

Organizational Profile of TAUNGYA

(An Organization for Indigenous Culture, Environment & Socio- Economic Advancement)



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1. The Meaning of Taungya:

The word “Taungya” is rooted in the traditional culture of all the indigenous peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. It is related to the Marma word “ya”, Tripura word “gaireng” and the Chakma and Tanchangya word, “taung”, all of which are related to the culture of swidden or jum-cultivating societies. Today, in agro-forestry technology, “Taungya” is also the name given to the system of raising tree plantations through an innovation to the swidden or jum method of agriculture. Thus Taungya provides a concrete example of the continued utility of traditional knowledge systems of indigenous peoples and the close links between cultural integrity, collectivist traditions, innovation and adaptation, all of which are an integral part of *jum*-cultivating societies.

2. Background to the Formation of Taungya:

Taungya was formed in 1995 as an unincorporated body. It was called the *Committee for the Protection of Indigenous Culture*. The primary focus was on indigenous culture because it was felt that the cultural fabric of indigenous society was being threatened by external interventions that were not in conformity with the rights, needs, and aspirations of the peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). Later the scope of the organization was broadened to include the themes of development and environment, thereby also employing a wider perspective on indigenous culture. The organization was also renamed Taungya in 1996, and was finally registered with the Department of Social Welfare in 1998 and with the NGO Affairs Bureau in 2001.

3. Objectives of the Organization:

The major objectives of the organization include the following:

- The protection and preservation of indigenous culture and knowledge systems;
- The preservation of the environment, the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, including women and children; and
- The achievement of educational and socio-economic advancement by all, and in particular, by disadvantaged communities.

4. Taungya’s Policy Goal:

Taungya’s activities and programmes stand on *three main pillars* to ensure sustainable and people-oriented development that is respectful of the concerned peoples’ culture and rights. These are:

- Indigenous culture,
- Environment, and
- Socio-economic rights.

5. Special Feature of the Organization / Mission & Mandate:

Mission

Since intention of Taungya is to make an impact upon the macro levels, its emphasis is on capacity building, research, advocacy along with direct project intervention. In many areas, Taungya’s major role is to act as a conduit to facilitate dialogues between different communities and their organizations & the communities and the development planners and policy-makers. Taungya’s activities include measures to improve the organizational skills of village communities through training, workshops and exchange programmes and the dissemination and re-dissemination of information to the concerned people.

Mandate:

As a voluntary and non-profit organization, Taungya deals with all its development interventions having firm belief on the following features:-

- Cultural Pluralism
- Self-reliance
- Community Empowerment
- Equity
- Cross-cutting issues (Gender and Environment)

Cultural Pluralism

The organization has members from various indigenous peoples of Chittagong Hill Tracts and from among the Bengali-speaking residents of CHT. The members are in various professions, i.e. educationists, cultural activists, journalists, lawyers, physicians, engineers, businesspeople, etc. IT believes in the rights of all peoples, and seeks to help protect the culture and rights of those indigenous peoples with small populations.

Self-Reliance

Taungya believes that programmes on socio-economic activities can bring sustainable and culturally appropriate progress in the long run only through local self-reliant initiatives. It therefore, believes in having a clear exit strategy prior to making any project interventions. It works only with the consent of communities and is totally against creating unsustainable external dependencies.

Community Empowerment

It believes in strengthening the CHT communities, especially those who live in “remote” areas. It is respectful towards the strong communitarian traditions of the indigenous peoples and promotes cooperative and collective efforts by drawing upon ancient indigenous customs and traditions while employing modern day information technology wherever appropriate and available.

Equity

It strongly believes in human rights and the principle of equity. It promotes eradication of racial and religious discrimination and the eradication of discrimination against women. It tries to address the needs of socially and physically disadvantaged groups. It also seeks to respect different generations and the rights of children.

6. Vision of Taungya

Taungya intends to keep contextual developments in mind when planning any type of interventions. Some development changes seem almost inevitable. These include improvements in transport, communications, advances in communications technology, easier marketing of farm produce and greater social mobility. Hence, we see better prices for communities, greater access to health services, education, greater gender sensitivity, cheaper and more accessible tele and cyber communications etc. On the other side, we see rising differences of income, land alienation of indigenous communities, marginalization of poor farmers and unskilled labours, ethnic and class conflicts, food insecurity and environmental degradation (including deforestation and mining activities). Along with the contextual scenario includes in-migration and out-migration, greater social mobility, greater social interaction between different ethnic and religious groups, further urbanization, etc. The above permutations are based on the assumption that the forces of globalization will continue to shape economic policies in Bangladesh and lead to the faster monetisation and marketisation of the CHT. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that CHT society can achieve at least moderate success in human development. Without educational progress, social and economic progress is not possible and the people of the CHT are in threat to be marginalized politically as well. Thereby, their cultural integrity is also being threatened. Therefore, Taungya’s main vision is to be a development catalyst towards the articulation of the development perspectives of the marginalized people of the CHT and to ensure sustainable, people-oriented development that is respectful of the concerned

people’s culture, Socio-economic rights and protection of environment. Hence, Taungya gives emphasis to combine efforts aimed at reaching the greatest number of people directly through specific projects, dialogues and through indirect means such as networking with other organizations and through its research and advocacy activities.

