



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK**

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## Forward

The past year has been an important formative period for the **Social Development Network (SDN)**, marked by reflection, groundwork, and gradual progress in shaping the organisation's approach to community engagement and social development. As an emerging initiative, SDN has focused on understanding local needs, building relationships, and laying the foundations for inclusive and community-driven work.

During the year, SDN concentrated on exploratory and capacity-oriented activities, including community interactions, awareness initiatives, and small-scale learning engagements. These efforts were guided by the belief that meaningful social change begins with listening to communities, respecting local contexts, and working collaboratively to identify practical and sustainable pathways forward.

As a young organisation, SDN has prioritised capacity building, coordination, and programme design rather than rapid expansion. Through modest initiatives and partnerships, the organisation has sought to combine local knowledge with technical perspectives, enabling a more informed and responsive approach to issues related to empowerment, skill readiness, social inclusion, and access to information.

While operating at a limited scale, SDN's work during the year engaged youth, women, informal sector workers, and other marginalised groups through awareness and learning-focused activities. These engagements contributed to increased dialogue, improved understanding of social and livelihood-related issues, and stronger community connections. The experience gained during this period has been critical in refining SDN's priorities and implementation strategies.

This Annual Report reflects SDN's journey of learning and consolidation rather than large-scale achievement. It documents the organisation's early efforts, challenges, and lessons, as well as the commitment of its team, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed time, resources, and guidance. SDN expresses sincere gratitude to all individuals and well-wishers who have supported the organisation during this formative phase.

Looking ahead, SDN remains committed to strengthening its institutional foundations, deepening community engagement, and transitioning gradually towards more structured and impactful interventions. With continued learning, responsible growth, and collaborative support, SDN aspires to contribute meaningfully to a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable future for the communities it seeks to serve.

**Dr. R Lalnunmawii**  
President

## OVERVIEW

The **Social Development Network (SDN)** is an emerging community-focused initiative working to support social, cultural, and economic development through inclusive and participatory approaches. SDN's work is currently concentrated in selected communities, where it engages across multiple thematic areas to respond to locally identified needs. Recognising the diversity and complexity of the contexts in which it operates, SDN seeks to combine local knowledge with appropriate technical perspectives to design modest, context-sensitive interventions that promote empowerment, sustainability, and social inclusion.

***Our Vision: To contribute to an inclusive and empowered society where communities lead sustainable development, and all individuals are supported to live with dignity, secure livelihoods, and social justice.***

SDN was initiated in response to the need for a community-focused platform that can support grassroots initiatives through technical guidance, capacity building, and learning-oriented monitoring. From its inception, SDN has positioned itself as an enabling initiative rather than a direct service provider, with an emphasis on strengthening community processes, local capacities, and coordination among stakeholders.

As an evolving organisation, SDN is gradually building its role in fostering collaboration with government departments, non-governmental organisations, and local community actors. Its current efforts focus on exploratory engagement, pilot-scale activities, and support to community-led initiatives that seek to improve social and economic well-being. These engagements are designed to complement existing schemes and initiatives by addressing gaps in awareness, preparedness, and local facilitation.

At present, SDN functions as an emerging institutional platform involved in identifying priority areas, coordinating small-scale development efforts, and providing basic backstopping and learning support to ensure informed and responsive implementation. Its approach is guided by principles of participation, inclusivity, and sustainability, with particular attention to the needs and aspirations of marginalised groups, including women, youth, and other vulnerable community members.

SDN is currently in the process of organisational formalisation and is preparing for statutory registration under the appropriate legal framework. During this phase, the organisation continues to strengthen its foundations through community-driven initiatives, documentation and knowledge-sharing, and the gradual development of partnerships. With a growing base of local engagement, SDN aspires to build stronger community institutions and contribute meaningfully to long-term, inclusive social development as its organisational capacity matures.

## WHAT WE DO

The Social Development Network (SDN) works closely with community institutions and grassroots organizations to implement diverse development projects that address pressing social, economic, and

environmental challenges. SDN serves as an incubator of ideas, exploring innovative approaches to empower communities and promote inclusive growth.

