

Badhte Kadam Awareness Programme Held at MARC



Badhte Kadam Awareness Programme was successfully conducted on July 19, 2025, at the Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, Lamka, in collaboration with the National Trust, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

We had the honour of hosting Shri Thienlaljoy Gangte, MCS, District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO), Churachandpur, as the Chief Guest. His presence added significance to the event, reinforcing the importance of collaboration between government and civil society in advancing disability inclusion.

Insightful sessions were delivered by Mr. Pauzagin Tonsing, Director of CCI, and Mr. K. Suanthang Thawmte, Special Educator. Key topics covered included the UDID/Disability Certificate application process, Legal Guardianship, and the Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme, all vital for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disabilities, and Multiple Disabilities.

The programme aimed to empower families, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities through accurate information and accessible support systems.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants and stakeholders who contributed to making the programme both impactful and meaningful. Together, we continue to move forward in promoting inclusion, awareness, and access to rights and entitlements for all.

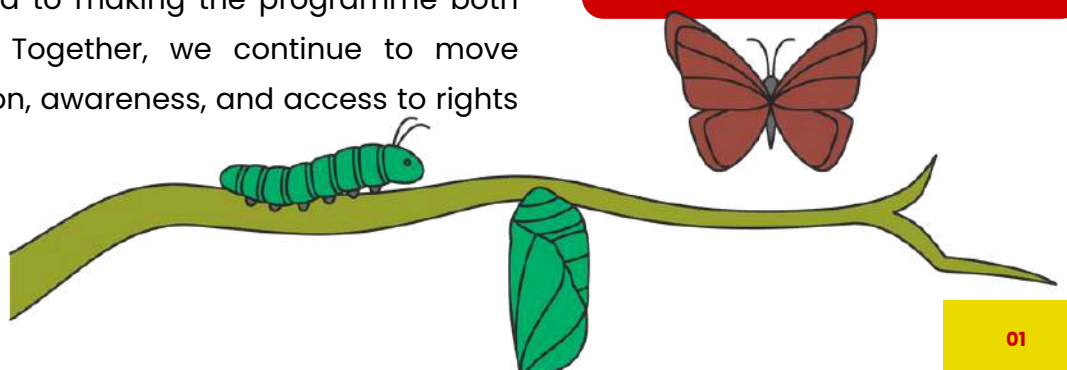
Meet our student



Francis Mangginlun, a 4 year-old boy with a locomotor disability, began therapy at CCI to address muscle tightness in his lower limbs and left arm. Despite mobility challenges, his behavioral development was normal.

With consistent physiotherapy three times a week, Francis made remarkable progress—he can now sit independently, stand with minimal support, use his left arm, and perform various movements that once seemed impossible.

His journey reflects the power of early intervention and the deep impact of building long-term, supportive relationships with children and their families, transforming not just mobility but confidence and quality of life.



Awareness Session for Hope for the Blind



An awareness session on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 was held for members of Hope for the Blind (HfB) on August 31, 2025 at the STEM Lab, Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC), Pearsonmun, Lamka.

The session was facilitated by Mr. Paul Rozarlien, Coordinator (Advocacy & Community Empowerment), CCI, with the objective of equipping participants with vital knowledge about their legal rights and available support systems.

Topics covered included key provisions of the RPwD Act, the significance of obtaining a Unique Disability ID (UDID), and entitlements accessible to persons with disabilities under the Act.

This initiative is part of CCI’s ongoing commitment to ensure that persons with disabilities and their caregivers are informed, empowered, and equipped to claim their rights and entitlements.

Extension & Renovation Completed at Child Development Centre, Dorcas Veng

We are pleased to announce the successful extension and renovation of the Child Development Centre at Dorcas Veng, New Lamka.

The improved infrastructure will enable us to enhance the quality of early intervention services and learning experiences for children with developmental needs.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Evangelical Baptist Convention for their unwavering support and generosity in making this possible.

CCI Staff Undergoes Training at EFICOR, Delhi

Our Project Coordinator (Sustainable Development) attended a Social Work and Community Development training at EFICOR, Delhi, from April 4–27, 2025.

The training enhanced skills in team building, project planning, community organizing, and sustainable development. It deepened understanding of social justice, gender equality, disability inclusion, and environmental responsibility.

Participants also learned practical tools like PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal), and how to link communities with government schemes and services through local governance systems.

This learning experience has strengthened our capacity to work effectively with communities and drive long-term, inclusive change.



Sustainable Farming Practices at KVK, CCPur



Two staff members from CCI recently participated in a training program organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Churachandpur on the “Cultivation of Broomgrass Intercropped with Ricebean in Abandoned Jhumland.”

The training focused on sustainable land use, highlighting how abandoned jhumlands can be revitalized through eco-friendly and income-generating farming techniques. Participants gained valuable insights into soil conservation, crop compatibility, and enhancing rural livelihoods through intercropping methods.

This learning opportunity will contribute meaningfully to our ongoing livelihood and sustainable development initiatives in the region.

Visit from Manipur State Commission for Women

On 24th July 2025, the Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) was honoured to welcome Tuikhang Chuongsin Koireng, currently serving as a Member of the Manipur State Commission for Women and also the General Secretary of the All Tribal Disable Union Manipur.

