

## Community Development Service Provided by Dominic Savio Welfare Society:

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, **Gandhi Jayanti** was observed in four local schools. Our social worker organized a few sports activities for the school children and gave brief presentations about Gandhi’s life. Gandhi’s philosophy of nonviolence, also known as “Ahimsa,” and his emphasis on truth, simplicity, and self-reliance continue to inspire people globally. Children were ecstatic and took active



part in the program.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, a **Medical Health Camp** was organized with the aim of providing health care services to the residents of Badlapara community at PHE Badlapara farmline Two. Physicians from the government hospital in Dimakuchi and one from the government hospital in Bamunjuli comprised the team. They provided medical check-ups, consultations,

and basic health care services to address prevalent health issues in the community.

**Activities:** Qualified medical professionals conducted thorough medical examinations and provided consultations to individuals regarding their health concerns. This included general check-ups, examination of specific health conditions, and advice on managing chronic illnesses. Screening programs were organized to detect common health problems such as hypertension, diabetes, and malnutrition. Individuals requiring specialized medical attention or further diagnostic tests were referred to appropriate healthcare facilities for comprehensive evaluation and treatment. We are grateful to the team of doctors for dedicating their valuable time and came for the health camp, which was crucial for the local residents of the Badlapara area.

**Impact:** The medical health camp positively impacted the Badlapara community in several ways:- Improved access to healthcare services for individuals who might otherwise face barriers to healthcare due to geographical remoteness. - Enhanced awareness about preventive healthcare measures, leading to healthier lifestyle choices, and reduced incidence of preventable diseases. - Some of the common health condition were detected like hypertension, body pain, dysentery, scabies, worm infections, etc. Essential medicines were distributed to individuals based on their medical needs.





On October 11<sup>th</sup>, **International Girl Child Day** was observed in collaboration with government schools to raise awareness about the rights, challenges, and empowerment of girl children. The primary objective was to promote gender equality, education, and empowerment among girls in the community. Various competitions and sports activities were organized to promote physical activity, teamwork, and sportsmanship among children.



On November 14<sup>th</sup>, **Children's Day** was observed in government schools to celebrate the rights, talents, and potential of children. The primary objective was to establish a joyous and inclusive environment where children could express themselves, participate in fun activities, and feel valued and cherished. We extend our gratitude to all the educators, school staff who contributed to the successful observance of Children's Day in government schools.



On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the **awareness program on child rights and child protection** was organized in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in Badlapara. The primary objective was to educate community members about the rights of children and raise awareness about the importance of child protection measures to prevent abuse, exploitation, and neglect. Experts from the DCPU facilitated sessions to educate participants about the legal framework related to child rights and child protection



**AWARENESS ON CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PROTECTION**  
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 "To nurture, enlightened and empowered"  
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 in collaboration with  
**District Child Protection Unit, Udalguri, Assam**  
**and Child Welfare Committee, Udalguri, Assam**  
 Date: 25/11/23 Place: Badlapara T.E.



**Activities:** Interactive workshops were conducted to provide participants with information about the fundamental rights of children as enshrined in national and international laws. Topics included the right to education, health, protection from violence, and participation in decision-making processes. To address participants' questions and concerns about child protection and rights, question-and-answer sessions were organized. This interactive format allowed for meaningful dialogue and clarification of misconceptions about these important issues.



**Impact:** Increased awareness and knowledge among community members about the rights of children and the importance of safeguarding their well-being. - Strengthened community engagement and commitment to promoting child rights and creating a protective environment for children in Badlapara. - The collaboration between local stakeholders and the District Child Protection Unit in organizing the awareness program exemplifies the collective effort to prioritize child rights and child protection in Badlapara.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, Dominic Savio Welfare Society core team conducted the awareness workshop on **Appropriate and Inappropriate Touch** was organized for the children of LP School, Badlapara No. 2, with the primary objective of educating them about personal boundaries, safe and unsafe touches, and empowering them to identify and respond to inappropriate behavior. Children were encouraged to actively participate through discussions, role-plays, and storytelling to enhance their understanding. Child line help line numbers were also provided for their convenience.



