



THE ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT 2024

THE CHILDREN'S HOME:SAIKOT

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Introduction: The year 2024 has been an impactful and fulfilling year for the Children's Home, Saikot, as we continued to uphold our mission of providing care, protection, and opportunities for the growth and development of children in need. This report highlights our key initiatives, achievements, and the challenges we encountered over the course of the year.

Our efforts have centered on creating a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment for the children under our care. Through a range of educational programs, skill-building workshops, recreational activities, and healthcare services, we have worked diligently to ensure their overall well-being and development.

With the unwavering support of local communities, individual donors, and the church along with its various departments, the Children's Home, Saikot, has made remarkable progress in achieving its goals. This report provides an overview of the activities undertaken, their impact, and the significant milestones reached during the year.

Reflecting on 2024, we are inspired by the resilience and growth of the children. We remain steadfast in our commitment to empowering them and paving the way for a brighter, more hopeful future.

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WHAT WE DO:

1. **Drainage system (April 2024):** The existing drainage system inside the Home campus had become ineffective, often leading to flooding during heavy rainfall. To address this issue, a new drainage system was constructed with the combined efforts of staff and children. Essential materials, such as cement and sand, were generously donated by individuals. The new system now allows water to flow properly, significantly improving the situation. However, further work is needed to extend the drainage construction to the family campus to ensure complete and long-lasting benefits for everyone.



2. **Earth Filling (April 2024):** As part of the initiatives to improve the infrastructure of the Children's Home: Saikot, significant efforts were made in collaboration with government agencies to address environmental challenges.

One key activity undertaken this year was the earth filling of low-lying areas within the premises to enhance safety and usability. The Autonomous District Council (ADC) provided vital support by supplying a JCB and a truck for the project at no cost. However, the cost of diesel required to operate these vehicles was borne by the Children's Home. This



collaboration ensured that the work was completed efficiently and within a reasonable timeframe, resulting in a more secure and functional environment for the children. This activity reflects our ongoing commitment to improving the living conditions and facilities at the Children's Home, ensuring a better quality of life for all children under our care.

3. **Water supply (April 2024):** The water supply pipeline had worn out, leading to an inconsistent and insufficient supply of water. To resolve this issue, the damaged pipelines across both the Hostel and family campuses were repaired, and some were replaced with new pipes. An overhead tank with a capacity of 15,000 liters, which had been unused for a long time, was repaired, cleaned, and repurposed as the main tank. Additionally, the supply pipelines were rearranged and redirected to ensure sufficient water distribution to all areas. A submersible pump was also serviced and fitted with a 30-foot-long extension pipe to enhance water flow.

4. **Cutting and gathering of Firewood (28 & 29 November 2024):** Firewood has been the primary fuel for cooking, with one load costing ₹10,000 and requiring three loads annually, making it a significant expense. In this financially challenging situation, Mr. Roland R Pulamte generously donated firewood and permitted collection from his field. For two days, all staff and children actively participated in cutting and gathering firewood, managing to collect around eight loads. This generous donation not only alleviates the financial burden but also allows the money previously spent on firewood to be redirected toward child support funds.



5. **Launching of official Website (27 August 2024) :** A professionally designed official website has been created to support fundraising efforts. This platform is specifically tailored to attract both national and international donors. The website provides a self-explanatory overview of the organization, highlighting its mission and activities. Additionally, an easy and secure payment gateway has been integrated to facilitate smooth contributions from local and international supporters.



6. **Fogging (22 November 2024):** Recently, cases of Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) have been reported in Churachandpur, putting the area at risk. Our Home, where many children live together, is particularly vulnerable to these diseases. In response to this concern, and upon request, the Malaria Department of Churachandpur conducted fogging across the entire hostel campus, including the family campus. This initiative ensures a safer environment by reducing the risk of mosquito-borne infections.



7. **Kitchen Gardening (May 2024):** Our home has a kitchen garden where a variety of summer and winter vegetables are grown. Both staff and children actively participate in maintaining the garden, making it a team effort. The fresh green vegetables harvested from the garden are used to prepare nutritious meals for the children. This practice not only promotes healthy eating but also saves money that would have been spent on purchasing vegetables. The savings can be utilized for other essential needs, bringing additional benefits to the Home.



8. **Society Update (September 2024):** A new General Body has been formed with revised membership. Deceased members have been removed, and new members have been added to the Society. The list of Managing Board members has also been updated. All these changes have been officially approved by the Society.

