

SEVA KENDRA, MANIKBOND

Objective of Seva Kendra –

To improve the living condition of poor people effecting a sustainable improvement in Economic standard, Health care facilities, Education and empowerment of women.

Our Vision

Formation of a just and sustaining social order where every one is able to live with human dignity and mutual respect

Our Mission

Empowering the rural poor especially the marginalized and the disabled through education awareness building and financial enhancement by mobilizing all available recourses

Our Activities –

1. Fostering of Income generating activities like piggery, goatery, duckery, fishery etc for life sustenance
2. Awareness, Seminars, trainings are given to women for their empowerment.
3. Health awareness is conducted for Routine Immunization, ANC, PNC and Institutional Delivery to improve the health condition of people.
4. Vocational Education like training in knitting is given to women and girls for their decent and self reliant living.
5. Quality education is given to children four classes I to IV through coaching centre.
6. Counseling is given to disabled person as well as guardians to take care of disabled persons.
7. Income generating activities like petty shops.
8. To promote networking among women SHGs
9. To increase the number of SHGs by more then 100 for their socio-Economic growth
10. To encourage micro- Finance activities among women.
11. To improve the health care Facilities of mother and children.

- 12.To from networking of individual NGOS /Govt. Agencies committed to social Devt.
- 13.To promote Sustainable livelihood for the marginalized and exploited.
- 14.To uplift those who are socially, economically and educationally backward.
- 15.To make use the local and natural resources.
- 16.To promote the welfare of the poor and marginalized women
- 17.To empower the disabled women with knowledge, skill and self reliance.
- 18.To promote leadership among rural women.
- 19.To encourage women participation in socio-political activities.

LIFE GIVING INTERVENTION OF SEVA KENDRA, MANIKBOND

Through AIFO

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She is a poor girl and her father is a daily labor. They have only half bigha of land with which her father is maintaining the family with his whole heart and soul.

She was diagnosed with Breast tumor last year. Gradually her tumor is becoming bigger and all the properties were sold for local treatment, and no improvement is found. a doctor suggested her for a better Medical treatment, and for financial support they submitted petition to local Gram Panchayat president and Zillparisad member, they promised help but no help was received.

So they sold properties like cow, and Mortgaged there land for the treatment. Then Fr. Abraham the Director of Seva Kendra, Manikbond intervened and promised all the helps. Under his guidance and under the guidance of St. Joseph's community health centre Manikbond, she was operated at Makunda General Hospital; Fr. Abraham also took all the necessary arrangements by communicating with the Doctor of Makunda Hospital. She become normal within one week and come back at home. And she her family is grateful to Fr. Abraham Dr. Rosama and AIFO.

SELF HELP GROUPS- An avenue for economic and transformation

Seva Kendra Manikbond plays important roles in the society through Self Help Groups and following changes are brought about in the society –

1. Economical Changes – SHG is playing a important role in the society Many SHG members are benefited with SHG activities like Land redemption, Fishery piggery etc. SHG Siv bari Mahila, Angel, Eliza, Saroda New SHG are formed like Puja Kalpaturu, Joy, Annapurna, Joba, Sri Hori, some new SHGs have opened their bank account, and some are in process, Beside Land redemption SHGs started, small business like- vegetable business, Paddy crops business some old inactive SHGs are also activated. SHGs are also increasing their monthly savings from 10-20 to Rupees 50/- SHGs are given awareness for Govt, scheme and assistance.

Members of SHG have redeemed their mortgaged land and fisheries from money lenders and villages Mohajons with financial assistance from AIFO. More then 100 Bighas of land has been redeemed. Now they have become the direct beneficiaries of their own hard labor as they are able to cultivate their own land and look after their own fishery which were with money lenders and Mohajons. Now, they are able to support their family with this income and are able to send their children for higher education. They also supplement their income with Piggery, Gottery and small business in their local market. Besides these, Seva Kendra Manikbond has done a survey for Sanitation programme in four GPs. Namely Balipla, Jherjheri, Isabheel and Bazaricherra GPs which are under Patherkandi PHE Subdivision Govt of Assam. We have also taken up sanitation program in one village by constructing toilets.

2. Social changes – earlier women were not allowed to take part in decision making in family as well as society. Their condition was that of unpaid servants. Now they are able to go out to govt. office and bank etc. without permission of husbands. But today with the forming of SHGs with the collaboration of SKM they are taking active part in decision making in the family as well as in the society. Today they are able to handle many issues concerning their family and society. Now a day's women are also involved in politics. They are also successfully competing in Gam Panchayet, Ancholic Panchayet and ZilaParishad election as members and President. Due to SHG Empowerment women are equally treated as men. Beside income generating activity of self help group, a self help group federation is also formed in the presence of Mr. Jose representative of AIFO Mr. Jayant progrmme coordinator of AIFO Mrs, Sanjana. AIFO Bangalore , Fr. Abraham, the director of Seva Kendra Manikbond and more then 300 hundred women of 60 self help groups, the name of Federation is Longia Valley Mahila Vikash Manch, Seva Kendra Manikbond, Dist- Karimganj Assam, And executive committee also formed, for smooth functioning of federation activities members are divided in to two categories namely executive members and general members, executive member consist of 17 members And they can be changd in the general meeting after 2 years interval. A process is going on for its govt, registration to avail government facilities and projects for all round development of federation as well as self help group.

