



PRISCILLA CENTRE

Empowering women

Regd. Under Society Act XXI of 1860

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ACTIVITIES REPORT (APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020)

INTRODUCTION:

Priscilla Centre is a charitable organisation working towards empowering women in the different states of North East region of India, i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland by providing them training in livelihood skills such as tailoring, weaving, food processing, handicrafts, baking, etc. and facilitates them to engage in income generation activities.

PC works with destitute widows, school drop-out girls, HIV positive women and women having the background of sex work, abuse, violence and addiction. It helps women to bring change in their lives facilitating a shift from social exclusion, hopelessness, despair and low self-worth to being self-sufficient, skilled and confident women making informed choices in their life.

Along with the training, production unit is simultaneously running in all its project centres known as Self Sustainable Income Generating Activities Project (SIGAP) where the widows, destitute women and some of the training graduates are provided wage earning opportunity by engaging them in the production work as they also learnt more on the entrepreneurial skills.

PC believes in the uniqueness of traditional craft and through the training and production a platform is being created to promote the indigenous North East craft handloom and handicrafts since its inception.

VISION

To encourage, equip and assist poor, weak and needy men and women so that they may grow up to be just and responsible members of the society.

MISSION

- To enable vulnerable individuals and their families to have the knowledge, understanding and skills to be economically productive and contributing members of the community.
- To empower local communities and churches to identify and engage with vulnerable women and families and to enable them to create a culture and environment in which all can contribute and thrive.

REGISTRATION:

Priscilla Centre is registered under the Society's Registration Act XXI of 1860 and the registration no. is KAM/240/k/36 of 2001-02. It is also registered under FCRA with registration no. is 020780089. It is registered under the Income Tax Exemption bearing the registration no. CIT/GHY/TECH/12A/6/2001-02/49012-14

Our headquarter is in Guwahati, Assam, from where the central administration, coordination and networking operates.



Map of PC working areas during the reporting period: 5 states of North East India



BRIEF PROJECT REPORT:

UP-GRADATION AND PROMOTION OF WEAVING AND TAILORING CENTRES

The number of trainees for the year 2019-20 from the centres given below:

	State	Centre name / location	Targets	No. of project participants	Activities
1	Manipur	Priscilla Home, Churachandpur	School dropout, destitute widows, HIV+, CSW & substance abusers.	24 women were reached out: 16 graduates in 2019; 6 new trainees joined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weaving and tailoring• Night shelter for homeless women



2		Sharon Centre, Senapati	School dropout girls, destitute women, HIV+, substance users and orphan.	15 girls graduated in December + 11 girls joined in January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailoring, embroidery work, soap & dish-wash making.
3		Lydia Resource Centre, Churachandpur	School dropout girls	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weaving
4	Nagaland	Dorcas Centre, Khaibung	School drop outs, widows & destitute women	15 joined and graduated in 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weaving & Tailoring

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2		Dorcas Compassion Home, Imphal	HIV+ and destitute widows	12 members (2 left, 1 passed away)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailoring, embroidery & knitting. Nutritional and dry food supplement 	Kerk-in-Actie
3		We Care, Irong	School dropout & destitute women	8 trainees	Tailoring, embroidery, Bead works, wire baskets, soap and dish wash, etc.	Kerk-in-Actie
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1	Assam	PC Guwahati (ALTDC)	School dropout girls	7 graduated & 10 trainees joined in January 2019	Tailoring	DAI (Development Associates International)

Case Study:



Ms. Ngahneihoi Singson, got trained from Dorcas Training Centre, Khaibung. After completing one year of training in tailoring, she was selected for further training in ALTDC (Advanced Lifeskill Training and Development Course), Guwahati. She gained a lot of confidence in creating the designs as she was gifted with great skills in stitching bags and purses. Her dream was to complete her ALTDC training and joined Priscilla Centre (PC) as staff to help and empower other young girls like her. She could not fulfill her dreams as she got very sick and had to leave for treatment. She succumbed to her sickness and left for her heavenly abode on December 9, 2019. She left behind a beautiful memory with her craftworks for her fellow ALTDC trainees and PC team to cherish. Her smiley face will be missed!

