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## **ABOUT THE INSTITUTIONS**

### **LUNGLEI OBSERVATION HOME:**

#### **HISTORY**

Lunglei Observation Home and Lunglei Special Home stand as stalwart symbols of care and protection for vulnerable children in Mizoram, their roots firmly entrenched in a legacy of service that spans back to 2008. Originally established under the moniker of Remand Home, these institutions underwent a significant transformation with the enactment of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. This legislative milestone heralded a new era, prompting a renaming of the Home to reflect its dual roles as both an Observation Home and a Special Home.

Under the auspices of the Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram, the Observation Home and Special Home continue to serve as beacons of hope for children in need of care and protection. Governed by principles of compassion and equity, these institutions provide a safe haven for children who find themselves in precarious situations, offering them not only shelter and sustenance but also guidance and support to navigate the complexities of their circumstances. Led by the Women and Child Development division within the Social Welfare Department, the Observation Home and Special Home exemplify a holistic approach to child welfare, recognizing the unique needs and rights of each individual under their care. Through a myriad of programs and interventions, they strive to foster the holistic development of the children entrusted to them, empowering them to reclaim their dignity and fulfill their potential.

As custodians of the future generation, the Observation Home and Special Home stand as testaments to the enduring commitment of the Government of Mizoram to safeguarding the rights and well-being of its youngest citizens. With each passing year, they continue to write a narrative of hope and resilience, transforming the lives of countless children and shaping a brighter tomorrow for Mizoram and beyond.

#### **PROFILE**

Lunglei Observation Home and Lunglei Special Home stand as pillars of support and rehabilitation for children in conflict with the law in Mizoram, meticulously regulated and certified under the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. As certified Child Care Institutions (CCIs) registered under Section 41 of the Act, they operate

under the aegis of the Women and Child Development division within the Social Welfare Department (SWD), Government of Mizoram.

With a combined capacity to accommodate 50 children, comprising 40 boys and 10 girls, these institutions serve as sanctuaries of care and rehabilitation, guided by principles of compassion and equity. The Observation Home, with a capacity for 25 children of both genders below the age of 18, plays a crucial role in providing temporary shelter and support to children alleged to be in conflict with the law during the pendency of inquiry proceedings.

Central to the mission of the Observation Home is the expeditious completion of inquiries within a prescribed period of six months from the date of the child's initial appearance before the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB). This timeline underscores the imperative to ensure swift and fair resolution of legal proceedings, while also prioritizing the well-being and rehabilitation of the children under its care.

In alignment with its mandate, the Observation Home and Special Home offer a comprehensive range of services aimed at nurturing the holistic development of the children, encompassing not only their physical well-being but also their emotional, social, and educational needs. Through structured programs and interventions, they strive to instill a sense of purpose, resilience, and hope in the lives of these vulnerable youth, empowering them to envision and pursue a brighter future beyond the confines of their past circumstances.

As custodians of justice and champions of child rights, the Observation Home and Special Home exemplify the unwavering commitment of the Government of Mizoram to upholding the principles of juvenile justice and ensuring the dignified treatment and rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law. In their steadfast dedication lies the promise of a more just and compassionate society, where every child is afforded the opportunity to thrive and fulfill their potential.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

Case Work through individual care plan

Counselling

Medical assistance

Vocational training

Sanitary and hygiene

Library

Recreational activities

## **WOMEN'S ANTI DRUG ASSOCIATION (W.A.D.A.):**

### **HISTORY**

Established in 1996, the Women Anti-Drug Association, affectionately known as WADA, has emerged as a formidable force in the battle against substance abuse in Mizoram. What began as a modest initiative has blossomed into a dynamic organization, earning accolades and recognition from the State Government for its unwavering commitment to its cause. Fueled by a fervent dedication to combating the dual scourges of HIV and drug addiction, WADA has garnered vital support from the Mizoram State AIDS Control Society (MSACS), which provides essential funding for its endeavors. With a particular focus on addressing the needs of Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) in Lunglei and Hnahthial towns, WADA has implemented a multifaceted approach aimed at prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation.

