



## North East Rural Livelihood Project

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The North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) has empowered the poor and improved the lives of people in about 3,00,000 rural households in Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

### About North East Rural Livelihood Project

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- Launched in **2012**, the NERLP is a **World Bank aided**, multi-state ₹683 crore project under the **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)**.
- The project has been implemented in 11 districts of **Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim** with an aim to improve rural livelihoods especially that of women, unemployed youth and the most disadvantaged, in the four North Eastern States.
- There are **four components** to the Project:
  - Social empowerment
  - Economic empowerment
  - Partnership development
  - Project management
- The specific project **objectives** are to :
  - Create sustainable community institutions around women **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)**, Youth Groups of men and women (YG) and Community Development Groups (CDG).
  - Build capacity of community institutions for self governance, bottom up planning, democratic functioning with transparency and accountability.
  - Increase economic and livelihood opportunities.
  - Develop partnership of community institutions for natural resource management, microfinance, market linkages, and sectoral economic services.
- The project also works in partnerships with expert organizations to focus on **cluster development through value chain**.

### Outcomes

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- It has **impacted the lives of about 18 lakh population**, with creation of common economic assets (including rural infrastructure) worth around total Rs. 136 crores.
- Under the project, 10,462 **boys and girls have been trained in various job skills** and 5,494 of them are employed as of now.
- Various activities have been undertaken by CDGs such as reclamation of wasteland, construction of check-dams, plantation, horticulture projects etc.
- Livelihood activities pursued by SHG members have increased considerably, thus **increasing family incomes.**
- **Women have become more knowledgeable** and expressive and display better leadership qualities.

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