

PEOPLE'S RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT (APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021)



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Message from the Secretary

In these unprecedented times when COVID-19 continues to spread and to impact almost every individual and organization across the world directly or indirectly, non-profit organizations or non-government organizations (NGOs) are also deeply affected now and in the times to come. As it is not yet clear what the current pandemic situation holds in future, it is important to balance the scale between panic and carelessness. Preparedness is key. The worsening situation of Covid-19 in Manipur compelled us to suspend our on-ground programmes temporarily and pivot to relief work, and there is fear that this disruption may undo years of efforts and progress, worsened by the funding setback. Short-term suspension of programmes may have a long-lasting impact, especially among marginalised and vulnerable communities

During these unprecedented times, our role has become paramount in combating the corona virus and its impact on society's most vulnerable populations, especially in containment regions where government services are struggling. The pandemic has impacted all aspects of our work – from running programs, planning finances, coordinating staff to how they collaborate with partners and stakeholders situated across the state. However, many local organisations also said the challenges were paving the way for new opportunities and innovative ways of working in the sector – a chance to renew how we tackle global problems together as a community. We have been compelled to redesign or pivot our projects to respond to the rapidly changing landscape caused by COVID-19. Assessments on the challenges faced by communities in light of the pandemic inform how organisations are adjusting objectives and implementation strategies for 2021 and possibly beyond. Fortunately, many donors are easing their protocols to allow implementing partners to redirect their funding and program activities to the COVID-19 response. It is likely however that project work not related to COVID-19 may be put on hold or scaled back due to implementation constraints and financial limitations. This could lead to some major setbacks in our collective ambitions under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Many people anticipate huge ripple effects from this crisis in the medium to long term that we can only begin to grasp at the moment.

To rise to these challenges, we need to be creative and perhaps, question some of the traditional approaches and take risks in order to find the right solutions. We have heard many organisations are leveraging technology to continue the implementation of their project activities. With this in mind, we can see the many opportunities at hand for the development sector to advance in the digital sphere.

Longjam Suranjoy Singh

Secretary

People's Resource Development Association (PRDA)

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

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ORGANIZATION'S DETAILS

1. Legal status and identity of organization: Non-Government Organization (Registered under Society Registration Act. 1860)
 2. Year of establishment/registration:
 3. Established on 13th November 1988
 4. Red. No. 169 of 1989, dated 20th February 1989
 5. FCRA No. 194190015 of 3rd March 1999
 6. PAN NO. AAAAP3000G, dated-13-11-98
 7. Income Tax: (Section 12A) 1531/12A/CA/98-99/232-35 dated 20-7-98
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- ☐ Strength of the organization: Male: 34, Female: 14, Total: 48
 - ☐ Number of Board members/trustees: Male: 5, Female: 2, Total: 7

BOARD MEMBERS/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Sl.	Name of the members	Address	Occupation	Designation
1	H. Shanti Singh	Ishok Makha	Social worker	President
2	Mrs. Kh. Memton Devi	Nambol	Social worker	Vice-President
3	L. Suranjoy Singh	Bishnupur ward no. 11	Social worker	Secretary
4	Dr. H. Romen Singh	Ishok Awang	Social worker	Asst. Secretary
5	Mrs. N. Dhanapati Devi	Ishok	Social worker	Treasurer
6	S. Brojen Singh	Ishok Makha	Social worker	Member
7	Mrs. N. Babita Leima	Leimapokpam	Social worker	Member

VISION

Creating sustainable, resourceful & healthy environment wherein people Co-exist with strong value system in peace & harmony

MISSION

Strengthening & capacitating the key leaders, NGOs, CBOs, SHGs & Farmers in the process of networking development and advocacy.

Genesis of People's Resource Development Association (PRDA)

Ishok village was one of the hundreds of the villages affected by construction of Ithai barrage at the confluence of the Manipur River, the Khuga River and the Ungamel channel in 1983, near Ithai village in Bishnupur. Construction of the barrage for hydro power generation led to submergence of approximately 10000 hectares of cultivable land and inhabited areas of the Ishok village (*of total 80000 hectares in Bishnupur, Imphal West, and Thoubal districts*). It has also caused annual recurrence of floods and submergence of the cultivable area with inflows of water from Merakhong River, Nambol River, Nambul River and back water from Loktak Lake. The flood water also brings in phumdi in farm lands of Ishok and neighbouring villages from upstream lakes - Sanapat and Naorem Utrapat.