Through studies, surveys, action research, and field-based initiatives, SDN develops and demonstrates scalable models and solutions that can be replicated in partnership with government bodies, civil society organizations, and donor agencies. By aligning its programmes with existing government schemes and policies, SDN ensures that its efforts complement and strengthen larger development frameworks.

At the grassroots level, SDN works to enhance opportunities for livelihoods, empowerment, and social well-being, with a focus on:

1. Empowerment and Rights Awareness – Equipping women, children, and marginalized groups with knowledge of their rights and access to opportunities.
2. Skill Development and Livelihood Promotion – Providing youth and underprivileged groups with practical skills to secure sustainable employment.
3. Access to Basic Services – Supporting initiatives in education, health, sanitation, and safe drinking water.
4. Sustainable Community Development – Encouraging environmentally responsible practices and strengthening social inclusion through participatory approaches.

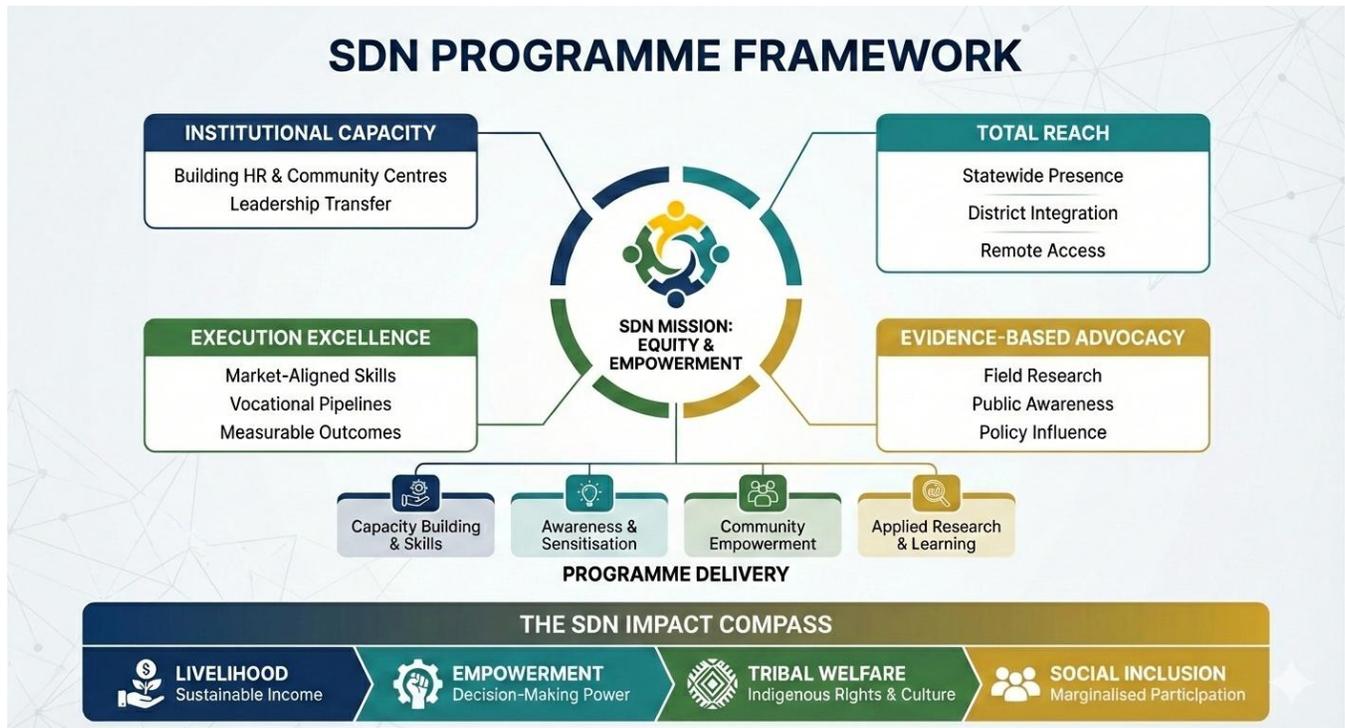
## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The society is guided by the following aims and objectives:

1. To work for socio-economic and cultural development through community-driven initiatives.
2. To liaise with Government and Non-Governmental Organizations for strengthening existing schemes and programmes.
3. To organize workshops, forums, seminars, and awareness programmes—both national and international—on social issues concerning women, children, and other vulnerable groups.
4. To empower and educate women and children on their basic democratic rights as enshrined in the Constitution of India.
5. To establish and run centres for human resource development.
6. To provide guidance and training to underprivileged youth for acquiring practical skills in diverse sectors.
7. To collaborate with similar agencies at home and abroad for knowledge-sharing and capacity building.
8. To address emerging tribal and social issues, environmental challenges, and developmental concerns affecting society

## STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

1. Empowerment – Equipping women, children, and marginalized groups with knowledge of rights and opportunities.
2. Skill Development – Providing practical training and livelihood opportunities for youth.
3. Awareness Generation – Organizing campaigns and platforms for dialogue on social and cultural issues.
4. Research and Data Integration – Strengthening social support systems through evidence-based interventions and real-time data-driven approaches



SDN operates as a community-focused civil society organisation that integrates professional expertise with community knowledge. The organisation works in collaboration with local stakeholders, volunteers, and institutional partners to design interventions that are inclusive, evidence-based, and scalable.

SDN’s approach prioritises ethical implementation, local ownership, and long-term sustainability over short-term service delivery.

SDN maintains a **statewide operational vision with district-level integration**. Programmes are implemented in selected community clusters across Mizoram, identified through consultation, needs assessment, and feasibility analysis.

This approach is designed to eliminate last-mile gaps by ensuring that communities in remote or underserved districts can access the same quality of engagement and support as those in peri-urban or urban areas. Geographic flexibility is built into the framework to allow phased expansion based on learning and resources.

# ONGOING PROJECTS

## **Community Awareness and Livelihood Readiness Initiative: A Small-Scale, Community-Based Intervention in Mizoram**

### **1. Project Background and Context**

The Social Development Network (SDN) has been engaged in exploratory and community-oriented work in Mizoram, focusing on awareness-building, livelihood preparedness, and social inclusion among marginalised populations. In a context marked by limited employment opportunities, high informality in labour markets, and access barriers faced by vulnerable groups, small-scale, community-based interventions can play an important role in strengthening readiness and participation.

Building on prior pilot-phase engagement and preliminary needs assessment, SDN initiated the ***Community Awareness and Livelihood Readiness Initiative*** as a modest, learning-oriented project. The initiative was deliberately designed to operate within limited financial resources mobilised through individual donations, with an emphasis on depth of engagement, feasibility testing, and contextual learning rather than large scale.

### **2. Project Objectives**

The overall objective of the project was to strengthen community awareness, basic capacity, and livelihood readiness among selected vulnerable groups through structured engagement and participatory learning.

The specific objectives were:

1. To improve awareness of social issues, rights, and livelihood options among participating community members.
2. To enhance basic readiness and confidence among youth and informal sector workers to explore skill and income pathways.
3. To promote inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities and elderly individuals in community-level engagements.
4. To generate practical learning to inform future programme design and implementation.

### 3. Geographic Scope

The project was implemented in **selected community and locality around Aizawl, Mizoram**. Locations were identified based on accessibility, existing community contacts, and feasibility considerations. Concentrating activities in limited geographic areas enabled closer engagement and manageable implementation within the project's resource constraints.

### 4. Target Population

The project engaged the following groups:

1. Unemployed and underemployed youth
2. Women from economically vulnerable households
3. Informal sector workers
4. Persons with disabilities and elderly community members
5. Members of tribal and marginalised communities

Participation was voluntary, and activities were designed to be inclusive, with flexible formats to accommodate varied mobility, availability, and comfort levels.

