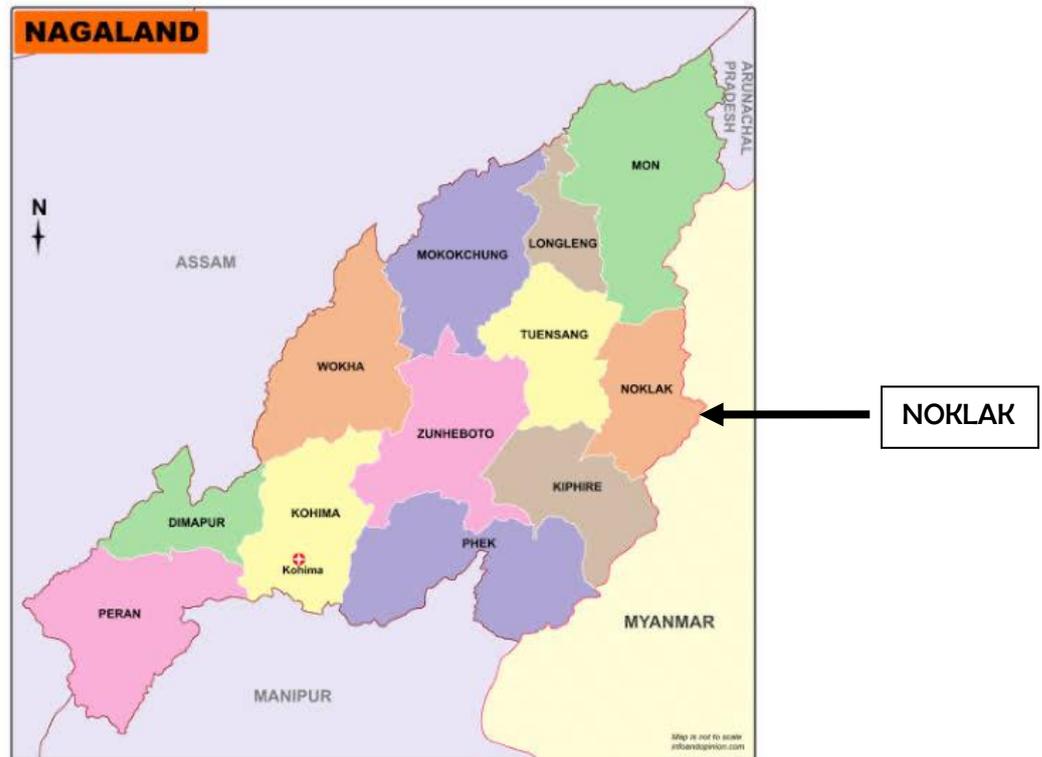


**A Brief Report on the Screening Camp for
“Ear & Hearing” and “Safe Listening” in
Noklak district of Nagaland, India**



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NOKLAK



Introduction

Noklak is the newest District of Nagaland located in the easternmost part of the India bordering Myanmar. Carved out from parent District Tuensang, the District covers a geographical area of approximately 1152 Sq Km. The District Headquarter Noklak is nestled at the altitude of 1524 meters above sea level. The District enjoys a sub-tropical climate and hilly region with broad leaved forests. The District shares boundary with - Tuensang in the West, Kiphire District in the South, Mon District in the North of Nagaland, whereas the whole eastern boundary of the district stretching nearly 92 KM from the Boundary Pillar Numbers ranging from BP 139 to BP 146 form the Indo-Myanmar Border the a stretch of through forest and hills. The District exclusively falls within the Free Regime Movement belt.

Demography

Noklak District is a Tribal District inhabited by recognized Naga Tribes, the Khamniungan tribe and Yimchunger tribe. Khamniungan tribe constitute the majority of the population in the District with Yimchunger tribe inhabiting Thonoknyu Sub- Division adjoining Noklak District. The population of the District as per the census 2011 stands at 55,434, the population density of which is 51/km² while the sex ratio (921 females per 1000 males) is lower than the state average of 931. The rural population constitutes more than 86 % and only 14% urban. The search for, health, and education, livelihood opportunities in the urban have led to steady rural-urban migration in the recent years.

Literacy rate of the District stands at 66% (excluding children below 6 years), whereas the male literacy rate is 69.4%, the female literacy rate is 62% as per the census 2011 projection.

Literacy Rate		
Literacy Rate	Male	Female
66% (excluding children below 6 years)	69.4%	62%

Economy

The inhabitants of the District are mostly rural based and agriculture sector is the mainstay of livelihood. As per the 2011 Census, 80.8% of workers in the district are engaged in agriculture as their main vocation. Subsistent traditional agriculture practice and the absence of agri infrastructure and market accessibility have prevented the district from capitalizing the favourable agro climatic opportunities and traditionally practiced organic farming.

