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BRO Staff Monthly Meeting



Staff Extravaganza to Tapoban



The staff of Bosco Reach Out went for an extravaganza to Tapoban, Chandrapur on January 19, 2019. The occasion was graced by Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO. The staff worked as a team by taking up different responsibilities in preparation for the celebration. Different dishes were prepared by different tribes, enabling all to have taste of various foods of North East India. We thank Fr. A. Jayaprakash the Executive Director, Fr. Sebastian Ishorary the Asst. Director, and Bro. Michael Kindo the Deputy Director of BRO for making the event so memorable.

Don Bosco Feast Day Celebration



A short prayer service to honour **Don Bosco on his feast day** was organised by the staff of Bosco Reach Out on January 31, 2019 at its head office. Fr. A. Jayaprakash the Executive Director gave brief speech on the occasion. With a hymn 'We Thank You, O Lord', a floral homage was paid to Don Bosco. Fr. C. L. Thomas, Vice Rector and Assistant Parish Priest of Satgaon was the chief guest at the function. He hoisted the flag to mark the beginning of celebration of the 100 years Salesians prevalence in NE India in 2021. After lighting of the lamp he delivered a short speech on Don Bosco then and now. The hymn 'Let us sing of our Father' was sung and then function concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. H. Ezekiel. All enjoyed nice tea and snacks, and the housie game, which all played and many got nice prizes.

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Director's Message

Dear Friends,

As we are still in the season of Easter I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. May the Blessings and the Graces of the Risen Lord be with you always.

I am sure everyone will agree with me that most of the Indians are waiting eagerly for the important day, 23rd May 2019, the announcement of the Lok Sabha Election result. Everyone is anxious of the formation of new government, taking up new responsibilities, carried out developmental activities, and bring changes in society by facing the challenges of different kinds. However, I feel that though the ruling party may change, the socio-economic condition of the middle class, BPL families, and marginalized people will remain the same unless we work to make it happen.

I was amazed watching a YouTube video entitled Solar Suresh. It was about Mr. Suresh, middle class family from Chennai. He lives in a small house set up with sustainable eco-friendly solar electrification, solar air conditioning, rooftop kitchen gardening, biogas for the cooking through waste management system, and rainwater harvesting. This has reduced the daily expenditures of his family. The message is, (1) Do not expect the government to find solutions for you, you find your own solutions. (2) Do not curse darkness, Light the candle, Light a solar.

Bosco Reach Out realized the socio-economic conditions of the families in various villages of our operational regions. Various activities and programmes like awareness on various issues of tea tribes, awareness and skill training on bee keeping and distribution of bee boxes with colonies and toolkits, skill training programme of training on land based farm management, distribution of input like fruit plant saplings, training on disaster preparedness, training on school safety preparedness drill (SSPD) for teacher and staff of school, capacity building programmes for the farmers, skilling the Solar Mamas for enterprise model, making a model of pig farm through distribution of piglets and materials for making pig sty, and conducting vaccination camp, etc. are conducted to make these families stand on their own, increase their family economic, and live a dignified life in the society.

Bosco Reach Out was awarded a certificate of appreciation for quality implementation of Wadi project in Goalpara district during 'State Level Award Felicitation Programme' organised by NABARD, Guwahati at NEDFi Hat Auditorium, Guwahati.

All these above mentioned achievements, activities, programmes, projects, and inputs are possible only with the help and support of agencies, partners, benefactors, donors, and many generous hearts. I am thankful to our Bosco Reach Out staff for their hard work, commitment, contribution for the well being of poor and marginalized, and the beneficiaries who actively participated. I pray that may the Almighty God continue to bless them and their work.

Thank you.

Fr. A. Jayaprakash, SDB
Director, Bosco Reach Out



Bosco Reach Out's NABARD Project Recognised

On February 22, 2019 Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati, was awarded a certificate of appreciation for quality implementation of Wadi project in Goalpara during 'State Level Award Felicitaton Programme' organised by NABARD, Guwahati at NEDFi Hat Auditorium, Guwahati. The award was received by Fr. Sebastian Ishorary, the Asst. Director of BRO and Ms. Minku Das, the Project Coordinator (Agri.) of BRO on behalf of Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati, from Ms. R. Kakati Baruah the CGM, NABARD, Guwahati. Mr. Sanjaya Nand, the Chairman of Assam Vikash Gramin Bank, Head Office Guwahati, was the special guest of the programme.