7. Strategy of Taungya

Since Taungya intends to make an impact at the macro levels, its emphasis is on research and advocacy, rather than rely solely on direct project interventions. In many areas, Taungya’s major role is to act as a conduit to facilitate dialogues between the different communities and their organizations on the one hand and between the communities and the development planners and policy-makers on the other. Taungya’s activities include measures to improve the organizational skills of village communities through training, workshops and exchange programmes and the dissemination and re-dissemination of information to the concerned people. Therefore, networking, training and capacity-raising is important tools in Taungya’s strategy plans.

Projects that deal directly with people - including research work –help keep Taungya in direct touch with the wishes and aspirations of rural communities and help it to understand the challenges of everyday life met by them. These experiences are sought to be reflected in Taungya’s awareness raising and advocacy work. Where it is not possible to directly reach the people, Taungya works in cooperation with other organizations and institutions, including national and regional government bodies, NGOs, POs and CBOs.

In all cases, Taungya attempts to monitor and evaluate its activities internally - through an evaluation and monitoring unit that is independent of the executive committee and salaried staff of Taungya - and by external agencies. On the basis of such evaluation and monitoring, Taungya reviews and revises its ongoing programmes and policies, as necessary. In summary, the salient features of Taungya’s intervention strategy are reproduced below in point form.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Main Pillars of Taungya | Indigenous Culture | Environment | Socio-Economic Rights |
| Cross-Cutting Issues | Indigenous Culture | Environment | Equity (including Gender) |
| Vision of the Future | Socio-Economic Disparity | Improved Communications | Marginalized Groups |
| Strategy | Research & Advocacy | Networking & Liaison | Training & Capacity Raising |

8. Specific Policy Objectives

Within the broad ambit of our three main policy goals, namely, indigenous culture, environment and socio-economic rights, we recognize a number of specific high priority areas for intervention, which are listed in the tables below (Tables 1A, 1B and 1C). However, the list is not, of course, closed. In addition, we are inspired by the *Rangamati Declaration*, which resulted from the first major civil-society initiated development conference in the CHT. It may be mentioned that Taungya played a leading role in providing organizational and logistical support for the aforesaid conference.

**Table – 1A
Indigenous Culture**

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Architecture & Landscape | Lifestyles | Music |
| Arts & Crafts | Literature | History & Legend |
| Customary Law | Indigenous Medicine | Indigenous Sports & Games |

Table – 1B

Environment

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Biodiversity Maintenance | Conservation Practices | Prevention of Pollution |
| Consumption Patterns | Natural Resource Management | Village Common Forests |

**Table – 1C
Socio-Economic Rights**

| | | |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Customary/ Traditional & local governance | Livelihood | Communication and Technology |
| Agriculture (Lowland) | Education | Indigenous Cooperative Systems |
| Agro-forestry (Taungya) | Entrepreneurship | Indigenous Peoples’ Rights |
| Animal Husbandry | Fisheries | Institutional Strengthening |
| Bank & Credit Systems | Gender | Intellectual Property Rights |
| Child Rights | Jum Cultivation | Land Rights (Indigenous) |
| Commons (Village) | Health | Resource Rights (inc. Sub-surface) |
| Eco-Tourism | Horticulture | Women’s Rights |

9. Target Group

Its main target groups belong to the disadvantaged sections of CHT society, especially those living in the hard to reach, “remote” and “semi-remote” areas. Taungya’s programmes & projects interventions include- children, adolescents, youth, women and men from the marginalized communities, karbaris (village chiefs) and headman (territorial chiefs), union parishad, upazila parishad and other leaders, service-providing government departments, CBOs, NGOs, networks, etc. Taungya also tries to liaise with important regional institutions, including the CHT Regional Council, Hill District Councils, District & Sub-District Administrations and traditional Circles.

10. Thematic Field of Expertise

Since its debut in the field of development, Taungya has developed expertise on some thematic areas. Among them the followings are noteworthy:

- Indigenous Culture, Customs, Traditions & Customary Laws;
- Natural Resource Management in CHT;
- Good Governance (Traditional & Local Governance);
- Gender and Women’s Leadership;
- Primary Education services in the Remote Areas of CHT;
- WASH; and
- Community Empowerment & Economical Development.

