's issues.

**GLOBAL GREEN GRANT PROJECT ACTIVITIES:** The support from Global Green grant fund is used as per the action plan prepared at the initial stage of the project at January 2023. As per our action plan we have divide the fund into different thematic heads on the basis of the pilot survey done before the start of the project. According to the need assessment and the survey report analysis the action plan is prepared and the focus was given on the different thematic heads like disaster Risk Reduction, Legal and health related awareness program and the livelihood related training programs. On the basis of the pilot survey and the need assessment of the intervention Gram panchayats viz. Lopchu and Peshok of Rangli Rangliot Block Darjeeling, firstly we conducted the orientation programs at both Lopchu and Peshok GPs , where we tried to inform the community people about the GGGF project and the different thematic areas where we will conduct different kinds of trainings and awareness programs and convinced the community people to actively participate in the programs for their development and the upliftment , to gained knowledge on the disaster risk reduction and legal and health issues. Apart from these livelihoods is the major concern of the community people of the intervention areas, since the Lopchu and Peshok tea garden is sick and some of the tea gardens in the areas is totally closed, here the local community people do not have alternative livelihood providing base except the tea gardens. Majority of the people do not have access to livelihood other than tea gardens. The beneficiaries of GGF project are the SC /ST/ Single women / unemployed youths and the women.

The Lopchu and Peshok lies in the Siwalik Himalayas which is very young and are vulnerable to landslides. As per our thematic head disaster risk reduction we have conducted disaster related awareness program(like how to be safe from landslide , earthquake, thundering, lightening and flash

flood) Mr. Arpan Rai BDMO Rangli Rangliot block who was present in the program s as resource person have shared the information about the preparation of PRA tools, local resource map for the emergency evacuation needs during disaster, community people were aware about the different grants which the disaster affected people can apply like Rehabilitation grants and ex gratia grants. **More than 60 HOUSEHOLDSWHO WRERE THE VICTIMS OF LANDSLIDES DURING THIS MONSOON HAVE APPLIED FOR THE REHABILITATION GRANTS FROM THE BLOCK OFFICE.**

For the livelihood generation of the unemployed youths and SC/ST and single women mushroom cultivation training program was conducted at both areas. Mr. Mahendra Chettri a progressive farmer from Kalimpong and Mr. Basu Dev Karkha (senior scientist) was present to conduct the mushroom cultivation training program. Total 81 beneficiaries have gained knowledge on the mushroom cultivation and 2 demonstration units of mushroom shed is set up at Peshok Himali Goan and Lopchu Naya Basti. Another training program on mixed vegetable cultivation cum distribution of seeds and saplings was done at both Lopchu and Peshok GPs. The community people were made aware about the different kinds of diseases and the procedure of cultivation of vegetables like cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, and radish. Coriander, cabbage, beans. The resource persons Mr. Mahendra Chettri and Mr. Dhiraj Rai were present at the training program to help the community people to prepare the bed for the different vegetables, bio fertilizer uses, and the protection from the diseases.



*Visit to RR Block BDMO for rehabilitation grant. Awareness program on disaster risk reduction*



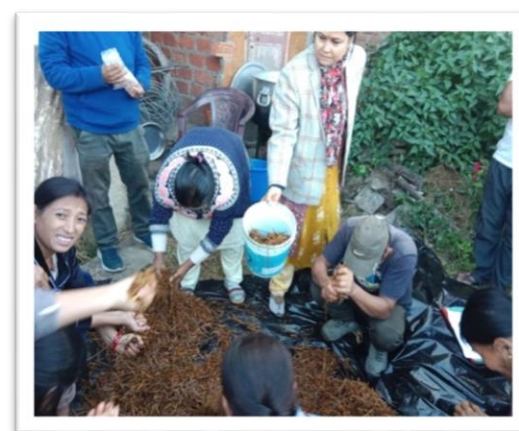
*Orientation program at Lopchu and peshok*



*Legal Awareness program at Lopchu*



*Mushroom training with Dr. Basu dev Kharkha*



*Preparation of paddy straw for mushroomcultivation/ Senior scientist UBKVK*

**REBUILT DASRA PROJECT ACTIVITIES:** Rebuilt India fund has helped our organization to take initiatives in the various sectors like Agri-horticulture, apiculture, mushroom cultivation, spreading awareness about the legal rights to the women; the fund has also supported the staff salaries and the natural and anthropocentric disaster like GLOF and flash flood.

