




# ANNUAL REPORT

DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF DEPARTMENT  
RONGMEI NAGA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2011-2012



For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths to drink, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; and a land of olive, and honey;  
A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.



## reflecting on the year that was



## Preface

The year 2010-2011 once again posed us to encounter various challenges in the North east India particularly Manipur state while interpreting into actions of our program objectives and core values of the organization. However, with the undaunted spirit and encouragement we received all our sympathizers, donors and our project implementing partners made possible us to contribute to the society for constructive philanthropic works and sustainable development activities.

Further, these changes have made positive effect on different levels of our programs' stakeholders in terms of capacity – building skills, rural empowerment, perspectives for strategic & sustainable natural resource management. As RNBA is a Christian organization, it believes that the bottom rock of society must be founded upon equality and justice. As we continue struggle to fight against the issues which prevent the society to attain just & peaceful society, we would acknowledge all the generous contributors in terms of financial and mutual support and even understanding our cause. We believe the contribution we could make, small it seems though will bring positive changes to the communities we are working with.

Mumai Pheiga

Secretary, Development & Relief Department, RNBA

# OVERVIEW

The annual report of 2010-2011 presents the programmatic activities of Development & Relief Department, Rongmei Naga Baptist Association as in the previous year. It covers both the activities and financial statements of the department. Total Budget of the year 2010-2011 is Rs. 59,335,593.00 as against Rs 30,537,081. The department could invest almost 80% towards our thematic issues through individuals, Institutions and the strategic non-governmental partner organizations (NGOs).

The Department has been able to uphold its core mission to promote livelihood of poor, free the society from acute food shortage, development of people's institutions to manage their immediate natural resources in a sustainable manner and to overcome endemic problem of the rural masses. There has been notable grants as much as.....were made during the reporting period.

We extended our reach to enable the institute operational its new strategy and thus reinforce progress towards its mission and objectives.

Major initiatives of the department to address the core issues of the region as given here:



1. Implementing of a significant program of System of Rice Intensification (SRI) for marginal farmers; .....

2. Empowerment of village institutions and promotion of livelihood through management of Natural resources: forest, land and water;

3. Implementing of a program titled "Diversification Based Irrigation (DBI)" to utilize water through gravity flow to enable livelihood activities for thousand of farmers;