The Bolgrim project, under Tribal Development Fund (TDF), is in implementation since April 2013 in 19 villages of Rongjuli Block, Goalpara District of Assam. The selected economically backward 400 families have completed planting of 80000 rubber plants that are growing well. In order to uplift the economic condition of the beneficiaries, Self Help Groups and Farmers' Clubs were introduced, where 52 SHGs with 567 members,



while 11 Farmers' Club with 220 members are actively functioning. Two Farmer Producer Organizations, namely, '**Nabajyoti Anchalik Krishak Samabay Samiti**' and '**Twelve villages Farmer Producer Organization Cooperative Society Limited**' were formed at Rongjuli block of Goalpara district. The project is funded by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Assam.

Visitation of Salesian Provincial of Guwahati Province



Bosco Reach Out welcomed Rev. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, Salesian Provincial of Guwahati on February 02, 2019 as he came for his first official visitation after taking office. He was warmly welcomed by Fr. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO and his staff. The provincial had short and meaningful interactive meeting with the staff of BRO. During the meeting the staff of BRO shared a few of the good points working in BRO and also discussed some point of areas which need to be improved. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, in his talk thanked Fr. A. Jayaprakash the Executive Director of BRO and his team whom he considered them as big asset of the organisation, making great contribution in terms of knowledge and selfless work for the society. It was a very interesting, very short and meaningful meeting.





Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus, Italy, Personnel visits BRO

Meeting of the Children Sponsorship Programme was held on March 07, 2019 at Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati, for 27 Centre-in-Charges of the Sponsorship Programme with Mr. Samuel, personnel of Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus, Italy. The Director and Administrative staff of Bosco Reach Out also attended the meeting. The meeting began with a devotional hymn lead by Sr. Christina Kharkongor, followed by the Lighting of the Lamp. Fr. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO delivered the Welcome Address. Sr. Cecilia, Nongstoin Centre, Fr. Thadeus Kujur, Director, Snehalaya, and Fr. K. O. Augustine, Damra Centre, briefed about the status of the programme in their centres. Mr. Samuel explained the aims and objectives of the Sponsorship programme, and its effort to help children to get quality education and make difference in their life. It was followed by interactive session where many doubts of the Centre-in-Charges were clarified by Mr. Samuel, the personnel of Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus, Italy. Fr. C. A. John, Gogajpara Centre concluded the meeting with his vote of thanks.



Governing Board Meeting

Bosco Reach Out conducted Governing Board Meeting at its head office, Guwahati, on January 18, 2019 at 10.00 am. The Governing Board Members present were Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, Provincial of Guwahati Province and President, Fr. Joseph Teron, Vice Provincial of Guwahati Province and Vice President, Fr. Benny Alex, Economist of Guwahati Province and Member, Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Secretary Governing Board, Fr. Sebastian Ishorary, Member, Mr. G. C. Buruah, Member, and Br. Michael Kindo, Member. The special invitees present were Mr. Harish Agarwalla, Chartered Accountant and Mr. Rakesh Agarwalla, Chartered Accountant. The Governing Board members meaningfully participated the meeting by offering valuable suggestions for the growth of the organisation in coming days for rendering yeoman services to the needy rural beneficiaries. The president specially thanked special invitees for their constructive views and suggestions.

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting of BRO was held at its head office Guwahati on January 18, 2019 at 1.30 pm. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, the President chaired the meeting. The meeting began with Lighting of the lamp. Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO welcomed and felicitated the board members. The minutes of the previous AGM was read out. The BRO annual report 2017-2018 including audited statement of accounts and auditor's report for 2018-2019 was presented and clarifications, if any, were asked from the members. It was decided that next Annual General Meeting would be held at Bosco Reach Out office, Guwahati, in the month of August. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma encouraged the staff to be professional as individual, as family members, and in the organisation. He thanked all the members for the valuable contribution and participation during Annual General Meeting 2018–2019.



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Awareness Programme on Various Issues of Tea Tribes

Bosco Reach Out conducted various awareness programmes during January to March, 2019, through cultural programmes, screening of film shows, group and community meetings, formation and strengthening of mother's groups and youth groups, etc. covering 25 numbers of Tea Garden Labour Line of Udalguri district, Assam, under the project titled "Awareness Programme on child/human trafficking, family planning, legal awareness, health, etc." for the financial year 2017-18. The programme is supported by

Directorate for Welfare of Tea and Ex-Tea Garden Tribes, Govt. of Assam.

Mr. Johnny Kerketta, the Field Coordinator of BRO facilitated the awareness programme.

