

Project MindLink Launched to Promote Mental Well-being in Lamka



Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) officially launched Project MindLink, a community-based mental health initiative, on 21 May 2026 at the Gospel Centenary Hall Auditorium, New Lamka. The project was inaugurated by Rev. K. Kamchinkhup, General Secretary of the Evangelical Baptist Convention (EBC).

Supported by Petronet LNG Limited, Project MindLink aims to promote mental health awareness, encourage early identification of mental health concerns, and improve access to support services through community engagement and partnerships.

A key highlight of the programme was the “Voices of Hope” segment, where Ms. Lawmi Khuptong shared her personal journey of resilience and recovery, emphasizing the importance of breaking stigma and fostering open conversations about mental health.

The event brought together representatives from churches, educational institutions, civil society organisations, government departments, community leaders, social media influencers, and partner agencies, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening mental health support systems.

The launch marks the beginning of a collaborative effort to promote mental well-being, inspire hope, reduce stigma, and build a more mentally resilient Lamka.

Meet our student



Chiinkhawling is a hardworking and determined student with a hearing impairment who completed her Secondary Education through NIOS and is currently pursuing Higher Secondary studies. She dreams of becoming a cabin crew member and is committed to developing the skills needed to achieve her goal.

She is also a caring and responsible leader, often supporting younger students with hearing impairments by assisting them with learning and sign language. In addition, she helps maintain daily student attendance, demonstrating accountability and organizational skills.

Her dedication, positive attitude, and willingness to help others make her a role model among her peers and reflect her strong potential for future success.

CCI and EBC Extend Partnership for Child Development Centre



Following the completion of our 2025 agreement, Evangelical Baptist Convention (EBC) and Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) officially renewed their partnership on May 18, 2026, extending their collaboration for another year to continue operating the Child Development Centre (CDC) for children with disabilities.

As part of this partnership, EBC continues to provide two rooms near the Dorcas Hall fencing along Dorcas Road to support the functioning of the Centre. While the CDC was initially established with the goal of serving 48 children, the response from the community exceeded expectations, with 78 children enrolled within the first year of operation.

Through the CDC, CCI carries out functional assessments to identify the individual needs of each child and provides tailored support services accordingly. These services include inclusive education support, therapy, language and speech enhancement, sensory integration, socialization development, and other essential interventions aimed at supporting the overall growth and well-being of the children.

Recognizing the importance of family support, the program also extends socio-psychological assistance to parents and siblings, helping families better understand and respond to the needs of children with disabilities.

The renewed partnership reflects the shared commitment of EBC and CCI to creating a more inclusive and supportive environment where every child has the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive.

Inclusive Edn Training at Rayburn High School

The first phase of a four-module Inclusive Education Training Programme was conducted for teachers of Rayburn High School, New Lamka. The session covered key concepts of inclusive education, different types of disabilities, and their classroom implications.

Teachers actively participated in discussions and shared experiences, creating an engaging learning environment. The training is part of a 16-hour capacity-building programme aimed at equipping educators with the knowledge and skills to create more inclusive and accessible classrooms for all learners.