At the heart of WADA's efforts lies its Treatment-Cum-Rehabilitation Centre, generously funded by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJ&E). Here, individuals grappling with substance dependency find solace and sanctuary, embarking on a transformative journey guided by a comprehensive three-stage treatment program. Beginning with detoxification to rid the body of harmful substances, followed by intensive de-addiction therapies, and culminating in a period of rehabilitation aimed at fostering holistic healing. But WADA's mission extends far beyond mere physical treatment. Recognizing the intricate interplay of emotional, mental, and spiritual factors in the recovery process, the organization offers a nurturing environment that addresses the entirety of the individual's well-being. Through a range of supportive services and counseling interventions, patients are empowered to confront their inner demons and emerge stronger, equipped with the tools needed to navigate a life free from addiction.

For those whose struggles with substance abuse are more severe, WADA's Rehabilitation Centre stands as a beacon of hope. Here, amidst serene surroundings conducive to healing, individuals receive specialized care and attention, undergoing detoxification protocols and receiving round-the-clock support for a minimum period of three months.

In the compassionate embrace of WADA, individuals grappling with addiction find not just treatment, but also a renewed sense of purpose and dignity. Guided by a steadfast commitment to their cause, the organization continues to blaze a trail in the fight against substance abuse, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of public health and social welfare in Mizoram.

### **PROFILE**

The pivotal mission of WADA, as underscored by its introduction, revolves around combating the twin scourges of HIV and drug addiction among Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) in Lunglei and

Hnahthial towns. At the forefront of their strategy lies a multifaceted approach aimed at prevention, intervention, and harm reduction.

Central to WADA's efforts is the provision of Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST), a crucial tool in mitigating the harmful effects of drug dependency. By offering OST to individuals enrolled in their clinic, WADA endeavors to minimize drug dosage, thereby facilitating a gradual and controlled transition towards sobriety. This proactive approach not only helps individuals manage their addiction but also reduces the risk of drug-related complications and overdose. In tandem with their OST program, WADA operates a syringe exchange initiative, providing individuals with clean needles to prevent the transmission of HIV and other blood-borne infections. By discouraging the sharing of needles among IDUs, WADA plays a vital role in curbing the spread of HIV, safeguarding the health and well-being of both individuals and communities. Recognizing the importance of comprehensive prevention strategies, WADA also distributes free condoms to its patients. By promoting safe sexual practices, WADA aims to minimize the risk of HIV transmission through unprotected intercourse, further bolstering their efforts to combat the spread of the virus.

Through these concerted efforts, WADA stands as a beacon of hope and resilience in the fight against HIV and drug addiction. With a steadfast commitment to harm reduction and community empowerment, they continue to make meaningful strides towards a future where every individual has the opportunity to lead a healthy and fulfilling life, free from the shadows of substance abuse and infectious disease.

## OBJECTIVES

- 1) To control the spread of HIV.
- 2) To help the IDU patient to overcome the addiction by providing them OST.
- 3) To help the addictions to be more positive about life by giving them counselling.
- 4) They also provide free clinic so that the patient can come for free check-up.
- 5) To provide need based professional and therapeutic counselling to patient and their families.

## TARGET GROUP

People with any age group who are Injecting Drug User

## **M.H.I.P. DROP IN CENTRE:**

### **HISTORY**

Established on July 6th, 1974, in Aizawl, Mizoram Hmeichhe Insuihkhawm Pawl (MHIP) stands as a pioneering force in championing the rights and welfare of Mizo women across all spheres of life. As one of the earliest statewide women federations in Mizoram, MHIP was founded with a steadfast commitment to advancing the empowerment of women, promoting Christian values, and extending a helping hand to those in need. From its humble beginnings, MHIP has undergone remarkable growth and expansion, swiftly establishing its presence and influence throughout the state. Within a span of 20 years, it blossomed into a formidable organization boasting a membership exceeding 200,000. Today, it stands as one of the largest civil society organizations in Mizoram, wielding considerable influence and playing a pivotal role in shaping the social, cultural, and political landscape of the region.

At its core, MHIP remains steadfast in its mission to uplift Mizo women, offering a platform for advocacy, support, and solidarity. Through a myriad of initiatives and programs, it strives to empower women to assert their rights, pursue their aspirations, and contribute meaningfully to society. Concurrently, MHIP remains deeply committed to nurturing and promoting Christian values, fostering a sense of spiritual growth and moral resilience among its members. Moreover, MHIP's dedication to philanthropy and community service is exemplified through its unwavering commitment to assisting the needy and marginalized. Whether through direct assistance or advocacy efforts, MHIP continues to serve as a beacon of hope and compassion for those facing adversity, embodying the spirit of solidarity and compassion that lies at the heart of its mission.

