

## Community Outreach: Awareness Session at EBCC Bethlehem



August 23, 2026, CCI, with the APF, organized a meaningful community awareness session at EBCC Bethlehem, Gouchinkhup Veng. The event brought church members and community residents together to foster deeper understanding, empathy, and collective support for PwDs and their families.

The program commenced with an opening address by Mr. Pauzagin Tonsing, Director, setting a reflective and welcoming tone for the evening. Following this, Ms. Ngaisangching, Principal, TMI, delivered an introductory overview highlighting the ongoing missions of CCI, MARC, and TMI, as well as the dedicated multidisciplinary staff behind their everyday work. Attendees were also treated to an uplifting special item presented by Ms. Chingbiakdik, EE-III, TMI.

A particularly moving moment of the gathering was a personal testimony shared by Ms. Niangthianlun, m/o Thangsuanmuan Khuptong (L-A, TMI). She reflected on her family's journey and the life-changing impact that timely guidance, community solidarity, and institutional support have brought into their lives.

To conclude the evening, Ms. Grace Ngainunmawi, Community Worker, delivered a motivational address focused on community involvement and awareness, followed by a formal vote of thanks. Through heartfelt engagements like this, CCI continues to build bridges within the local community, ensuring that families navigating developmental disabilities find understanding, acceptance, and a reliable network of support.

## Meet our student



T. Mangliansiam is a bright and enthusiastic 10-year-old student with hearing impairment. He was initially enrolled under the Early Intervention Unit, where he received support across all developmental domains. At the time of enrolment, he had limited communication skills and did not know sign language.

With consistent support from teachers and parents, he learned basic sign language to express his needs and wants, while pre-academic skills were gradually introduced. Following significant developmental progress, he transitioned to TMI, a school for children with special needs.

Today, Mangliansiam communicates confidently through sign language, actively participates in classroom activities, and demonstrates progress in reading, writing, and numeracy. He is also independent in daily living skills and is a responsible, helpful, and caring member of the school community.

# Disability Awareness and UDID Assessment Camp at Chakpikarong



More than 60 community members participated in an Awareness on Disability and UDID Assessment Camp at Chakpikarong Village Community Hall, with over 15 persons with disabilities enrolling for UDID on the spot.

The programme was organized by CDC Chandel under CCI, in collaboration with Chakpikarong Youth Club, with support from SBI Foundation. The camp focused on disability awareness, the rights and entitlements of persons with disabilities, and the importance of UDID, along with guidance on assessment, enrolment, and support services.

Newry Tongsin, Centre In-charge, introduced CDC Chandel and its multidisciplinary services, while Morong Hongsha, Special Educator, served as a resource person. The services highlighted included physiotherapy, psychology, special education, and speech therapy.

Special guests TS Berek, Chief of ANCACS Chakpikarong Subdivision, and LH Tangkhel, President of Chakpikarong Youth Club, also addressed the gathering.

The on-the-spot enrolment helped persons with disabilities and their families take an important step towards accessing disability identification and government entitlements.

## BTS: Students Gear Up for Teachers' Day

Anticipation is building across the campus as our Class 10 and 12 students recently sat down with the Administrator to coordinate their plans for the upcoming Teachers' Day celebration.

With thoughtful discussions underway and creative ideas taking shape, the seniors are working diligently to make this year's tribute truly special for their educators. What surprises do they have prepared? We will have to wait and see, stay tuned for what promises to be a heartfelt and memorable celebration of our teaching team!



## Zo Inspiration Foundation Visits CCI for Exposure and Knowledge Exchange



CCI was honoured to host Zo Inspiration Foundation from Aizawl, Mizoram, led by its founder Pu Emmanuel Thangrosanga, and his team as part of their exposure visit to Lamka.

The visit provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, experience exchange, and mutual learning, particularly in the areas of community development, disability inclusion, and working for the welfare of children and communities. Their experiences and dedication offered meaningful insights and encouragement to CCI's ongoing work.