The objective of the awareness programme was to generate awareness on the ill effects of superstition like witch-hunting and other social evils prevalent among the tea tribe community, to create awareness on the importance of family planning and "small family happy family" concept, to sensitize people on child labour, child marriage, child/human trafficking, alcoholism, domestic violence, etc., to sensitize people on the importance of education, nutrition, health, sanitation and hygiene related issues, to generate awareness on legal rights, child rights, issues and rights of women, etc. and to enhance community participation and public cooperation in all social gatherings with community specific discussions and activities.



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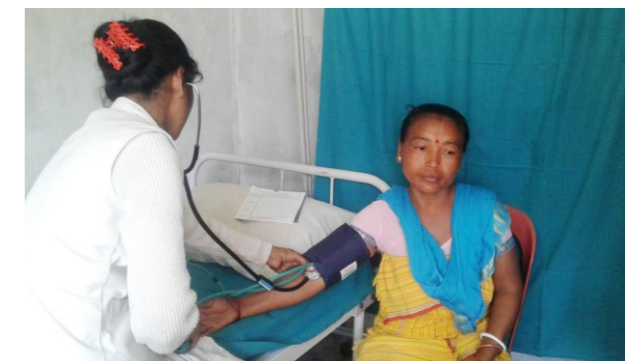


Free Health Camp

Health Awareness Programme - Free Health Check-up Camp was organized in two different villages namely Bitini and Malivita by Bosco Reach Out under Integrated Tribal Development Programme of NABARD in collaboration with District Health Services under

Department of Health and Family Welfare (F&W), Government of Assam, Kajalgaon, Chirang district on March 7, 2019. Patients from 25 surrounding villages attended the camp. These two health camps were organized simultaneously in two different venues. Dr. Rahkul Alam, MO, MBBS and 25 medical staff and nurses attended the camps. General health, eye and ENT check-up were done by the designated doctors, medical staff and nurses. Free medicines were provided to the patients according to their requirement. Some patients were referred to the District Civil Hospital for further treatment. A total number of 300 patients attended the health check-up, of which 60% were female and children.

The objective of organizing health camp was to provide accessible medical services to the patients of the project villages as the NABARD supported TDF project is based on holistic development concept. The nearest PHE is situated at Amteka, which is 20 km way from the project villages.





Free Eye Care Services

Bosco Reach Out organized Free Eye Camps in collaboration the Government Department (Ophthalmology) at different remote areas of Assam under the project 'Reduction of Avoidable Blindness among Children and youth through Comprehensive Eye Care Programme in Assam, India' during January to April 2019. BRO signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Goalpara and Darrang district authorities to conducted Free Eye check-up camp and provide free cataract surgery at the hospitals. Vision Testing and Refractive Camps were conducted. Free spectacles were distributed to various schools children at Goalpara and Udalguri district. Bosco Reach Out had conducted 10 programmes on eye care service at two districts of Assam during these four months period. A total of 433 spectacles were distributed to the patients free of cost while 4125 patients including children and youth group received the services.



The objective of both the parties is to support and bridge the gap between the government departments and rural communities, where government department couldn't avail the facilities on time due to lack of manpower in mobilizing the community and lack of awareness by the community, transportation, etc. while Bosco Reach Out is good at mobilizing the community.

Preparing a Model Pig Farm



Bosco Reach Out created awareness on the hygienic pig rearing through the construction of low cost pig sty at three regions of Lemakona, Kumarikata and Karbi Anglong during January to April 2019. Mr. Brightson Sangma, the Field Coordinator for Lemakona region, Mr. Daniel Hembrom, the Field Coordinator for Kumarikata region, and Mr. Mohan Kro, the Field Coordinator for Karbi Anglong region have been facilitating the awareness programmes at their respective areas. A total of 98 beneficiaries from these three regions have replaced their traditional way of rearing pig like open ranging, tethering, open enclosure and penning to a Low cost scientific pig sty. The Low cost scientific pig sty has enabled the pig to be safe from extreme temperature, wind and rain. It has enabled the beneficiaries to keep the sty clean and thus minimise the risk of injury and diseases to the pig and communicable possible diseases to human at risk.

These beneficiaries had attended various awareness programmes and skill training on pig rearing conducted by BRO staff at their respective regions.