Taungya has also improved its capability in-project management, event management, training and sensitization, community mobilization, advocacy, monitoring & quality documentation (both online & off

line), along with financial management. It has established the following resources after decades of development interventions-

Resource Pool: The pool is comprised of training experts from both the Executive Council and Staff who are capable to conduct training, workshop, seminar, conference etc. at community, union, upazila and district level. Executive Council members are capable of conducting these activities at regional and national levels too. Category of participants are- local governance leaders (UP chairman, Ward Member, Upazila Parishad members), GoB service departments, traditional governance leaders (headman, karbari), local leaders, teachers, CBOs, network etc.

Development & Fund Raising Unit: The unit is lead by Executive Director under the guidance and supervision of the Executive Council of Taungya. Unit members are capable of preparing technical and financial proposals for both national and international donors, besides their regular activities to ensure quality documentation of our programme & project interventions. Website database development, publication of bulletins, video reporting etc. are routine tasks of the unit. Under direct supervision of the EC, Executive Director, Programme Manager, Finance and Admin Officer and PCs are the regular performers of the unit.

Volunteerism Development: Taungya has been working to develop the skills of community-based Youth Volunteers Groups who are fully functional at their respective communities. The volunteers are trained on various thematic issues and are thereby made capable of skilled events management, communication, facilitation, data collection, meeting management, FGDs etc. On the other hand it has created opportunities to the potential learners/trainees/volunteers to develop their skill in various professional capabilities such as-accounts/finance management, office management, reporting & documentation and events management, besides developing knowledge on various thematic issues.

11. Present Staff

| Project | Staff Number | | Total |
|---|--------------|----|-------|
| | F | M | |
| <i>Our Life Our Health Our Future</i> Project | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| IPAF- 5 th Cycle | - | 1 | 1 |
| Taungya-General | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Total | 5 | 11 | 16 |

12. Projects Status of Taungya

Running Projects

| Sl. | Project Name | Working Areas | Major Intervention Areas | Allocated Amount (BDT) | Project Tenure | Donor |
|-----|---|--|---|------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Our Life Our Health Our Future Project-OLHF | Baghaichari, Barkal & Bilaichari Upazila | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support & facilitate women centered advocacy activities on SRHR, MHM and GBV; - Mobilize target communities to support their girls, adolescents and young women to advocacy campaign to claim their rights and dignity and live in a peaceful and safe society; - Conduct capacity building activities, awareness session, dialogues, workshops, mela etc. to ensure mass level sensitization on women safety; - Support the GoB service departments, local government institutions, traditional intuitions, CSOs, CBOs, law and enforcement departments, media etc. at mauza, union, upazila and district level to strengthen a safe and secured society for the girls, adolescents and young women. | 2,59,08,313 | August 2019 to December 2023 | Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha & Simavi |
| 2. | IPAF- 5 th Cycle (“Develop Role Model of Hill Water Resource and Natural Forests Conservation of Ethnic Communities through Youth Engagement”) | Rangamati Sadar & Bilaichari upazila | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop role Village Common Forest Management Committee & PDC as strong natural resource management communities; - Support and facilitate to expand eco-tourism at the three project sites; - Conduct study & GPS mapping on watershed management systems among the indigenous communities to identify and analysis best practice and the worst practice of natural resource conservation systems among the CHT indigenous communities; - Engage the community youths in sustainable conservation system and arrange capacity building, sensitization sessions for them; - Develop eco-tourist guides among the youths to strengthen their IGA activities to support their natural resource conservation; - Promote gender sensitization and support traditional leaders in conservation system etc. | 49,55,197 | August 2019 to February 2020 | Tebtebba Foundation, IFAD |

| Sl. | Project Name | Working Areas | Major Intervention Areas | Allocated Amount (BDT) | Project Tenure | Donor |
|-----|--|--|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 3. | Leadership to Ensure Adequate Nutrition (LEAN) | Bilaichari upazila under Rangamati Hill District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilize communities- school brigades, girls groups, Women Business Centers to sensitize on nutrition; - Support WBCs to be established as women necessities and nutrition friendly resource centers; - Conduct sensitization sessions on nutrition with SMCs, WBC members, adolescent girls, MGs etc. - Liaise with the local elected, bodies' traditional leaders, teachers, religious leaders, local elites etc. | 15,71,250 | December 2019 to November 2020 | Jum Foundation, United Purpose, European Union |

