LEH NUTRITION PROJECT (LNP)

LNP, a not for profit organization, was established in the year 1987 by Save the Children, UK and has the distinction of being the longest serving NGO of Ladakh region. Children being the initial focus of the organization, the vision expanded and LNP area of interventions includes children and development, education, health, passive solar architecture and rural development.

Earlier, inspired by the UN convention on the rights of the children, LNP implemented series of programme under a project entitled "Children and Development" with support from SCF. Children’s Committee for Village Development (CCVD) was formed to build the self confidence of the children and for their overall development. Formation of Children’s Committee for Development of Ladakh (CCDL) has further highlighted child related issues at the district level. There are 36 functional CCVDs in the district today.

LNP also supported the ICDS centers in terms of strengthening the centers and in the capacity building of the functionaries, and the communities to actively participate run the centers successfully. LNP worked on development of local tools, teaching aids and dietary pattern suited to Ladakh condition.

Blocks and villages under LNP projects:-

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Current projects
**Improving the quality of elementary education**  
EU/SC-BRB

**Objective:**

“To improve the quality of the government elementary education system, making it more relevant and responsive to the needs of the local children, especially girls, orphans and socially and economically marginalized children”

Base line survey, develop district level implementation strategies, design, develop and roll-out module for training of trainers and teacher training, monitoring structures and systems set up in target areas, findings documented and disseminated through state level workshops.

Formation/strengthening VEC, Children groups, development, review and monitoring of village education plans, community mobilization for identification/enrolment of children, mid term review and documentation of lessons learnt.

Capacity building of mid level managers in education planning

Research study on “Challenges and obstacles to address the need of the most marginalized, discussion/workshop with curriculum planners, development and dissemination of child focused IEC materials, lobbying with Government to improve targeting of vulnerable children.”
**Improving protection mechanisms for orphans and children of Disadvantaged families**

**EU/SC-BRB**

**Objective:**

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Improving the living condition of people living in remote areas and facilitating their economic, human and social development.

EU/GERES (French)

Objective:

“Improving the livelihood of rural population living in the most remote areas by improving unhealthy winter conditions, alleviating energy vulnerability, enabling the development of income generation in the newly improved habitat”

- Building/improving houses/community centers through energy efficiency concept
- Support/training to Self Help Groups (SHG) and individuals in handicraft production
- Exposure visits
- Masons, carpenters trained as service providers
- Promotion campaign for stakeholders and communities about energy efficiency and global warming
**Children’s Development Khazana**

Butterflies, New Delhi

**Objectives**

“To enable children to meet their survival needs, increase life skill, vocational and entrepreneurial and financial management skills, facilitate children in decision making skills”

- Activities
- Opening of CDK branches
- Membership drive
- Identification of CDK office bearers
- Training of Managers and CDK members in banking principals, CDK process, responsibilities, book keeping,
- Sensitization of community/ parents

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**Artificial glacier technology**

1. Dept. of Sc. & Tech., GoI
2. Operation Sadbhavana

“High altitude water harvesting and conservation”

**Objective:**

- A technology innovated by Sh. Chhewang Norphel, LNP, and recognized universally as a unique and appropriate technology best suited to high altitude areas.

**Activities:**

- The activities include construction of Artificial Glaciers and Snow reservoirs.
Sea buckthorn juice processing center

Dept. of Sc. & Tech., GoI

- The objective is to set up a well equipped processing center to be used by women Self Help Groups for processing of Sea buckthorn juice into various products and thereby to provide them with an alternative source of income.
**Watershed Development Programme**
Rural Dev. Dept., GoI

- Activities taken include irrigation canals, water reservoirs, a forestation and pasture development, protection bunds, land development etc.
Artificial Glacier Igoo village

Reproductive Child Health
Health & Family Welfare, GoI
Objective:

“To increase access and coverage of comprehensive package of reproductive and child health services”

- Activities/components:
  - Maternal and child health
  - Family planning services
  - Adolescent reproductive health
  - Prevention and management of reproductive tract infection
  - Medical termination of pregnancy (MPT)
  - Violence against women

- *LNP is also designated as the training institute for imparting on the job training to the Anganwari Workers of ICDS centers of Leh and Kargil District*