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WOMEN FARMERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE : PROJECT KHUTLANG

The high usage of chemical fertilizers in crops have been affecting people worldwide despite the fact that it affects our health and is dangerous for our environment. To address this problem Foundation for Social Transformation in assistance from Manos Unidas, Spain launched Project Khutlang (working in unison towards empowerment) to enable women farmers from economically disadvantaged background in adopting climate smart farming practices and recognize them as farmers by the government and society. It plans to assist the women in enhancing their knowledge and skill on soil management, usages of natural manure, climate resilient seeds, diversify crop production and crop rotation, pest management, etc

250 women farmers have been identified of which 5 collectives have been formed from Thamlai, Khongkhang, Heinoukhong, Tegnoupal and Yonyer villages of Tegnoupal district, Manipur, who are economically and socially deprived but extensively engage in farming for their livelihood.

Currently training programs are being conducted on field where 5 demonstration units on Bokashi have been set up by women farmers in collaborations with the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) and Manipur State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM) so far.



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PROJECT AMRAPARI- WE CAN

Amrapari- we can is a women's collective that was created during the Covid-19 pandemic as a way of creating sustainable livelihoods for women living in char-chapori areas of Assam. Amrapari seeks to support women's empowerment and economic self-sufficiency.

In order to enhance the already existing skills wherein developing their technical expertise and capacity of production, Foundation for Social Transformation (FST) in association with AFNA(Assam Foundation of North America) have come forward to support and empower the lives of women living in the char areas of Barpeta, Assam.

A total of 60 women artisans have been identified and provided with training on design & quality improvement to enhance the already existing skills wherein developing their technical expertise. The impact of the training was fruitful as they could acquire new knowledge that focused on better finishes and quality product development which is market ready with confidence.

10 foot sewing machines with motor was procured and handed over to the artisan's collective.

Team FST have been closely monitoring the activities of the women artisans and alongside that encourage them to participate in exposure visits like expo, commercial melas for better linkages to market.



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Workshop on Disability



A workshop on Sexual Reproductive Health Rights for Persons with Disability was conducted on 25th March with Namrata Goswami as the resource person where a total of 21 participants from Kokrajhar, Diphu and Guwahati participated.

The sessions includes sex and Sexuality, meaning of healthy sexuality, body matters where body mapping (in gender segregated Groups) were covered. The session started off by setting ground rules where all participants are comfortable and are provided with support needed.

It was also highlighted that everyone has to be involved in making spaces safer for person with disabilities. One can start with the individual herself or himself, families and communities who surround them, caregivers to educational institutions, workplaces, the criminal justice system to the state that over arches above all these institutions.

The session ended with the participants sharing their takeaways from the workshop and how this workshop is going to further help them unlearn their pre-existing notions and implement what they have learnt into their work moving forward.