Field Monitoring Visit

A field monitoring visit was carried out by Ms. Catherine Kujur, the Children Sponsorship Programme Coordinator to ensure the smooth functioning of the programme. She visited Don Bosco School, Kumarikata Centre, Baksa district, on February 12, 2019 and interacted with Fr. Kerobin Minj, the School Principal and Centre In-Charge and 19 sponsorship children. The centre has 40 children in the boarding. A visit was made to the centres of Umswai, under FMA and SDB, on February 15, 2019. There are 79 sponsorship children from both the centres studying in Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Umswai, Karbi Anglong district. The centres have 22 boys in the boy's hostel and 31 girls in the girl's boarding. On the same day she visited Umpanai centre which has 45 sponsorship children. The two centres of Nongstoin, under FMAs and SDBs, have 112 sponsorship children as on March 2, 2019. Only 3 children stay in boarding while 109 of them are day scholars. On March 3, 2019, she visited Rangblang centres under FMA and SDB, which have 80 sponsorship children.

Visiting and interacting with the children was a mixed feeling of joy and sadness. They were very active and enthusiastic in sharing about their hobbies, favourite subjects, and aim in life. They shared about their family financial problems. Many of the parents are farmers, carpenters, labourers, and some work outside the state leaving the family behind. Definitely, there are many future Indian Navy personnel, scientists, engineers, doctors, sport stars, teachers, nurses, air hostess, etc. among the sponsored children. The children are very grateful to their generous benefactors, Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus and Bosco Reach Out.



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Skill Up gradation Training of Solar Mamas for Enterprise Model

On February 02, 2019 a short meeting was conducted at BRO Guwahati with five selected existing Solar Mamas. Present at the meeting were Fr. Sebastian Ishorary, Associate Director of BRO, Mr. Probal S. G., Counsellor of Eye Care project, Mr. Mrinal Sarmah, Asst. Administrator, Ms. Angela Nungchim, Documentation Coordinator, Mr. Stephen J. Ronghi, Field Staff, Umrangso with the selected five solar mamas of Umrangso namely Ms. Joscinta Timungpi, Ms. Kave Terangpi, Ms. Wesi Hansepi, Ms. Karang Teronpi and Ms. Kache Timungpi. Mr. Stephen Jeng Ronghi, Filed Staff, Umrangso will accompany and guide them during the journey to Rajathan. Fr. Sebastian Ishorary, Associate Director, wished them success in learning. He concluded the meeting with his good wishes for safe journey, sincere utilisation of the 3 months learning, and return back home.

Bosco Reach Out selected five Solar Mamas from Umrangso to attend three months skill up gradation training at Barefoot College, Tilonia, Rajasthan to start an Enterprise Model in addition to the existing Solar Mamas Model. The new Model will enable them to reach out more communities and to equip the Solar Mamas with more skills. It will able to bring a range of products to the communities that are fabricated by the Mamas and will enable them to create an additional income stream for themselves. The training class will begin on February 10, 2019.



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Training on Disaster Preparedness for Task Force

Capacity building training for the Task Force for Disaster Management under the Climate Change and Disaster Preparedness project has been conducted in the regions of Lemakona, Tezpur, Udalguri, Tangla, Kumarikata, Karbi Anglong, Sonapur and Dumunichowki during January to April 2019. BRO Project personnel Mr. H. Ezekiel, the Project Coordinator, Mr. Mrinal Sarmah the Field Coordinator, and Mr. Azhoni Kayikho, the Field Coordinator, facilitated the various trainings at different regions. The project operational area has 30 Task Force for Disaster Management. The training focused to enhance their skill on improvised / technical method and also exchange of experience and knowledge with a means to work together in a coordinated manner.

Training on School Safety Preparedness Drill (SSPD) for Teacher and Staff of School

During January to April 2019, Training on School Safety Preparedness Drill (SSPD) for staff of school and School Disaster Management Committee has been conducted in regions of Lemakona, Udalguri, Tangla and Karbi Anglong with an objective to improve disaster

management skills among school children, and teachers by establishing proper disaster preparedness and response systems. BRO Project personnel Mr. H. Ezekiel, the Project Coordinator, Mr. Mrinal Sarmah, the Field Coordinator, and Mr. Azhoni Kayikho, the Field Coordinator, facilitated the various trainings at different regions. During the training the students and teachers participated the demonstration on earthquake, fire and flood. Improvised method on making stretcher with rope, bamboo and blanket, bamboo and rope, type of hand stretcher, self-rescue, rescue other, importance of triangle bandage and how to use, type of node binding and how to use fire extinguisher were demonstrated.