Teamwork in Action: Preparing New Child Development Centres

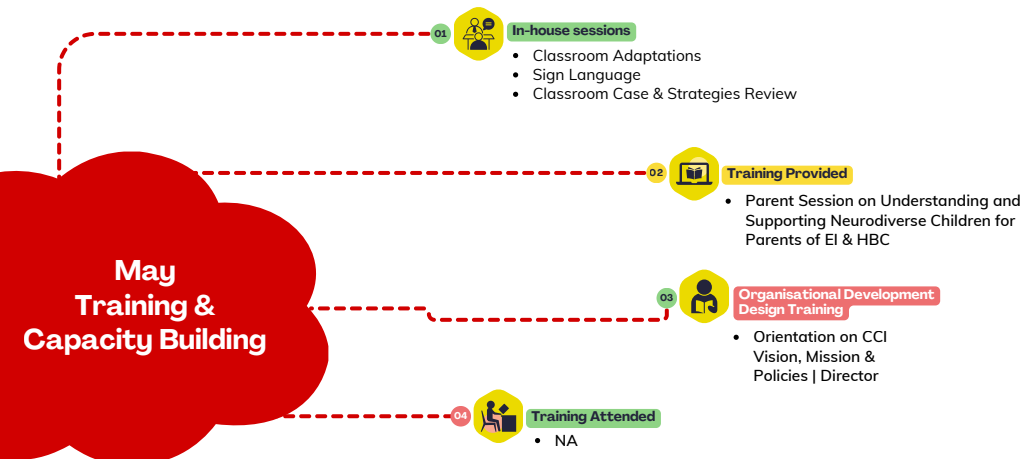


At Centre for Community Initiative (CCI), we believe that meaningful change is built through collective effort. Regardless of our roles or responsibilities, every team member contributes towards a shared vision of creating inclusive opportunities for children and families.

In preparation for the launch of our upcoming Child Development Centres in Lamka and Chandel, staff members came together to support various renovation and readiness activities. Going beyond their regular duties, the team actively participated in cleaning, painting, carpet washing, organizing learning spaces, moving materials, and preparing the facilities to ensure they are welcoming, safe, and functional for the children who will benefit from the services.

The initiative was marked by a strong spirit of teamwork and shared ownership. Staff from different departments worked side by side, demonstrating that every contribution—whether large or small—plays an important role in achieving a common goal. The experience not only helped prepare the centres for operation but also strengthened the bonds within the team and reinforced CCI’s values of service, inclusion, and collaboration.

As the centres move closer to opening their doors, these collective efforts serve as a reminder that creating supportive environments for children begins with a community of people willing to work together for a greater purpose. Through dedication, teamwork, and a shared commitment to inclusion, CCI continues to build spaces where every child can learn, grow, and thrive.



Formal **inaugurations** of **Child Development Centres at Lamka and Chandel**, which will provide developmental, educational, and therapeutic support to children with disabilities, are planned for the near future. **The dates will be announced once finalized.**

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Date	Activity	Dept/Concern Person	Location
Jun 4, 2026	Pay Matrix Orientation	Director	MARC
Jun 8, 2026	An Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Neurodiverse Children	Ms Lily C Tangpua	MARC
Jun 8, 2026	Classroom Adaptation	Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC
Jun 9, 2026	TLM Tactile Story Book	Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC
Jun 10, 2026	TLM	Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC
Jun 11, 2026	Sharing Sessions by Lily (SEL Course)/MindLink Staff/ Niangmuankim (Multiple Disability) and Refresher Course on Behaviour Therapy	Ms. Lily C Tangpua, Ms Prescilla, Ms Grace, Ms Niangmuankim	MARC
Jun 12, 2026	Funding Landscape on Disability (Pacta x Dasra)	Director	Delhi
Jun 12, 2026	Classroom Adaptation	Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC
Jun 15, 2026	Subject-based TLM Development	Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC
Jun 16, 2026	TLM Tactile Story Book	Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC

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Date	Activity	Dept/Concern Person	Location
Jun 16, 2026	Meet and Greet by India Mental Health Alliance (IMHA)	Ms Lily C Tangpua & Director	Guwahati
Jun 17, 2026	Refresher Course on Physiotherapy/Behaviour/Speech/Sensory Integration/TLM	Ms. Hatngaikim, Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim	MARC
Jun 18, 2026	Sign Language/TLMs and OT/SI	OT- Mr K Suanthang Thawmte, Ms. Ngaisangching, Ms. Hoikim, SI- Ms. Hatngaikim,	MARC
Jun 19, 2026	Uses of TLMs	Mr Pausuanlal Guite (short session), Ms. Ngaisangching, Ms. Hoikim	MARC
Jun 22 - 26	Case-based Practical Learning Week for Parents	Class Teachers and Therapists	MARC
Jun 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UDID Enrolment (fresh & digitized) Welfare Schemes (disability) Consultative Meeting with OPD 	Coodinator (Advocacy)	MARC
Jun 2026	MIS & Social media content	Media Coordinator	MARC
Jun 2026	Site visit for Bhuvan Portal	PC, Livelihood	G Bualjang & Tuilakjang
Jun 2026	Field Visit of TDF Villages	PC, Livelihood	All 7 Villages

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