After construction of the barrage, flood water and prolonged submergence, along with phumdis, continued damaging standing crops and farms every year. Further, there were recurrence epidemics like malaria and waterborne diseases in the area.

Being affected and concerned of the new phenomenon, the youth of the village volunteered to initiate actions to reduce impacts of floods on agriculture and raise the issues of the village. This led to germination of the idea and forming a local youth club called '*The Ishok Makha Young Development Club*' (IMYDC) by youth of the village in 1988. In 1995, the Governing Body of the IMYDC decided to rename the Club as People's Resource Development Association (PRDA) and hence obtained the Society Registration Act. The Association has also registered under section 12 (A) of Income Tax Act and FCRA. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian and secular organisation.

PRDA STAFF

Sl	Name	Designation	Job assigned
1	L. Suranjoy Singh	Chief Functionary	General
2	Phaomei Solomon	Manager	General
3	Irengbam Kajol	Accountant	General
4	Pounga Newme	Child Educator	AAA-LRP
5	Haggai Zating	Program Manager	CML
6	Th. Bimolkumar Singh		LRP
7	T. Ajit Kumar	Field Assistant	LRP
8	Gunamani Ahongsangbam	Field Assistant	LRP
9	Sanahal Singh	Field Assistant	LRP
10	O. Raju Singh	Field Assistant	LRP
11	N. Bidyaluxmi Devi	Field Assistant	LRP
12	Kh. Worthson Singh	Team Member	Childline
13	W. Jemal	Team Member	Childline
14	L. Chanchan	Team Member	Childline
15	Kh. Taniya	Team Member	Childline

Centre for Micro-finance & Livelihood(CML)

Executive summary of the program

The proposed project is meant for creating a long term sustainable and affordable financing program to provide decentralized solar energy solutions, primarily for lighting and livelihoods, to more than 125 households and small businesses in the state of Manipur respectively. Many of these families are from mainly backward tribal areas of Manipur and have little or no access to electricity. Their main source of energy is from kerosene lamps, diesel and firewood. One of the most critical barriers to availing solar systems is affordable doorstep financing which the project intends to address. The proposed project will be implemented by People Resource's Development Association, Manipur.

The broad objective of this program is to unlock and institutionalize the process of financing in the state of Manipur, by piloting a loan based, revolving finance model for installation of solar energy equipment for households both for basic lighting and small business activities. The project also aims at convincing and introducing asset based financing mind-set in within the existing clients and banks in the region. The key outputs include power supply for basic lighting and livelihood interventions (powered home spinning looms, sewing, etc.) which will improve primary quality of life and incomes of these households. This also will be a catalyst for enhancement of sustainable development goals such as poverty reduction (increased livelihood opportunities), better education (basic home lighting), affordable and clean energy, good health and well-being (no harmful fumes that are generated by usage of kerosene lamps), financial inclusion (access to credit linkages through loans) and result in enhancing the quality of life of the communities in due course of time.

Main objective:

- To finance above 125 households both for basic lighting and small business activities.
- Provide tailor-made financing facilities affordable to the customer.
- Increase the livelihood opportunity and income of the poor farmers, FPOs and agro-processing units, by enabling to function to their maximum potential which is currently hindered by the lack of electricity or erratic supply.

