EDUCATE & REHABILITATE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN MEGHALAYA, INDIA

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Title of the Proposed Project
- Educate & Rehabilitate Children & Young People With Disabilities In Meghalaya, India

Location of Implementation
- Meghalaya, India

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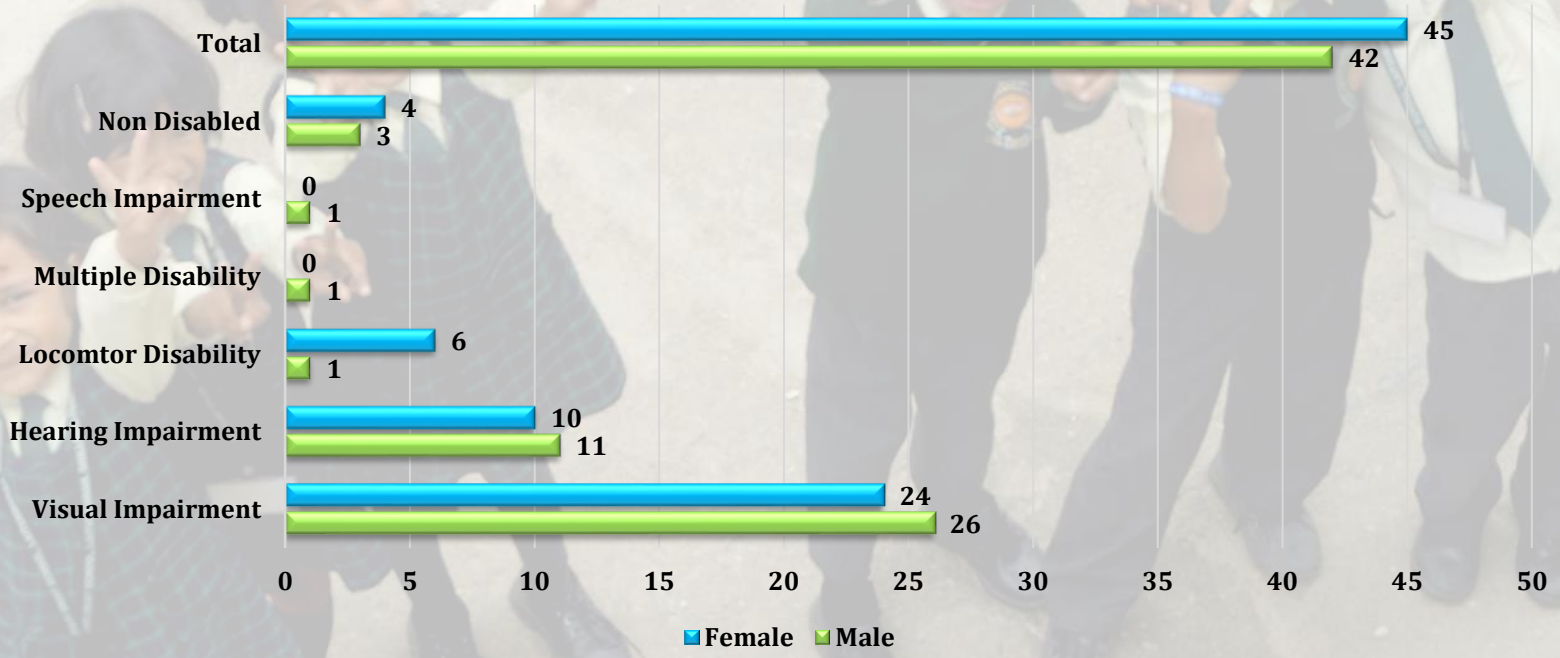
Summary

Bethany Society aims to provides a safe accommodation and opportunity for quality inclusive education to 110 children and young persons with disability belonging to marginalized and remote areas of Meghalaya, India where they are deprived of access to education or skill-training. These children come from extremely poor & deprived backgrounds. The goal thus is creating equal access to opportunities for education and employment for these 110 young people with disabilities living in Bethany Society.