In recognition of its profound impact and influence, MHIP occupies a prominent position in the public sphere, actively participating in government initiatives and facilitating coordination between various stakeholders. Its presence is felt across a spectrum of public programs and government-led initiatives, underscoring its role as a trusted partner in the pursuit of social progress and development.

As MHIP continues to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of its constituents, it remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the rights, welfare, and well-being of Mizo women, embodying the enduring spirit of resilience, solidarity, and empowerment that defines its legacy.

### **PROFILE**

Established on February 1st, 1975, the MHIP Sub-Hqrs in Lunglei stands as a beacon of hope and empowerment for women and children in the region. Nestled in its own dedicated building in Venglai since 1996, this sub-headquarters epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and altruism, dedicated to the noble cause of "Helping Others" and tirelessly advocating for the rights, upliftment, and socio-economic empowerment of women and children.

Operating as a voluntary organization, the MHIP Sub-Hqrs in Lunglei is driven by a singular mission: to serve as a catalyst for positive change within its community. With a keen focus on grassroots empowerment, the organization works fervently to address the pressing needs and challenges faced by women and children, striving to create a more equitable and inclusive society for all.

Under the umbrella of the MHIP Sub-Hqrs in Lunglei, a vast network of support has blossomed, comprising 143 branches, one block, and three joint MHIP initiatives. This expansive network serves as a testament to the organization's reach and impact, spanning across diverse communities and touching the lives of countless individuals.

At the helm of this formidable organization is an executive committee comprised of 37 dedicated members, entrusted with the responsibility of steering the organization towards its goals. Governance, however, is entrusted to a select group of Office Bearers, consisting of six elected members who serve a two-year term. These individuals work tirelessly to uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership, ensuring that the organization remains true to its founding ideals.

Through its tireless efforts and unwavering commitment, the MHIP Sub-Hqrs in Lunglei continues to be a driving force for positive change, empowering women and children to realize their full potential and advocating for a more just and equitable society. As it continues to evolve and expand its reach, the organization remains steadfast in its dedication to serving as a beacon of hope and inspiration for generations to come.

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF MHIP

- Empowerment women for the development of Mizoram Society and the State to prepare them for higher authority in the government.
- To reconstruct the status of women in the society and family; and to protect the rights of women.
- To guide and look after children regarding their mental and health eg. Preprimary school, Anganwadi, Creches etc.
- Recreation center for children, school for handicrafts, games, park and books for children.
- To carry/ do the duties of women for the development of Mizo Society and the state.
- To literate illiterate women and to provide education, to provide education for those women having financial problems and to show them their capabilities of work.
- To unite this who are different in social status, different religion and opposite in political opinion to work for the development of Mizoram.
- Freedom from violence.
- To work in cooperation with government for the development of Mizoram.

## MISSIONS

MHIP functions as a crisis Response System especially for women in distress, victims of violence, offence, etc. Hence, currently it has 80 functionaries under these projects

The supplementary effort is to focus on providing alternatives. The MHIP take up AIDS project under Mizoram State AIDS Control from 2001 by opening Drop –in Center. At the beginning th' projects focus on Taxi and Rickshaw drivers. From 2004, it takes up IDU's project the main objective of this project is to minimize and prevent the growth rate of HIV to give awareness to the peoples as much as possible, and now especially to high-risk group. The center targeted to cover 390 IDU's. The project today focuses on the high-risk group of IDU's. It takes up SNEP programs, Condom distribution, IEC materials and pamphlets for the prevention of the spread of AIDS. The center helps the IDU's by providing medical help, refer to the Doctor, and it also gave financial support. The moral life of the client is given importance in this project. The NGO's take up program for the behavioral strategy is the main step in the project work.

As our environment have been facing many changes in various kinds of social life since the last quarter in structure and content. Women cannot freely overcome sufferings in their family, this eventually affected their children and yields broken family. With the emerging needs of counseling center for women and children, family counseling center was set under MHIP Sub-Hqrs Lunglei. There are two counselors working under FCC and works on the following principles.

Strategic guidelines for prevention of HIV prevalence by MHIP:

Enhance migrant data to strengthen evidence

Structural interventions such as making services more accessible, available, and increase demand through certain legal and social regulations

Design strategies to improve access to services for migrant populations

Migrant populations are heterogeneous in terms of types, size, language and culture. HIV

## **GRACE SOCIETY:**

### **HISTORY**

Grace Society stands as a beacon of compassion and service in Mizoram, its roots firmly planted in the spirit of benevolence and community upliftment. Established by the Mizoram Baptist Women Fellowship (MBKHP), this Church-based organization was born out of a collective desire to confront the myriad social challenges that afflict the community.

