

Research on Impact Assessment and Evaluation of carpet weaving on women in Phek District, Nagaland (2008).

The project implemented by the Entrepreneurs Associates of Nagaland Kohima in association with Raj Carpet Company, Jaipur was carried out with the objective of creating job opportunities for rural girls and women by imparting trainings in carpet weaving and thereby enhance their economic output and upliftment. The Women's Studies Centre Nagaland University carried out an Impact Assessment Study to determine the viability of up-scaling the project to other parts of the state. The village of Thenyizumi and Porba where the project is being implemented was visited twice by the research team of the Centre. In both the training units, the team interacted and conducted interviews with the trainees present to assess the impact of the project at the individual, household and community level. Besides, focussed group discussions were held to with the trainees involved to assess their general feedback on the project as a whole and also to study the problems, difficulties, and constraints faced by them and to identify gaps which need to be addressed in order to further the progress and the effective implementation and achievements of the program objectives.

Research objectives:

- Evaluate the skill development outcome of the training program and its impact in empowering women economically as well as socially.
- Developing reference manual for poverty reduction intervention programs among the rural women.