Implemented Projects

| SL | Project Name | Working Areas | Major Intervention Areas | Allocated Amount (BDT) | Project Tenure | Donor |
|----|--|---|--|------------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | Second Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project (CHTRDP-II) | Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari Hill District. 11 upazila, 20 unions, 28 mauza and 89 villages through 17 sub-projects | 1. Improve rural infrastructure and sustainable natural resources management and monitoring; 2. Increase rural incomes, including those of remote rural women and disadvantaged groups, through increased economic opportunities and activities; 3. Support institutional strengthening of MOCHTA, CHTRC and HDC to plan, implement and monitor sustainable rural development in the three districts of CHT, Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban. | 17,271,000 | July, 2013 to December, 2018 | ADB |
| 2 | Livelihood security and watershed management | Bilaichari (Dhupsil and Lota Pahar) | i) To reduce unsustainable forest dependency of the communities living in the selected Reserve Forest area; ii) To improve socio-economic conditions of the communities; iii) To protect watersheds and biodiversity of the forest. | 12,198,420 | 01 Sep'16 to 29 Aug'17 | UNDP-CHTDF |
| 3 | Consolidating Community Rights over Natural Resources for Conservation of Environment and Sustainable Development (CCRNR) | Langadu, Barkal, Bilaichari & Rajasthali Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Collective access to VCF and management of natural resources by the community. Sensitized duty bearers at various levels about IP rights | 20,823,343 | 01 March'03 to 28 Feb'05 01Jan'08 to 31 Jan'11 | DANIDA |
| 4 | Promoting a Network of Village Common Forests (VCFs) and Building Capacity of the Network Members in Chittagong Hill Tracts. | Rangamati Hill District. | Well-functioning VCF network established for conserving and managing Village Common Forest across Chittagong Hill Tracts. | 12,198,420 | 01 august'16 to 29 Aug'17 | UNDP-CHTDF |
| 5 | Social Protection Governance Initiative for the Excluded People in CHT (SPGIEP) | Barkal Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Ensuring effective implementation of the social safety net programs for Strengthening Government Social Protection Services for the excluded hard to reach people living in the CHT areas. | 11,874,436 | 01 July'14 to 30June'17 | MJF |
| 6 | Promotion of indigenous culture through food and folklore festival in CHT | Rangamati Sadar | Enhance harmony and unity among the peoples in the CHT | 400,000 | 01 Nov' 14 to 28 Feb'15 | UNDP-CHTDF |
| 7 | Gender and Equity | Rangamati Sadar | Development of gender sensitivity. | 400,000 | 01 Nov'14 to 28 Feb'15 | UNDP-CHTDF |

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|----|---|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 8 | Participatory market system development approach. (PMSD) | Sapchari Union, Rangamati Sadar | Reduce rural poverty and enhance food and nutrition security of rural marginalized producers in the project areas through application of participatory market system development approach. | 632,100 | 01Oct'12 to Sep'14 | Practical Action |
| 9 | Food for Education and Emergency School Feeding (FFE & ESF) | Rangamati Sadar, Rajasthali, Barkal, Bilaichari, Baghaichari of Rangamati Hill District. | Alleviate micronutrient deficiencies of pre-primary age children. Improve enrolment and attendance in pre-primary centers. | 2,718,874 | 29 April09 to 30 June'11 | WFP |
| 10 | Life Skill Education Component | Rangamati Sadar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Generate awareness about the AIDS among the young people. | 508,610 | 02April '08 to 31 Dec'11 | YPSA |
| 11 | Development Resource Centre (DRC) Phase-01, 02 & 03 | Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari Hill District. | Based on the indigenous information, technology, knowledge, experience, methodology, practices and adaptive capability and in conformity with the defined geographical and cultural atmosphere of CHT, to develop a complementary process conducive to the people-oriented and sustainable development directing to promoting the livelihood of the indigenous peoples. | 11,509,117 | 01 Jan'13 to 31 Dec'15 (3rd Phase) | ICCO |
| | | | | 9,416,550 | 1st July'09 to 01 June'12 (2nd Phase) | |
| | | | | 1,671,500 | 1st July'06 to 01 June'07 (1st Phase) | |
| 12 | Primary Education in Remote Areas of Rangamati Hill Tracts (PERARHT) | Barkal, Bilaichari, Kawkhali & Rajasthali Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Basic and quality primary education | 38,559,019 | 01 July'13 31 March'17 (Phase-03) | MJF |
| | | | | 19,680,211 | 01 Aug'09 to 31 March'13 (Phase-02) | |
| | | | | 9,939,300 | 01 July'06 to 01 June'09 (Phase-01) | |
| 13 | Community Empowerment and Economic Development Activity (CE&EDA) | Rajasthali & Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Generate awareness, confidence, self reliance among the communities. Mobilize communities for regular savings. Facilitate small project development and implementation etc. | 72,845,157 | 01 May'04 to 30th Sept'13 | UNDP CHTDF |
| 14 | Adaptation of coping Strategies & culture by tribal communities due to Climate Changes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (ACCTCC) | Rangamati Sadar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Find out a viable alternative livelihoods using and managing the available natural resources and indigenous peoples knowledge system in terms of global climatic changes and subsequent impacts on indigenous livelihood and bio-diversity. | 880,880 | 01 April'09 to 30 Sep'09 | UNDP-RIPP Regional Center in Bangkok |