9. Re-Purposing the Library into a Common Study Centre (28 April 2024):

The existing library hall has been re-purposed into a mass study hall to provide a dedicated space for students. Previously, both boys and girls studied individually in their own rooms. To equip the study hall, 15 wall fans, a 24-watt solar battery backup system, and new tables and chairs were installed. These items were generously donated by supportive individuals,



whose names are listed in the donation record. This upgraded facility now allows students to study without interruptions caused by power outages. Additionally, wardens are present during study hours to supervise and assist the students, ensuring a conducive learning environment.

10. Success Story (1 October 2024): Miss. Hatboithiem, one of our residents, successfully passed her NEET-UG examination this year. She earned an MBBS seat at Churachandpur Medical College, where she has been admitted and has commenced her medical studies.



11. Teachers' Day Celebration (5 September 2024):

Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 5th September 2024. The students took full responsibility for organizing the event, decorating the room beautifully to mark the occasion. They pooled small contributions among themselves to present thoughtful gifts to their teachers as a gesture of gratitude. Refreshments were served to add to the festive atmosphere. The celebration helped strengthen the bond of love and mutual respect between teachers and students.



12. The 44th Foundation Day Celebration (1 September 2024):

The Children's Home celebrated its 44th Foundation Day with immense joy and enthusiasm. The event was graced by special guests and Board members, making it truly memorable. The day featured a variety of activities and programs, marking it as a grand occasion. Prizes were awarded to students excelling in academics, sports, and other areas as a token of recognition for their dedication and achievements. The children showcased their talents through vibrant cultural performances, adding charm to the celebration. The event concluded with a delicious dinner in the evening, bringing everyone together in a spirit of unity and happiness.



13. **Charity Dinner (5 October 2024):** To support fundraising efforts, the staff and children organized a special dinner event. An array of delicious dishes was prepared and served to the guests. Individuals with kind and generous hearts were invited to join the occasion. The children took an active role, attentively catering to the needs of the attendees with enthusiasm and care. The event proved to be a great success, generating a substantial amount of donations for the cause.



14. **General Health Check-up (8 April 2024):** A medical check-up day was arranged for the residents, led by the invited Dr. Merlyn and her husband. Comprehensive health examinations were conducted, and necessary medicines were distributed at no cost. To express gratitude and make the day memorable, a special dinner was served in the evening, creating a warm and festive atmosphere.



15. **Tree Plantation (May 2024):** The tree plantation drive inside the campus was a meaningful and exciting initiative. The project aimed to replace old trees that had either dried up or been removed due to age or safety concerns. Additionally, the initiative sought to enhance the beauty of the campus and create a greener, more welcoming environment. Both staff and students actively took part in this effort. With great enthusiasm, everyone collaborated to plant a variety of saplings, including fruit-bearing, flowering, and shade-providing trees. While some students prepared the soil, others carefully planted the saplings and watered them. Teachers supervised the activity to ensure everything was done properly. This event not only improved the environment but also raised awareness about the significance of trees. The sight of fresh saplings adorning the campus pathways has become a source of pride for everyone. The activity served as a powerful reminder of our duty to protect nature and contribute to a healthier planet.



16. **Career Guidance 14 August 2024:** Career guidance programs play a crucial role in shaping the future of students. In 2024, two such sessions were organized to help students envision their career paths and build confidence in their abilities. These sessions aimed to guide students in identifying their interests and talents while providing clarity about various career options. Renowned educationists and professionals were invited to interact with the students. They shared their experiences and provided valuable insights into different fields, helping students understand the steps required to achieve their goals. The sessions were interactive, allowing students to ask questions and gain practical advice.



17. **Summer Special Coaching Class (June 2024):** During the summer vacation, students residing in the hostel were not allowed to leave for the break. Instead, they participated in a special summer coaching program designed to make productive use of their time. Various activities were organized alongside the coaching classes to ensure a balanced and engaging experience for the students.



Special coaching classes were conducted with the active involvement of teachers who volunteered their time and effort. These dedicated teachers worked tirelessly, day and night, teaching lessons according to the students' respective classes. The program

focused not only on regular subjects but also on identifying and addressing the needs of weaker students. Special care and attention were given to them to help them improve their understanding and performance. This initiative significantly enriched the students' education by reinforcing their knowledge and boosting their confidence. The combination of academic learning and engaging activities ensured that the students made the most of their summer, leaving them better prepared for the upcoming academic challenges.

