

Annual Report

April 1, 2013- March 31, 2014

Introduction:

Priscilla Centre is a charity organisation working towards empowering women in the North East region of India by providing them training in livelihood skills such as tailoring, weaving, food processing etc and facilitates them to engage in Income generating activities so that they have income to support their themselves and their family. PC works with widows, school dropout girls, HIV positive women and women having back ground of sex work and substance addiction.

Priscilla Centre was started in 1997 and registered under the society registration act, 1860 and FCRA. Our headquarter is in Guwahati, Assam where the central administration, coordination and networking are handled. Currently, we work in some districts of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.

Goals:

- Provide vocational training on skills such as cutting and tailoring, weaving, food processing, cans & bamboo works etc.
- Promote savings among the project participants.
- Provide counselling and psycho social support.
- Provide support for starting micro enterprises
- Market outlet
- Networking
- Conduct awareness and capacity building programs



Strategy-how we work-



Priscilla Centre has been promoting the indigenous North East handloom and handicraft since its inception. The products are based on traditional designs which are trendy and have a market demand.



Priscilla centre works in partnership with local communities for 5 to 10 years and then hand over the full ownership of the project to the Local partners. Every partnership is initiated with the understanding that the local partners' raise local finds and share the resources required to support the projects. Thus 40%-70% of the project cost is contributed by the locals in kind such as furniture, kitchen wares, living expenses etc. The rationale is to remove the mentality of dependency and instead motivate people to become responsible, promoting the concept of self reliance and accountability. Once the community owns it, the project will be sustainable.



Priscilla centre also believes in Capacity building and educating the community to bring in development and empowerment. Therefore, a large part of our work also focuses on awareness programme and capacity building programmes.



Brief Project Report:



	State	Centre name and location	Targets	No. of project participants	Activities	Actual pictures of the project/centres.
1	MANIPUR	Priscilla Home, Churachanpur	School dropout, destitute widows, HIV+, CSW & substance abusers.	6 widows 10 children Atleast 1 or 2 in the night shelter per night.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weaving and tailoring • Night shelter for homeless women • 10 Destitute children's education support. • Organisational development of Partner. 	
2		Tabitha Compassion and care centre, Imphal	HIV+ and destitute widows	22 widows 4 children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tailoring, embroidery & knitting. • Nutritional and dry food supplement • 4 destitute children's education support 	

3		We care, Irong	School dropout & women from CSW background	8	Tailoring, embroidery, Bead works, wire baskets, soap and dish wash, etc.	
4		Life care, Pallel	School dropout, destitute women & HIV women.	16 15 children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cane and bamboo craft such as baskets, jewellery box and tea coaster. • Food processing, where they prepare juice, candy and pickle (seasonal) • Weaving embroidered Mekhela (wrap around) based on order. • Dry food and nutritional supplement. • 15 Destitute children's educational support 	

5		Sharon centre, Senapati	School dropout girls, destitute women, HIV+, substance users and orphan.	8	Tailoring, embroidery work, soap & dishwash making.	
6		Grace centre, TML	Destitute widows	2	Baking cake, bread & pastries	
7		CeWe, Ukhrul	HIV+ widows School dropout girls	12	Tailoring Support for canteen setup. The profit from the canteen is used for support the 9 project participants.	

NAGALAND	Grace Ministry Mon	Destitute widows	45	Weaving, cultivation of yam, candy making. 4 SHGs formed Mushroom cultivation training in collaboration with Horticulture dept.	
	Lydia centre Peren	School dropouts, destitute women and disabled girls	15	Weaving, tailoring and knitting	

		Dorcus centre Khaibung	School drop outs, widows & destitute women	4	Weaving	
	ASSAM	Khongsaigaon		8	Spinning raw silk cocoon and weaving	

		Nowgong		14	Tailoring	
		Udalguri	Destitute women and widows	5	Weaving and thread bank set up	
		SIGAP, Guwahati	School dropout girls	21 girls	Tailoring and basket making	
		ALTDC, Guwahati	School dropout girls	7 girls	Hostel facility and leadership development	
Meghalaya		Patian, Phillangata	Destitute women	7	Tea coaster, table mat etc from jute.	
Arunachal Pradesh		Zero, lower subansiri	Destitute women	8	Food Processing and Tailoring	

CONSULTATIONS, WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR:

1. **Awareness Program in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh:**

- a. A special cohort for Luangdimei Theological Form was held from May 10-13, 2013 in the state on Nagaland. PC Founder Lucy Engjadim and her husband Dr. Pau were invited as the resource person held in Nagaland.
- b. The second one was conducted for the youths of Guwahati from October 9-12, 2013 in Kharguli, Assam. PC Team were the facilitators.
- c. The third one was held in Guwahati for the leaders of Kuki Baptist Association, Nagaland from November 26-29, 2013. PC Team were the facilitators.
- d. One consultation program for Local Project Partner (LPP) Assam was held on March 3 & 4, 2014. 15 people (from PC Udalguri, PC Nowgong and PC Khongsaigaon) attended. Main topics discussed were Review of vision and mission, Review of operational matter, Review of financial management, Review of business

2. **Awareness Program in Manipur:** Program for Local Project Partner (LPP) Manipur was held on August 29 & 30, 2013.

3. **Children Program:** Children Program was organized in:

- a. Ukhrul, Manipur from June 19 & 20, 2013.
- b. Leimakhong, Manipur, for the children of PC Imphal, PC Churachandpur & PC Pallel from June 22 & 23, 2013.

4. **Counselling Training**

Counselling training for field staff was held on May 12-18, 2013 in Shillong, Meghalaya. 4 PC staff and 11 field staffs attended.

5. **Field Staff Training:** This was held in October 23-26, 2013 and was attended by PC field staff. Topics discussed were reporting, financial management, Action Plan, Budgeting, Business and market linkage.

6. **Instructor's Training:** Counselling Training Phase II was held for Instructors and Wardens from September 12-16, 2013. It was facilitated by 3 PC Staff and 1 field staff. The total participants were 23.



NETWORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

1. In PC Peren, the Government supported 3 women for the tailoring course at PC centre.
2. In PC Khongsaigaon 10 spinning machine were purchased at subsidized rate from the govt.
3. Provision of free medicines from NHRM (National Rural Health Mission) for the trainees.
4. TRIFED gave the opportunity to sell our products in the exhibitions they organize every year in the different parts of India. This year, the exhibition was held in New Delhi.
5. Rupee One Lakh was provided to PC Mon by Women Development Department, Government of Nagaland.
6. Staff from World Vision, Martin Luther Christian College, TISS (Tata Institute of Social Service), etc. came for exposure visit to PC Guwahati.