CHILDREN AT RISK PROGRAM

Through the support given by DAI (Development Associates International), Children at Risk education program have been carried out successfully this year. The support is given mainly to the PC graduates who are still struggling with Children's education.

Education fees supported: 12 children from the states of Assam, Manipur and Nagaland in the 2019 Academic Year (January to December).



Children education program, Priscilla Home

SN o.	Mother's Name	Children Name	Class of 2019
1	Ms.Thianngainem	Mr. Ginlianthang	III
		Ms. Nianghoihkim	VI



2	Mrs. Chinglamnian	Mr. Lalminlun	A
		Mr. Kamsuanmang	A
3	Mrs. Khawlthiannem	Ms. Ngaibiakdik	B
		Ms. Ngaivenlian	B
4	Mrs. Mary	Mr. Thanglianlal	II
		Mr. Thangsuanmung	II
5	Mrs. Sabita Marak	Mr. Amos Marak	VII
		Ms. Jayanita Marak	III
6	Mrs. Hatjaneng DoungeI	Mr. Goulal DoungeI	X
7	Mrs. Bina	Ms. Hijam Maheshwori	X

CONSULTATION SERVICES:

1. **May 8-13, 2019:** The Director was invited by the Arunachal Baptist Women Society Leaders to take sessions on “Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development” for the Community Women Leaders during their Executive Committee Meeting at Naharlagun and Pasighat, in Arunachal Pradesh.



One of the sessions with the Women Society Leaders in Arunachal Pradesh

2. **June 12, 2019:** Engineering Ministry International (EMI) visited PC on request to discuss on the plan of ALTDC Residential Training Building construction work.

3. **October 22-26, 2019:** Inspired Individual Program (IIP) meeting was held in Kathmandu and was attended by Director.

PC organized EVENTS

1. **Priscilla Centre Foundation Day:** On May 4, 2019 in Udalguri the PC Foundation day was celebrated with enthusiasm, fun and frolic. Darrang Women Weaving Centre (DWWC) got together with PC team and trainees for this special day. The entire team had a chance to reflect not only the beginnings of the Organization and its founder but also on the significant development since its inception.



2. **Priscilla Centre Annual Social Work:** On May 24, 2019, the PC Team and the ALTDC trainees gathered to clean the offices, work sheds and the compounds. Everyone enjoyed



the break from regular works and excitedly worked for the whole day. The joint lunch both trainees and staff eating together ended with a beautiful fellowship.



3. World Environment Day: On June 5, 2019, PC Team and the ALTDC trainees in Udalguri and Guwahati observed World Environment Day where some fruit plants were planted in the compound in Udalguri.

4. ALTDC Trainees Educational Tour: The idea of taking the ALTDC trainees for an educational tour is to have an exposure of the places and observe the culture of each places they visit. Each batch are sent for an exposure during their training period for 3 years in the Guwahati city (for 1st year batch), community visit (for 2nd year batch), out of Assam or north east states (for the 3rd year batch)



ALTDC 1st year trainees were taken for an educational tour in Guwahati on August 30 - September 2, 2019. Most of them has never seen the city and were able to appreciate the things around them. One of the trainees shared, *"It was my first time visiting zoo, science museum, shopping malls and taking the ferry ride"*

ALTDC 3rd year trainees was led for educational tour to Delhi on November 20- 27, 2019. *"It was my dream to visit Delhi at least once and I did. During our trip, we had also visited to the refugee camp I felt for them having no home...."*, one of the trainees shared her experience from the visit



- Ten ALTDC trainees of 1st year batch were taken for an educational tour in Guwahati; visiting Zoo, Science Museum, shopping malls, Nehru Park and enjoyed ferry ride in Brahmaputra river. For most of them it is first time experience to all these places.(August 30- September 2, 2019)
- Every year PC organizes the annual Community Visit for the ALTDC 2nd Year. On August 27- September 2, 2019, 10 trainees went to Nagaland led by PC staff and visited partner project Dorcas Training Centre and other 5 communities covering 5 villages: Songluh, Pelhang, Athibung, Maova and Bungsang.
- Five ALTDC trainees of 3rd year batch were led for educational tour to Delhi on November 20- 27, 2019. PC is thankful to Shalom, Kiran and Bosco- UNHCR Refugee for



giving their valuable time to us. They had a blessed time and could also sell PC products in Delhi Bible fellowship and Rongmei Christian Fellowship Delhi.