The fund has supported more than 60 no of marginalized farmers belonging to economically weaker section and STs. The different kinds of training programs in the skill development Training program on handloom weaving, cutting and tailoring program has helped the EW community to enhance their income thereby leading to the improvement in the living standard of the targeted population in the areas like Kagey Gerock village under Pedong block in the district of Kalimpong .The grant is used in different ways like escalating the livelihood related skill development among the rural unemployed youths and the marginalized farmers, the seeds, sinpoulin, agri -net and other agriculture equipment to the economically weak farmers for improving their income level by selling their agriculture

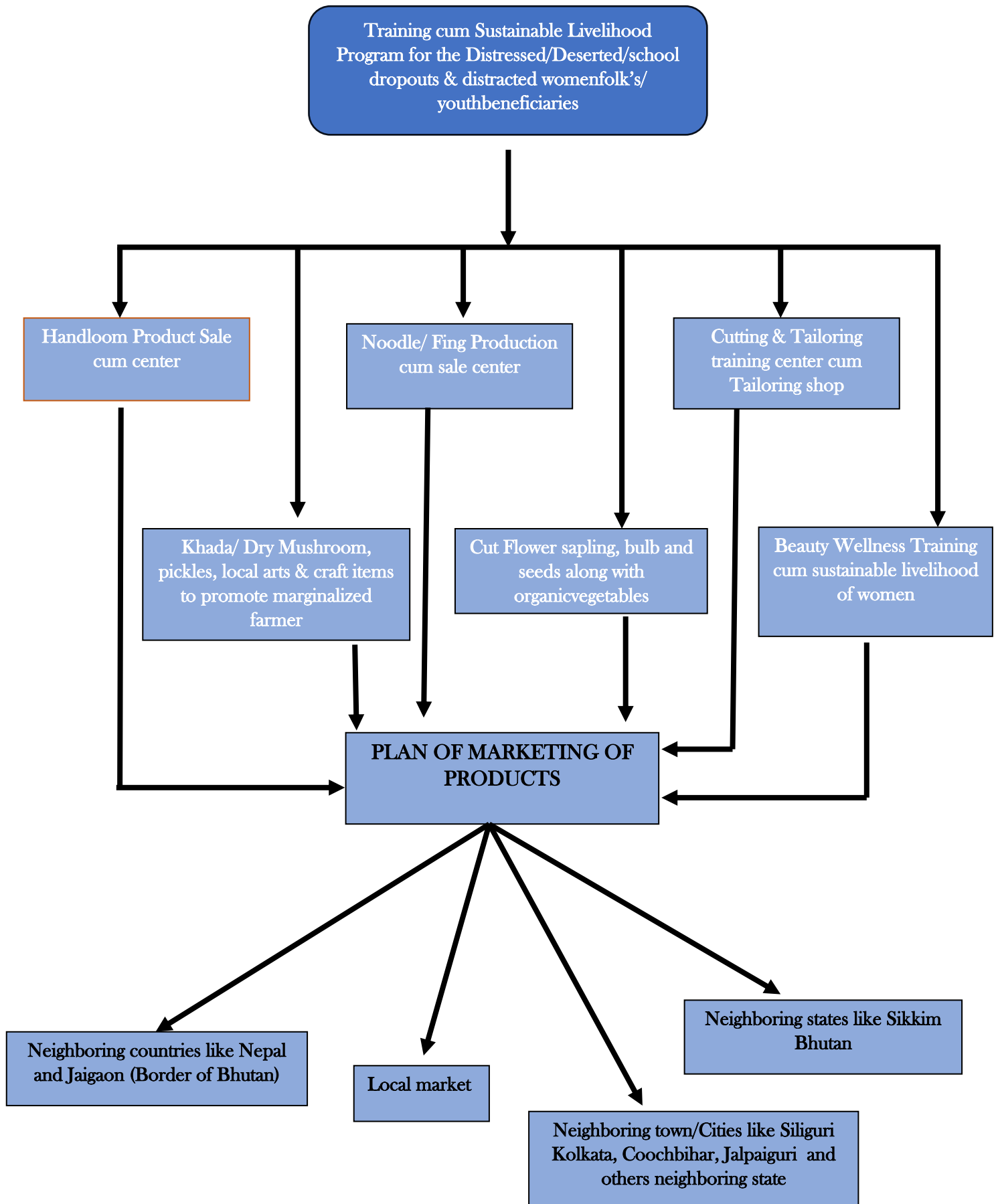
products in the local market. The community people were aware about their legal rights through the sensitization program on POSCO and women legal rights.