| SL | Project Name | Working Areas | Major Intervention Areas | Allocated Amount (BDT) | Project Tenure | Donor |
|----|---|---|--|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 15 | Rural Road Maintenance Programme (RMP) | Langadu, Kawkhali, Barkal, Naniarchar, Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Improve the household food security, nutrition and socio-economic condition of the ultra poor women. | 1,275,000 | 10 Dec'02 to 31 Aug'05 | World Food Programme |
| 16 | Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) | Langadu, Kawkhali, Barkal, Naniarchar, Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Preservation of the environment, indigenous culture and knowledge system. The achievement of the socio-economic advancement by all, and by disadvantaged communities. | 776,250 | 01Jan'03 to 31 Dec'04 | World Food Programme |
| 17 | CHT Children's Opportunities for Learning Enhanced (CHOLEN) | Barkal, Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Increase the access and educational achievement of poor children in school with a special focus on girls and indigenous children. | 2,254,015 | 15 Aug'02 to 31 Dec'04 | CARE-Bangladesh |
| 18 | Women Income Generation Through Pig and Goat Rearing (FAO) | Barkal Upazila of Rangamati Hill District. | Improve the household food security, nutrition and socio-economic condition of the ultra poor women through IGA. | 1,009,745 | 01 Feb'01 to 31July'02 | DANIDA |
| 19 | Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Resource Centre Project (CHTDRC) | Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari Hill District. | Protect and preserve of indigenous culture and knowledge system. Achieve educational and socio-economic progress for indigenous and other people and communities in the CHT. | 1,227,518 | 01 July'00 to 30 to Jun'01 | DANIDA |

13. Geographic Coverage

Taungya is registered with Social Welfare Department, Rangamati & NGO Affairs Bureau, Bangladesh. So it is legally allowable to undertake development activities (except micro credit programme) in all upazila and unions of 3 Hill Districts with fund support of local, national and international donors. However, Taungya has rich experience to work in the all ten upazila of the Rangamati District. Four upazila in Khagrachari District & Six upazila in Bandarban district.

14. Information of Consortiums of Taungya

| Sl. No. | Name of Project of the Consortium | Donors | Name of Partners | Role of Taungya in the Consortium | Total Budget Involved |
|---------|--|--------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 1. | Consolidating Community Rights over Natural Resources for Conservation of Environment and Sustainable Development(CCRNR) | DANIDA | 1. Taungya 2. Mrochet & 3. Tahzingdong | Lead NGO- Taungya Sub-partners- Mrochet & Tahzingdong | BDT 1,95,82,350.00 |

| Sl. No. | Name of Project of the Consortium | Donors | Name of Partners | Role of Taungya in the Consortium | Total Budget Involved |
|---------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| 2. | Integrated Support to Promote Primary Education in Remote Areas of Rangamati Hill Tracts (ISPPERARHT) | DFID & Manusher Jonno Foundation | 1. Taungya, 2. Ashroyangon & 3. Shantir Alo | Lead NGO- Taungya Sub-partners- Ashroyangon & Shantir Alo | BDT 38559019.00 |
| 3. | Promoting a Network of the Village Common Forests and Building Capacity of the Network Members in Chittagong Hill Tracts (VCF Net Project) | USAID & CHTDF, UN DP | 1. Zabarang Kalyan Samity-ZKS, Khagrachari 2. Taungya, Rangamati & 3. Humanitarian Foundation-HF, Bandarban district | Lead NGO-ZKS Sub-partners Taungya and HF | BDT 1,17,48,420.00 |

15. Facilities

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Other Facilities:

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|--|------|---|
| Library (for researchers, development activists etc.) | 1 | Head Office |
| Research/study plot for agricultural development | 1 | Balukhali Union, Rangamati Sadar Upazila |
| Resource Pool (consultation, training, advocacy etc. on the thematic area of- traditional forest conservation and watershed management, gender and related issues, traditional governance system, indigenous laws & culture, health, education, CHT related laws and legislations etc.) | ---- | The pool is comprised of both GB members and organization staff |
| Fast Engine Boat (fully functional) | 1 | OLHF Project |

16. Constitution & Policies

Taungya has its own constitution. It has been approved by the District Welfare Officer, Social Welfare Department of Rangamati Hill District.

