ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Chaplin Club 2012 - 2013

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From the Secretary Chaplin Club…………………

Chaplin Club, a community based Government registered grass-root level Organization, established in the year 1987 with a mandate to serve the underprivileged rural community people. I, on behalf of Chaplin Club taking this great opportunity to publish this annual activity report for the financial year 2012-2013.

This year, we have stressed on women empowerment, Income generation activities, child welfare, environmental protection, community health etc. Besides, a special thrust was given for motivating the farmers towards eco friendly cultivation methods. In this year, we have taken a great step to start a KG school titled “Infant Jesus KG School” to ensure quality education services to the marginalized.

To fulfill our mission, we have received support and guidance from different Government departments and donor agencies like: Department of Environment & Forest, Women & Child Development and other Govt departments. We are greatly indebted to them and expect to receive constant support and guidance in future.

We hope this documentation will give an opportunity to share our experience with like minded organizations/institutions & individuals.

We seek your valuable suggestions, opinion and guidance to help us in taking the challenging task to improve the quality of life of the rural people in the future days.

Thanking you all.

Rabindra Nath Pandit  
Secretary,  
Chaplin Club
**Introduction:**

The journey of Chaplin Club commenced in 1987 in the form of a local youth club at Nararharipur village of the then Medinipur district of West Bengal involved in promotion of cultural and sports programmes for the localities of the area. The young, enthusiastic members of the club, having a philanthropic mind, endeavored towards development of the area and set to install drinking water and sanitation facilities in the homes of the villagers with support from Ramakrishna Mission, Lok Shiksha Parishad along with some government departments. The club also developed a close relationship with the local Church and addresses some of the local social issues. The area suffering from frequent inundation, the Club members also decided to take initiatives to combat the same with the help of community participation irrespective of class, caste and religion. It was then in 1993 that the Club got registered under West Bengal Societies Registration Act and continued further in their efforts for development of the area and its people.

The period then, up to this financial year Chaplin Club’s involvement in generating awareness of the mass on their rights and other local problematic issues of concern like environment, eco-friendly cultivation, Water and sanitation, literacy & women’s economic empowerment. Keeping in view the environmental degradation due to modernization of agriculture as well as gradual increase of input price, efforts were also taken to motivate the farmers towards organic farming.

In the course of its journey ahead, Chaplin Club also established network with IGSSS, Japan Consulate, School of Fundamental Research, DRSC – Kolkata, CASA Forum and other States & district level agencies. Contact with IIT – Kharagpur, a premiere engineering institute in India, resulted in programmes on agro-based rural technology, soil testing and seed preservation techniques. NABARD too supported in formation of Self-Help Groups and skill training of the members of Jute Mat making.

The neighboring district, Purulia, being one of the most backward districts, inhabited mostly by tribal who belong to ultra poor families and subject to problems of recurrent drought and lack of employment opportunities due to lack of rights to natural resources and industrialization leading to migration, Chaplin Club was prompted to address the needs of those people and hence in 2005, extended their operation in Manbazar –I Block under Purulia district.

**Legal status of the organization:**

Chaplin Club is registered under the following government acts:-

- Registration under Section- 12A of the IT. Act, 1961.

**Vision of the organization:**

Envisage a self-sustained society free from exploitation based on equality, harmony, peace, mutual trust, thus enhancing the quality of life of the people without disturbing the ecological balance.

**Mission of the organization:**

We strive to facilitate the transformation of the lives of the people belonging to poor and very backward classes residing in the areas of Gangetic alluvium and lateritic zones of Paschim Medinipur and Purulia districts of West Bengal to ensure their secured sustainable livelihood and resist ecological degradation by making them aware about socio-political, economic, environmental and cultural issues affecting their lives and Capacitating them to be active participants in their own development process by organizing and promoting people’s organizations through alliance building, collaboration, networking and advocacy with other like minded organizations by the next 10 to 12 years.

**Core value of the organization:**

- Optimum utilization of local community resources.
- Work with the people not for the people.
- Encourage beneficiaries’ participations from planning to implementation process.
Administrative structure of the organization:
The day-to-day activity of the organization is administered by an active Governing body, comprising of professional social workers, doctors, school teachers, Govt service holders and representation from the community. The registered & correspondence office is based at a village under Debra Block, Paschim Medinipur district with all necessary modern amenities like- Computer, telephone, E-mail, training hall and necessary furniture. At present one field office is also situated at Purulia district. Total staff strength is twenty apart from professional consultants.

The ORANOGRAM of the society is given to reveal the structure

Present project location, target population & strength of the Organization:

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Category of target beneficiaries:
- Rural farmers & rural villagers.
- Marginalized and poor women and adolescence.
- Unemployed rural youths.
- Child laborers.
- HIV+ Children and their infected/affected parents/family.
- Brick kiln migrant workers & their children.
- Rural artisans.