Somehow the organization is managing to distribute the small agricultural equipment to the farmers to encourage them to grow more but if the additional grant is provided only for the agricultural equipment support that will boost up the farmers interest which will ultimately leads to the increase in the agricultural production.

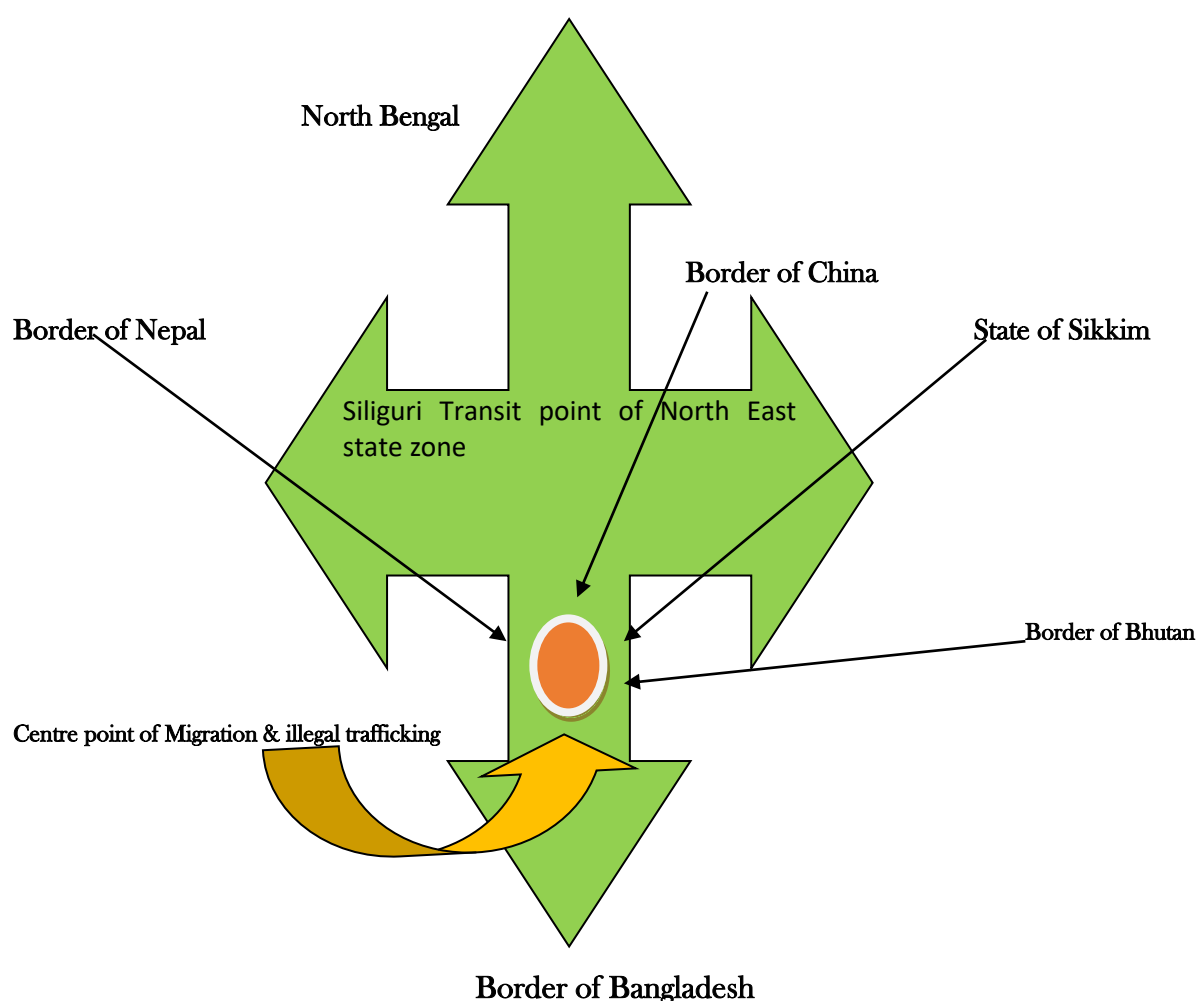


# HILL SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY (HSWS)

## PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION



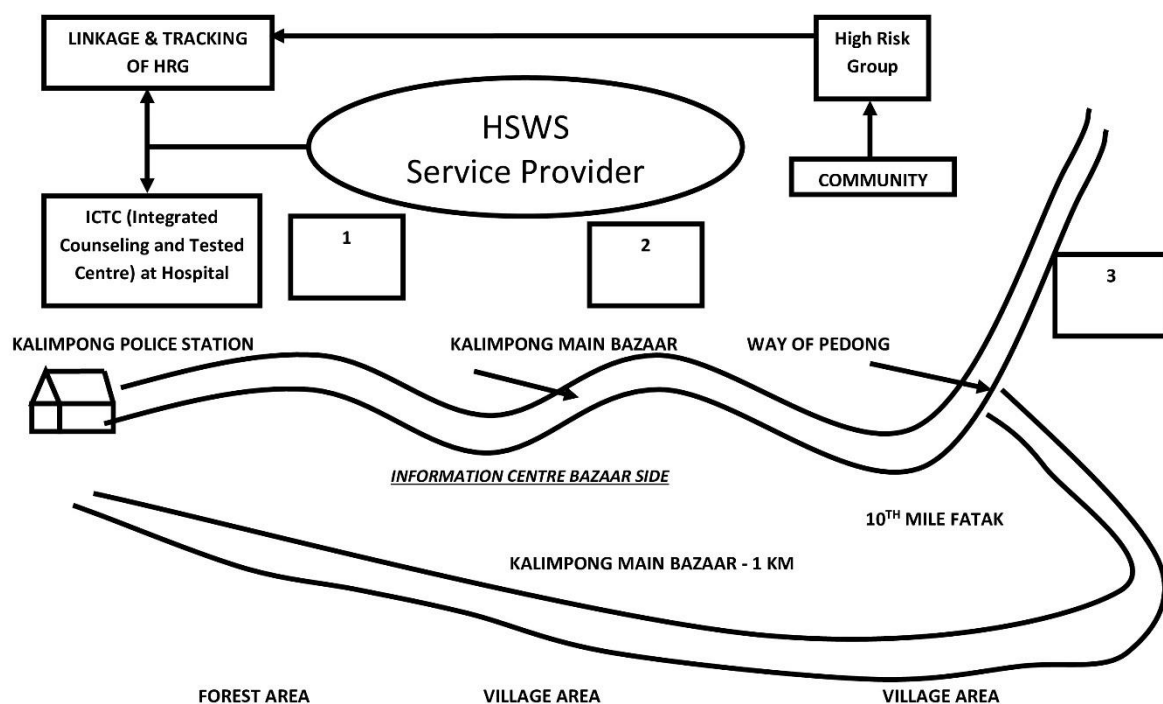
## ***BURNING ISSUES IN THE HILLY REGIONS***



1. The District of Darjeeling and Kalimpong borders various countries and states of India connecting metropolitan cities. And Siliguri is the transit point of the North east states easy to cross the border areas. The hilly people are maximum household dependent on tea garden, and local crops, seasonable tourist and other jobs like domestic work, security guard, etc.
2. No panchayat functional in the Darjeeling and Kalimpong hills since 23 years.
3. No any company, industry, corporate houses and no any alternative source of income and unsafe migration, unknown destination and human trafficking has been one of the greatest issues in this region.
4. No any Shelter home, rehabilitation centres, & training centre for the destitute and deserted girls & women and lack of implementation of scheme available in this region since many years back.
5. No such supporting programme for women empowerment, social justice and legal rights since many years back.
6. Maximum nos. of school dropouts at the rural areas and the tea gardens of the hills. Few Tea gardens are closed and some tea gardens are in closing position.
7. No such better livelihood programs to promote and uplift the hilly people since many years back.