Driven by a profound sense of duty and commitment to their fellow citizens, Grace Society has embarked on a noble mission to address the multifaceted issues plaguing society. With a steadfast focus on compassion and empowerment, the organization strives to provide solace and support to those in need, offering a lifeline to the marginalized and vulnerable.

Through a diverse array of initiatives and programs, Grace Society works tirelessly to tackle issues ranging from poverty and homelessness to education and healthcare. Whether it's providing shelter to the homeless, offering educational opportunities to underprivileged youth, or extending healthcare services to the sick and infirm, the organization leaves no stone unturned in its quest to make a tangible difference in the lives of those it serves.

At its core, Grace Society embodies the principles of empathy, solidarity, and social justice, serving as a testament to the transformative power of collective action and community solidarity. By harnessing the resources and goodwill of its members, the organization seeks to create a more inclusive and equitable society where every individual has the opportunity to thrive and flourish.

As Grace Society continues to chart its course forward, it remains guided by the timeless values of compassion, integrity, and service to others. With each act of kindness and each hand extended in solidarity, the organization reaffirms its unwavering commitment to building a brighter and more compassionate future for all.

### **PROFILE**

At the forefront of its endeavors, Grace Society tackles head-on the pressing challenges of HIV/AIDS and drug/substance abuse that afflict the community. Through a comprehensive approach encompassing prevention, intervention, care, support, and rehabilitation, the organization strives to mitigate the devastating impact of these scourges on individuals and families.

With a keen understanding of the multifaceted nature of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and drug/substance abuse, Grace Society employs a targeted intervention program that addresses the specific needs and vulnerabilities of key populations. Since the year 2000, the organization has

been at the forefront of targeted intervention efforts, initially focusing on outreach among Commercial Sex Workers (CSWs).

In subsequent years, Grace Society expanded its scope to include the Core Composite of Female Sex Workers (FSWs) and Injecting Drug Users (IDUs), recognizing the intersecting vulnerabilities and risks faced by these populations. By tailoring its interventions to the unique circumstances and challenges of each group, the organization endeavors to break the cycle of transmission and provide essential support to those affected.

Moreover, Grace Society has extended its reach to encompass Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and spouses of IDUs since 2010, recognizing the importance of inclusive approaches in addressing the complex dynamics of HIV/AIDS and drug/substance abuse. By engaging with diverse communities and populations, the organization aims to foster a more comprehensive and integrated response to these pressing public health challenges.

Beyond its efforts in HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention and intervention, Grace Society remains steadfast in its commitment to addressing various women's and children's issues, as well as other vulnerable areas of society. Through advocacy, education, and empowerment initiatives, the organization endeavors to promote gender equality, protect the rights of women and children, and create a more inclusive and supportive community for all.

In essence, Grace Society serves as a beacon of hope and resilience in the face of adversity, embodying the transformative power of compassion, solidarity, and collective action. Through its tireless efforts, the organization continues to make meaningful strides towards building a healthier, more equitable, and more compassionate society for generations to come.

## MISSIONS

- To create a better, healthier and harmonious society by reducing HIV/AIDS and Drug/Substance abuse in the society.
- Economic empowerment of PLWHA and drugs victims, by providing rehabilitation through skill training and Income Generating Program.
- Social and economic upliftment of destitute women.
- Promoting and facilitating behavior change among those practicing high-risk behavior and people living with HIV/AIDS.

## VISION

To create a better, harmonious, healthier society and improved economic condition by reducing HIV/AIDS and addiction in the community.

## OBJECTIVES

Increase awareness on HIV/AIDS and addiction among general population as well as high risk/marginalized communities, intervention to promote behavior change and harm reduction among high-risk group, providing care and support to the affected, detoxification/de-addiction and rehabilitation through skill building, capacity building to enhance service delivery.

## DAILY FIELD REPORTS

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** Lunglei Observation Home

**DATE:** 5/02/2023

### ACTIVITY/WORK DONE

Our journey to the institution commenced with a warm welcome from the case worker, who graciously extended her guidance and insight into the inner workings of the establishment. Engaging in a brief yet enlightening conversation, we gleaned valuable information about the institute's mission and operations, while also having our queries met with patience and clarity.