Organizational Infrastructure (Staff strength, Infrastructure, Facilities etc):
- **Office space:** Organization’s Own office building with all necessary furniture.
- **Vehicle:** Two numbers of 2-wheeler & one AMBULANCE from Government of West Bengal & KFW – Germany and one Maruti Van for carrying the students of the school.
- **Computer:** Two (with full accessories), One from NYK as a part of Youth Development Club (YDC) and another from CASA.
- **Land:** 0.19 acre donated by well-wisher for establishing the society.
- **Staff strength:** Total paid staff is twenty.
- **Resource persons** (Number & Subject): 06 numbers [SHG & micro-finance, Environment, Agriculture, Gender development, Organic farming & Communication].
- **Training space:** Building: Own two storied building with modern infrastructure. Close to 300 numbers of trainees can be accommodated easily.
- **Training equipments:** White board, Charts, Posters and a some resource materials collected from different Government and Non-Government Institutions as well as a few materials have been prepared by the society.
Financial status of the Organization in last 3 years (Rs. in Lakhs)

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2010-2011</td>
<td>32,50,917.22 &amp; 24,81,695.22</td>
<td>99,25,706.00 &amp; 97,24,507.00</td>
<td>Surplus:7,69,222.00</td>
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<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>29,68,578.67 &amp; 21,24,621.00</td>
<td>1,75,95,600.00 &amp; 1,75,36,169.05</td>
<td>Surplus:84,3957.66</td>
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<td>2012-2013</td>
<td>20,44,558.00 &amp; 20,26,827.00</td>
<td>2,25,56,933.00 &amp; 2,24,60,783.00</td>
<td>Surplus: 17,731.00</td>
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Activities of Chaplin Cub for the year: 2012- 2013

- **“SWALAMBAN”: Skill development Vocational Training project:** With financial and technical support from West Bengal Women Development Corporation, after completed a time specific skill development programme, all 50 rural women/adolescent girls are involved in Jute mat making activities and earning money for their own family through formation of Self Help Groups [SHGs].

- **NEAC Programme:** Chaplin Club has participated actively in the Nation wide National Environment Awareness Campaign [NEAC] Programme to raise awareness on “Biodiversity Conservation” through a series of awareness rising and action oriented activities. This initiative has supported by the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt of India through School of Fundamental Research, Kolkata. Local panchayat, schools, youth clubs and villagers actively participate in this programme.

- **Entrepreneurship development training cum production centre on Jute mat:** As a part of ensuring economic empowerment, the training cum production center of Jute Mat is continuing since last eight years with a group of around 200 rural backward women under Debra Block of
Paschim Medinipur District. All of them have undergone different level skill upgradation trainings by the club. Presently the trained women are collecting raw materials from the club and prepare door mats at their home after that they sell their ready products to the club. Responsibility of Chaplin Club is supply raw materials and purchase ready products from the women group and marketing those products to big Markets and Mahajan, Kolkata. On an average each women earns Rs 2000-2500 per month from this business.

- **Work shed for the women self help groups on jute mat making**: With CASA’s support, Chaplin Club had build a big size work shed for women Self Help Group [SHG] members and running other youth development activities. This work shed is being using time to time to organize capacity building of SHG members, skill up gradation training on jute mats and meeting with the farmers & youths/adolescents.

- **Sabalamban [Micro Credit] Project**: Micro Credit is one of the major supportive strategies to encourage the poor villagers to be involved in petty business and entrepreneurship to ensure economic stability for them. Chaplin Club has started this initiative since last two years. Local villagers are getting easy available loan in comparatively low interest rate. Field level community organizers are generally meets with those particular persons and recovery their loan in daily basis with added the interest. This project is being very popular in this community and through this initiative villagers are getting their facilities: easy available money with in their door steps along with comparatively low interest rate. Repaying process is also very simple.

- **Infant Jesus KG School**: Recently Chaplin Club has taken an initiative to ensure quality education among the poor and marginalized children in the locality through starting a model school, titled: “Infant Jesus KG- School”. Present the school served a number of total 105 children in four different classes [Nursery, KG-I, KG-II & Standard-I]. A number of total four teachers are involved in the education process. Chaplin Club has taken an initiative to get registered the school from the Education deptt, Govt of West Bengal. Gradually the school is being popular in the locality.

- **General Activities**:
  - **Awareness on NREGS**: 2nd October, On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhiji's Birth Day, like the previous year, this year too the club has organized one awareness programme among the poor and marginalized villagers to promote proper knowledge on NREGS scheme and its related issues like: Job card, how to do proper application, responsible officials and payment system. Through this initiative local illiterate people has exposed through proper information on this scheme and getting proper benefit from this social scheme.

- **PRI Sensitization**: Chaplin Club has organized one sensitization Programme with the local PRI members on the following major issues:
  - Right to Education Act and its proper implementations to ensure right to Education among the children.
  - NREGS schemes and its effective implementation at the community.
  - Women’s participation in PRI activities.
  - Youth development.
  - Leadership skill development.
**Initiative with crunch artisans:** This year too, Chaplin Club is involved in the initiative of skill upgradation process among the crunch artisans those are traditionally based at Kalmizore village under Daspur-I Block, Paschim Medinipur District. This year too one in-house skill upgradation capacity building programme was organized with them. The club has taken an initiative to make artisans Identity Card for this group of artisans and linkages with them with the Handicrafts Department of Govt of India.