18. Hiking Program (13 July 2024):

A one-day hiking program was organized recently to provide students with an enjoyable and enriching outdoor experience. Bigger students were primarily selected for the hike, considering their physical stamina and ability to navigate trails. The teachers played an active role in guiding and supporting the students throughout the journey. The hike took place in a nearby forest, offering a beautiful natural setting. The participants brought packed food, which they enjoyed together in the serene environment of the forest. This not only added to the fun but also strengthened the bond among the group members. Hiking, as a recreational activity, involves long walks on natural trails and offers multiple benefits. It promotes physical fitness by improving cardiovascular health, building strength, and increasing endurance. Spending time in nature helps reduce stress, elevate mood, and encourage relaxation. Moreover, hiking connects individuals with nature, fostering appreciation for the environment and raising awareness about the importance of its preservation. It also encourages teamwork and problem-solving as participants navigate trails and tackle challenges together. Successfully completing a hike builds confidence and provides a sense of accomplishment. The program was both enjoyable and meaningful, leaving students with cherished memories and valuable life lessons. It highlighted the importance of outdoor activities in promoting overall well-being and strengthening social connections.



19. Learning New Hymns and Songs (12 May 2024):

For children, learning hymns and songs is a delightful and enriching experience. Teachers play an essential role in this process, using strategies like repetition, group practice, and demonstrations to help children learn and master new hymns. Action songs, which integrate singing with physical movements, make the experience lively and memorable. These interactive songs not only enhance coordination but also make it easier for children to remember lyrics and melodies by associating them with specific actions. This activity offers numerous benefits to children. It enhances their communication skills by expanding their vocabulary and improving pronunciation. Additionally, it fosters creativity through exposure to diverse tunes and rhythms while encouraging teamwork as they sing together in groups. Hymns and songs also hold profound spiritual value, conveying messages of faith, gratitude, and kindness. By learning these songs, children gain a deeper understanding of spiritual principles and strengthen their connection to their beliefs. Moreover, singing contributes significantly to emotional well-being. It has a soothing effect, reduces stress, and provides children with an outlet to express their feelings. Hymns, in particular, offer comfort, happiness, and a sense of tranquility. In conclusion, learning hymns and songs is a meaningful activity that supports children's emotional, spiritual, and creative growth while helping them develop essential skills and enjoy the beauty of music.



20. Learning Cultural Dances (May 2024):

The Hmar tribe is known for its rich cultural heritage, particularly its traditional dances, which are vibrant expressions of their history and identity. Teaching children these dances play a vital role in preserving the tribe's cultural legacy. Through learning these traditional practices, children gain a deeper understanding of their heritage and the importance of sustaining it for future generations. By participating in cultural dance lessons, children not only learn the steps and rhythms but also connect with the values and stories embedded in these traditions. These dances are often performed during social nights, where children have the opportunity to showcase their skills and celebrate their culture with pride. Such performances bring communities together, fostering a sense of unity and belonging. Moreover, learning cultural dances helps children appreciate the significance of their roots. It instills respect for their ancestors' practices and highlights the importance of maintaining cultural diversity. Through these experiences, children come to value the richness of their heritage and take pride in preserving it. In essence, learning cultural dances is not just an activity but a meaningful journey that helps children embrace and cherish their identity.



21. Spiritual Nurturing Program (31 March 2024):

A spiritual nurturing program was organized to guide children in their journey of faith and strengthen their spiritual foundation. As part of the program, an Evangelistic Week was held, featuring a variety of activities and sessions focused on spiritual growth. Esteemed speakers were invited to deliver inspiring messages, share their experiences, and teach valuable lessons about faith and godly living. The program aimed



to help children learn more about God, His teachings, and His role in their lives. Through engaging discussions and activities, the children gained a deeper understanding of spiritual values and principles. This not only enriched their knowledge but also strengthened their personal faith. Additionally, the program focused on equipping children with the tools to lead a godly life. They were encouraged to embrace virtues such as kindness, humility, and integrity in their daily lives. Overall, the spiritual nurturing program served as a transformative experience, empowering children to grow spiritually and live a life guided by faith and purpose.

22. Outing in Resort (13 July 2024):

An outing day was organized for children to provide them with a break from routine activities and to create joyful memories. Teachers accompanied the children to a nearby resort, which offered a perfect blend of relaxation and excitement. The resort featured a variety of games and activities in its park, including playground equipment, group games, and interactive activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the park, playing games, and spending time with their friends in a cheerful and lively environment. The day concluded with a grand feast in the evening, where children and teachers shared delicious food and reflected on the fun-filled



experiences of the day. The outing not only provided entertainment but also strengthened bonds among the children and their teachers, making it a memorable and enjoyable event for all.