Divine Flame Hostels (Shillong & Tura)

- The main thrust of the program is to provide hostel facilities for persons with disability from remote rural areas and to some from neighbouring states. Students residing in the hostel avail education, vocational and rehabilitation facilities that are available around the hostels, but these are not supported by the project. The hostels are located in Tebrongre, Rongram Block, W. Garo Hills District and Shillong, East Khasi Hills district and there are separate hostels for boys and girls.
- The program is cross-disability and the clients avail of opportunities that are either on campus or in campuses close to the hostel. On behalf of the Governing Body of Bethany Society a committee headed by a member of the Governing Body looks after the management of the hostels.

Students Living in Divine Flame Hostels

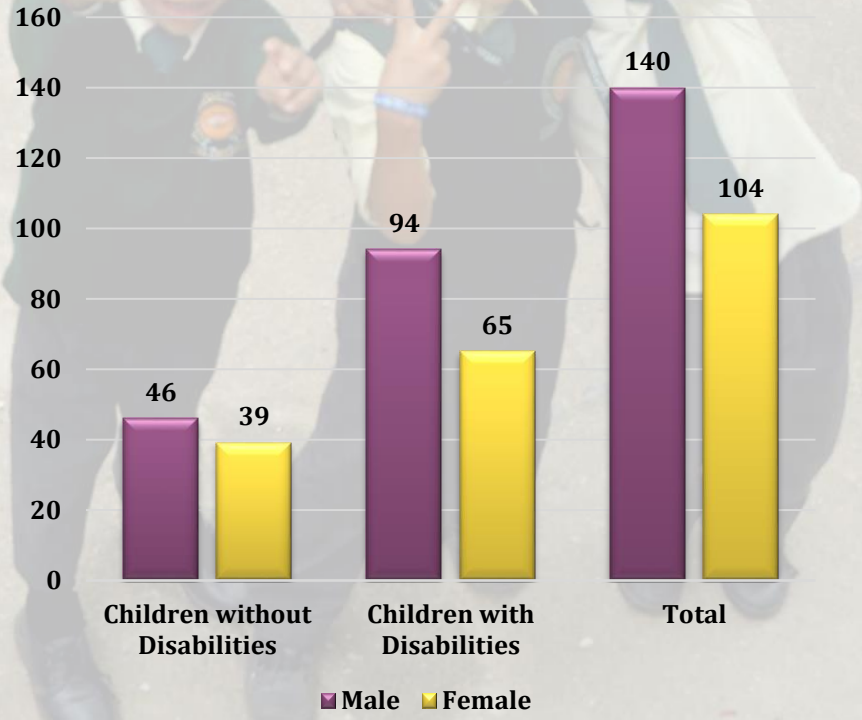


Jyoti Sroat School for Inclusive Education (Shillong)

- Jyoti Sroat School, Shillong (A Unit of Bethany Society) is an inclusive school providing educational and mainstreaming opportunities to vulnerable groups which include children with disabilities, children without disabilities and children from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. These children study together in the same classroom facilitated by teachers who are specially trained. Established in 1993 as the first school for the visually impaired in Shillong, from 2006 onwards, Jyoti Sroat School is evolving into an inclusive school offering educational opportunities to ALL children.
- The school is recognized by Meghalaya Board of Secondary Education (MBOSE) and accredited with National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS) and offers services right from Early Education to Senior Secondary (10 + 2) level.

