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Key Areas of Interest

- Women and Work
- State, Market and Family Nexus
- Gender Relations
- Public Policy and Governance
- Advocating Social Justice
- Advocating for Mental Health Awareness

Soft Skills

- Analytical
- Creative
- Communication
- Democratic
- Leadership

Education Background

Master in Women Centered Social Work
*Tata Institute of Social Sciences,
TISS, Mumbai*
2016-18

Professional Experience

Project Ashiyana, UNICEF
Jharkhand | Consultant Project
Officer
May 2021 - Sep 2021

Assam Special Cell for Women, NCW, GOI |
Social Worker
Nov 2018-Jan 2021

Projects Led

- Strengthened the DSC, Udalguri by facilitating regular DSC meetings.
- Facilitated on-boarding of Unique Products of a Local Seller at the HCL-Ehaat portal, HCL Foundation.
- In collaboration with ICCO Foundation, Guwahati and Sasakwa Peace Foundation, Japan, facilitated various livelihood opportunities for the local entrepreneurs under the aegis of DRDA, Udalguri
- Conducted a Survey on the Market Relevancy of Trades in the 2 Govt. ITIs in the District and suggested up-gradation of trades to the Hon'ble PS, BTR, Assam
- Conducted a Survey on the 5 PMVDYs in the district and submitted a Status Report to the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Udalguri

Achievements

Nov 2022 Received Certificate of Completion in recognition of participating and completing the course on **Women and Work: Making it Count** (2.0) organized by ISST, Delhi.

Key Learnings

- Understood various aspects of a project and how to increase its effectiveness and efficiency
- Prepare reports/case studies on the skilling ecosystem and communicate the insights of these reports to relevant stakeholders.
- Learnt about the intricacies present in the bureaucracy and the friction that may happen in the policy formation.
- Application of intersectional lens while formulating any policies or plans in the district.
- Suggest budgets and improvements based on the above learnings.
- Developed an understanding of Gender Budgeting based on Time Use Surveys.
- Developed insights on Women's Work; the role of State and Market.
- Formulated ideas to strengthen work security for working women in the unorganized sector.