

Rural Camp Pre-Visit



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PAHAMMARDOLOI VILLAGE

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**Event
Report**

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Introduction

On 8th May 2023, a group of MSW 2nd semester students as well as four faculty members: Dr. Rituparna Rajendra, Ms. Ainamlin Dkhar, Ms. Hazel Wahlang, and Mr. George Kerry Sunn from the Department of Social Work-PG at St. Edmund's College, Shillong visited Pahammardoloi village in preparation for the Rural Camp 2023. During the visit, students and faculty had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Louwis



Syngkli, the headman of Pahahmmardoloi village, regarding the village's history and current challenges. Furthermore, the visit aims to gain a better understanding of the community and to secure their permission to hold a rural camp in the village.



List of Participants

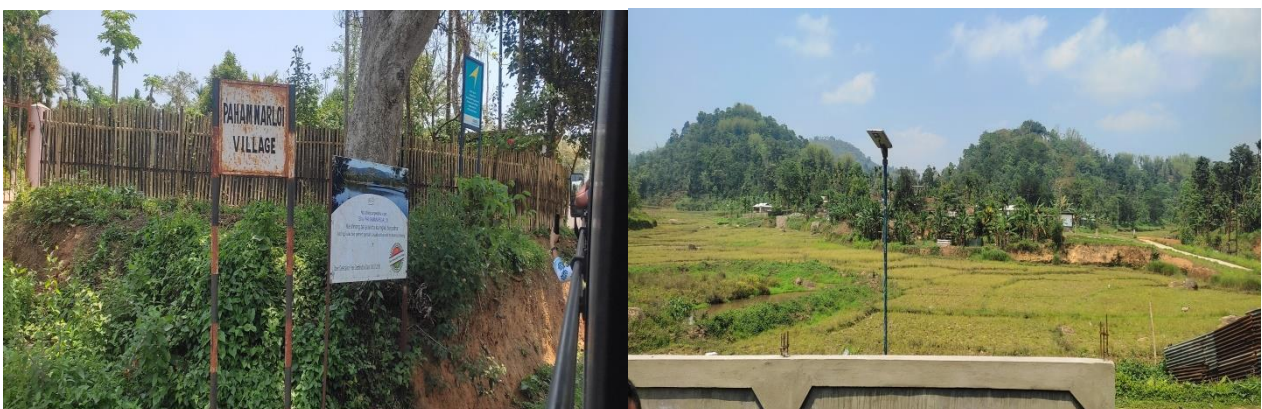
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2. Ms. Ainamlin Dkhar (Faculty)

3. Ms. Hazel Berret Wahlang (Fieldwork Coordinator)
4. Mr. George Kerry Sunn (Fieldwork Coordinator)
5. Mr. Louwis Syngkli (Headman of the village)
6. Mr. Marseillis Pohlong (Student)
7. Mr. Kevin Pdang (Student)
8. Ms. Detisha Nongrang (Student)
9. Ms. Beneranda Shadap (Student)
10. Ms. Moon Borah (Student)
11. Mr. Kendonglener Lemtor (Student)
12. Ms. Th. Wijonliu (Student)

Profile of Pahammardoloi Village

The Based on the 2011 Census data, the village code for Pahammardaloi village is 277579. Pahammardaloi village is located within the Umling subdivision of the Ribhoi district of Meghalaya, India. The village is located 5 kilometers from the district headquarters Nongpoh and 16 kilometers from the sub-district headquarters Umling (tehsildar office). Its total area is 407.14 hectares. The area of Pahammardoloi falls under the jurisdiction of Elaka Nongpoh and Ms. Louwis Syngkli is the headman of the village.

A total of 357 people live in Pahammardaloi village, out of whom 185 are males and 172 are females. There are 66 households in this village.



Demographic Profile of the Village

Demographic		Female	Male
1.	Total number of household	66	
2.	Total Population	357	
		172 F	185 M
3.	0-3 years old	25	
		13 F	12 M
4.	3-6 years old	26	
		12 F	14 M
5.	6-10 years old	34	
		16 F	18 M
6.	10-16 years old	72	
		37 F	35 M
7.	16-19 years old	36	
		14 F	22 M
8.	19-35 years old	69	
		34 F	35 M
9.	35 years and above	95	
		46 F	49 M
10.	Differently Able Persons-	4 people above 18 years	

Facilities in the Village

Education Facilities

There are two schools in Pahammardoloi village which are both private run schools, namely

1. Pahammardoloi Lower Primary School
2. St. Mary's Secondary School

The village does not have an Anganwadi Centre. In order to pursue higher education, students go to the closest higher secondary school, such as St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Alpha English Higher Secondary School, and others, located in Nongpoh. The Ri

Bhoi College is another educational institution in Nongpoh for those who wish to continue their educational pursuits.

Community Facilities:

- A total of 15 street lights are powered by solar energy in the village. It should be noted, however, that some of them do not work. The street lights were sponsored by FXB India Suraksha.
 - The village has one community hall.
 - The community has its own set of community cooking utensils that members of the community can use whenever they need them. One of the rules that they must comply with is to return them in the same condition as when they received them.
 - There is 1 **fair price shop** that caters to two villages: Nongkhrah and Pahammardoloi village. As for the distributor, a Joint Action Committee, nominated every three years, was elected between the villages of Pahammardoloi and Nongkhrah. As a result, the fair price shop will be located in any of the villages, depending on the location selected by the distributor.
 - There is a Women Wing (Seng Longknie) as well as a Youth Wing (Seng Samla) present in the village.
 - A community forest covering more than 40 acres is located in the village.
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- **Water Facility:** From 2022, all households in the village are provided with access to tap water at their own homes. The project was sponsored by JJM (Jal Jeevan Mission). Throughout the village, there are two sources of water that supply water to every household.
 - **Health Facility:** A clinic is located at St. Mary's School to treat minor illnesses among the local population. The clinic is staffed by a nurse and a helper. The clinic charges a private rate for its services. The main health concerns in the village are coughing and diarrhea.

Other Information about the Village

- **Main Occupation:** Farming is the main occupation in the village. Among the daily wage

earners in this village, the male daily wage is 300 rupees, while the female daily wage is 250 rupees.

- As well as providing solar-powered street lights, FXB India Suraksha is also undertaking an agricultural project from 2019 to 2021. In this project seeds were provided and awareness programme relating to agriculture.
- Every year, the village used to celebrate Shad Sajer, a kind of Thanksgiving festival and Shad Rah Kynthei. Both of these traditional dances are part of the Shad Shut Wait category.
- A few community members from the village of Pahammardoloi are involved in making traditional Khasi instruments. The village owns a set where these instruments can be rented.
- There are two Self Help Groups in the village, each consisting of approximately 10 to 12 members. It is based on the concept of SHGs, whereby members help one another harvest the fields and instead of paying the minimum daily wage, they will pay approximately half of it, and they will rotate between each other's fields according to the rotation schedule.
- A number of the villagers are experiencing financial hardship, unemployment and alcoholism.