

COVID-19



OUR RESPONSE

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FOREWORD

Like others, we were unprepared and never visualise that such outbreak of disease will put everything on halt. At the very onset of the starting of lockdown we all thought that the situation will not be turning to such extreme. What was on our mind was that we might not be in position to move freely, yet we would be working at respective branches. But it was a sea change where complete lockdown took place on 24th March, 2020.

This COVID-19 crisis has made many experts across countries to have the opinion that the world will be experiencing economic recession. Certainly the crisis has impacted the economy in many ways. We all need to put collective wisdom to overcome the economic recession to keep going the livelihood of our valued customers and ensure to keep alive the nation`s economy.

These 3 months (April, May & June, 2020) were very crucial. We faced the situation by preparing ourselves like a war time warriors, having more patience by committing more of our wisdom, energy, time and space comparing the situation with that of the past (Normal) We have experienced how the crisis demand everyone to be solicit participator for having a cohesive, strong team by sharing own responsibilities aligning the core objective and the purpose of the organisation. We strive by not remaining a silent spectator on the onslaught of the crisis rather keep on tightening the inter-dependence of all our stakeholders.

In this time of crisis, we adopted flexible work policy extending our love and support among our team. Every branches designed a workable logistics module and supported head office to reach out on time to achieve the set goals by sacrificing the comfort zone not having a set timing of the office working hours even to the extent of halting the night at branch office and go back when the situation permit. Yes, we were not in position to extend our helping hands in the way we would like to but at least with timely and valuable support of our partners and the collective efforts of our team members, we have done something meaningful for our client ,for the community and for the district administration in this time of COVID-19 crisis .

Last but not the least, We don`t have to worry about the COVID-19 rather we should reach out our helping hands and extend our goodwill gesture to those who are at distress.

With best regards,
CEO- SEAT

ABOUT SEAT

Socio Economic Action Trust (SEAT) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) registered as a trust. It was registered in 2015 under the registration of Indian Trust Act 1882. SEAT also holds exemption from tax on its income u/s 12AA of the Income tax Act. Our mission is “To provide financial and related capacitating services for enhancing livelihood of the underserved community (women) of the hills (Ukhrul, Senapati, Tamenglong, Kamjong) and valley of Manipur. Some of the services we provide are:

- **We provide credit to:**
 - Women`s SHG.
 - Semi - skilled women entrepreneur.
 - Skilled women entrepreneur.

- **Savings**
 - We facilitate saving and encourage for inter-loaning within the group (Approximately 37 Million as corpus).

- **Insurance Services**
 - “Ensuring a smile on every face “ as a holistic approach on financial inclusion, we have tied up with Life insurance Corporation(LIC) under Micro Insurance product. We have enrolled 6,747 women under this programme.

- **Bank linkage**
 - Few selected SHGs Linked up in availing subsidize Bank loan for undertaking agri and dairy farming.

- **Promote Entrepreneurs**
 - We Capacitate entrepreneurs and connect Women entrepreneur to different schemes

- **Promotion of solar lighting systems**
 - Unreached and unserved areas witness difficult situations due to poor outreach of electric lighting services. We have connected to 25,000 Plus households of Imphal, Ukhrul, Kamjong Senapati & Tamenglong districts of Manipur.

- **Skills for Life # HSBC # FWWB-I**
 - Livelihood coping study # Financial Education & Business skills training & livelihood skills training.

- **Capacity related to Income generating activities.**
 - On demand from our clients, we tied with line concern Department for various trainings.

- **Promotion of SHGs & related capacity building:**
 - Continuously forming SHG and provided related training: Group Management, Leadership training, Book keeping and accountancy.

SCENARIO OF COVID-19 IN THE STATE

“Manipur” one of the seven sisters of the North Eastern States of India could not escape from the clutches of COVID-19 pandemic like other part of the globe. The present situation / scenario of the state on COVID-19 pandemic is alarming to all young and old. Once with zero COVID-19 cases, now has a total of 2723 positive case as on 29th July, 2020. Unfortunately, one 56 years old patient with chronic heart disease admitted for the treatment lately tested COVID-19 positive pass away at RIMS as the first deceased of COVID-19 case in the state. The state govt along with the people are taking all its effort to fight and contain the disease as a result the present recovery rate stands at 70%. What is more alarming is the daily surge of COVID-19 cases, the rise of new cases from the medical team- so called frontline warriors is a nightmare to all. A limited hospital facility at Imphal is a great worry to the people of rural areas, where medical facilities are beyond expectation. The continuous effort to check the spread of COVID-19 in the state is never ceasing. The state is hoping for the best to return to normalcy.

