



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK(SDN)

Empowering Communities for a Brighter Future.

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FORWARD

The Social Development Network (SDN) is an emerging civil society initiative based in Aizawl, Mizoram, currently in the process of organisational formalisation. SDN is guided by a vision of holistic socio-economic and cultural development, with a focus on strengthening community capacities through inclusive, participatory, and learning-oriented approaches. At its current stage, SDN seeks to work in constructive collaboration with government departments, civil society organisations, and community institutions to complement and strengthen existing development schemes and programmes that serve the wider public interest. The organisation's efforts are directed towards understanding community needs, building local capacities, and supporting grassroots initiatives through coordination, awareness, and preparatory engagement, rather than large-scale programme implementation.

The organisation's approach emphasises coordination, local relevance, and responsible implementation rather than parallel service delivery. Since its establishment, SDN has been engaged in organising and facilitating workshops, discussion forums, seminars, and awareness-building initiatives on key social issues affecting women, children, and other vulnerable groups. These engagements are primarily community-oriented and learning-focused, aimed at fostering dialogue, awareness, and informed participation.

Empowerment remains central to SDN's work, particularly through efforts to promote awareness of constitutional rights and democratic values among women and children. Human resource development is a key thematic priority for the organisation. SDN aims to support skill development and employability among underprivileged youth by facilitating access to training opportunities, guidance, and exposure to practical skill-building pathways across diverse sectors. In this context, the organisation seeks to gradually develop and manage training and capacity-building centres, subject to feasibility and resource availability.

SDN also recognises the importance of partnerships in achieving sustainable outcomes. The organisation actively seeks to build collaborative relationships with institutions and agencies that share similar objectives, within Mizoram and beyond, to enhance learning, resource sharing, and programme effectiveness. In response to evolving social, environmental, and developmental challenges, SDN remains committed to addressing emerging community needs through adaptive and evidence-informed interventions. Through its ongoing and planned initiatives, the organisation aspires to contribute to the development of an empowered, skilled, and socially conscious community, capable of navigating the demands of a changing social and economic landscape.

Dr. R Lalnunmawii
President

OVERVIEW

Social Development Network (SDN) is committed to addressing the diverse needs of communities while promoting sustainable growth, empowerment, and social inclusion across multiple sectors by combining local knowledge with technical expertise.

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

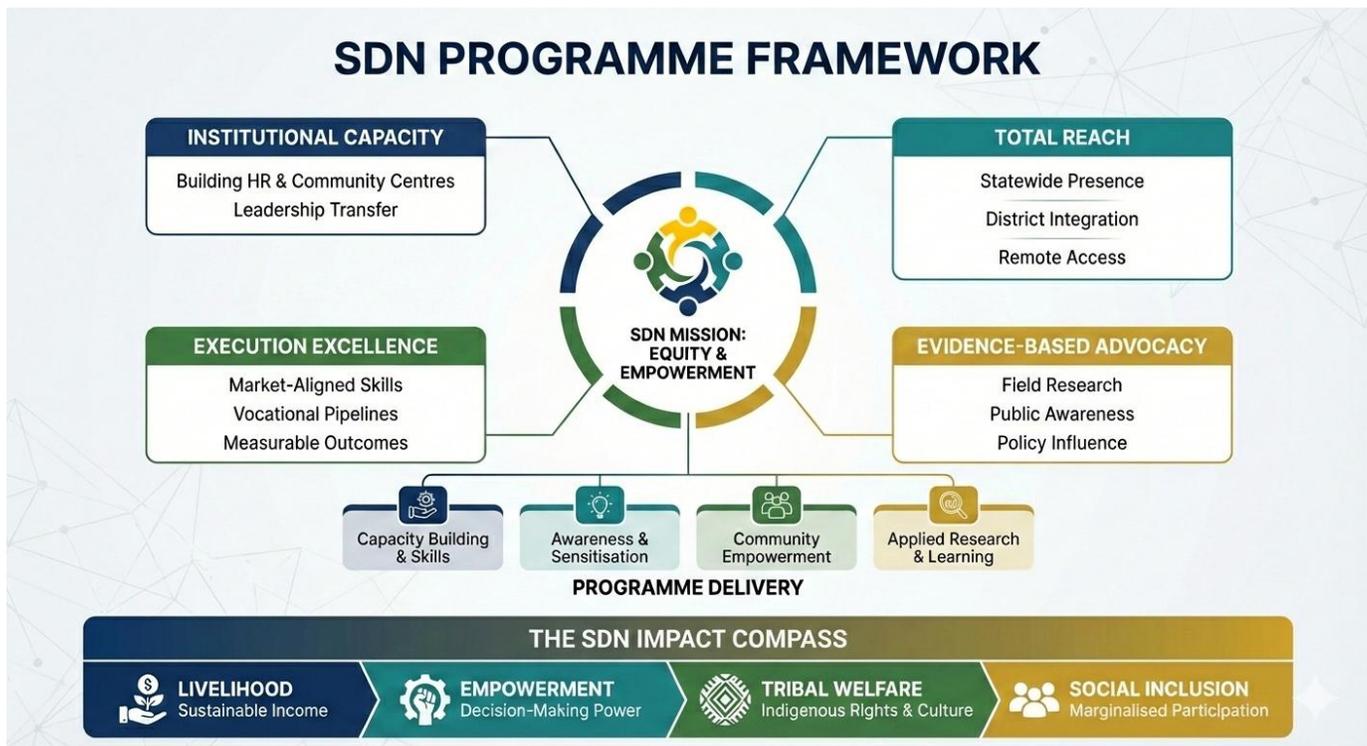
Strategic Focus Areas:

