

## Project MindLink Completes Barefoot Counsellor Training



Project MindLink successfully conducted a three-week Barefoot Counsellor Training on 3, 10, and 17 July 2026, with the final session held at the Mini Auditorium, Gospel Centenary Hall, New Lamka. The programme received an overwhelming response, with more than 60 participants attending the opening session and 59 participants successfully completing the training.

Designed for pastors, reverends, community volunteers, and other community members, the training covered key topics including mental health and community well-being, stigma and culture, active listening, basic psychosocial support, and referral pathways. Participants were equipped with practical knowledge and skills to identify individuals in need of support and serve as Barefoot Counsellors within their respective communities.

Project MindLink, a mental health initiative of CCI supported by Petronet LNG Limited, aims to strengthen community-based mental health awareness, reduce stigma, and improve access to psychosocial support in and around Lamka. CCI extends its sincere appreciation to the resource persons, coordinators, and participants whose dedication made the training a success, marking an important step towards building a more compassionate and mentally resilient community.

## Meet our student



Chingbiakdik joined the Home-Based Care Programme in October 2025. After developing independence in orientation and mobility within familiar environments, along with basic literacy, numeracy, and emerging Braille skills, she was enrolled at TMI in April 2026. Since joining TMI, she has shown strong learning potential through tactile exploration. She can identify basic shapes by touch, recite the alphabet (A-Z) and numbers (1-100), count objects using tactile input, follow Braille dots, and has acquired basic knowledge of colours and common animals. She communicates her needs confidently, engages well with peers and adults, follows two-to three-step verbal instructions, and demonstrates good emotional regulation. She is independent in eating with a spoon and undressing but continues to require support with dressing, toileting, grooming, bathing, and brushing.

## CDC, Chandel Strengthens Early Intervention Services



Child Development Centre (CDC), Chandel continues to provide holistic early intervention services tailored to the unique needs of children with developmental delays and disabilities. Through parent counselling and group discussions, families are equipped with practical knowledge and skills to actively support their children's growth and development at home.

The Centre delivers a range of multidisciplinary services, including speech therapy (with Oral Placement Therapy), behavioural therapy, occupational therapy, and individualized special education. These interventions focus on improving children's communication, behaviour, motor skills, independence, and learning abilities, enabling them to reach their full potential.

With continued support from the SBI Foundation, CDC Chandel is expanding access to quality early intervention services in one of India's Aspirational Districts, bringing essential support closer to children with disabilities and their families.

## Building Capacity in Sustainable Livelihood Practices

To strengthen practical skills in sustainable livelihood development, a newly graduated Vocational Rehabilitationist from CCI is undergoing hands-on training at Bethany Society, Shillong. The training provides practical exposure to zero-waste management, sustainable agriculture, and environmentally friendly practices.

Key learning areas include plant propagation, hydroponics, Azolla cultivation, composting, and the creation of flower planters from recycled plastic bottles. These techniques promote sustainable farming, waste reduction, and eco-friendly resource management.

CCI extends its sincere appreciation to Bethany Society, Shillong, for hosting our staff and providing this valuable learning opportunity. The knowledge and skills gained through this training will contribute to strengthening CCI's community programmes and promoting sustainable livelihoods.





# Promoting Mental Health and Community Resilience



As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting mental health and psychosocial well-being, the Mental Health Initiative (MHI) conducted an awareness session on Understanding Trauma for the residents of Molkon Village, a community largely comprising internally displaced persons (IDPs). Organized in collaboration with Innpi Commerce Chamber-Life (ICC-Life), the programme was attended by approximately 50 adults.

The session explored the impact of trauma and grief, emotional responses during times of uncertainty, and practical strategies for healing and building resilience. Through open discussions and shared learning, participants were encouraged to better understand their experiences and strengthen community support systems.

The initiative reflects CCI's continued commitment to creating safe spaces for learning, healing, and hope while promoting mental well-being among vulnerable communities.

## In Memoriam: Mr. Damlalpawl (Pawlpawl)

Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) mourns the passing of **Mr. Damlalpawl (Pawlpawl)**, a beloved student of Early Education Section IV, The Malsawm Initiative, on 23 July 2026.

Pawlpawl's gentle spirit and cheerful presence touched the lives of his teachers, classmates, and everyone who knew him. He will always be remembered with love and affection by the TMI family.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his parents and loved ones during this difficult time. May he rest in eternal peace.



## Disability Awareness and UDID Enrolment Camp at Rengkai



Centre for Community Initiative (CCI), in collaboration with the Rengkai Village Authority and with support from the SBI Foundation, organized an Awareness on Disability and UDID Enrolment Camp on 27 July 2026 at Rengkai Community Hall.

The programme featured sessions on understanding disability, the rights of persons with disabilities, the importance of the Unique Disability ID (UDID), and different types of disabilities, followed by on-site assistance for UDID enrolment and record updates.

A total of 38 participants attended the camp. During the programme, 10 persons with disabilities were newly enrolled for UDID, 5 records were digitized, and 3 records were updated, improving access to government entitlements and disability services.

The initiative reflects CCI's continued commitment to promoting disability awareness, inclusion, and access to essential government schemes for persons with disabilities.

## Improving Access to Essential Support

Child Development Centre (CDC), Chandel continues to connect children with disabilities to essential assistive devices and government support services. Through coordinated efforts with the Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Imphal and the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Manipur, one child received a wheelchair, commode chair, and crutches, improving mobility, independence, and daily living.