To undertake its day to day activities and various development activities the organization has developed some policies of its own. The policies are approved by the EC and are fully functional. The approved policies are-

1. General Policy of Taungya;
2. Personnel Manual of Taungya;
3. Financial Management Manual of Taungya;
4. Procurement Policy and Accounting Procedures of Taungya;
5. Recruitment Policy of Taungya &
6. Gender Policy of Taungya.

17. Other Activities and Achievements of Taungya

- A conference of indigenous medicine in 1995.
- Publication of a book on indigenous medicine in 1996.
- Publication on Tripura Customary Law, Administrative powers and responsibilities of Headman and their capacity raising and Development Role of CHTs Development Board in the CHT region.
- A documentary video on forest practices has developed through which different institution can able to know how VCFs are conserved in the hilly areas of the CHT.
- An indigenous cultural folk music audio CD and cassette has developed.
- A book on indigenous fairy tale and rhyme (Miling- Paharer Chora & Lokokhata).
- Organized indigenous games in Village Common Forests (VCF) areas of Rangamati Hill District.
- The collection of objects of indigenous arts and crafts articles of historical value, literary material, photographs, audio and videotapes (continuing).
- The provision of free legal aid to inhabitants of remote forest settlements suffering from harass and false criminal cases.
- Assistance to local farmers groups and organizations to obtain official registration.
- Organizing workshops on Environment, Forestry, Agriculture, Human Rights, Governance, etc.
- Organizing fact-finding missions to food scarcity areas containing internally displaced people (1989-90). Distributed small quantity of relief material. This focused much-need attention on the need for and facilitated the start of, emergency food assistance programmes by the government in partnership with the WFP.
- Mosquito net distribution at Bara Haringa Union of Barkal Upazila with the help of GTZ, a German governmental organization (September 2000).
- Organizing two sharing workshops on Child right situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in collaboration with Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts on 12 May and on 24 October-2002.

- Conduction of Free Health Camp at the remote village areas with the logistic support from Roots Foundation, Dhaka
- Formation of 263 PDCs and 158 PNDGs for community empowerment and various development interventions covering nearly 23000 thousands of community peoples;
- Trained nearly 2500 community CBOs' leaders on management, leadership, gender, entrepreneurship, technical training on IGA etc.
- Facilitated to reform 38 community managed natural resource management committees covering community level sensitization for more than 1800 communities;
- Supported to 38 VCF communities to develop their management system, bylaws etc.
- Ensured local governance recognition of one VCF and motivated hundreds others to legally conserved their conserved forests;
- Developed a library for a Development Resource Center where researchers, students etc can be benefited;
- Established 50 community primary schools among which 95% are on nationalization process and already four schools are nationalized by government;
- Trained and sensitized approximately 550 SMC, 250 PTA and 550 MG members on nutrition, IGA, sanitation, and trained more than 100 school teachers for technical capacity building;
- Published research papers on Jum Cultivation, Marketing Development, ICC, BCC materials on water resource and natural forest management etc.
- Publications on- Indigenous food Diversity, VCF, capacity building for traditional leaders, study on food security, livelihood opportunities, folk tales and rhymes collection, Tripura Social laws etc.
- Experience of working with

18. Legal Identity & Incorporation

Taungya is registered with:

- **Social Welfare Department-** Registration No- Ranga/94/98
- **NGO Affairs Bureau-** Registration No- 1537/2001

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20. Executive Committee of Taungya