Following this initial exchange, we were escorted to meet the children residing within the institution. Stepping into their world, we observed firsthand the rhythm of their daily lives, witnessing the vibrant tapestry of activities and routines that shape their experiences. It was a poignant moment, as we connected with the essence of the institution's purpose through the lens of these resilient young individuals.

After a nourishing lunch, we convened for a more intimate session with the children, gathering in the comforting embrace of the counseling room. Here, amidst an atmosphere of trust and openness, we engaged in candid conversations with each child, delving into their hopes, dreams, and challenges. These personal exchanges offered profound insights into the profound impact of the institution on the lives of these children, reaffirming its significance within the broader fabric of society.

With the formalities concluded, we found ourselves with a moment of leisure, allowing for further interaction with the dedicated workers who form the backbone of the institution. Engaging in relaxed conversations, we exchanged anecdotes, shared laughter, and deepened our understanding of the collective effort that sustains the institution's mission.

As the day drew to a close, we bid farewell to the institution, carrying with us a tapestry of memories and reflections. Our time spent there had not only broadened our perspectives but also reaffirmed the profound importance of compassion and community in shaping a brighter future for all.



Photo 1: A picture of the interns with the staff @Lunglei Observation Home

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** Women's Anti-Drug Association (W.A.D.A.)

**DATE:** 12/02/2024

### **ACTIVITY/WORK DONE**

Upon our arrival at the institution, we were warmly greeted by the workers, who ushered us into the Project Manager's office for a formal yet amicable interview. Seated across from the Project Manager, we delved into a comprehensive discussion about the institution's pivotal role within its community, tracing back through its rich history and elucidating its present objectives. It was a fascinating exchange, as we gained deeper insights into the organization's ethos and aspirations.

However, our timing coincided with a significant event: a substantial portion of the institution's workforce was scheduled to embark on a training expedition to Aizawl. Consequently, the usual bustling activity within the institution was somewhat subdued, leaving us with ample opportunity to engage in heartfelt conversations with the workers. Eager to contribute, we offered our assistance wherever needed, whether it was providing logistical support or simply lending a listening ear.

After a fulfilling morning of dialogue and camaraderie, we convened for a leisurely lunch, savoring not only the food but also the sense of community that permeated the gathering. As the afternoon progressed, we transitioned into a more hands-on role, assisting the workers in loading their luggage and ensuring that they were well-prepared for their journey ahead. It was a gratifying experience to play a small part in facilitating their endeavors.

As the day drew to a close, we lingered for a while longer, savoring the last moments of our visit before bidding farewell to the institution. Reflecting on our time spent there, we departed with a profound appreciation for the dedication and spirit of collaboration that defined the institution and its remarkable workforce.