4. Livelihood and employment through credit program;

5. Capacity -building programs for grass-root NGOs.

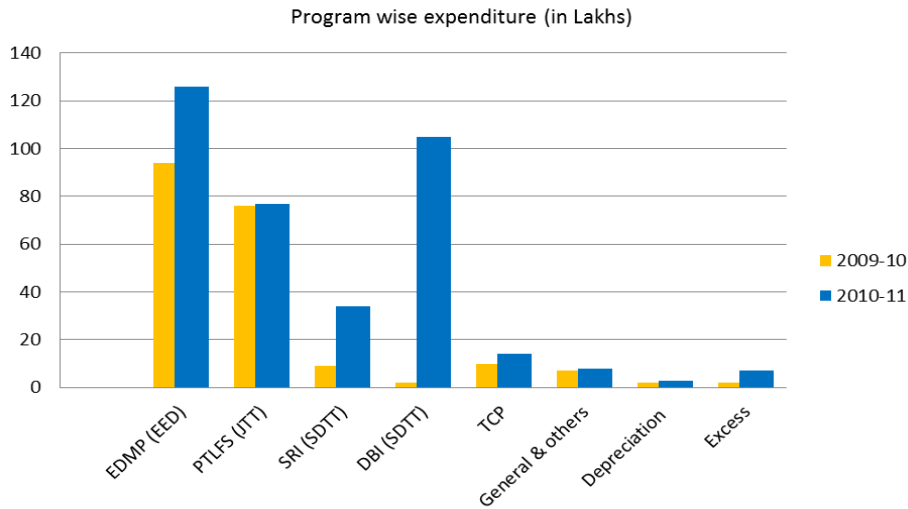
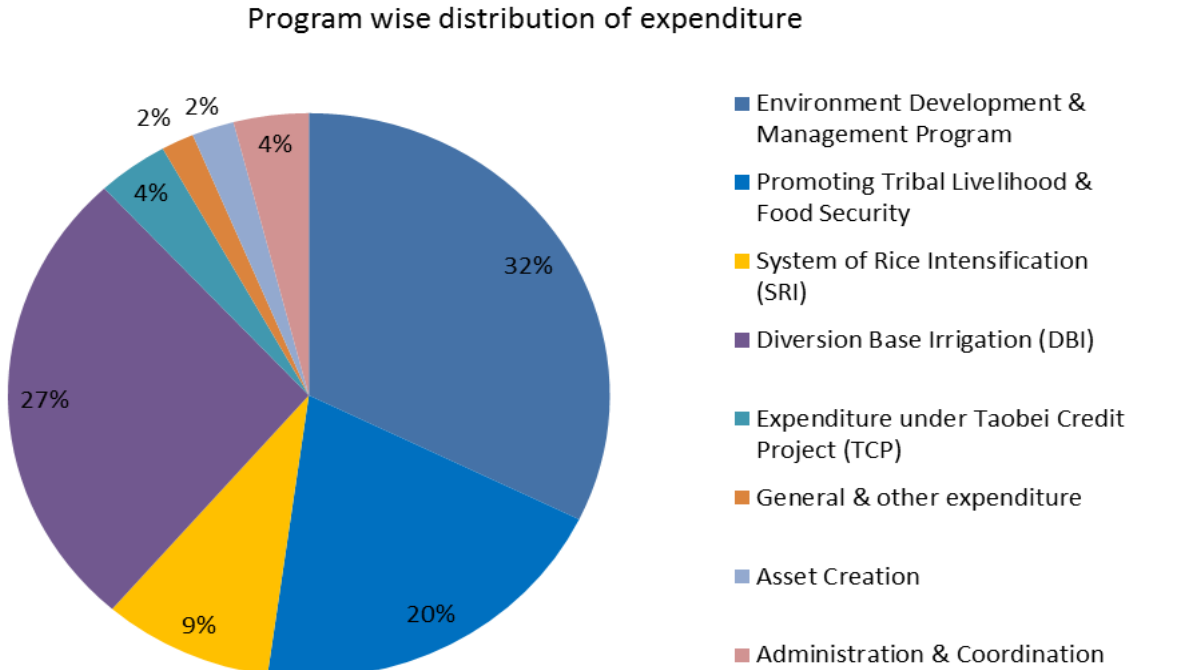


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Development & Relief Department, RNBA disbursed a total of Rs 50.53 million in 2010-2011, an increased of 56 % over the disbursement of Rs Rs.32.25million in the year 2009-2010.

This amount was disbursed to the three broad thematic areas which defined grant support pattern of the association. They comprise grants to partner VDC, non governmental organizations (NGOs), Women Self-Help Groups and individuals.

The grants disbursed in the year 2010-2011 has been possible through multiple donors support. RNBA supports a large number of NGOs working in three thematic areas in which the department extend facilitating assistance; thematic areas are Resource Management, Rural Livelihoods Institutional building. The distribution of the total grants to the NGOs sectors and thematic area wise are shown below. Apart from the financial support from multiple donors for thematic issues, the association has been able to mobilize resources which enhanced overall disbursements. This local resources enabled RNBA to be more focused and took up strategic approach that shown in the financial chart.



# THE ORGANISATION

-DEVELOPMENT & RELIEF DEPARTMENT, RNBA



Development and Relief is one of the sub-departments of Rongmei Naga Baptist churches of Manipur and Assam. This department was set up by the member churches to serve people in need and to be an instrument in achieving social justice. The department works directly with poor and marginalized communities. Initially formed to assist member churches and respond during any crisis/ emergency situation, it has over the years, broadened its scope of work tremendously. RNBA functions and enjoys autonomous structure under the association. It is headed by a Secretary and a governing body consisting of 7 members. With a holistic and inclusive developmental approach RNBA works for the poorest and the most disadvantaged in society and believes that empowerment is the key to social transformation. RNBA is registered under Society Registration Act at Tamenglong, Manipur in 1987 as non-profit, non-political civil organization.