WHAT WE DO AGAINST THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

We all have faced almost the same difficulties in view of this continuous lockdown for the past months. Like others, we were unprepared and never expected such outbreak of COVID-19 will put everything on halt but that is the reality we all are facing today. The lockdown has disrupted the business activity across affecting the livelihood of the community especially the daily wage earners.

When the Indian Govt. called for the first nationwide lockdown, it was so sudden that the office remained completely lockdown for a month. Considering the crisis, in the 2nd phase of lockdown we explored an opportunity to build and strengthened the relationship & trust of our community. We reorganised our team and started planning on how we can initiate relief work for our clients and also ensure our co-operation to the District Administrations to collectively fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We began evaluating by collecting information from clients/ community leaders for some possible actions.

We constantly keep in touch with our funders on how they could assist us in relief initiatives. The immediate action was surveying how this COVID-19 has impacted our clients. In view of the increasing positive cases, it was not possible for us to have physical interactions with our clients. We imparted awareness on COVID-19 through media. While doing these activities, our team worked on how we can atleast assist our clients, returnees and frontline workers and district administrations



Reaching out to the frontline workers and returnees as a sign of solidarity in fighting against the pandemic at Pettigrew college, the only institutional quarantine centre in Ukhrul District, where around 300 plus returnees were sheltered at a time.

FWWB-I Support



Friends of Women's World Banking, India, (FWWB) is one of the first few institutions created as affiliate of Women's World Banking in 1982 with the aim to empower poor and asset-less rural and urban women by improving their participation in sustainable livelihood activities through access to financial services and recognizing women's role in building a nation's economy.



Appraising the situation with their (FWWB-I) kind support we have reached out to 5000 women distributing masks, sanitizers and disseminated SOP and guidelines of the Government and leaflet on Covid-19 issued by FWWB to our clients which are down to grass root level. Short audio clip of 6 vernacular languages like Tangkhul, Manipuris, Mao, Maram, Poumai and Tamei on how to prevent Covid-19 were also circulated to around 1300 plus women members through the social media .

Milaap Social Ventures India Pvt. Ltd.



Milaap is a largest crowd funding in India which raised fund for social cause. During this hard time too, the team did not hesitate to come forward and generously extended essential commodities to 1500 women of SHGs through VVD as a sign of solidarity in this pandemic.

SELCO-SNL Support

With the ongoing returnees crisis, Manipur witnessed a sudden spike in number of cases so respective villages need to set up quarantine centres and as there is a shortage of power supply in village quarantine centres, we in partnership with SELCO Foundation and SNL Energy solution had installed power back up in 12 villages' quarantine centres. The quarantine centre being arranged at short notice, one of the major challenges the villagers were facing was reliable power source for lighting. And as per our interactions and observation with the villagers, it was observed that the villagers were facing difficulty in getting grid power supply which forced them to opt for other sources of lighting like candles, kerosene oil lamp, kindling-which is a health hazard and not environmental friendly. Besides, adversely affected the village resources and at the same time increasing the family expenses too. It was therefore imperative to opt for alternative lighting facilities to those quarantine centres. The most feasible option was solar energy lighting.

Sl.no	Name of the villages	No. of returnees
1	Shangshak	55
2	T. Shimin	30
3	Tashar	50
4	Ngainga	80
5	Ramva	85
6	Langdang	80
7	Chingai	130
8	Talui	180
9	Phungcham	98
10	Paorei	96
11	Halang	137
12	Teinem	300



Solar backup installed at community quarantine centre, Ukhrul District.



**PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE, TALUI
(HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SOCIETY).
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION - A NEW RAY OF HOPE**

O.P.D. Regn. No. _____ Date _____

Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address _____ Father's/Guardian's Name _____

Occupation _____ Name of Doctor _____

DELIVERY AT HOSPITAL - SAFEST FOR MOTHER AND BABY

- At least 4 check-up a must during pregnancy.
- Exclusive Breast Feeding for six months protects the Baby from all infections.
- Whether Girl or Boy, keep the Small family.
- Cough for more than 2 weeks could be T.B. - Consult a Doctor
- Leprosy is completely curable with the M.D.T.
- Join the movement for a Polio Free India.
- Sex test for foetus is illegal
- Correct and complete information is key to HIV/AIDS prevention.
- Donate blood-save a life
- HIV-AIDS Prevention is better than cure Avoid unsafe sex - use Condom.
- AYUSH, an alternate treatment go for it.
- Fully Immunized your Child
- Get yourself check up for BP & Blood Sugar
- Cancer is Treatable at early stage

Acknowledgement

I would like to express my special thanks of gratitude to Mr. Yuireihor Khaleng the CEO of SEAT for providing us Solar power pack for Talui PHC.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the team for installing it.

Thank you


 (10-06-20) Medical Officer
 PHC Talui
 Ukhrul District

"HEALTHY MOTHER, HEALTHY CHILD, HEALTHY NATION"

Evening daily

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2.5 magnitude earthquake hit north of Mumbai

IT News
Imphal, June 17:

An earthquake of magnitude 2.5 on the Richter scale at 103 km north of Mumbai Wednesday morning.

"An earthquake of 2.5 magnitudes was recorded 103 km north of Mumbai, Maharashtra at around 11:51" said National Centre for Seismology. There were no immediate reports of any loss of life or damage to property. Further details are awaited.

Express solidarity with Revolving People of America against Racism

Imphal, June 17: Communist party of India expresses its solidarity with people of America who are waging a militant struggle against racism on their soil. The party, along with other communities have joined the protests, united by their political desire to end racism and indignity.

12 Quarantine Centres of Ukhrul solar-powered by SEAT and SELCO Foundation

IT News
Imphal, June 17:

12 Community Quarantine Centres at 10 villages and 2 PHCs - Talui PHC and Chingai PHC of Ukhrul District have been successfully installed with solar power jointly by Socio Economic Action Trust (SEAT), SELCO Foundation and SNL Energy Solutions, Yairipok.

The installation of the 150 Wp Photovoltaic Solar Home Lighting Systems which include efficient LED lights and charging port, was carried out by SNL Energy Solutions, a well recognised social enterprise working in the field of sustainable energy in urban and rural areas of Manipur.

"We felt that the most feasible option would be solar energy lighting. The villagers and both the PHCs have also expressed appreciation as they have had no alternative arrangement so far. We thank SELCO Foundation for the timely intervention," said Yuireihor Khaleng, CEO SEAT,



an organisation working in 6 districts of Manipur in the field of livelihood and promotion of entrepreneurs.

In view of the inadequate infrastructure and amenities in the district, the District Administration with civil organisations and respective MLAs had advised/ directed the Village Authorities to set up Community Quarantine Centres at the village level for a collective fight against the ongoing pandemic. One of the major challenges the villages

were facing was reliable power source for lighting. In these times of need, the villagers were facing difficulty in getting grid power supply which forced them to opt for other sources of lighting affecting the village resources and increasing the family expenses. It was therefore imperative to alternatively power these quarantine centres.

Access to solar energy lighting has a significant positive impact on efficient monitoring of the quarantine cen-

tre managed and run by the village administration. It also provides study opportunities especially for the students and encourages to fully make use of the time spent in quarantine. Once the lockdown and quarantine eases, the system will be managed and used by the Village Authority for running their village administration.

SELCO Foundation aims to develop innovative, sustainable social, technical and financial models that impact climate change and poverty alleviation. It is a collaborative striving to work on solutions, support agents and build sustainable ecosystems for clean energy access. SELCO Foundation seeks to holistically facilitate context driven solutions and opportunities that result in improved well-being and livelihoods for underserved communities through sustainable energy and energy efficient applications. The interventions are developed with focus on local empowerment, replication and ethical scaling.



Access to solar energy lighting has a significant positive impact on efficient monitoring of the quarantine management run by the village administration. Once the lock down and quarantine is eased, the system will be used by the Village authority for meeting their needs. We strongly believe that by providing solar energy lighting all the aspects mentioned above will show tremendous improvement, which will ultimately result in better and efficient management of the community quarantine centres.

GREENLIGHT PLANET



Greenlight Planet is a non-profit social business that designs, distributes and finances solar home energy with an under-served population. Greenlight works with a vast international network of distribution partners. We have been in association with their range of sunking products connective to the last mile rural household in the state of Manipur.