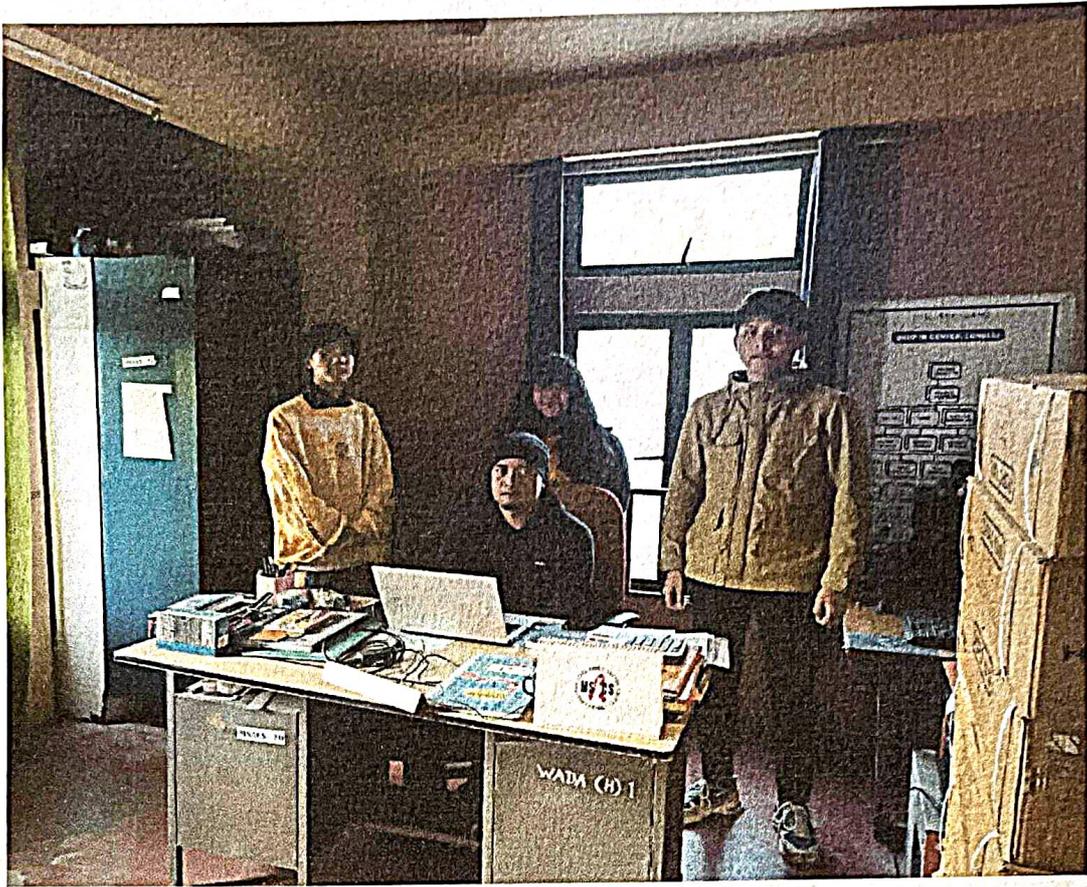


Photo 2: The Interns with the Project Manager @Women's Anti-Drug Association.

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** M.H.I.P. Drop-In Centre

**DATE:** 19/02/2024

### **ACTIVITY/WORK DONE**

Our arrival at the institution marked the beginning of an enlightening journey, as we were ushered into the waiting room to await our introduction to the workings of the organization. It wasn't long before the superintendent, a figure of authority and warmth, graced us with their presence.

In a candid exchange, they shared insights into the organization's noble objectives, highlighting the impactful work accomplished and offering a glimpse into the broader statistical landscape that underscored the institution's significance.

With our curiosity piqued and our minds abuzz with newfound knowledge, we embarked on a guided tour of the drop-in center, a hub of activity and compassion within the institution's domain.

Led by the superintendent, we traversed through the corridors of care, greeted by the dedicated workers whose passion and dedication breathed life into the organization's mission. It was a firsthand immersion into the heartbeat of the institution, as we witnessed the transformative impact of their efforts on the lives of those they served.

Gratitude filled our hearts as we bid farewell to the workers and the superintendent, acknowledging the invaluable insights and experiences they had bestowed upon us. Though our time at the institution was brief, it left an indelible impression, reminding us of the power of empathy and action in fostering positive change within our communities. With newfound appreciation, we departed, carrying with us the echoes of compassion that reverberated within the institution's walls.