8. No rural health facility programme along with sub centre not properly functioning, Transportation system is not good/ No motor able road at village areas still exists. Maximum is Mud Road especially at village areas of the hills. So that community people along with pregnant mother are suffering/facing problem to receive health services from hospital and sub centres. Maximum is scattered house hold in this hilly region because of the topography geographical barriers.

## HSWS WORKING AREAS:



Darjeeling hills are one of the border area's following north east areas. Siliguri is the transit point of north east state easy to cross the border area's the hilly people are maximum house hold dependent on tea garden, and local crops, seasonable tourist and others job like domestic work & security guards etc. The panchayat isfunctional in the hilly regions in Darjeeling & Kalimpong. After 23 years back election of Gram Panchayat held and it started their functional activities smoothly run from April 2023. Form Kalimpong, a small town, an agricultural belt comprising mostly of rural area and no any alternate source of income for, women and marginalized farmers along with youths of the hills. Mostly migrate in search of job at metropolitan cities, and states. It has been observed by rescue operation in such cases, we have found unsafe migration to unknown destination, sexual exploitation, domestic violence and illegal trafficking, false Marriage etc. which result to STI/ HIV infections that would increase/ affect the issue unsafe community. Hence, this organization has been planning for sustainable livelihood in the community through different skill development initiatives for the empowerment of women and farmers.

### ***Achievements:***

During this financial organization is able to promote women entrepreneurs and two of them has receive women entrepreneur award in Siliguri. 30 no of woman have got trainings in traditional handloom weaving. The organization is able to win a transparency certification GUDIESTAR **SILVER AWARD from Guide star India.** Provided handling support to 120 beneficiaries in livelihood at Lopchu and Peshok tea garden.

### ***Success Case stories***

Agriculture have been an inseparable part of the rural people; Among the tribal community the practice of agriculture is still in traditional method. From the time immemorial the tribal people have been engaged in self-sufficient economy where the production is for self consumption not for the market.

**Mrs. Karma Yanzome Bhutia**, from Kagey Gerock village Block II Pedong , District Kalimpong. Karma Yanzome Bhutia is a Tribal woman, she is very industrious and has sound knowledge of the seasons on which time what vegetable has to be grown. After the implementation of the project in the Kagey area during our training program in handloom we come in contact with her, where we have noticed her interests and her zeal to do something different. She took different training like mushroom cultivation, mixed vegetables growing, bee keeping. After our equipment support and seeds support, she has started to grow the vegetables and the mushroom and has kept 5 bee boxes in her home from where she is earning her livelihood. Every week there is a local haat and she supplies almost Rs .1000 value agricultural products in the local market. She is an exceptional example for all the local people as is living in the landslide prone zone, where they have no good roadways, the road only for dry season during monsoon the road is blocked as the local river called Mudung enters into the road and they have to risk their lives to cross the river.

She is most deserving and the hardest working lady and her hard work is paid off as she has been able to sell her products in the local market and her income is increasing.



### **CASE STORY OF MRS SUDHA LAMA**

Sudha Lama, a resilient woman from the hills, stands as an inspiring example of women empowerment and self-reliance. With the support of HSWS, a women-based organization committed to uplifting rural livelihoods, Mrs Sudha received skill development training in traditional handloom weaving.

Through dedication and creativity, she mastered the art and eventually evolved from a trainee to a trainer, passing on her skills to other aspiring women in the community. Today, Sudha not only trains others but also designs and markets a variety of handloom products such as shawls of different sizes, mufflers, night suits, outerwear, woollen bags, and more. Her products are in high demand, especially during winters and at various local markets, government-organized melas, and cultural festivals in the hills, Siliguri, and even at the Kolkata Winter Mela.

Recognizing her potential, HSWS extended financial support of Rs. 30,000, aiding her in business expansion, marketing, and strengthening the sustainability of her livelihood in the hilly region.