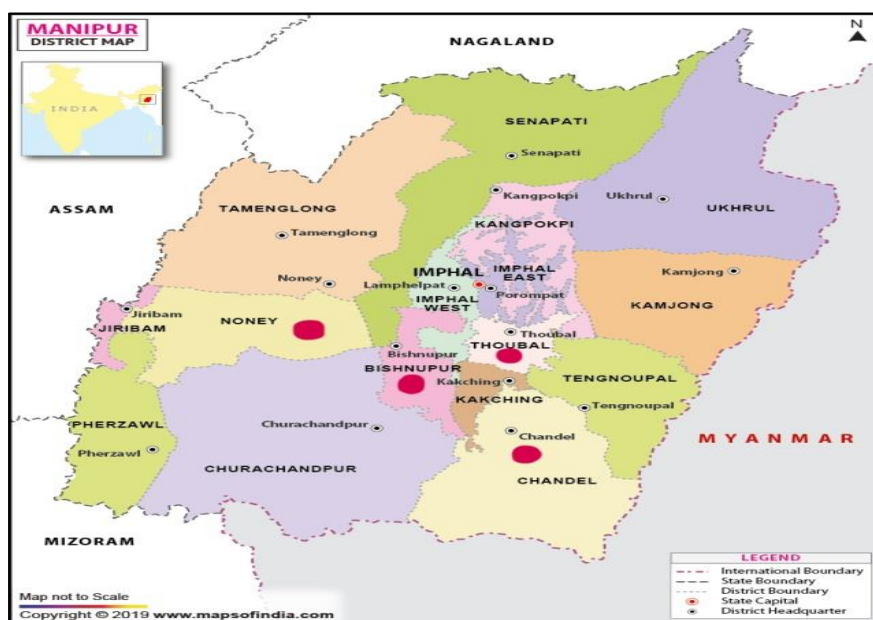
Expected impact

At the project level, PRDA will plough back the funds for financing of similar energy solutions beyond the project period. The experience will also help engage with other apex financial institutions and policy makers to raise additional funding for similar lending and move towards an enabling, inclusive and sustainable financing ecosystem for energy solutions not just in Manipur but also across the Northeast. The project aims to also be a showcase for similar replication of financing ecosystems across other geographies across India and the world. Many inhabitants of the rural areas and urban poor are confined to poverty traps, where upward mobility is blocked by limited access to resources. And this lack of resource is compounded by the initial cost of solar systems for energy. This restriction will be loosening by the offer made by PRDA in an affordable way for escaping poverty trap through access of basic energy source. The successful pilot of the project will open up the market, hence more fund will be required or poured into the solar energy sector. Expecting to induce a butterfly effect where it will have profound ripple effects across the local economy, it will sustain itself in the solar sector. The energy ladder will go up from basic home lighting system to livelihood applications, accessories, accessing to TV and internet and ultimately they will be connected to the knowledge economy. The intervention will facilitate in stepping up progressively from one stage to the next, to access and use to newer technology, which will increase the efficiency and the productivity of the poor, which will increase their incomes, which gives them access to more improved and newer technology. The fund can be therefore revolved up to certain cycle for solar financing considering the emerging markets with technology progressing and fitting into the needs of the more developed or well to do households. Hence even after the project period, the fund can be utilized in a sustainable way for solar financing. The following activities will be ensured during the tenure of the project:

- Energy user group for knowledge sharing and raising awareness about solar energy

- Leverage fund from mainstream Financial Institutions for solar funding
- Build pool of local technician and resource person for knowledge dissemination and as a service provider
- Linked the end users with various government schemes on solar energy

Map of the project area



Contribute to the building of the energy ecosystem in Manipur by establishing successful model on solar funding to the poor and non-bankable households. PRDA could cover and installed energy security in four districts of Manipur viz, Bishnupur, Noney, Chandel and Thoubal. The map with red marked indicates the covered district.

Major activities taken :-

Activities taken during the project	Units	Target Plan for the current Quarter (Q. No.1-4)	Achievement for this quarter (Q. No.1-4)	Target for this Year (FY-2020-21)
Installation of Solar Home Lighting and Livelihood System (from Grant amount)	Households	110	113	110

Installation of Solar Home Lighting and Livelihood System (from RF Fund at Bank)	Households	15	15	15
Recovery of Revolving Fund(RF)	Rs. (Lakhs)	279,780	242,780	279,780
Fund Leveraged				
Fund Leveraged from Bank	Rs. (Lakhs)	XX	XX	XX
Local Contribution	Rs. (Lakhs)	XX	XX	XX
Other Donors(If there is)	Rs. (Lakhs)	XX	XX	XX
No. of System Installed from Recovery of RF	Households	XX	12	XX
No. of System Installed from Fund Leveraged from Bank	Households	XX	XX	XX

1. Key Issues/ Challenges

- Due to COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown imposed to whole state has led us unable to conduct awareness program to the villager resulting villager refuse to install solar in the initial period.
- As mentioned above, due to Covid-19 disease and imposing of lockdown has effect in delayed in fulfilling the target.
- With the noticed issued by state government on restriction on collection of loan during the lockdown period has affect in our monthly collection.
- As our program is mostly based on poor and marginalized people therefore they couldn't pay their monthly loan as they are locked up inside the house during lockdown period 2020.
- Due to financial shortage we couldn't install Solar to beneficiaries.