23. Farewell Program (9 December 2024): A farewell program was organized to mark the beginning of the winter break and to bid farewell to the children. The event was planned to create a joyful atmosphere as everyone prepared to part ways for the vacation. During the program, children exchanged warm wishes, expressing their hope for a blessed and enjoyable vacation for their friends. The farewell served as an opportunity for everyone to share good memories and look forward to the holidays. A grand farewell feast was prepared, featuring a variety of delicious dishes. The children, along with their teachers, gathered to enjoy the meal, making the day even more special. The program was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and excitement, leaving everyone with cherished memories of the occasion.

24. James' Kidney Surgery (12 September 2024):

James, a resident of our community, was diagnosed with kidney stones in both kidneys, requiring urgent surgical intervention. Unfortunately, he lacked family support to bear the financial burden. To assist him, an online fundraising campaign was launched. Alongside the online initiative, James' fellow residents actively participated in raising funds. They organized activities such as car washes and helping with the loading and unloading of goods from vehicles. Thanks to the combined efforts of the community and the online campaign, sufficient funds were raised to cover the surgery expenses. The surgery was successfully performed, and James is now recovering well. He has returned to his studies and is diligently preparing for his Class X examinations. This united effort not only saved James' life but also gave him the opportunity to pursue a brighter future.



25. Promotional Work (21 July 2024): As part of our promotional activities, the staff and children of our ministry visited local churches to connect with the community and raise awareness about our mission. During these visits, students shared their personal success stories, inspiring the congregation and showcasing the positive impact of the ministry's efforts. To make the program more meaningful, group songs were presented during church services, creating an engaging atmosphere. Additionally, the Manager addressed the congregation, highlighting



the ministry's current financial challenges and encouraging them to contribute to the cause. This initiative not only emphasized the ministry's needs but also motivated the congregation to get involved and support our mission. It successfully built stronger connections and inspired greater participation in our ongoing work.

26. Seeking Donors to Support Children: To enhance support for children, we are consistently working to identify and engage new donors. Our efforts include reaching out to individuals as well as various church departments, such as the youth, women, and children's departments, along with Presbyteries. These approaches have been met with a positive response, resulting in an increased number of donors. Building on this success, we plan to continue these individual and local outreach efforts throughout the year to further expand our support network.

27. Brochure Prepared for Fundraising (22 February 2024): As part of our fundraising efforts, a brochure was prepared in both English and the local language to ensure it reached a diverse audience. The brochures were distributed and sent to numerous individuals, spreading awareness about our cause. This initiative received positive responses from many recipients, reflecting their interest and willingness to support our mission.



28. Payment Gateway for Donors (22 February 2024): To simplify the donation process, an easy-to-use payment gateway was developed for donors. A QR code was created to facilitate hassle-free payments through various online applications. Additionally, the Razorpay application was integrated with our official website, enabling donors from outside the country to contribute conveniently. This streamlined system ensures a seamless and efficient donation experience for all supporters.



29. Parents' Meeting (21 July 2024): A parents' meeting was organized to discuss the current situation of the Children's Home. During the meeting, the realities and challenges the home is facing were shared with the parents. They were reminded not to take the support for granted and were encouraged to actively collaborate in supporting the children. The importance of working together for the well-being and development of the children was emphasized.



30. Prayer Day (13 July 2024): Prayer Day was observed with all staff and children traveling to Prayer Mountain, Muolvaipei, for a day of worship and reflection. The event included singing and praying together, fostering unity and spiritual growth. A special session was dedicated to thanksgiving, where everyone expressed gratitude to God for His blessings and guidance. The day was a meaningful experience, strengthening faith and community bonds.



31. Distribution of Clothes (15 April 2024): Generous donations of clothing were received from an organization, local churches, and kind-hearted individuals who supported the orphanage home. These clothes were distributed among the children, ensuring they were well-equipped to face the cold winter. The collective contributions brought warmth and comfort to the children, highlighting the power of community care and generosity.



32. New Mattresses (29th March 2024): The orphanage, which houses 70 residential children, recently faced the challenge of worn-out mattresses that were no longer usable. Generously, Mr. Roland R Pulamte donated new mattresses to replace the old ones, ensuring the children had comfortable bedding. In addition to this, his kindness extended further as he sponsored eggs for the children three times a week, a



gesture involving significant expense. His generosity has greatly improved the children's living conditions and nutrition, for which the home is deeply grateful.

33. The names and contributions of individuals who generously supported the cause of our Home are listed in separate sheet.