3. Change of mindset – due to their involvement in the SHG women are gradually getting awareness, training and non formal education. They are realizing the various roles they can play as a woman. She is no more confined to the four walls of the kitchen , but has become catalyst of change in the family and society .we can notice a sea of difference in their attitude and value system due to education of mind

Quality and good Education -----Backbone of a Society

Seva kendra manikbond believes in this concept. There are 14 coaching centers under seva kendra manikbond, meant to give supplementary education to the poorest of the poor and the marginalized. Total enrolments of these centers are 582. No of male students are 282 and female students are 300. Education system of this area is a cause for concern like schools is available and teachers are appointed but seldom do we see them in the school. There are five classes in a school but a single teacher has to manage all the classes, besides records and others work. So students are not getting proper education and parents want to send their children for tuition but due to poor economic condition they are not able. Therefore parents are sending their children to coaching centers run by seva kendra manikbond with the help of AIFO. It is a blessing in disguise for the less fortunate parents .It amply substitutes highly paid tuition which is unaffordable for the hapless parents. There are many children who do not like to school. Seva Kendra Manikbond is helping them to go to school with **Joy full Learning and Play way method**. Beside lessons Dancing, Singing, Playing and Drawing are taught them at centers. Teachers are given periodical training and their performance is duly monitored through central visits by the director and coordinator. Periodical guardians meetings are called to evaluate their performance. A thorough change in the attitude of the parents towards education can be noticed, so much so that many parents take keen interest in sending their wards to even English medium schools. The society has transformed itself to a multi- linguistic one.

Vocational training—an asset for the future

SEVA KENDRA MANIKBOND started knitting centre in the year 2004 with 20 no of trainees. 66 persons completed their training courses from this Knitting centre. This woolen product centre is setup for all irrespective of any cast or religion. So that every tribe and community has the opportunity to learn in this centre. The main motto of this centre is to make people self reliant and make them a source of support for their families and thereby economic prosperity. Besides the center provides employment opportunities for unemployed. Knitting products are exhibited in different Districts during exhibition melas. Members of SHG and trainees are also involved in production. Products are sold

in fair like Netaji Mela in Karimganj and Robindra Mela in Hailakandi. People are waiting for our products because our products are quite attractive with its quality. Products are like Socks, Sweater, Chador, Blouse, Caps and different colorful items are woven in the center. **SEVA KENDRA MANIKBOND** has created a niche for itself through its quality products. But the machines are to be updated to make it profitable and to face the fierce competition from various firms. And we look forward to the magnanimous benefactors who can help in modernizing these machines and enable the many less fortunate to earn their livelihood and achieve our motto of self reliance. A Job oriented Tailoring programmed Under AGM Govt. of Assam is going on with 20 mounts interval and totally days no of candidate were given training and sent in different places for engagement.

HEALTH- to be lived

SEVA KENDRA MANIKBOND is catering to the needs of many a needy through the Dispensary called “ST. Joseph’s Dispensary” at Manikbond. A Doctor and medical staff are at the disposal of needy and the poor. Patients are from as far as 10-12 kms. Home visits are also done to boost the confidence and morale of patients who are confined to their homes due to immobility. Besides treatment health education are also given to patients and pregnant women. In this year i.e. 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 3773 patients were given

treatment for various ailments besides the repeated cases. Mainly people of this area are suffering from upper Respiratory infection, Malaria, Diarrhea, and Typhoid. Besides these patients with Gastritis, Abdominal problem, Mumps, Measles, Hopping cough, Anemia, Vitamin, Muscular pain, UTI pregnant women, Injury Suturing, Skin problems, Epilepsy, Heart problem, Hypertension, Dental problem, Eye and Ear problems are treated here. Minor surgery is also done at **ST. JOSEPH'S DISPENSARY** But the ongoing health education and awareness programs of Seva kendra have mitigated the rate of occurrences of sickness and people are on the look out ways and means of healthy living. Patients are given awareness along with treatment. Seeing the various activities of Seva Kendra in the health field, Govt. also of late has appointed health workers in the villages. But how effective are they is a matter of guessing. Another motto of Seva Kendra is that health is to be lived through various activities of daily life. The serious problem that we face today is that people are so poor that they are not even able to purchase life saving drugs, forget about other medicines due to the economic condition. The dilemma for us is how to address this serious problem. So far AIFO has been so generous with us and the people. And we call upon our well wishers to be our partners in order to make the people of this remote and backward area accessible to decent health care and thereby long life