During their stay in Lamka, the team also visited Regrow Foundation, NEST Lamka, Sunrise, and Rayburn College, gaining an understanding of the different programmes, approaches, and initiatives being carried out by local organizations and institutions.

The visit was a meaningful opportunity to connect, learn from one another, and explore ways to strengthen collaboration. Such exchanges remind us of the importance of shared learning and collective action in building more inclusive, empowered, and resilient communities.

## Strengthening Sustainable Livelihoods in Behiang

Livelihood & Sustainable Development Team, together with the NABARD Churachandpur DDM, visited the project site in Behiang Cluster to review ongoing activities and assess progress.

As part of the initiative, beneficiaries received planting materials of avocado, Malda mango, G9 banana, and Singthupi. The distribution aims to promote crop diversification, strengthen agricultural livelihoods, and encourage sustainable farming practices among participating households.

With the continued support of NABARD, CCI remains committed to strengthening rural livelihoods, promoting sustainable agriculture, and building resilient and self-reliant communities. The initiative reflects CCI's efforts to create sustainable livelihood opportunities and support long-term community development in rural areas.



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## Two-Day Training on Disability Detection in Newborns and Early Identification



Centre for Community Initiative (CCI) organized a specialized Two-Day Training on Disability Detection in Newborns and Early Identification on 20–21 August 2026 at the Child Development Centre, Elim Veng, New Lamka. The event was held in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer, Churachandpur, and supported by Azim Premji Foundation, Balodabazar.

Facilitated by Dr. Suanlianmang Phaipi, MD (Paediatrics), the program focused on the critical importance of recognizing developmental delays and congenital conditions right from infancy. Participants gained practical clinical insights into screening techniques and the essential role timely identification plays in shaping long-term developmental outcomes.

Through collaborative initiatives like this, CCI continues to champion informed, community-centered care and ensure that every child receives vital support at the earliest possible stage.

## Colors of Freedom: Independence Day at The Malsawm Initiative



The spirit of Independence Day came alive at The Malsawm Initiative as students celebrated India's freedom through vibrant bursts of creativity. Armed with paintbrushes, paper, and boundless imagination, the children marked the occasion by creating handcrafted tricolor artwork and paintings.

From paper pinwheels to bright tricolor canvases, each piece reflected the students' unique talents and patriotic joy. The hands-on art session offered everyone a joyful space to express themselves, collaborate, and celebrate national pride through the universal language of art.

# Guiding Families: Coping with the Digital World in Caring for Children



On 28 August 2026, CCI partnered with EBC Lamka North Division to host an impactful seminar on "Coping with the Digital World in Caring for Children" at EBCC Hiangtam Lamka, drawing an engaged gathering of over 300 participants.

Four resource persons from CCI led interactive, practical sessions addressing the challenges modern families face in an increasingly connected era. The discussions delved into children's brain development, the physiological and psychological impacts of excessive screen time, and actionable steps to foster balanced digital habits. Attendees explored practical parenting strategies, including setting healthy screen boundaries, the benefits of co-viewing, and the collaborative design of a Family Digital Plan to guide intentional media use at home.

Alongside digital wellness, CCI introduced its specialized Early Intervention services at The Malsawm Initiative (TMI). The team emphasized the critical value of early identification and timely clinical support for children experiencing developmental delays, ensuring parents know where to turn for guidance.

The gathering proved to be an inspiring day of reflection, open conversation, and actionable learning, equipping families with the confidence and tools to cultivate a safe, nurturing, and well-balanced environment for their children.

## Website Security Update: Full Recovery Underway

Our official website recently experienced a temporary disruption following an external security breach. Thanks to the prompt and dedicated efforts of our IT team, the issue was swiftly contained, security measures were reinforced, and our systems have been successfully recovered.

The website is currently undergoing final checks and is scheduled to be back live this week. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this temporary downtime may have caused, and we deeply appreciate your patience, trust, and continued support as we work to keep our digital spaces safe and secure.