We were so grateful to the management of Green light planet for their keenness to extend 50 nos. of Homelighting system (which cost Rs. 4999/- per set) assistance for providing alternative lighting in the village quarantine centres and other key places like the Primary Health centre and volunteers.



I on behalf of CHC Kamjong, very much thankful to you and VVD SEAT for providing three lighting, Solar panel and Sanitizers as a part of service for the common cause at this crucial juncture..we have installed the lighting at CHC Kamjong male ward as this ward didn't have inverter connection. we used to face difficulty when no light but this will give a ray of hope specially for patients and staffs... This little fixation through your service will bring a very big impact to the community living in Kamjong areas... Thank you so much once again

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From Dr.Rangla James MO In-charge
CHC Kamjong



Community Quarantine centre lighted up by the Home Lighting system of GreenLight Planet.



Quarantine Centre of Foothill areas of Ukhrul District.



District Administration of Senapati district


 LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION

To,
The CEO & TEAM, SEAT

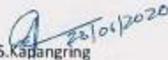
I would like to express my gratitude to Socio Economic Action Trust (SEAT) for coming forward and extending help when we need the most of this critical juncture. It gives us immense encouragement for letting us know that we are all in this fight against the Pandemic.

I sincerely thank the team for the contribution towards the frontline health workers.

The following materials have been received:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Department	Mini-Home lighting	Sanitizer(L)	Surgical Hand Gloves
1.	District Hospital	1	20	50
2.	Talui PHC		5	10
3.	Chingai PHC		5	10
4.	Kamjong CHC	1	5	10
5.	Somdal PHC	1	5	10
6.	Jessami PHC	1	5	10
7.	Phungyar PHC	1	5	10
8.	Khangkhui PHC	1	5	10
	TOTAL	6	55L	120

I also thank on behalf of Kamjong CHC for the mini home lighting and sanitizers extended. I wish SEAT all the best.


 Dr. A.S. Kapangring
 Chief Medical Officer, Ukhrul District
 Chief Medical Officer
 Ukhrul District Manipur

Acknowledgement from CMO, Ukhrul District.



CMO of Ukhrul District



District Administration of Tamenglong .

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
 OFFICE OF THE
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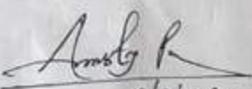
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To, Socio - Economic Action Trust,

I am grateful that your Organisation has donated 6 solar set for use at various Community Quarantine Centre.

Thank you for your help in times of need.


 6/6/2020
 Deputy Commissioner
 Tamenglong Dist., Manipur

Acknowledgement from DC, Tamenglong District.

Cake, Sanitizer, Hand gloves, Refreshment Distribution Initiatives.

To boost the morale of returnees who are coming in from different parts of India and presently quarantined in different quarantine centers, we (SEAT) had taken up an activity program for 3 days from 4th June to 6th June 2020.



Ukhrul SHGs' clients baking cakes

The activity undertaken was to make and distribute refreshments to the inmates to let them know that they are not alone in this struggle. CML- TATA Trust have generously supported 150 litres of sanitizer and under the activity program, 25 women who had already undergone livelihood skills training on bakery under FWWB-I & HSBC school of entrepreneurship development program sacrificed 2 days of their precious time and prepared refreshment like cake, bhujia etc. for the inmates.

Staff of SEAT visited 30 plus quarantine centres and distributed refreshment packets of around 5000 in Ukhrul and Tamenglong districts.



Tamenglong SHGs' clients preparing bhujia.



Handing over the refreshment package to the community quarantine centre of Tamenglong District.