On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the **awareness program on child rights and child protection** was organized in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) in Dimakuchi. Mr. Reben Basumatary, Chairperson of Udalguri district was the main resource person, who spoke on child rights, child marriage, child labor and child trafficking. He enlighten that every child has right to participate. Every child is born with right to be happy, safe & secure and therefore we, as parents must provide them that safe and secure zone at home.



Mr. Mahananda Bhuyan, OC of Dimakuchi police station also joined the awareness program. He spoke about how addiction and alcoholism are on a rise in the society. OC Sir said that he has been trying his best from the time he was posted in Dimakuchi police station. He has observed that it has been damaging effects in every family specially children. Hence, Mr. Bhuyan requested, we all must join hands together to stop this menace in the society. NGO team members Ms. Jharna and Julie took sessions on good touch and bad touch for the children. Children were excited to learn and actively participated in the sessions. The child line's helpline number was provided.



NGO president Mr. Amit Tirkey also spoke about the collaboration with government body and the NGOs working for the development in the community. He said, he has seen families shattered due to early marriage, addiction, child labour and hence decided to work for the community development in these remote areas. Few sports activities were conducted to engage participants. The program ended with a rally on child rights in the locality together with the children and adults. There were about 55 adults and 60 children present for the rally and awareness programme. At the end participants were provided tea and snacks.

**Impact:-** Empowered individuals with information about available resources and support services for addressing child protection concerns.- Children were able to learn the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touch. -Strengthened community engagement and commitment to promoting child rights and creating a protective environment for children in Dimakuchi. We extend our gratitude to the District Child Protection Unit and OC of Dimakuci Police Station for their support and expertise in organizing the awareness program.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December, an **Awareness Program on Child Sexual Abuse** (good touch and bad touch for the children) was organized in Sonajuli no. 2. Our Staff gathered all the near by children in the evening hours and took the sessions as during day, most of the students goes to school. As it was something they had never heard of, Children

were happy and excited to be a part of the awareness program. Few fun activities were conducted to engage them during sessions. Staff of Dominic Savio Welfare Society are committed and are working full time for the development of the community. The following tasks are followed up regularly by our staff members.

- Assisting in local and government schools during morning hours.
- Regular door to door survey in the target areas in afternoon and evening hours.
- Listing out school dropouts and unemployment
- Providing evening tuitions to school dropouts and weak students.
- Holding Meeting with stakeholders like Asha workers, Anganwadi workers, Self Help Group, village leaders, Tea Garden managements and other networking sangathan.
- Organizing Awareness program in different target areas.
- Organizing events in schools and spreading awareness among students on important days like Gandhi Jayanti, Independence day, Child Rights day, etc
- Marking their attendance daily with GPS Google photos.

### Challenges:

- Local government schools and Tea Garden LP schools has less teaching staffs and therefore the classes are not taken regularly. Children miss their classes and are left behind with their syllabus. Children are not clear with their lesson, find difficulties in studying, and lose interest. Hence, the dropout student's numbers are increasing in the above mentioned schools.
- Due to lack of parenting skills, children are neglected in the families. They are not given proper care and values. The environments in families are difficult hence children opt for early marriage. Due to financial problems children are forced to opt for child labour.
- Parents are daily wages and most of them work in tea garden, their monthly incomes are not sufficient to meet their needs.
- Due to lack of proper medical facilities people are not able take care of their health and unable to afford private treatment.

Community development in tea targeted villages in udalguri district involves addressing the unique challenges faced by communities residing in or around teaplantations.



**To improve the lives in these areas we need your support and contribution.**

**How you can help us?**

Supporting us in Social Advocacy, helping to sensitize society by creating awareness against child rights, child labour, child marriage, trafficking, campaigns, rally's, etc.

Cash and kind: Sponsoring for awareness program, sponsoring a child, Sponsoring for events like children's Day, Independence Day, etc.

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