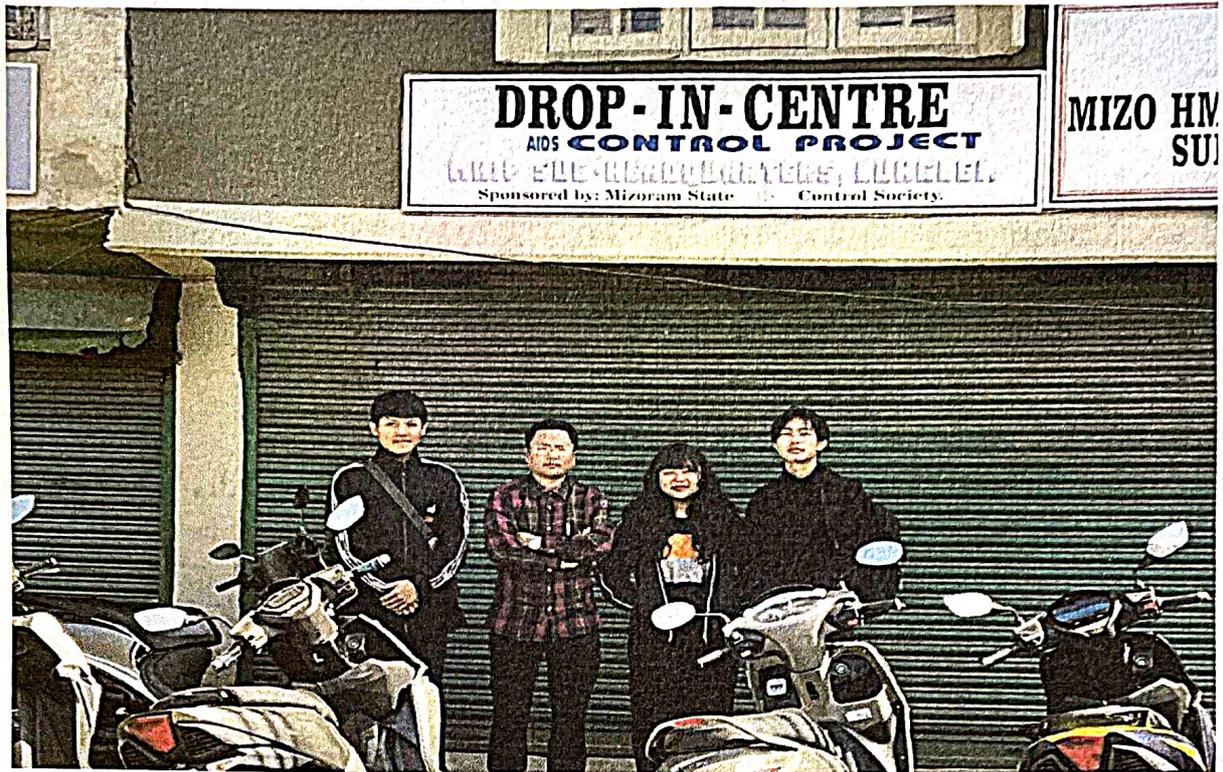


Photo 3: The Interns posing for a picture with the Project Manager @M.H.I.P. Drop-In Centre.

**NAME OF ORGANIZATION:** M.H.I.P. Drop-In Centre

**DATE:** 19/02/2024

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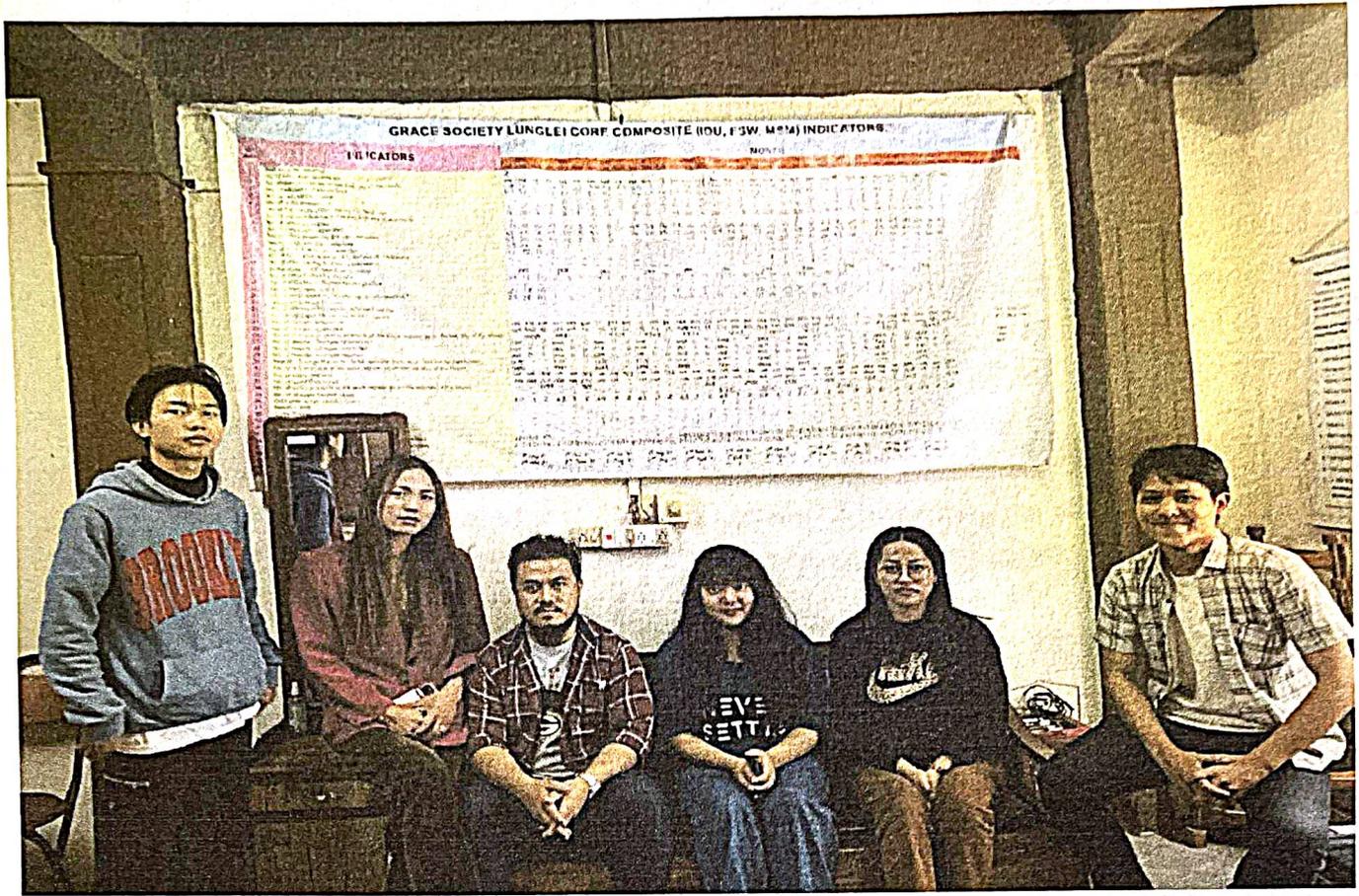