At present however, commercial cultivation of products such as cardamom, long beans, and horticulture products is gradually picking up. The district has the distinction of practicing traditional organic cultivation.

Why is the Health Screening Camp necessary in Noklak?

It is one of the most socially and economically backward areas of Nagaland and also one of the youngest districts; therefore there is a lack of good hospitals and doctors in the district, especially doctors with speciality (ENT Specialist).

Because of the remote location and bad road condition; basic health care facilities are not easily accessible for the people of Noklak. Many at times, the people living in Noklak are neglected.

The lack of information and education towards health care and its importance deprives the people from seeking proper health care. The poor-socio economic condition also makes it difficult to seek higher health care facilities.

Due to the above mentioned reasons, we had the privilege to organise a Screening Camp of “Ear & Hearing” and “Safe Listening” in Noklak on 23rd & 24th February, 2022.

Awareness and Sensitization Programme on “Ear & Hearing” and “Safe Listening”

Awareness and Sensitization Programme on “Ear & Hearing” and “Safe Listening”	
Date: 23 rd February, 2022 Time: 9:00 am Venue: Community Health Centre, Noklak	
Chairperson	: Dr. Victor <i>Senior Medical Officer, CHC Noklak</i>
Guest of Honour	: Shri. Haizu Meru <i>Deputy Commissioner Noklak</i>
Special Guest	: Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS <i>Superintendent of Police, Noklak</i>
ORDER OF PROGRAMME	
1. Invocation	: Pastor Pinglang <i>Langtoh Baptist Church Noklak Town</i>
2. Keynote Address	: Dr. Obangjungla <i>Chief Medical Officer, Longleng</i>
3. Short Speech	: (a) Guest of Honour – Shri. Haizu Meru <i>Deputy Commissioner, Noklak</i> (b) Special Guest – Dr. Pritpal Kaur, IPS <i>Superintendent of Police, Noklak</i> (c) Shri W. Nyanbemo Humtsoe <i>Senior District Education Officer, Noklak</i>
4. Importance of “Ear & Hearing” and “Safe Listening”	: Dr. Sakuyuba Imchen <i>ENT Specialist District Hospital, Dimapur</i>
5. Vote of Thanks	: Mr. Hosea <i>District Program Manager</i>
<i>“To be followed by Light Refreshment”</i>	

Overall Programme Schedule	
<u>23rd February 2022</u>	
9:00 am –	Awareness & Sensitization Programme
10:00 am –	Screening for Ear & Hearing
<u>24th February 2022</u>	
8:00 am –	Awareness Talk with Students & Awareness Run by Students
9:00 am –	Screening for Ear & Hearing

The total turn out of patients at the Two Days
“Ear & Hearing” and “Safe Listening”
Screening Camp – 23rd & 24th February 2022

Total number of patients = 167

Hearing Aids needed = 63

Chronic Supportive Otitis Media (CSOM): = 18 Female
= 20 Male

Hearing loss = 38 Female
= 44 Male

Otomycosis = 4 Female
= 5 Male

Others = 38

The total number of listed beneficiaries was 376, especially with Ear and Hearing problems.

But only 167 could avail the care. The rest living in the interior villages could not come due to bad weather condition, unavailable transportation and the terrain conditions.

There is still a lot to do from our part for the people of Noklak district but due to lack of manpower and financial assistance, the people with various medical problems are having a hard time getting themselves treated. Many more people living in the interior parts of Noklak district could be reached out, if only there is enough assistance.

Program Photos and Videos Section:

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Medical camps at Noklak, Nsunyu

DIMAPUR: Over hundreds of inhabitants availed the health services provided by medical department at the medical camps held in Noklak and Nsunyu villages.

Charity screening camp for ear and hearing camp is underway at District Hospital, Noklak district sponsored by Banjung Aier and Dr. Obangjungla, Chief Medical Officer Longleng.

A press release by DMO, NHM Tuen-sang, Apheang stated that chief medical officer Dr. Obangjungla while delivering keynote address at a short launching programme said that they had planned to organise the hearing camp since last year and was happy that the plan has been executed in the district on February 23. CMO also emphasised more on early identification, diagnosis and treating saying that hearing loss is preventable. According to WHO, over 5% of the World population has hearing disability, where by 2050, one in every four individuals or around 2.5



Medical officials and others at the camp.

billion people in the World will experience mild to profound hearing loss.

Dr. Obangjungla said that during one of the health camps at Thanamur in Kiphire district years ago, she met a girl in her thirties who could not hear for 15 years and when the doctor examined her, the problem was the ear wax blocking both of her ears. After medications and syringing the wax was removed and she could hear.