Tenure : January 2018 - December 2020

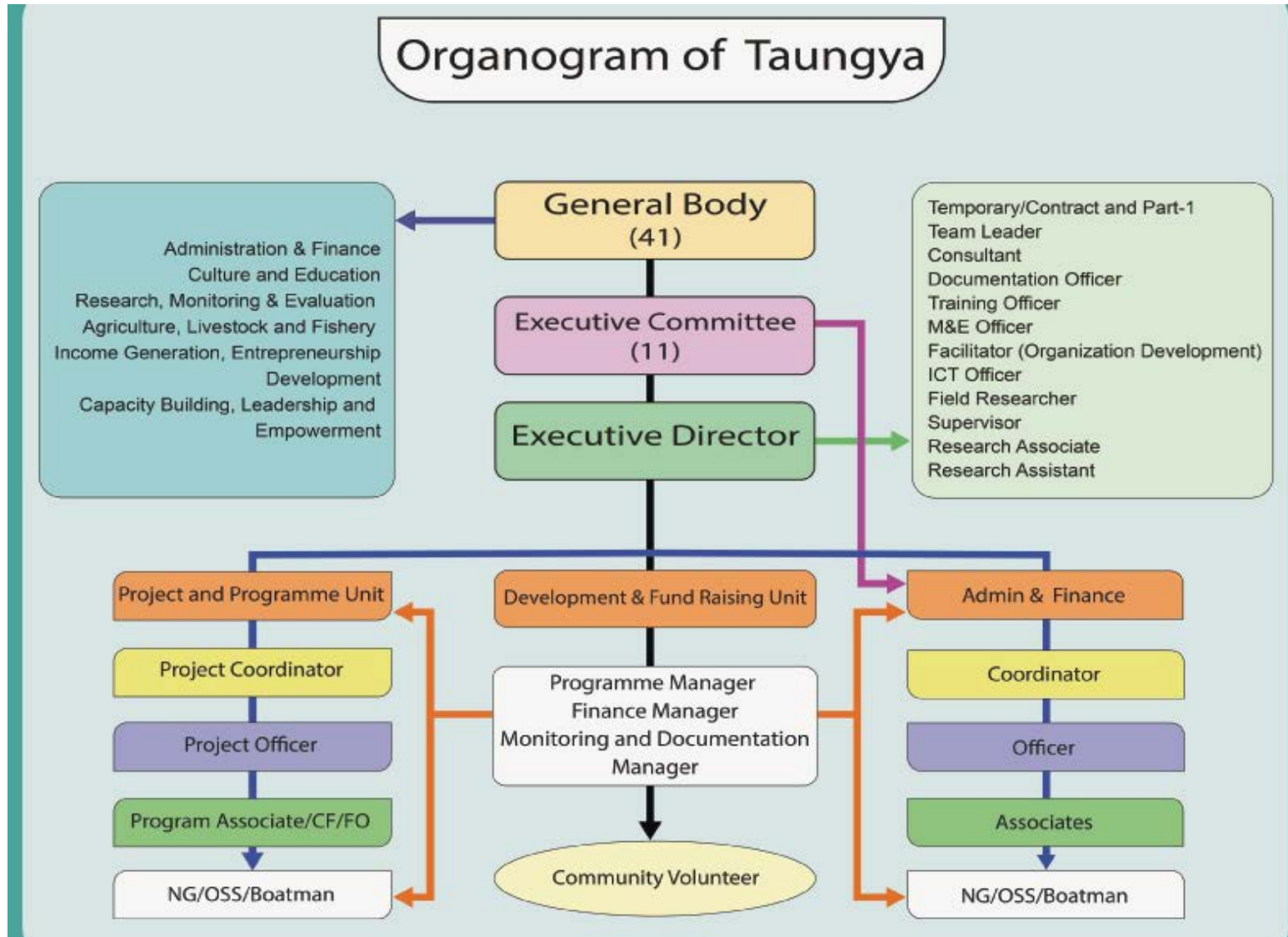
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| Sl. | Name of the Member | Sex | | Address |
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| 2. | Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan | | √ | Upper Rangamati |
| 3. | Mr. Hori Kishore Chakma | | √ | T&T Area, Rangamati |
| 4. | Mr. Rupak Khisa | | √ | Tribal Officers' Colony, Tabalchari, Rangamati |
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| 6. | Ms. Anjulika Khisa | √ | | North Kalindipur, Rangamati |
| 7. | Mr. Rupayan Dewan | | √ | Rajbari, Rangamati |
| 8. | Ms. Shiuli Chanpa Chakma | √ | | Champagnagar, Rangamati |
| 9. | Ms. Sahana Dewan | √ | | Pathar Ghata, Reserve Bazaar, Rangamati |
| 10. | Mr. Uttam Dewan | | √ | Collage Gate, Rangamati |
| 11. | Ms. Sagarika Rowaza | √ | | Gorjantali, Rangamati |
| 12. | Mr. Shimul Dewan | | √ | Bijon Smarani, Rangamati |
| 13. | Mr. Sushovan Bikash Khisa | | √ | East Tribal Adam, Rangamati |
| 14. | Adv. Bhabatosh Dewan | | √ | Banarupa, Rangamati |
| 15. | Mr. Dhiman Khisa | | √ | South Kalindipur, Rangamati |
| 16. | Mr. Nuen Khisa | | √ | Siddhi Bhaban Area, Tabalchari Area, Rangamati |
| 17. | Mr. Manabasish Chakma | | √ | South Kalindipur, Rangamati |
| 18. | Mr. Suvasish Chakma | | √ | Moitriyee Bihara Area, Rangamati |
| 19. | Mr. Prabin Khisa | | √ | Champagnagar, Rangamati |
| 20. | Ms. Banashri Dewan | √ | | Rajbari, Rangamati |