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Awareness Programme on Bee Keeping

Awareness programme on bee keeping under **Honey Mission of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** was conducted on February 24, 2019, at the Site Office, Bosco Reach Out, Bishnupur, Goalpara district. Personnel present at the programme were Fr. Sebastian Ishorary, Associate Director of BRO, Guwahati, Mr. Shyamanta Robi Bara, SDO, DC Office, Goalpara district as chief guest, Mr. N. R. K. Reddy, Executive of KVIC, Guwahati, as resource person, Dr. G. C. Sarma, Rtd. Professor of Guwahati University, Guwahati, as resource person, Mr. Bipul Ch. Baisy, SDAO of District Agriculture Office, Goalpara district as resource person, Mr. J. R. Sonowal, GM of DICC, Goalpara, Mr. Dibijon Sangma Progressive Bee keeper member of Farmer Producer Organisation, Mariampur, Goalpara district. Special Guest from various organisations who attended the programme were Dr. S. Simantara, DGM, NABARD, Guwahati, Mr. S. N. Roy, DDM, NABARD, Goalpara, Dr. Pradip Kr. Sarma, VO, Stare Veterinary Department of Kothakuthi, Mr. Dhruba Ch. Das, Asstt. Manager, DICC Goalpara, Mr. Kamal Das, Asstt. Manager, DICC Goalpara, Mr. Dhanajoy Khakhalary, Office Assistant, Circle Office Rongjuli, and Mr. Pankaj Mahato, Journalist, Local News Agency Goalpara. Ms. Minku Das, Project Coordinator of BRO facilitated the programme.

The objectives of the Eden Honey Bee Project involve the organization and training of beekeepers in Conservation Beekeeping, in areas such as managing the beehives, production and sale of honey and other hive by-products by drawing up guidelines for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of bee diseases.



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Skill Training on Bee Keeping

Bosco Reach Out, under Honey Mission of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), conducted five days training programme on beekeeping for beginners at Bisnupur, Rongjuli block, Goalpara district of Assam from February 4 to 8, 2019. A total of 25 rubber growers under NABARD TDF wadi project received the training. The resource persons were Mr. Papumoni Hazarika, Progressive Beekeeper of Private Farm Golaghat and Mr. N. R. K. Reddy, Executive of KVIC, Guwahati.



Distribution of Bee Boxes with Colonies and Toolkits



One day distribution programme of bee boxes with colonies and toolkits was conducted on April 26, 2016 at Hirapara Community Hall, Rongjuli block of Goalpara district during which 250 boxes with toolkits were distributed to 25 beneficiaries. The beneficiaries are clustered into Farmers Producers Organisations, through which marketing of their honey production will be carried out. Present at the distribution programme were Mr. S. N. Asthana, Assistant Director of KVIC Guwahati, Mr. N. R. K. Reddy, Executive of KVIC Guwahati, Fr. A. Jayaprakash, Executive Director of BRO, Guwahati, and Ms. Minku Das, Project Coordinator (Agri.) of BRO, Guwahati.

BRO established linkage and networking with KVIC, Guwahati, to promote bee keeping as an alternative method to increase the income of the wadi farmers as under NABARD TDF Project, intercropping can be practice till three years of rubber plantation.



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Farmers' Training and Demonstration

Three Farmers' training and demonstration on the topic 'Management practices, intercultural operations for young orchard and method of pitcher drip irrigation' was conducted for seven villages under the NABARD supported Tribal Development Fund – Bagan project for Sidli block, Chirang district of Assam during January to March 2019. Bosco Reach Out personnel Ms. Minku Das the Project Coordinator, Mr. Jion Narzary the Project Field Coordinator and Mr. Kanin Basumatary the Project Field Staff facilitated the training and demonstration. A total of 50 beneficiaries attended the training and demonstration programme.

The objectives of the programme was to improve knowledge on scientific method of horticulture plantation and management practices, to create awareness on intercultural operation - weeding, mulching, plant protection, etc. for young plantation, to promote intercropping for optimum utilization and extra income and to promote soil conservation methods and water resource development. The most important training contents were land preparation, spacing, pit digging, manure application, secondary nursery bed, method of pitcher drip irrigation and proper fencing specially use of green fencing.