**Awareness Programme on PC & PNDC Act 1994:** Like the previous year, this year too, Chaplin Club has organized one awareness rising programme with 60 eligible couple and adolescent girls to sensitise on the issues related to PC&PNDC Act and equal state of boys & girls in our family/society. Local doctors, ICDS supervisors and PRI members delivered lecture on this issue.

**Community Health:**
- **Ambulance services:** Chaplin Club is responsible for implementation of rural ambulance services at Pingla Block of Paschim Medinipur District in partnership with Government of West Bengal (Department of Health) & KFW – Germany. The ambulance is kept at Pingla BPHC and rendering services to the needy people of Pingla. Entire maintenance and logistical support is being done by the society. Every year average 400-450 poor villagers are availing the benefit (low rate & with in their door steps) from this Ambulance. This year too poor villagers has access this service.
- **Awareness on STD/HIV/AIDS, Filariasis & RCH:** Live every year, this year too, Chaplin Club has observed World AIDS day on 1st Deceme,12 and RCH awareness programme among the rural women in collaboration with Gologram Gram Panchayat and local Health centre. Through these programmes rural villagers are disseminate knowledge’s related to transmission & prevention routes of STD/HIV/AIDS, importance of consistent and correct condom use, common barriers related to not using condom correct and consistently , myth & misconceptions & effective RCH related knowledge .
- **Workshop with HIV+ Children and their parents:** Chaplin Club has taken an initiative to organize an community sensitization programme with a group of HIV+ children and their infected/affected parents. They were properly educated and counseling on risk reduction, common myth & misconceptions, home based care & protection and referral services.

**Education:**
- **Non formal School for brick kiln children:** Chaplin Club is continuing five Non Formal Schools at five different Brick Kilns. Through this initiatives the migrant brick kiln children are getting basic functional literacy and knowledge on their rights. Their mothers are also educated on health & hygiene, reproductive child health and basic human rights.
- **Awareness on Right to Education [RTE Act]:** RTE is one of the major weapon to ensure education services to all children in the age group 6-14 years. Chaplin Club had taken an initiative to sensitize the local school teachers and community people on Rights to Education Act and its different clauses.

**Agriculture Development:**
- **Campaign on model villages through Eco-Friendly Cultivation method & introducing SRI methodology of cultivation:** Chaplin Club is continuing the initiatives to promote eco-friendly cultivation for protecting the environment and ensuring sustainable livelihood by utilization of local resources. Side by side SRI methodology of cultivation was also introducing with this initiatives. To capacitate the women through group effort and upgrading
their skills for improving their status in the society for making bargain with their counterparts judiciously without conserving any superstitious attitude. The project is covering five villages of Malighati Gram Panchayet under Debra block of Paschim Medinipur district. The purpose of this programme is to – capacity building of the local farmers on eco friendly cultivation & SRI, technology inputs support to eco friendly cultivation & SRI, integrated pest & nutrient management, raising demonstration site on farmers plot, construction of compost pit etc.

- **Strengthening farmers club:** All the fifteen farmer clubs [7 in Paschim Medinipur & 8 in Purulia District] with 150 farmer members are being active in their respective locality. Generally they meet once in a month & discuss among themselves on different agriculture related issues like: Organic farming, SRI Methodology of cultivation, High yielding variety of seeds etc .Time to time they share their experience among them selves. All the clubs have their own bank account.

### PURULIA CHAPTER:

- **Model village Programme through ensuring sustainable livelihood capacity building efforts:** Earlier with IGSSS partnership, Chaplin Cub has taken an initiative to create eight model villages at mostly backward villages under Manbazar-1 Block of Purulia District in West Bengal. Through this efforts the following activities has been taken and continuing:
  - Formation & strength eight farmers group among the progressive farmers.
  - Capacity of farmers on SRI methodology of cultivation using organic framings.
  - Skill development Training and raw materials support on Animal Rearing:
  - Support to twenty farmers for Promotion of Bio-Compost pit as a part of preparation Bio-Formulations.
  - Capacity building initiative among the rural women on different Govt schemes and existing Govt support system mechanism and how to access those services.
  - House to house IEC campaign to motivate the illiterate villagers to access maximum use of family planning methods and RCH related services to ensure safe child birth.
  - Awareness on issues related to WASH and encourage building & using low cost sanitations.

- **Lobby & Advocacy with GP, Block & District level:** Continuous lobby & advocacy initiatives have been taken by the club with the responsible Govt duty bearers for proper implementation of Govt policies & Services in these backward villages. Adopted villagers are getting proper benefits from different Govt schemes and services like- NREGS, JSY, Widow Pension etc.

### Future plan:

- Right based services for the HIV+ children and their infected/affected family.
- Establishing residential homes for the marginalized and needy children.
- Women empowerment and youth welfare programme through skill development vocational training and formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- Skill up gradation livelihood programme for the rural artisans.
- Initiatives WASH activities.
- Community health, including RCH and awareness on PC & PNDC Act 1994.
- Environment protection activities.
- Sustainable agriculture development programme.
- Expansion of micro credit activities.

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