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 Mission Statement

SDN's mission is *to architect a more equitable society by bridging the gap between professional expertise and grassroots needs*. The organisation is committed to empowering every district through data-driven advocacy, specialised skill-building, and sustainable livelihood models that honour the dignity, rights, and heritage of tribal and marginalised communities.

Our mission is not limited to service delivery. It is focused on creating systems, skills, and evidence that allow communities to lead their own development over time.



Institutional Positioning

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.

Geographic Scope - *Ensuring Total Reach*

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.

Target Communities - *Who We Serve*

SDN shall works with:

1. Youth and women from economically vulnerable households
2. Tribal and indigenous communities
3. Persons with disabilities and elderly individuals
4. Informal sector workers and marginalised occupational groups
5. Communities facing barriers to justice, services, and economic participation

Programme Delivery Approach - *How We Work*

SDN shall delivers programmes through an integrated model combining:

1. **Capacity Building and Skill Development:** Market-aligned training, vocational exposure, and employability support
2. **Awareness and Sensitisation:** Community-level engagement on rights, entitlements, health, justice, and inclusion
3. **Community Empowerment:** Participatory processes, peer learning, and leadership development
4. **Applied Research and Learning:** Needs assessments, pilot studies, and continuous documentation to inform refinement and advocacy

KEY ROLE AND FUNCTION OF SDN

1. EMPOWERMENT & SOCIAL INCLUSION

SDN plays a pivotal role in empowering women, children, and marginalized groups by equipping them with knowledge of their rights and opportunities. Through awareness programs, community initiatives, and educational support, SDN works to strengthen democratic participation and social inclusion. The goal is to ensure that vulnerable groups become active stakeholders in their own development.

2. NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP

A key function of SDN is to maintain effective liaison with government agencies and, where feasible, to expand networking with international organizations to reinforce government programmes and address priority intervention gaps. By building and strengthening strategic networks, SDN facilitates collaboration, knowledge sharing, and capacity building that benefit communities across multiple sectors.

3. KNOWLEDGE BANK & CAPACITY BUILDING

SDN addresses gaps in knowledge and skills by providing a platform for training, workshops, seminars, and forums. It also serves as a knowledge-sharing hub by engaging experts and local communities to generate innovative ideas, exchange best practices, and build human resource capacity. This supports the development of evidence-based interventions and strengthens social support systems.

4. SKILL DEVELOPMENT & LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION

SDN provides practical training and guidance to underprivileged youth to help them acquire diverse livelihood skills. By promoting vocational training, entrepreneurship, and human resource development, SDN supports access to sustainable employment opportunities for communities, particularly young people.

5. MONITORING AND RESPONSIVE ACTION

SDN not only implements initiatives but also monitors progress and responds to emerging social and environmental challenges. By adopting real-time, data-driven approaches to

monitoring and evaluation, SDN ensures that projects remain responsive to evolving community needs, thereby enhancing impact and accountability.

ONGOING PROJECTS

SDN is currently implementing a small-scale pilot initiative in Mizoram as part of its phased approach to community development programming. The pilot is designed as a learning and feasibility exercise to test community engagement models, assess local livelihood challenges, and refine intervention strategies prior to larger-scale implementation. The pilot leverages existing community institutions and informal networks and is intentionally limited in scope, funding requirements, and geographic coverage.

The following projects are being piloted as learning platforms, with the objective of building community ownership and testing models that can be scaled in future years.

ONGOING PILOT PROJECT

During the current reporting period, SDN initiated a small-scale pilot initiative in Mizoram as part of its phased and compliance-conscious approach to programme development. The pilot is designed as an exploratory and learning-oriented intervention, aimed at testing community engagement strategies, understanding local livelihood challenges, and refining intervention models prior to any scale-up.

The pilot is being undertaken in a selected peri-urban community cluster within Aizawl district, identified through preliminary consultations with local community representatives and volunteers.

Purpose and Focus

The primary objective of the ongoing pilot is to assess the feasibility of community-led approaches to livelihood development and economic participation, with a particular focus on youth and women. The pilot seeks to generate contextual evidence on participation dynamics, skill gaps, and structural constraints affecting income-generation opportunities at the community level.