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Farmers' Promotion and Mobilization

Awareness camps on Wadi Project concept for the selection of new beneficiaries from different villages during a weeklong campaigning were held during January to March 2019 under the NABARD supported Tribal Development Fund – Bagan project for Sidli block, Chirang district of Assam. A total of 106 participants attended during the weeklong camps and they cleared their queries on the project objectives, scopes, and implementation methods. Bosco Reach Out personnel Ms. Minku Das the Project Coordinator, Mr. Jion

Narzary, the Project Field Coordinator, Mr. Pribal Narzary, the Project Field Staff, Mr. Jual Narzary, the Project Field Staff, and Mr. Kanin Basumatary, the Project Field Staff worked on farmers' promotion / mobilization.

The objective of the campaigning was to make the farmers aware of the TDF project concept and wadi (orchard) development like asset creation for their family to increase their income and at the same time optimum utilization of family labour.



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Educational Exposure Visit

Bosco Reach Out, under the NABARD project Tribal Development Fund – Bagan, Chirang district, conducted educational exposure visit for selected 20 project beneficiaries accompanied by Mr. Jion Narzary, TDF-Bagan Project Field Coordinator as their guide.

On February 28, 2019 they reached NABARD TDF – Bolgrim project, Golapara, operational rubber plantation site. Mr. Ramendra Rabha, TDF-Bolgrim Project Field Coordinator welcomed them. They interacted with famers of Bolgrim project to have clear concept of wadi, and formation and management of Farmer Producers Organisation (FPO). On March 1, 2019 they visited Horticultural Research Station (AAU) Kahikuchi, and KVK Kamrup. Dr. Kusum Kr. Deka, Principal Scientist (Hort.) and Mr. Arug Kr. Sarma, Farm Manager of KVK Kamrup welcomed, explained the horticulture practices and took them around the demonstration plot. The participants were inspired by a few key quotes of the Horticulture Research Station “Grow More Earn More” and “Today's Seeds are Tomorrow Fruits”. The beneficiaries were thankful to BRO and NABARD, Guwahati, for the beneficial trip.

The objectives the exposure visit was to observe, understand and learn the various technical aspect of horticulture, to enhance the knowledge and skill of the farmers on sustainable horticulture practices, to make farmers learn new skill and methods of farming, and to create an informal platform for group exchange exposure where farmers from several groups can share their experiences of farming practices.



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Training on Land Based Farm Management

Three skill training programme of training on land based farm management (Agri-Horti-Livestock), funded by **Manos Unidas, Spain** were conducted at Agriculture Training Centre, Joropara, on February 13 to 16, 2019, February 18 to 21, 2019, and February 25 to 28, 2019. A total of 55 beneficiaries participated in the skill development programme. During each of the three skill training programmes, on the first two days the resource person, Dr. Kalyan Pathok, Veterinary Officer Balijana, Goalpara explained in detail the importance of rearing livestock, breeds (suitable for north east), breeding policy (selection), housing needs, management general management of livestock, importance of vaccination and Immunization, disease related to livestock, and marketing of livestock. On the following two days, Mr. Mongseng N. Sangma, Agriculture Technology Management Agency, Resubelpara, North Garo Hills, Mr. Kamailang Suchiang, Master Trainer of BRO, and Mr. Ramendra Rabha, Project Coordinator of BRO took session on package and practises of Assam lemon, black pepper, and pineapple cultivation.



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Input Support Distribution

Bosco Reach Out, under the project 'Agriculture Development Programme for Tribal People of North Garo Hills of Meghalaya, distributed 350 piglets to 175 beneficiaries on different days. On February 26, March 12, and March 20, 2019 at Agriculture Training Centre, Joropara 36 beneficiaries of Chichotcheng and Gokol village, 47 beneficiaries of Dingrepa village, and 47 beneficiaries of Wakso A.simgre village respectively received 2 piglets each. On March 5, 2019 at Gokol, North Garo Hills 45 beneficiaries of Gokolgre village also got 2 piglets each. Personnel of BRO present during the programmes were Fr. Sebastian Ishorary, Associate Director, Mr. Prakash Bora, Consultant, Bro. Michael Kindo, Deputy Director, Fr. Jayaprakash, Executive Director, and Mr. Ramendra Rabha, Project Coordinator.



Vaccination Camp



Four vaccination camps were organised to give vaccine against Swine Fever at different villages of Gokolgre (March 16, 2019), Dingrepa (March 25, 2019), Wakso A.simgre and Chichotcheng (March 30, 2019). Mr. Kamailang Suchiang, Master Trainer of BRO, and Mr. Maccsine Marak, a Barefoot Technician and trained person of Bosco Reach Out were the resource persons. A total of 222 pigs were vaccinated.



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