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| 22. | Mr. Supriyo Chakma | | √ | Kalyanpur, Rangamati |
| 23. | Ms. Valentina Chakma | √ | | Tribal Officers' Colony, Rangamati |
| 24. | Dr. Parash Khisa | | √ | Kalindipur, Rangamati |
| 25. | Adv. Jewel Dewan | | √ | Kalyanpur, Rangamati |
| 26. | Mr. Rajib Chakma | | √ | East Tribal Adam, Rangamati |
| 27. | Adv. Sushmita Chakma | √ | | Banarupa, Rangamati |
| 28. | Mr. Abdul Mamun | | √ | Reserve Bazaar, Rangamati |
| 29. | Mr. B H Sohrwardi | √ | | Champaknagar, Rangamati |
| 30. | Mr. Dipen Dewan | | √ | Master Colony, Tabalchari, Rangamati |
| 31. | Ms. Runa Khisa | √ | | Collage Gate, Rangamati |
| 32. | Ms. Antika Chakma | √ | | Jishu Tila, Tabalchari, Rangamati |
| 33. | Mr. Amlan Chakma | | √ | Collage Gate, Rangamati |
| 34. | Ms. Nirupa Dewan | √ | | Pathar Ghata, Reserve Bazaar, Rangamati |
| 35. | Mr. Mong Sanu Chowdhury | | √ | Majher Basti, Tabalchari, Rangamati |
| 36. | Ms. Supta Chakma | √ | | Tridib Nagar, Rangamati |
| 37. | Ms. Bina Prova Chakma | √ | | Majher Basti, Tabalchhari, Rangamati |
| 38. | Mr. Kalayan Chakma | | √ | Rajdip, Rangamati |
| 39. | Mr. Anjan Chakma | | √ | Bottola, Ananda Bihara Area, Rangamati |
| 40. | Ms. Uttara Tripura | √ | | Rajbari, Rangamati |
| 41. | Ms. Nashrin Akhtar | √ | | Majher Basti, Tabalchari, Rangamati |

22. Organogram of Taungya



23. Taungya Volunteers Information

| Volunteers (Head Office) | Community Volunteers |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ms. Sangita Chakma2. Ms. Limashree Chakma3. Mr. Victor Chakma4. Mr. Tufan Chakma5. Ms. Moonson Chakma6. Mr. Debatosh Roy7. Ms. Christina Chakma8. Mr. Shovan Chakma9. Ms. Farzana Yesmin10. Mr. Biton Chakma | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Subrata Tanchangya2. Jasim Tanchangya3. Shuva Devi Chakma4. Dalim Kumar Chakma5. Dipika Chakma6. Kartik Tanchangya7. Kajal Tanchangya8. Utlas Marma9. Ujala Devi Tanchangya10. Joy Tanchangya11. Nur Jahan Begum12. Anil Tanchangya13. Zosang Pangkhua14. Shabana Tanchangya15. Puspa Rani Tanchangya16. Ranibala Tanchangya17. Chandra Ram Tanchangya18. Jatul Tanchangya19. Dhoneshwer Tanchangya20. Rajoy Kanti Tanchangya21. Panchan Chakma22. Sukhilal Tanchangya |

24. List of Publication & IEC and BCC Materials

1. হেডম্যানদের দক্ষতা বৃদ্ধি এবং দায়িত্ব ও কর্তব্য বিষয়ক কর্মশালা (Workshop on Capacity Building of the Headmen and their Roles & Responsibilities)
2. ত্রিপুরা সামাজিক আইন বিষয়ক কর্মশালা (Workshop on Tripura Social Laws & Customs)
3. পার্বত্য এলাকার উন্নয়নে পার্বত্য চট্টগ্রাম উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের ভূমিকা বিষয়ক কর্মশালা (Workshop on Roles of Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board)
4. মিলিং (Miling)
5. ডেভেলপম্যান্ট রিসোর্স সেন্টার প্রকাশনা (Publication of Development Resource Centre)
6. Village Common Forests in the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Indigenous Innovation in Natural Resource Management
7. খাদ্য নিরাপত্তা অর্জনে কমিউনিটির সৃজনশীলতা- প্রেক্ষিত পার্বত্য চট্টগ্রাম (Communities Innovation to Achieve Food Security- CHT Context)
8. চিজির পঞ্চম বই (Chijir First Book)
9. Livelihood Security & Watershed Management
10. Indigenous Food Recipe
11. Study Report on Market Opportunities in the CHT
12. Study Report on Livelihood Opportunities in the CHT& Jum Cultivation

25. Partners with Us

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