### 5. Project Design and Methodology

The initiative adopted a **community-based, participatory approach**, combining awareness-building with small-group learning and dialogue. Rather than delivering standardised training programmes, the project focused on facilitating interaction, reflection, and exposure to relevant information.

Key methodological features included:

- a) Small group sessions to encourage participation and discussion
- b) Repeated engagement with a core group of participants to deepen learning
- c) Use of informal facilitation and dialogue rather than formal instruction
- d) Ongoing documentation of observations and feedback to inform adaptation

The project was explicitly designed to complement, not duplicate, existing government schemes by focusing on awareness, preparedness, and facilitation.

### 6. Key Activities

Project activities included:

- a) Community awareness sessions on social issues, rights, entitlements, and livelihood options
- b) Small group discussions and exposure sessions on basic employability and livelihood readiness
- c) Periodic community meetings and consultations for planning and feedback
- d) Local outreach and coordination visits to sustain engagement

## 7. Scale and Reach

Given the modest funding available, the project was implemented at a limited and realistic scale. Over the reporting period, the initiative **directly engaged approximately 80–100 individuals**, with varying levels of participation. A smaller core group participated regularly, while others engaged intermittently through one-time or occasional sessions.

Indirect benefits were observed through informal information-sharing within families and community networks, though these were not systematically measured.

## 8. Monitoring and Learning Approach

A simple monitoring and learning framework appropriate to the project's scale was adopted. This included:

- 1) Attendance records for sessions and meetings
- 2) Facilitator notes documenting observations and challenges
- 3) Periodic internal reflection discussions

The focus of monitoring was on participation, engagement quality, and contextual learning rather than outcome measurement or impact attribution.

## 9. Financial Overview

The project was supported entirely through **individual donations amounting to ₹2,20,000**, as reflected in the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024. Expenditures were incurred primarily on coordination, outreach, meetings, basic administrative support, and awareness activities.

Financial management followed basic internal controls, including documentation of expenses, approvals, and periodic review. A modest surplus was carried forward to support continuation of activities.

## 10. Outcomes and Observations

The project contributed to:

- 1) Improved awareness among participants regarding social issues, rights, and livelihood options
- 2) Increased confidence and readiness among youth and informal workers to consider skill pathways
- 3) Greater inclusion of persons with disabilities and elderly individuals in community interactions
- 4) Strengthened trust and engagement between SDN and participating communities

These outcomes are best understood as **process- and readiness-oriented**, rather than as indicators of employment, income generation, or long-term impact.

## 11. Limitations

The project's small scale and limited funding constrained the scope of activities and the ability to measure outcomes quantitatively. The initiative did not aim to deliver employment, income guarantees, or infrastructure support. Findings are context-specific and not intended to be generalisable.

## 12. Conclusion and Future Directions

The Community Awareness and Livelihood Readiness Initiative represents a consolidation phase in SDN's development trajectory. It demonstrates the feasibility of small-scale, community-based engagement supported by individual donations and volunteer effort.

Learning from this initiative will inform refinement of programme design, strengthening of partnerships, and responsible planning for future interventions as organisational capacity and resources grow.

## Summary

The second year has demonstrated that meaningful social change can emerge from collective willingness rather than large funding. SDN's efforts have been modest in financial scale but rich in community contribution. Activities were made possible by:

- **Donations in cash and kind**, including training materials, meeting spaces, and refreshments.
- **Voluntary service**, with youth, teachers, church leaders, and students giving their time freely.
- **Shared responsibility**, where communities took ownership of activities and outcomes.

This model has ensured that SDN’s work remains rooted in the values of participation, solidarity, and sustainability, setting a strong foundation for future scaling while staying true to the ethos of grassroots social work.

The second year has shown that scaling up does not mean departing from SDN’s grassroots identity but rather deepening it. Expansion is envisioned not as a multiplication of activities alone, but as a strengthening of community-centered structures that place participation, solidarity, and ownership at the core.