In addition, the Centre facilitated the child's Disability Pension application, which is currently under process. This initiative reflects CCI's ongoing commitment to enhancing access to assistive devices, government entitlements, and inclusive support services for children with disabilities and their families.





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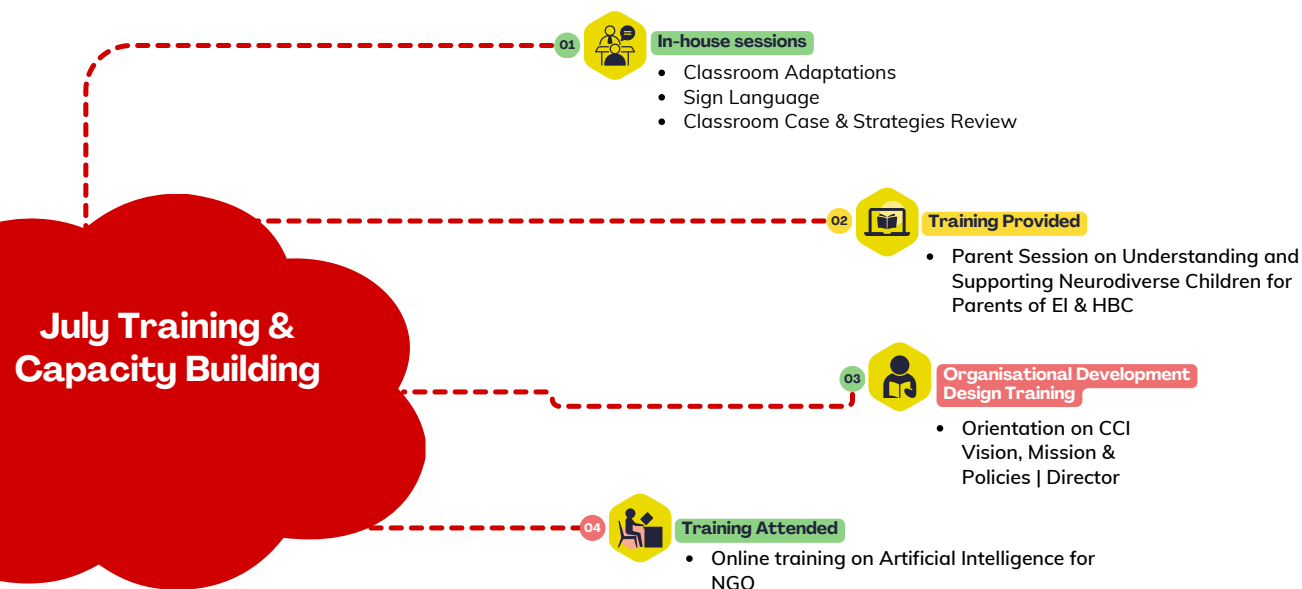


Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) conducted a Disability Awareness and UDID Enrolment Programme at Child Development Centre (CDC), Chandel on 29–30 July 2026. The programme was led by a team of five staff members from the CCI Head Office, who visited CDC Chandel to strengthen community outreach and support disability inclusion initiatives in the district.

The awareness sessions focused on understanding disability, the rights of persons with disabilities, the importance and benefits of Unique Disability ID (UDID), and the different types of disabilities. Alongside the awareness programme, the team provided on-site assistance for UDID enrolment, digitization, and record updates, helping persons with disabilities and their families access government schemes and entitlements.

The visit also provided an opportunity for Head Office team to work closely with CDC Chandel staff, strengthening coordination and reinforcing CCI's commitment to expanding quality disability services in underserved communities.

Through initiatives like these, CCI continues to promote disability awareness, improve access to government entitlements, and advance the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities.



**MONTHLY SCHEDULE**

| Date         | Activity                                                                                                                                                              | Dept/Concern Person                      | Location                              |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Aug 6, 2026  | Interactive session on, "Exploring Deafblindness: Empowering Societies"                                                                                               | Ms Niangmuankim                          | MARC                                  |
| Aug 6 to 17  | Parents' Intensive Training on all core therapy or child development areas                                                                                            | Ms. Ngaisangching, Ms. Hoikim & Mrs Lily | MARC                                  |
| Aug 6 to 10  | Networking meeting                                                                                                                                                    | Director                                 | Bangaluru                             |
| Aug 20, 2026 | Sharing learnings on, "Reflex Integration"                                                                                                                            | Ms Goungaihlan & Ms Manhauching          | MARC                                  |
| Aug 20, 2026 | Nurses: Two days of training on Detection of Disability in Newborns and Early Identification                                                                          | MARC & CDC                               | MARC                                  |
| Aug 24, 2026 | Barefoot counsellor training under Awareness Campaign                                                                                                                 | MHI                                      | Gospel Centenary Hall Mini Auditorium |
| Aug 27, 2026 | Child Guidance & Counselling                                                                                                                                          | Mr Paulianthang Hauzel, Intern           | MARC                                  |
| Aug 2026     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UDID Enrolment (fresh &amp; digitized)</li> <li>Welfare Schemes (disability)</li> <li>Consultative Meeting with OPD</li> </ul> | Coodinator (Advocacy)                    | MARC                                  |
| Aug 2026     | MIS & Social media content                                                                                                                                            | Media Coordinator                        | MARC                                  |
| Aug 2026     | Site visit for Bhuvan Portal                                                                                                                                          | PC, Livelihood                           | G Bualjang & Tuilakjang               |
| Aug 2026     | Field Visit of TDF Villages                                                                                                                                           | PC, Livelihood                           | All 7 Villages                        |



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