CMO said that, that incident made her think that the society needs to

do something for the people with hearing impairment. Dr. Obangjungla also thanked principal director Dr. Neikhrilie Khimiao, Health and Family Welfare, Kohima for deputing Dr. Sakuyuba Imchen ENT specialist District Hospital Dimapur and Audiometrist at the camp.

Dr. Skuyuba Imchen, ENT Specialist delivered a short speech on the importance of 'Ear and Hearing and Safe Listening'.

Short speeches were delivered by DC and SP Noklak, senior District

Education Officer, Noklak, Nyanbemo Humtsoe and Communication Officer, John Snow India, Rose.

Earlier, the programme chaired by Dr. Victor Lam, SMO District Noklak began with an invocation by pastor Pinglang, Longdon Baptist Church Noklak Town. The programme was attended by Church leaders, ward presidents, public leaders and staffs from Noklak District Hospital.

Nsunyu village: A total of 110 inhabitants were provided medica facilities

at the medical camp held on February 22.

According to CMO, Kohima, Dr. Vezokholu Theyo during the camp the new Sub Centre at Nsunyu village was also inaugurated.

Theyo said that the medical camp was conducted by Chief Medical Officer, Kohima along with District Health Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare, NHM.

During the camp, ICTC screenings were also provided while dental procedure, medicine specialist screening, AYUSH consultation, immunization, eye screening etc were also conducted.

Lab test with free medicines and distribution of IEC materials were also provided to the beneficiaries.

Former Mission Director, (NHM) Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Khanlo Magh expressed gratitude to the medical team.

Meanwhile, Dr. Theyo urged the gathering to avail the services and part take in various group discussion for a healthy life style.

Image 1: The Screening Camp article published in the local daily newspaper 'Nagaland Post'

CMO Longleng sponsors ear and hearing screening camp in Noklak

Dimapur, Feb. 23 (EMN): In a benevolent act to reach out to the needy people, the chief medical officer (CMO) of Longleng, Dr. Obangjungla and her husband Banjung Aier, sponsored a charity screening camp for ear and hearing in Noklak headquarters.

The two-day screening camp, which began on February 23, was graced by the deputy commissioner of Noklak, Haizu Meru, as the guest of honour and the superintendent of police, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, as the special guest, an update from Longleng CMO's office stated.

Delivering a keynote address during a brief programme held at District Hospital in Noklak, Dr. Obangjungla stated that they had planned to organise the hearing camp since last year. Describing the ear as an important sensory organ in humans, she stated that loss of hearing is the most common



Dr. Obangjungla delivering the keynote address during the ear and hearing screening camp in Noklak town on Wednesday.

sensory deficit in human life, which is also the second leading cause for disability.

She stated that the inability to communicate with others due to hearing impairment could dramatically impact everyday life and lead to frustration, depression, anxiety, loneliness and isolation. She, therefore, emphasised

more on early identification, diagnosis and treatment saying that hearing loss is preventable.

She stated that people with hearing impairment are deprived of education and stigmatised by society in so many ways. She added that hearing aids would be provided for those in need.

Dr. Obangjungla also thanked the principal director of the Health department, Dr. Neikhrilie Khimiao, for deputing Dr. Sakuyuba Imchen, ENT specialist from District Hospital Dimapur and audiometrist, for the ear and hearing screening camp.

Dr. Sakuyuba Imchen,

ENT specialist, delivered a short speech on the importance of 'ear and hearing and safe listening'.

Short speeches were also delivered by Haizu Meru, Dr. Pritpal Kaur, senior district education officer Nyanbemo Humtsoe, and communication officer of John Snow India, Rose.

Image 2: The Screening Camp article published in the local daily newspaper 'Eastern Mirror'



Image 3 (a): Chief Medical Officer of Longleng district, Dr Obangjungla addressing the people during the Screening Camp programme.

Image 3 (b): The Special Guest - Superintendant of Police, Dr Pritpal Kaur, IPS giving a short speech during the Screening Camp programme.



Image 4: A click with the School Students who attended the Day 2 of Screening Camp.



Image 5 (a): Chief Medical Officer of Longleng district, Dr Obangjungla.

Image 5(b): A click with the Doctors, ENT specialist, Technicians and Nurses of the Screening Camp.

Screening Camp Photos:



Image 6 & 7 collages: The ENT Specialist doing the Ear Check up for the young and old.



Image 8 collage

Top-right: The Medical staff registering the name of the school students for medical checkups.

Top-left: School Students receiving the COVID-19 Vaccines.

Bottom-left & right: The citizens waiting to be examined by the ENT Specialist.