Development & Relief Department have been working on community based integrated socio-economic issue in Manipur state with the support of AFPRO/EED, Canada High, FVTF, IGSSS, NEICORD, WATERAID-London. Since 2006 Development & Relief Department cooperates with grass-root NGO partners in different parts of the North East. Major agencies who supported RNBA are EED-Bonn and SDTT Mumbai. It has been promoting community based integrated environment and development programs for over 15 years, so as to prevent and reverse undesirable eco-changes and demonstrate sustainable solutions. The projects have also focused on strengthening community institutions and building local capacities increasing livelihood & food security and better management of local resources. Thus the organization has grown tremendously over the last fifteen years, expanding according to emerging issues and basing its outreach on community assessed needs. The organization's staff base has also increased and now includes over 20 employees and 7 board members.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Rev. T.P. Mordecai , Chairman  
Executive Secretary  
Rongmei Naga Baptist Association (RNBA)

Mr. Mumai Pheiga, Secretary  
Development & Relief Department  
Rongmei Naga Baptist Association (RNBA)

Mr. Rev. Chingliang Gangmei, Member

Mr. Ragongning Gangmei , Member  
Chairman, Ruangmei Literature Society

Mr. Rev. L. Timothy Phaomei, Member  
Pastor  
RNBA Centre Church, Imphal

Mr. Gaijanglung Kamei , Member

Ms. Akhiumei Kamei, Member  
Social Worker

# ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The EED funded “Environment Development and Management Program” aimed to ensure communities are empowered to manage their natural and human resources and access their rights and entitlements for dignified livelihood. The program is being implemented by the RNBA led Network comprising 6 NGO partners in five districts (Churachandpur, Tamenglong, Bishenpur in Manipur; Peren in Nagaland and Cachar in Assam) of North Eastern India. The Program is being implemented in areas that are remote, difficult to access and have borne long years of Government neglect due to varied reasons.

## Objectives

To develop natural resource bases of project villages through community based natural resources management.

To augment rural and tribal livelihoods through promotion of income generating activities.

To empower the local communities with the ability to access their entitlements and rights.

To bridge the gaps in development of community assets required for fulfillment of basic human needs so as to maintain basic livelihood quality

To take up the activities around NRM, livelihood, empowerment and community asset development through complete community involvement in the form of formal village level groups and to work towards democratized local governance.



Majority of Manipur's poor are small-scale farmers that practice household animal husbandry for their main livelihood and food security as well. Poor families who have no lands for such activities practice jhum cultivation for their survival. Paddy fields are mostly owned by marginal poor farmers. Paddy cultivation is mostly traditional, single crops in a year and heavily apply chemical fertilizers and pesticides for more production, thereby the soil becomes under-nutrient year by year. In the long run it requires more inputs and affected poor farmers. The improvised agriculture practice has become major cause for a neglect of agriculture sector. And food insecurity has impacted the societies undernourished, handicapped the villages' institutions so that rights & entitlements are denied. To address this issue in Manipur, the Development & Relief Department has been taking up SRI project with the financial support of Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT)- Mumbai. SRI is a system of less seeds, less water but more production of rice cultivation. In the year 2010-2011 RNBA covers 6000 beneficiaries covering 6500 acres in 2011. SRI is being implemented in 8 districts of Manipur through 18 NGO Partners. The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) is neither new variety nor hybrid, it is only a practices. The system has six basic principles to be followed by farmers in very systematic in sequential manner

#### Basic Six Principles

1. Seed treatment
2. Early transplantation (8-12 days seedling)
3. Wider spacing (25X25 cm)
4. Timely weeding (10-15 days DAT)
5. Water management (alternate wet and drying)
6. Use of organic fertilizer











Promoting Tribal Livelihood & Food Security through Community- Based Land & Biodiversity Management in Manipur” is being implemented by selected 10 (Ten) grass-root NGO partners with the facilitation from Regional Resource Centre (RRC) team under RNBA. This program covers 48 villages in two states i.e. Manipur and Nagaland.

**Project Goal**

“Ensuring tribal livelihood and food security in NE India through community based land and biodiversity management/governance and strategic bio-prospecting”.

**Objectives**

To organize, empower and build the capacity of the grass-root development agents, tribal communities, women and their institutions to assess and manage local natural resources of land, water, biodiversity and relevant gov’t programs/schemes for livelihood and food security.

To initiate work towards mid-term and long-term food and livelihood security through CBNRM in terms of management of land and water resources.

To enable women SHGs to take up biomass and biodiversity based Income Generating Activities (IGA) especially cultivation/collection and aggregation/ storage of strategic agro/forest products.