2. Best Practices

- Beneficiaries are delighted for the opportunity to avail such offer from organization.
- Good feedback from beneficiaries about the quality of the installation.

3. Look ahead of the program

- Give more focus to the hilly region where there is less and no electricity.
- Ensure energy security to the people of the State in all season despite of natural calamities like storm, thunder, flood etc.
- Widespread awareness to people about the benefit of solar.

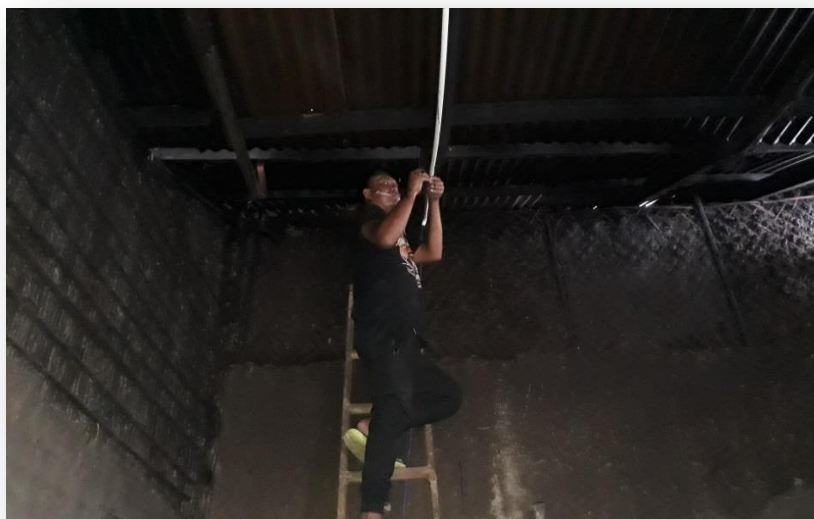
ACTIVITY PHOTOS OF SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATION

Name of the Beneficiaries : Tongbram Ajitkumar Singh

Village	:Ishok
Block and District	: Nambol Block, Bishnupur District
Activities	: Lighting,weaving, Fan & TV
System Specification	: 150WP



Name of the Beneficiaries	: Thangasem Sekho
Village	: Dolang
Block and District	: NoneyDistrict
Activities	: Lighting
System Specification	: 40WP



CASE STUDY

Beneficiary's Name : Rangneingir Jatung

Age : 60

Qualification : Graduate

Occupation : Farmer

Installed Watt : 150WP

Contact No : 8732071646

Address : Dolang, Noney District, Manipur.

Rangneingir Jatung is the father of three children, one boy and two girls lived in Dolang Village, Noney District, Manipur. His family livelihood and education of his children depend on Jhum and terrace farming.

He says that "By seeing some medium family in the village have installed Solar Energy in their house and have light security, which I have been longing and dreaming for certain years and I wish to installed clean solar energy to have energy security in my house but due to family financial problem though I know the needs of the light in my house but I have no other option rather than to depend on solar Lamp which last for few hours, Lamptern (widely used in village) and also to the available state electricity which is uncertain and not reliable. Problem of power off is often when there is rain, thunder storm, heavy wind.

As a farmer, sometimes I wanted to refresh my mind by watching television after a long hectic work of daytime and to distract my mind from my work for sometimes but due to lack of current I and my family couldn't watch besides my most prior attention is about my children's study career because they couldn't study for a long period of time under the dimmed light."

But with the installation of 150WP solar light by PRDA-CML gave him great joy and fulfilled his dream of installed solar light which have been dreaming for a long time. He feel relief in his heart as there is no power off in his house now, his children could study in the night time and also can enjoy watching television during free times. The trouble of power off is gone completely since the installation of green solar energy.