Sudha Lama's socio-economic status has significantly improved, and she now stands as a proud women entrepreneur, earning a steady income and contributing back to her community. Her journey reflects the true spirit of empowerment and the positive impact of community-driven development.





**Mrs. Bimal Rai** is a resident of Sangsay GP middlaekharkha village Algarha Block Kalimpong . She is a hardworking and laborious women. She has received training on organic vegetable farming from Hill social welfare society in the training program provided to the SHG. She is cultivating vegetables and flowers from many years after the training she has gained the knowledge of organic farming and she has doing her cultivation in organic manner only. She has taken the leadership to collect the flowers from the local flower cultivators and selling herself in the local haat on every Saturday and Gorkha haat every Thursday in Kalimpong. Recently she has received the women entrepreneur award from the Government of West Bengal. She has started to earn much better after she has made her initiative in cultivating the organic vegetables. Every Saturdays and Thursdays she keeps her vegetables and flowers stall at the local weekly market in Kalimpong. She is also a progressive farmer and a very active SHG member and also the secretary of the SHG cluster. She is earning her livelihood from organic farming.



**Mrs. Kamla Shrama** is a resident of Lower Bong busty Kalimpong Under Bong GP. She has received training on floriculture in SHG supported by HSWS. She is a farmer lady and has sound knowledge on organic farming in addition she is doing a good flower production after the training. Kalimpong is famous for the nurseries and the floriculture and she also contributes to the progress of floriculture industry in the hilly region of Kalimpong. She is very hardworking and to reward her hard work in the year 2019 HSWS has supported her with a poly green house for the floriculture. She also keeps her

flower stall in the Local Gorkha haat. Her income is very good and she is supporting her family as well. Now she has excelled in her trade so much that she is now facilitating the floriculture training programs organized by the government departments. She is doing the organic farming and has own vermin compost pit at her home. People used to visit her home to buy the flower, saplings, blubs and vegetables. She very hardworking lady and flourishing her as a local entrepreneur. Her work and dedication are inspiring to every woman in the society.



**Mrs. Sunmala Tamang** resident of 4 no DAKBANGLA Peshok tea garden RR Block Darjeeling district. She is a tribal Adhivasi women and working in the tea garden as a labour. After the shutdown of the tea garden, she has no livelihood opportunity in the local area and she has joined with us as our simple member. She is a hardworking, industrious and laborious woman. She has been associated with the HSWS from many years and always vocal about the women rights and progress. She has been a part of numerous training programs under this organization. In the year 2010 she has received horticulture and mixed vegetable training supported by HSWS to the tribal women SHG. In a single day she has record of selling 98 Kgs of organic beans and other vegetables in the local market. The tea garden was shouted down from many years and recently it was opened but there are continuous problems between the tea garden management and the labours. Now she is doing her small vegetable/ flower/honey stall along the Darjeeling Road. In February 2024 we have supported her on livestock, bee keeping along with bee box for her better livelihood. Local honey has high demand in the local as well as in outside market. Her monthly income is around 7000/- 12,000/-INR and her income is good and during the tourist season her income will tend to grow more.



## CASE STORY OF MR BUDDHA TAMANG



- 1) **Buddha Tamang**, a hardworking resident of Rimbikbung has significantly improved his livelihood through the support of the Hill Social Welfare Society. With access to essential resources such as seeds, ginger, vermi compost, rain shelters, and livestock, he has been able to enhance his agricultural and livestock practices.

Before receiving support, Buddha struggled with limited resources and faced challenges in sustaining his farming activities. However, with the intervention of the Hill Social Welfare Society, he received the necessary inputs and training to improve productivity. By utilizing modern farming techniques and sustainable practices, he has successfully increased his yield and income.

Today, Buddha is a thriving farmer who not only supports his family but also inspires others in his community. His journey is a testament to how strategic support and determination can bring positive change. His success story serves as a model for other farmers striving for self-sufficiency and sustainability.