As SDN grows, the focus will be on extending reach without diluting values, institutionalizing successful community-driven models, and fostering layered partnerships that blend grassroots contributions with technical expertise and modest external support.

Central to this vision is cultivating local leadership—youth, women, and community figures—who can sustain initiatives and ensure that change remains rooted in the people it serves. In this way, “scale” will be measured not only in numbers reached but also in the resilience, empowerment, and collective identity nurtured within communities.

# Governance Structure of the Society

## Office Bearers and Key Functionaries:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	R Lalnunmawii	President
2	Alan Lalmuampaia	Vice President
3	Zomuani Ralte	Secretary
4	Vanlalngaihawma	Member Secretary
5	Lalthlengliana Pachuau	Treasurer
6	Zodingliana Ralte	Board Member
7	LH Lalnunzauva	Board Member
8	Zomawii Ralte	Board Member
9	Lalchhanhimi	Board Member
10	Lianlalli	Board Member
11	Lalnunsiami	Board Member

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**Head Office**  
**B-73, Electric Veng,**  
**Aizawl, Mizoram.**

# PHOTO GALLERY





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**Chartered Accountants**

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- BO: Ghaziabad, Kolkata

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the attached Balance Sheet of **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (SDN), Aizawl, Mizoram**, as at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the same which are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained at its office at Aizawl, Mizoram. The preparation of these financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit, further we report that:

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.
- b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required, have been maintained and kept in the office, so far it appears from our examination of such books.
- c) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give true and fair view:
  - in so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of Affairs of the Society as at 31.03.2024 and
  - in so far as it relates to the Income & Expenditure Account of the surplus/deficit of the Society for the year ended on that date.

For AKAS & Associates LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 022876N/N500067

  
CA Ajay Kumar Joshi  
(Partner)



Date: 18.09.2025  
Place: Aizawl  
UIDN: 25098017BMKZHD6206

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (SDN)**  
**Aizawl, Mizoram**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs)
<b>Opening Balance:</b>			
Cash-in-Hand/Bank	8,520.00	Office Expenses	25,663.00
		Office Rent	72,000.00
		Meeting Expenses	9,676.00
Donation/Contribution	2,20,000.00	Printing & Stationery	2,109.00
		Water & Electricity Bill	2,781.00
		Travelling & Conveyance	4,300.00
		Awareness Programmes Expenses	46,000.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	8,609.00
		<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>	
		Computer & Accessories	10,600.00
		Furniture & Fixtures	32,560.00
		<b>Closing Balance:</b>	
		Cash-in-Hand/Bank	14,222.00
	<b>2,28,520.00</b>		<b>2,28,520.00</b>

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2024**

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs)	INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs)
Office Expenses	25,663.00	Donation/Contribution	2,20,000.00
Office Rent	72,000.00		
Meeting Expenses	9,676.00		
Printing & Stationery	2,109.00		
Water & Electricity Bill	2,781.00		
Travelling & Conveyance	4,300.00		
Awareness Programmes Expenses	46,000.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,609.00		
Depreciation	16,862.00		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	32,000.00		
	<b>2,20,000.00</b>		<b>2,20,000.00</b>

As per our Report of Even Date Attached

For AKAS & Associates LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 022876N/N500067

CA Ajay Kumar Joshi  
Partner



For & On behalf of Social Development Network (SDN)

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**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (SDN)**  
**Aizawl, Mizoram**

**BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2024**

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs)
<b>CAPITAL FUND:</b>		<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>	
Opening Balance	47,730.00	Computer & Accessories	18,150.00
Add/Less: Surplus/Deficit	32,000.00	Add: Purchase	10,600.00
	79,730.00	Total	28,750.00
		Less: Depreciation @40%	11,500.00
			17,250.00
		Furniture & Fixture	21,060.00
		Add: Purchase	32,560.00
		Total	53,620.00
		Less: Depreciation @10%	5,362.00
			48,258.00
		<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	
		Cash-in-Hand/Bank	14,222.00
	79,730.00		79,730.00

As per our Report of Even Date Attached

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