

Projects

About Us

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Reach Shillong Ministries is a 'Not for Profit' organisation registered as a society under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act.

Our Mission

Reaching People, Touching Lives

Objectives

The organisation's primary objectives are to:

- Provide sustainable development and empowerment of people especially those falling within our target groups
- Capacity building and communication within the society amongst different communities

The organisation's secondary objectives include:

- Organise, mobilize, empower and train the less privileged people living in Shillong
- To promote a spirit of harmony among diverse cultures and communities.

Target Groups

1. Children in need of care and protection
2. Destitute Women
3. Young people in Shillong in need of direction and fellowship

For the children in need of care and protection:

1. Lawei Baphyrnai Children's Home (Boys and Girls)

Lawei Baphyrnai Children for boys and girls located at Langkyrding and Mawklot respectively was started as a response to the needs of the children for shelter and care, coming from unpleasant environment, where they were vulnerable to all kinds of abuse, lack of basic food and nutrition or facing malnutrition, and also some in extreme poverty with almost total abandonment by their parents. The children needed a place where they could call their home. RSM created such a shelter, by providing a roof over their heads, beds to sleep on, food on the table, space for recreation, and above all to provide a place where they would receive love and attention. Lawei Baphyrnai also gives them a fair share of opportunities to reveal their hidden potential and capabilities, besides paving a way for their dreams to materialize.

2. Open Day Shelters

RSM had opened three Open Day Shelters viz, Jew Mawlong Centre, Nangmysong Centre and Mawblei Centre for Children in need of care and protection, with the financial assistance from the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya. The objectives of the Open Day Shelter are as follows:

- To help keep children off the street and away from the unpleasant environment
- To provide a place to bathe and have a change of clothing
- To provide primary healthcare such as first-aid and to monitor the children's needs for medication
- To re-integrate the child into the family system and the school system
- To provide counselling for children and families

3. Lawei Baphyrnai Specialized Adoption Agency:

In order to facilitate the placement of orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children for adoption, the J J Act empowers the State Government to recognize one or more of its child care institutions or voluntary organizations in each District as Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) for placing children in in-country adoption. **RSM has been recognized by the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya to be the first adoption agency of the State.** This project has been recognized as the Lawei Baphyrnai SAA. Through SAA, the Ministry now facilitates adoption. Alongside, in order to curb the rising number of abandonment of children, the Ministry has installed cradle points in different hospitals and Child Care institutes.

4. Educational Sponsorship Programme

RSM also strives to provide education for all, through the Educational Sponsorship Programme. This programme enables those children, whose parents do not have the financial capacity to send them to school, continue with their studies through financial help from individual sponsors.

5. Reach Shillong Ministries Out of School Programme

RSM's Out of School Programme is an educational programme which aims to make Right To Education a reality in the life of the never enrolled and drop out children, particularly for the under-privileged children. This programme is sponsored by the SSA Department, Government of Meghalaya. Never enrolled and school dropout children between the age group of 6-14 years are provided with free and compulsory education.