Photo 4: The interns along with the Project Manager, Outreach Worker and Peer Educator @Grace Society.

## **SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

The fieldwork report delves into the operations and missions of four distinct organizations in Lunglei, Mizoram, shedding light on their histories, profiles, and daily activities:

- **Lunglei Observation Home:** This institution serves as a safe haven for vulnerable children in conflict with the law. It provides temporary shelter, support, and rehabilitation for children during the pendency of legal proceedings. The daily field report offers insights into the interactions between researchers and children, showcasing the institution's efforts to provide a nurturing environment for its residents.
- **Women's Anti-Drug Association (W.A.D.A.):** Focused on combating substance abuse and HIV/AIDS, W.A.D.A. plays a vital role in prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation efforts. Researchers engage with staff members and participate in activities aimed at raising awareness and supporting individuals grappling with addiction. However, the report acknowledges that the fieldwork coincided with a training expedition, limiting the depth of interaction.
- **M.H.I.P. Drop-In Centre:** This center is dedicated to addressing HIV/AIDS awareness and providing support to affected individuals, particularly injecting drug users (IDUs). The report highlights the informative sessions and tours conducted by the center's staff, offering researchers valuable insights into the challenges and strategies associated with HIV/AIDS prevention and care.
- **Grace Society:** Focusing on compassion and service, Grace Society aims to empower marginalized communities and address social issues such as poverty and homelessness. Researchers participate in discussions and meetings, gaining a deeper understanding of the organization's objectives and initiatives. The report underscores the dedication and commitment of Grace Society's members to making a positive impact on society.

While the fieldwork provides valuable insights into the activities and missions of these organizations, it also acknowledges several limitations. These include constraints related to access, such as limited interaction opportunities due to ongoing activities or events, as well as ethical considerations regarding privacy and confidentiality. Additionally, the complexity of institutional dynamics and the multifaceted nature of social issues may pose challenges in fully capturing the nuances of each organization's work.

## **CONCLUSION**

The histories, profiles, objectives, and activities of several organizations in Lunglei, Mizoram: Lunglei Observation Home, Women's Anti-Drug Association (W.A.D.A.), M.H.I.P. Drop-In Centre, and Grace Society. These organizations focus on various aspects of social welfare, including child protection, substance abuse prevention and rehabilitation, empowerment of women, and HIV/AIDS awareness and support. They offer a range of services such as shelter, counseling, medical assistance, vocational training, and community outreach programs. Through their dedicated efforts, they aim to create a more inclusive, healthier, and compassionate society in Mizoram.

## **LIMITATIONS**

- Access to certain areas or individuals within the institutions may be restricted, limiting the intern's ability to gather comprehensive data or observe certain aspects of operations.
- Fieldwork requires adequate resources, including time, funding, and personnel. Constraints in these areas may impact the scope and depth of the fieldwork.
- The daily field reports provide valuable insights into the activities and interactions within the institutions. However, these reports may be subjective and selective in nature, highlighting certain aspects while overlooking others.
- The fieldwork may have been conducted during a specific period, which may not capture the full range of activities, challenges, or changes within the institutions over time.