In line with responsible programme design principles, the pilot does not aim to deliver large-scale outcomes or immediate income impacts. Instead, it prioritises structured learning, process documentation, and evidence generation to inform future programme design and resource mobilisation.

Key Activities Undertaken

Pilot activities during the reporting period have included small group community consultations, informal needs assessments, and engagement sessions with youth and women participants. These activities focused on mapping existing livelihood practices, skills, aspirations, and perceived barriers to economic participation.

In addition, SDN facilitated introductory exposure sessions on basic livelihood-related themes such as digital awareness, financial literacy, and micro-enterprise concepts. These sessions were exploratory in nature and intended to assess relevance, accessibility, and participant interest rather than deliver full-scale training interventions. Peer learning circles were also encouraged to support dialogue, reflection, and community-led problem identification.

Early Learning and Observations

Early observations from the pilot indicate strong interest in peer-based engagement formats, alongside varied levels of digital access, confidence, and readiness for economic activities among participants. These insights are being used to adjust engagement strategies and refine proposed intervention components.

Monitoring, Learning, and Documentation

A simple and proportionate monitoring and learning framework has been adopted. Participation records, attendance patterns, facilitator notes, and qualitative participant feedback are documented on an ongoing basis. Periodic internal review meetings are used to reflect on implementation challenges, contextual constraints, and operational feasibility.

Given the pilot's limited scale, findings are intended to inform internal learning and programme refinement rather than generate statistically generalisable results.

Implementation and Institutional Capacity

The pilot is implemented by SDN's core team, with support from local volunteers and community facilitators. Engagement with existing community structures has been prioritised to ensure cultural appropriateness, cost efficiency, and local ownership.

Funding and Resource Use

The pilot is supported through modest individual contributions and in-kind community support, consistent with its exploratory nature. Financial outlays are limited to essential engagement and coordination costs. No foreign contributions or large capital expenditures were involved during the reporting period.

Ethical and Operational Safeguards

Participation in the pilot is voluntary and based on informed consent. Activities are designed to align with local norms and schedules, and no high-risk financial or contractual

commitments are involved. The pilot is implemented in accordance with the organisation’s internal governance and financial control procedures.

Way Forward

The ongoing pilot represents an initial step in SDN’s transition from exploratory groundwork to structured programme implementation. Learning from this phase will inform refinement of intervention models, strengthening of community partnerships, and targeted resource mobilisation for subsequent pilot expansion in the next reporting period.

In this first annual report, SDN’s work in Mizoram emphasizes piloting, listening, and co-creating with communities. Rather than implementing large-scale projects, the approach has been to learn from the state’s unique social fabric – leveraging strong community institutions while exploring new opportunities in women’s empowerment, youth skill development, awareness building, and research.

Governance Structure of the Society

Office Bearers and Key Functionaries:

Sl. No.	Member Name	Designation
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

Head Office

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the attached Balance Sheet of **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (SDN), Aizawl, Mizoram**, as at March 31st 2023 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 31.03.2023 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
UDIN: 25098017BMKZHC6745

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK (SDN)
Aizawl, Mizoram

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs)
Opening Balance:		Office Expenses	8,245.00
Cash-in-Hand/Bank	-	Office Rent	72,000.00
		Meeting Expenses	5,423.00
		Printing & Stationery	1,253.00
Donation/Contribution	1,78,600.00	Water & Electricity Bill	2,456.00
		Travelling & Conveyance	2,300.00
		Awareness Programmes Expenses	23,500.00
		Miscellaneous Expenses	1,253.00
		Capital Expenditure:	
		Computer & Accessories	30,250.00
		Furniture & Fixtures	23,400.00
		Closing Balance:	
		Cash-in-Hand/Bank	8,520.00
	1,78,600.00		1,78,600.00

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT (Rs)	INCOME	AMOUNT (Rs)
Office Expenses	8,245.00	Donation/Contribution	1,78,600.00
Office Rent	72,000.00		
Meeting Expenses	5,423.00		
Printing & Stationery	1,253.00		
Water & Electricity Bill	2,456.00		
Travelling & Conveyance	2,300.00		
Awareness Programmes Expenses	23,500.00		
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,253.00		
Depreciation	14,440.00		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	47,730.00		
	1,78,600.00		1,78,600.00

As per our Report of Even Date Attached

For AKAS & Associates LLP

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 022876N/N500067

CA Ajay Kumar Joshi

Partner



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For & On behalf of Social Development Network (SDN)

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2023

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs)
CAPITAL FUND:		FIXED ASSETS:	
Opening Balance	-	Computer & Accessories	30,250.00
Add/Less: Surplus/Deficit	47,730.00	Less: Depreciation @40%	12,100.00
	47,730.00		18,150.00
		Furniture & Fixture	23,400.00
		Less: Depreciation @10%	2,340.00
			21,060.00
		CURRENT ASSETS:	
		Cash-in-Hand/Bank	8,520.00
	47,730.00		8,520.00
			47,730.00

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