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## **GOAT FARMING TRAINING AND LIVESTOCK DISTRIBUTION AT SANTOOK GP**

Organized by: Hill Social Welfare Society, Kalimpong

Date: 28th March & 31st March

Location: Santook (Four Villages)

The Goat Farming Training and Goat Distribution Program was organized by the Hill Social Welfare Society, Kalimpong, on the 28th and 31st of March across four villages in Santook. The initiative aimed to enhance livestock productivity, promote sustainable goat farming, and improve the livelihoods of marginalized farmers by providing training on disease management, feeding, nutrition, and breeding practices.

On 28th March, project staff conducted training and distributed goats in 3rd Mile Khardum, Bhalidara, and 4th Mile Village of Santook. On the same day, 20 Female Black Bengal Goats were distributed to selected farmers.

On 31st March, training and goat distribution took place in three additional villages: Lower Santook, Rimbikbung, and Yangpung Village under Santook Gram Panchayat, where 30 selected farmers received goats.

### **Program Focus**

The program, facilitated by the Hill Social Welfare Society, was designed to:

- Improve livestock productivity in rural areas.
- Support marginalized farmers by providing high-quality goat breeds.
- Enhance genetic stock for sustainable farming.

### **Goat Distribution**

A total of 50 Female Black Bengal Goats were distributed to marginalized farmers across targeted villages to promote self-sufficiency in goat farming.

### **Training Session**

The training sessions covered:

- Best practices in goat rearing.
- Disease management for improved livestock health.
- Feeding and nutrition for enhanced productivity.

Business management skills to ensure profitability. The focus was to help farmers increase productivity, profitability, and sustainability in goat farming.

### **Farmer Participation**

Approximately 60 farmers, including Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and other marginalized farmers, actively participated in the training sessions and benefited from the goat distribution program.

This report highlights the successful execution of the training and distribution program, along with key challenges and recommendations for future improvements. The initiative has significantly contributed to the empowerment of marginalized farmers by enhancing their knowledge and resources for sustainable goat farming.





# **Piggery Farming Training and Distribution At Santook GP**

Organized by: Hill Social Welfare Society

Date: 4th April 2025

Location: Merili Menzong Sub Cluster Hall, Santook

## **1. Introduction**

The Hill Social Welfare Society organized a one-day training program on piggery farming and pig distribution at Merili Menzong Sub Cluster Hall on 4th April 2025. The event aimed to support 50 beneficiary farmers from Santook by providing essential training on sustainable pig farming and distributing pigs to enhance their livelihoods.

## **2. Program Overview**

The training session commenced at 10:30 AM with a brief introduction to the organization's objectives by Field Coordinator Mamta Rai. Additionally, Mr. Pempa Bhutia shared his valuable experiences in piggery farming with the participating farmers.

## **3. Objectives of the Training**

The primary goals of the training program were to:

- Educate farmers on nutrition, disease management, and feeding practices for pigs.
- Promote sustainable livelihoods through improved livestock management.
- Enhance productivity and profitability in pig farming at Santook village.

## **4. Resource Persons**

The training was facilitated by Dr. Rajat Bakdas and Mr. Mingma Sherpa from the A.R.D. Department. They provided expert guidance on various aspects of piggery farming, including:

- Best practices in feeding and nutrition.
- Effective disease management strategies.
- Proper livestock management techniques.

- Information on disease prevention, treatment, and available medicines.

## 5. Farmer Participation and Benefits

During the training session, farmers had the opportunity to:

- Gain practical knowledge on pig farming.
- Learn about disease prevention and treatment.
- Understand the significance of proper feeding and nutrition.
- Receive direct assistance from experts in the field.

## 6. Conclusion

The Piggery Farming Training and Distribution Program was a successful initiative that equipped farmers with essential knowledge and resources for sustainable pig farming. By enhancing their skills and providing livestock support, the program contributed to improving the economic stability and food security of the Santook farming community.





*Photo Gallery:*



**Distribution of bee boxes under GGGF project at Lopchu and Peshok**



**Distribution of relief materials for landslide affected community at Sangser GP supported by Goonj.**



**Distribution of Goats and Pigs to the landslide affected community of Sangser GP supported by Global Green Grant Fund**



**EDII training program on Entrepreneurship Skill development in collaboration with Hill Social Welfare Society.**



**Relief distribution at Rangpoo to the Flash Flood affected community supported by Amazon and Donate kart implemented by HSWS.**

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