



Annual Report 2019-2020

Imphal site Manipur, India



Chalice has partnered with the Diocesan Social Services Society (DSSS) of the Archdiocese of Imphal since 2011. The site supports families living in two tribal villages struggling with high rates of illiteracy, unemployment, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. The Imphal sponsor site focuses on the children's education and overall health. The site improves their health by supporting their nutrition and teaching families to cultivate their own vegetable gardens. The site also ensures access to healthcare and community access to clean water. Site staff work with parents to set up their own small businesses including small shops, vegetable vending, and raising livestock.

Child



- Imphal site supports 596 sponsored children.
- 35% are in elementary school
- 38% are in high school and;
- 12% are in undergraduate studies.
- 95% of sponsored grade 12 students passed their exit exams.
- Children were able to continue their studies online throughout the COVID-19 school closures.

Family

- Imphal site works with 32 family circle groups.
- Prior to the pandemic lockdown, the site organized refresher training for members of the Chalice groups on topics such as bookkeeping and managing the household budget.
- Group leaders encourage prayer for each other when members are sick.
- The site staff observed that the families were in a strong position to manage the emergency of the pandemic and the loss of income it caused.
- Families did not experience food insecurity.
- The families acted as a community, supporting each other by sharing information about pandemic precautions and personal safety. They also built a sense of solidarity, encouraging each other and offering prayers and support to families who lost loved ones.



Community

- Site staff conducted training on sanitation and hygiene and on topics related to livelihood development.
- The site staff have observed that the community's health and sanitation have improved greatly and there has been a significant decline in illnesses such as typhoid and diarrhea.
- The site staff recognize the community's collective efforts to follow health protocols and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- With support from the gift catalogue, Imphal site improved the daily lives of families within the community through:
 - Constructing 8 latrines and;
 - Distributing 26 pairs of piglets, 10 pairs of goats and 8 cows.