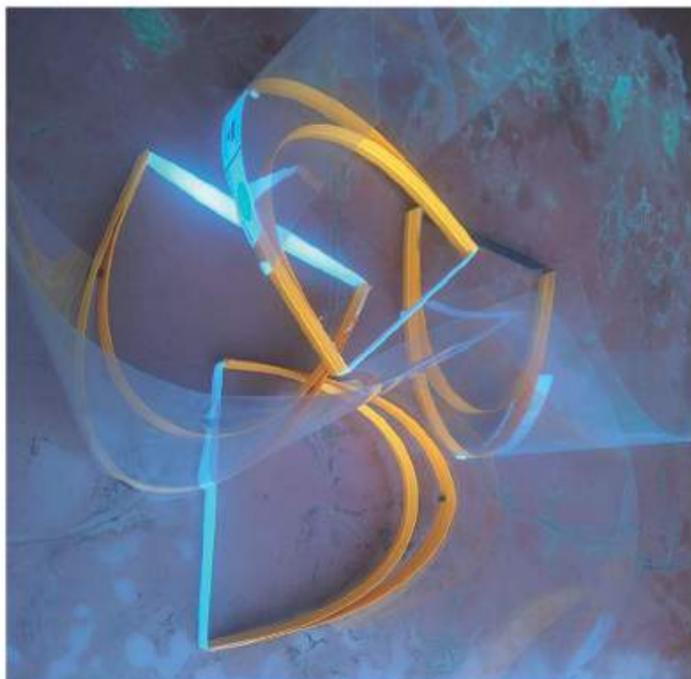
Pune Returnees

The Pune returnees moved out from Pune on 20th May,2020, reached Ukhrul on 25th around 12.30 am but to their surprise, the help desk facilities were not properly arranged. No accommodation were provided but they waited till 9:30 am in the open gallery despite the pouring rain where all their clothes and luggages were almost soak. After knowing the incident, we visited the place and supplied few basic requirements: 90 bottles of mineral water 80 nos of ORS and 70 nos of Masks, 1 bag of Charcaol and 4 nos of charcoal burner as goodwill gesture . By our timely act, their ill feeling towards their district administration and civil societies were eased to certain extend.



The pictures indicate how much they might have traumatised whole night in such conditions. They were shocked by the poor evacuation arrangement and expressed their disappointment towards the administration.

Promote & Support Entrepreneur: Face Shield



Sochui Keishing, an innovative youth who have the passion to serve the community extend help with his creativity and started making face shield by late march. First, he donated 10 face shields to Ukhrul District hospital and after that order pours in from different centres. SEAT gave him a small amount to buy raw materials and 1000 plus face shields were produced and sold @50 per piece to govt. & private hospitals and quarantine centres.

Distribution of Refreshment



Reaching out to the personnel on duty.



Interacting with one of the volunteer quarantine centre in Ukhrul.



A small gesture towards the Tangkhul Naga Long, an apex Organisation.



Tangkhul Katamnao Long, a Student Organisation.

We have been reaching out not only to the inmates but also to the frontline workers who are working round the clock to serve others and putting their lives on the line in the fight against the COVID-19.

Outreach of Essential Commodities

In order to provide maximum services to our clients and to rural areas of Manipur, we took up door step delivery of essential commodities like dal, rice, sugar, oil, onion and garlic to our clients and rural areas at subsidized rate which in turn help the poor women folks to minimise their expenses and ensure safety. Another positive aspect is avoiding exploitation in the market by big businessman due to price rise.

By having such initiatives we have an opportunity to reach out to our esteem clients and maintained our good relationship inspite of such situation.



Delivered to our partnered SHG women clients



Essential commodities delivered at Halang village, Ukhrul



Essential commodities delivered at Tashar village, Ukhrul.



Community fair price outreach initiatives by SHG members at Teinem village, Ukhrul District

Financial help

To fight against the pandemic and to contain it from further spread we extended not only moral support, labour and essential commodities but financial assistance were also extended. We contributed to the CM's relief fund where all the Micro finance Institutes of Manipur (MiFAM) come together and contributed. Not only to the CM's Relief but we also extended to the Tangkhul Co-Ordination Forum on COVID-19, an apex body formed to fight the disease.

 **N Biren Singh**
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Thank you, members of MIFAM & NEMFA, for the generous donation of Rs. 255,000 to the Chief Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund. Your contribution will touch many lives in this trying time, and also help the Government stem the outbreak. 🙏



Volunteers for Village Development (VVD), a parent organisation, opened a community quarantine centre at TK Wildwood, Paorei, Ukhrul. And now it has turned to COVID-19 Care Centre of the district. We have installed one solar power backup indoor and one street light in the quarantine premises in partnership with CML-TATA and extended an essential commodities reaching upto 10000 plus to the quarantine centre.



TK, Wildwood Community Centre, Paorei, Shirui, Ukhrul



Solar power installed at the TK Wildwood community centre, Paorei, Shirui, Ukhrul.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the well wishers, goodwill supporters during these unprecedented times! Thank you so much for your moral and financial support without which we wouldn't be able to intervene timely. Your noble gesture of humanity is felt by every returnee and the local people.

- SEAT TEAM