5. Capacity Building of Community Leaders Mobilisers: PC organised Capacity Building for the Community Leaders Mobilizers where 39 participants attended the program. The training was to orient the Community Leaders on the plan of starting new initiatives on Organic Farming for sustainable development.

6. Charity Dinner: Charity Dinner was organised to raise the fund for the PC land on November 16, 2019 in Satribari Hospital ground. PC got good response from families and friends. More than 500 people turned up for the event.



7. ALTDC Graduation Day: On December 17, 2019, the seven ALTDC trainees, 5 in tailoring and 2 in weaving were given the honorary as ALTDC Graduates; ministered by PC Founder Mrs. Lucy Engjadim. The main objective is to give them the recognition of having achieved something, as they are seen as nobody and through ALTDC they are recognised as graduates.

8. ALTDC Dedication Day: The 9 new recruits from different centres who have completed their basic training are selected and for their further training, through ALTDC they are given the direction towards sustainable earnings. Importance of dedication day is to make the trainees feel welcomed and that they belong in the new environment. (January 17, 2020)

9. Orientation and Review for the Team: On January 13, 2020, Director Mrs. G. Kungreiliu oriented and reviewed to reflecting on the activities and goals of Priscilla Centre with the Team.

10. PC Partners Meet: The 7th PC Partners Meet on the theme: “*Connect and Build to Enlarge your Tent*” was held at Bosco Reach Out, Guwahati on March 3-5, 2020 attended by 28 participants including the Director and the PC Staff. The meeting was attended by 11 project partners from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam and Nagaland where the partners’ activities were reviewed, alongside discussing the way forward plan with one another to achieve and improve the activities of partnered organizations.



Partners sharing their take away from the program: *“I was able to know the partners better and the session on the importance of being connected and building others had me think deeper”; “the ideas of branding and division of labour is a very good concept. ... we can encourage every partner to cooperate and produce... benefiting the producers”*

BOARD MEETING

1. **The 3rd PC Annual General Meeting** was held at Siloam, Shillong, Meghalaya on July 20, 2019
2. **The 44th Board Meeting** was held at the CBCNEI AC Conference Hall on January 25th, 2020.
3. **45th PC Board Meeting** was held at the CBCNEI Compound on March 14, 2020



3rd PC Annual General Meeting held at Siloam, Meghalaya

OTHER ACTIVITIES:



- 1. **SELCO:** In collaboration with SELCO Foundation, PC installed demo spinning, re-reeling machine Silk Research and Development Centre, Khonsaigaon, Assam on May 7, 2019.



- 2. Installed solar tailoring solution in SIGAP, Panbazar, Assam on October 16, 2019



- 3. **New Initiative among the Garo Communities:** As an initial stage of partnership with Garo Communities in the border of Assam and Meghalaya, survey was done in Gambalbari village, Ri-Bhoi district, Meghalaya on November 12, 2019 to start a project with the community.
- 4. **Arunachal Pradesh:** Collaboration for the new livelihood project was planned with the help of the Community Leaders in Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh (January 20-21, 2020)
- 5. **Bodo Communities:** PC is in conversation with the Bodo Community Leaders in Udalguri for the new livelihood project to work among the Bodo Communities in different district and for them to connect Priscilla Centre with the people.

TRAININGS & PROGRAMS ATTENDED

The following trainings were attended by PC Team members for enhancing capacity:

Date	Attended by	Organized by	Training
April 26-27, 2019	Director and Asst. Manager	SELCO, IIM Bnagalore	SELCO Conference on SDG7 For SDG8





June 26, 2019	Asst. Manager and ALTDC Supervisor	World Vision, Guwahati.	Capacity building program on the theme: <i>“It takes Assam to end Child Sexual Abuse”</i> .
September 14-20, 2019	Asst. Manager	NIRD, Guwahati.	Social Enterprise training
February 17 & 21, 2020	Asst. Accountant	NIRD	Course on Integrated Farming System for Livelihood Security

SELCO Conference on SDG7 for SDG8 at IIM BANGALORE



Integrated Farming System for Livelihood Security Training at NIRD, Khanapara