## Empowering Inclusion: In-House Training on Deafblindness



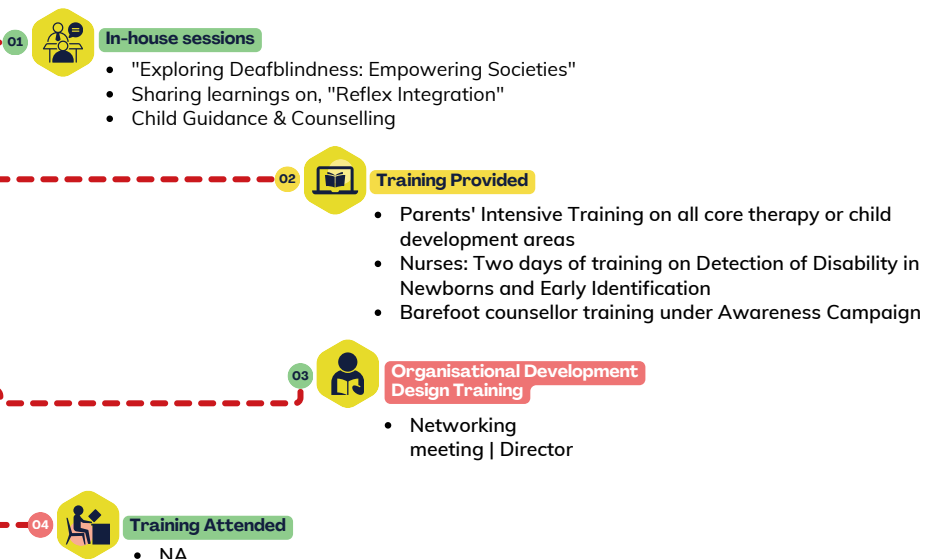
As part of our commitment to continuous learning and inclusive service, CCI held an in-house training session titled "Exploring Deafblindness: Empowering Societies." Facilitated by Ms. Niangmuankim, Special Educator at TMI, the session provided valuable insights into the unique challenges faced by individuals with dual sensory impairments. Staff members explored practical, adapted communication approaches and inclusive practices designed to offer better, individualized care. By continuously equipping our team with specialized knowledge and skills, CCI reaffirms its dedication to breaking communication barriers and fostering a truly accessible society for everyone.

## In-House Training on Self-Esteem



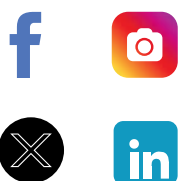
CCI held an insightful in-house training session on "Enhancing Self-Esteem in Children with Developmental Disabilities," facilitated by intern Paulianthang Hauzel. The session highlighted the vital role self-worth plays in a child's emotional growth, focusing on practical approaches to help children recognize personal strengths, build resilience, and engage more confidently in daily activities. It served as a valuable refresher on our shared mission to nurture potential, strengthen confidence, and create inclusive spaces where every child can thrive.

### August Training & Capacity Building



**MONTHLY SCHEDULE**

| Date         | Activity                                                                                                                                                              | Dept/Concern Person               | Location                |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sep 3, 2026  | Sharing learnings on, "Reflex Integration"                                                                                                                            | Ms Goungaihlan & Ms Manhauching   | MARC                    |
| Sep 5,7,8    | Training on ISL & SEL                                                                                                                                                 | Pallavi                           | MARC                    |
| Sep 9        | Teaching Learning Material                                                                                                                                            | Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim      | MARC                    |
| Sep 11, 2026 | Teaching Learning Material                                                                                                                                            | Ms Ngaisangching & Ms Hoikim      | MARC                    |
| Sep 17, 2026 | Mental Health Management Session                                                                                                                                      | TBD                               | TBD                     |
| Sep 24, 2026 | Sharing Session                                                                                                                                                       | Ms Joy Lhingpineng & Mr LMS David | 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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