

## MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN HIMALAYA

13th MAY 2006

Firstly we have decided to put a structure to which B.R.O. was promptly assigned temporarily. But because of some problems it would be difficult for them to coordinate, as they are too busy. Then comes the classification about the general expenditure of the last workshop.

- To take up a general issue – like rural livelihoods.
- Mobilising the people to advocate for their rights using our services.
- To take one issue.
- VHAM (May) to coordinate to bring people together. One common issue NGOs –rural based focus.
- To identify organizations and communities in Meghalaya.
- Community based markets.
- Workshop to identify an issue (Poverty alleviation).
- Meeting of NGO's : Identify NGO's and resource Persons to call:- A.K.Nongkynrih, Prince thangkhiw, Patricia Mukhim, MLA's Paul or R.G.Lyngdoh, Manas, NEC, Srivastava, NABARD, Chief Secretary, Mr Dev, SIRD, Bah Ban, Iba Jyrwa, Farida, Veera, Angela, Ameena Passah, Natalie West, Magdalene Tham, P.B.M. Basaiawmoit, Wankhar.
- To come out with a work plan.

Members present in the meeting are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization.</u>
1.G. Nengnong	Bethany Society.
2.G. Marwein.	Ri Bhoi Area Welfare Association.
3.B. Syiemlieh.	Ri Bhoi Area Welfare Association.
4.Dr.K. Kalita.	BRO, RRTC, Umran.
5.Fr.B.G.Pala.	BRO,RRTC,Umran.
6.Mayfereen	VHAM.
7.Toki Blah.	

10th JUNE 2006

**Discussion:** Meghalaya cum North East meet with community members, the policy makers, and different churches.

**Subject:** Poverty from the eye of the community. We first approach the people who are mostly affected by poverty and develop a programme accordingly. We frame uniform questionnaires for all districts but can be change as and when needed. (These questionnaires are only for the sake of developing the programme because we want the programme to also highlight the people's issues)

**Why poverty:** as we see today, poverty can cut across many issues. For eg. Poverty vis-a vis globalisation, landlessness, development, (what is development in the eyes of the people?), marketing, middlemen's manipulation and more. Just what is poverty in the eyes of the people?

**The working committee team:**

- Gary from Bethany Society, Garo Hills and Shillong
- Banteilit from Ri Lum Foundation, Smit, East Khasi Hills
- Gabriel from Ri Bhoi Area Welfare Association, Ri Bhoi District
- Mayfereen from Voluntary health Association of Meghalaya, Shillong, and
- Co-ordinationg the North Eastern States.

Members present:

- Bah Toki Blah
- Bah P Nongbri
- Mayfereen Rynthiang

Next meeting for working committee team: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 4pm at VHAM's office