Her visit provided a valuable opportunity to discuss key issues related to gender, disability rights, and inclusion. CCI deeply appreciates her engagement and insights, which continue to inspire and strengthen our shared mission for an inclusive and just society.



Hihtheihdan Tuamchiat – A Song of Unity

Get ready for the full video release of our original song, “Hihtheihdan tuamchiat”, created under Project Harmony.

More than just a melody, the song reflects our belief in turning stories into songs and differences into strength. Performed by Khumlalven (Class X, TMI) and Ms. Chinghoih Guite (Intern, CCI), it’s a celebration of unity through music.

Project Harmony shows that when voices come together, true inclusion happens.



New Psychotherapy Services at CCI

CCI is pleased to announce the introduction of our psychotherapy services, designed to provide professional mental health support for individuals and families.

- Individual Package: ₹8,000 for 12 sessions (1 hour each)
- Family Package: ₹10,000 for 12 sessions (1 hour each)

Both packages include counselling and psychotherapy sessions tailored to the needs of participants. Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) can avail a 50% discount on all packages. This initiative reflects our commitment to promoting emotional well-being alongside our ongoing work in inclusion and community development.

One-on-One Staff Engagement for a Healthy Workplace

To foster a more productive and supportive work environment at MARC), the manager has initiated a one-on-one confidential engagement program with its staff members.

Through these individual conversations, staff are given the opportunity to share their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions in a safe and private setting. This process aims to strengthen communication, build trust, and ensure that the voices of all team members are heard and valued.

A total of 21 staff members will participate in the exercise, which began in July and will continue into August. By investing in open dialogue and mutual understanding, MARC hopes to further enhance teamwork, job satisfaction, and overall workplace well-being.

Strengthening Referral Partnerships

A constructive meeting was held between Manager, MARC and Dr. Mang Phaipi, MD (Paediatrics). Both parties reached a verbal agreement to establish a mutual referral system to better serve children in need.

Under this partnership, Dr. Phaipi will refer children to MARC for assessments related to ASD, ADHD, ID, and GDD. In turn, MARC will refer children to Dr. Phaipi for formal medical diagnoses. Additionally, Dr. Phaipi will recommend children to MARC Therapy and other therapeutic interventions as needed.

CCI welcomes partnerships with like-minded individuals and groups to strengthen support and services for children and adults with disabilities, including those with developmental delays.

Speech Therapy Services for TMI Students

A meeting was held with parents of TMI students identified for Speech or Speech and Language Therapy. Manager of Malsawm Ability Resource Centre (MARC) informed parents that formal Speech Therapy services will commence for beneficiaries from April 2025.

In the meantime, families who wish to begin earlier can access the service free of cost during school hours until March 2026.

This initiative ensures timely support for children while easing the transition into the formal program.

A Gift of Support and Care

Upa T. Chinsuanthang and his family inaugurated their son, Caleb Ngamginmang Tunlut's memorial stone.

Caleb was a very sweet child with global developmental delay who was a beneficiary of Home Based Care in 2017.

Showing their continued support, they invited CCI and presented us with Teaching Learning Materials and artificial turf grass for TMI. We remain deeply grateful to them for their continued support and presence.

OUR CLASSROOM | CDC



Child Development Centre (CDC) at Dorcas Hall Fencing, Dorcas Road, Lamka, is more than a facility, it is a place of learning, healing, and hope. Jointly established by CCI and EBC, the CDC serves as a nurturing classroom for children with disabilities and developmental delays.

Dedicated in July 2025 by Rev. K. Kamchinkhup, General Secretary of EBC, in the presence of CCI Chairman Pu Ginsianlal and Board Members, the classroom is now a vibrant learning space filled with care and potential. Three trained staff including one Special Educator & one Physiotherapist facilitate the centre's daily activities, serving 28 children on rotation (14 per day).

In our CDC classroom, learning comes in many forms, through play, therapy, and guided instruction. Each child receives individualized attention through family counselling, functional assessments, special education, physiotherapy, and speech therapy. School readiness activities ensure that every child is prepared not only for academic learning but also for inclusive participation in society.

CDC reflects our commitment to early and inclusive intervention, ensuring that every child—regardless of ability—is given the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive.

CCI HoD Meeting for July 2025

The monthly Heads of Departments (HoD) meeting for July 2025 was held on August 1, 2025, at the Centre for Community Initiative (CCI), MARC, Pearsonmun.

Chaired by the Director, the meeting brought together key department leads to review progress across programs, share important updates, and discuss challenges encountered during the month. Strategic planning for upcoming activities and events was also carried out, ensuring better coordination and alignment of goals across the organization.

Such regular meetings continue to strengthen inter-departmental collaboration and play a crucial role in enhancing the effectiveness and impact of CCI's work in the community.



- 01 **Inhouse Training Session**
Staff Capacity Building during Summer Vacation
- 02 **Online**
As per needed
- 03 **Need Based Training | Skill**
Social Worker Training at EFICOR, New Delhi | Coordinator (Sustainable Development)
- 04 **ODD Training | Inhouse**
ODD conducted by Director, CCI
- 05 **Training for parents**
Training on Understanding & Supporting Neurodiverse Children &

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