He feel impressed of the opportunity given by the organisation and hoping the organisation to continue and expand to other village in the state where there is no regular electricity and to give them light security throughout the year like he have enjoy today.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – ACTION AID INDIA

CM1, 2020 COLLECTION REPORT

The Child message collection for first phase 2020 was carried out successfully under the supervision of Child sponsorship Coordinator along with five field staffs from different five clusters. We have collected 860 child messages in CM1 2020. Below table indicate the tentative date for child message collection.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR CMI 2020

Date	NAME OF THE CLUSTER	NAME OF THE FIELD ASSISTANT	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD	RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR SUPPORT
23 feb – 1march	KWASIPHAI & UPOKPI KHUNOU	GUNAMANI	160	GUNAMANI, POUNGA & BIDYA
2 march- 9march	KARANG I,II & THANGA CHINGKHA	BIDYA	167	BIDYA,POUNGA & GUNAMANI
12 march -19march	WAROICHING & HEINOUBOK	SANAHAL	110	SANAHAL, POUNGA & AJITKUMAR
15 march- 24march	ISHOK I,II & NAOREM	AJITKUMAR	231	AJITKUMAR, POUNGA & SANAHAL
21 march – 30 march	THANGA OINAM, THANGA NGARAM & THANGA ITCHING	RAJU	207	RAJU, BIDYA & POUNGA

However, we couldn't be able to carried out CMs collection from the given above time frame due to outbreak of pandemic, gathering of large number of children into one place is not possible however F/As are visiting door to door for collection of child message and we have completed child message collection in first week of june 2020.

CLUSTER I

Name of the F.A : GUNAMANI

Village cluster : Kwaisiphai and UpokpiKhunou

Total number of Sponsored Child in the cluster : 160.

Started collection on : 23rd February 2020

Accomplished on : 4th April 2020

The collection of the CMs was conducted under the supervision of Sponsorship Coordinator, PoungaNewme



CMs collection photo of Kwasiphai&UpokpiKhunou

CLUSTER II

Name of the F.A: N. Bidyalaxmi Devi

Village cluster : ThangaKarang&Chingkha.

Total number of Sponsored Child in the cluster: 167.

Started collection on: 9 march

Accomplished on: 7 April

The collection of the CMs was conducted under the supervision of Sponsorship Coordinator, PoungaNewme



CLUSTER III

Name of the F.A: SANAHAL

Village cluster : Heinoubok&Waroiching.

Total number of Sponsored Child in the cluster: 110.

Started collection on: 19 march

Accomplished on: 27 April

The collection of the CMs was conducted under the supervision of Sponsorship Coordinator,



CMs collection photo of Waroiching and Heinoubok

CLUSTER IV

Name of the F.A: T. Ajitkumar Singh.

Village cluster : Ishok I, II &Naorem

Total number of Sponsored Child in the cluster: 231.

Started collection on: 24 march

Accomplished on: 2 June



The CMs collection photo of Ishok&Naorem village

CLUSTER V

Name of the F.A: O. Raju Singh

Village cluster : ThangaNgaram, Oinam&Ithing

Total number of Sponsored Child in the cluster: 207.

Started collection on: 21 march

Accomplished on: 30 April

The collection of the CMs was conducted under the supervision of Sponsorship Coordinator



CM Collection Photo

The challenges: Since the covid-19 pandemic has been transmitted in the community ,villagers were blocking the enter cross road of the village and they prohibited the entering of the outsiders also It has been a very difficult for the staffs to travel in the midst of pandemic, aside lockdown and curfew were imposed in the state like any other state as a precautionary measure, movement

and gathering of the people is strictly prohibited besides parents are not willing to send out their children for drawing session moreover some children were staying in the hostel and some out of station and went out to visit their maternal home and relatives. The situation like divorce of parents also takes place though it is a rare condition, the FAs are struggled a lots to find children whenever they are and collect CMs from the children.

Success and achievements: We could be able to complete the CMs collection on given period of time though it may be very difficult to manage the situation. And we have added 6 children from Heinoubok as a new sponsor child in replaced of migrated children. Children were showing their great support to F/As and they had developed their drawing skills tremendously.