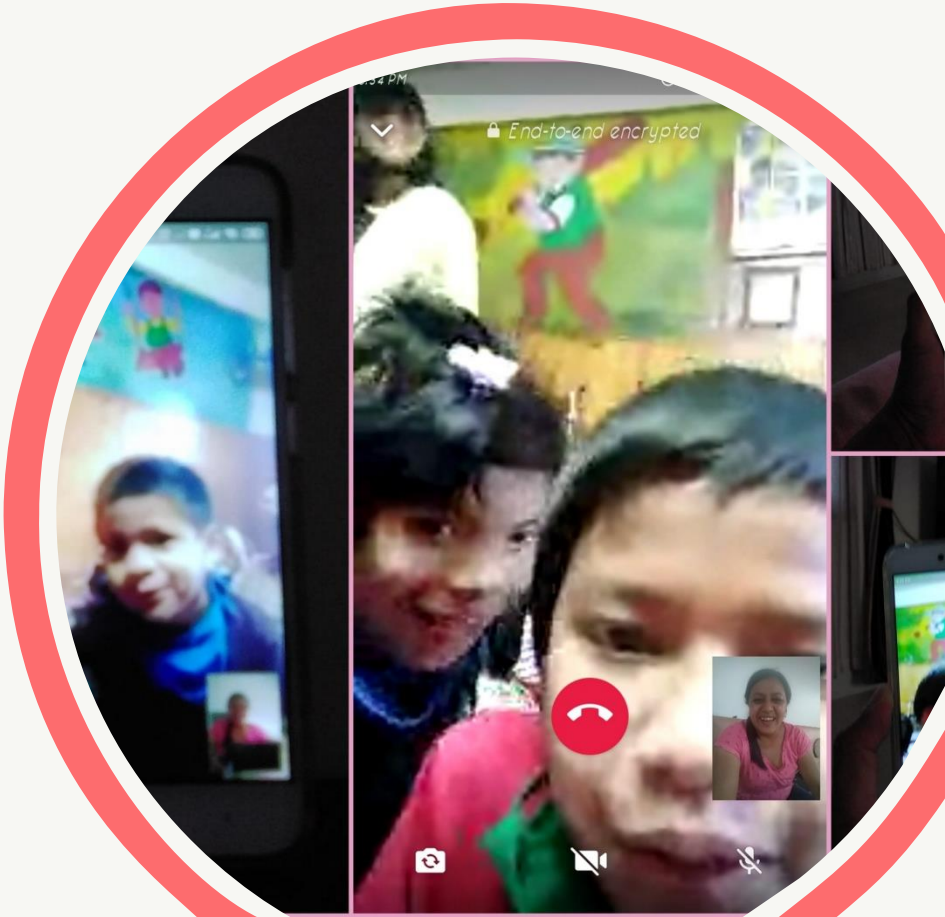
Jyoti Sroat School for Inclusive Education (Shillong)

- Jyoti Sroat School reopens it 2020 academic session on March 2020. There are a total of 244 students from across the state enrolled for the academic year.
- Out of the total of 244, 159 are Children with Disabilities of different types.



Activities that took place during the Lockdown

- The Academic session for 2020 started in March 2020 but has been close since the lockdown started.
- For the benefit of the students, the Principal instructed that all Teachers need to ensure the wellbeing of the students by communicating with them through Phone/Video calling and creating a Whatsapp group for each class.
- The Teachers are to guide and educate the parents/students on the safety measures of Covid-19.
- The Teachers are to guide the parents on their children's lessons.



Activities that took place during the Lockdown

- During this lockdown period, the School teachers could attended Trainings and Seminars through the online platform organized by various Institute, NGOs, Government Department, on Autism and other important elements related to Covid-19 Pandemic.

- There were 4 Teaching staff registered and are Certified with WHO course on Covid-19.

- The School also collect the Covid-19 posters and stickers from the Directorate of Health & Services , Govt. Of Meghalaya and distributed to different Units of Bethany Society.

- Teachers are trying their best to provide support and education to the Children through the assistance from various projects.



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- Distribution of Dry ration to families of Persons with Disabilities in West Jaintia Hills District of the State through the support of project SENSE-India.



Future Plan

- Teachers are to continue to come to school every week in batches of two until further notice from the Government on reopening of Schools.
- To ensure that continued support are given to the students on their academic activities and therapy through phone.
- Support to parents whenever required.
- Focus on finding ways to source funds for salary.



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