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Mizoram Lights Up Child Development: 300 Anganwadis to Go Solar



The Social Welfare, **Women and Child Development** (SWW&CD) Department, Government of Mizoram, signed an MoU with SELCO Foundation on July 22, 2026, to solarise and strengthen infrastructure at 300 Anganwadi Centres across the state. The agreement was signed in the presence of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development Minister Lalrinpuii. The MoU was signed by SWW&CD Commissioner and Secretary Lalzarmawii and SELCO Foundation Senior Project Manager Lalnuntluanga Colney.

The two-year partnership aims to improve early childhood development, nutrition, and health services, particularly in remote areas, through sustainable energy solutions. The solarisation of all 300 centres is targeted for completion by December 2026. The project also includes capacity-building and training for Anganwadi workers and government officials, along with the upgrading of 10 Saksham Anganwadi Centres as demonstration and learning hubs.

Climate-Ready Anganwadis for Karnataka

900 Anganwadi centres across Karnataka are set to become more climate-resilient strengthening childcare, nutrition and learning. On September 9, 2026, SELCO Foundation and the Women & Child Development Department, Karnataka, signed an MoU to jointly solarise these centres, supporting healthier, safer and more child-friendly Anganwadi centres and strengthening the environment for early childhood care, education. The MoU signing was attended by WCD Director Shri Mahesh Babu, Joint Director Shri Nischal, Deputy Director Smt. Roseline, and Assistant Director Smt. Shweta.

As part of this effort, 1,500 lights will be installed across the centres, improving visibility and creating more conducive spaces for children. Alongside this, **SELCO Foundation and WCD** will work together to develop model Anganwadi centres, exploring how energy and infrastructure can better support maternal and child wellbeing and community services. The initiative aims to support better child health and nutrition, early childhood education, and overall growth and development through improved energy access. As part of the programme, model Anganwadi centres will also be jointly supported by SELCO Foundation and WCD.



Inauguration of Solar Energy Systems in Assam's Udalguri District

SELCO Foundation has successfully implemented an 8 kW solar energy system at Harisinga Model Hospital, a 3.5 kW solar system at Udalguri Sub-Centre, and 14 solar streetlights at Udalguri Block Primary Health Centre in Udalguri district. To mark the completion of these installations, the new systems were inaugurated on 10 August 2026. The initiative at Udalguri Sub-Centre and Harisinga Model Hospital was inaugurated by the MLA and Deputy CEM, Executive Member of Agriculture, BTC, Shri Rihon Daimary.The function was held in the presence of the Speaker, BTC, Shri Tridip Daimary; Executive Member, BTC, Shri Fresh Musahary; and officilas from the National Health Mission, including Joint Director of Health, Dr. Muktar Hussain, and District Program Manager, Mr. Numal Singha Borgoyari.

The successful implementation of these solar energy systems marks an important step towards strengthening reliable and sustainable energy access for healthcare facilities in Udalguri district. The installations are expected to support uninterrupted healthcare services and improve the overall energy resilience of the facilities.



Arunachal Pradesh Goes Solar for Health

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in partnership with SELCO Foundation, inaugurated the solarisation of health facilities across the state, marking a major step towards reliable and climate-resilient healthcare. The state-level event was held at the Urban Primary Health Centre, Itafort, Itanagar, on 23rd September 2026 and was led by Shri Biyuram Wahge, Minister for Health & Family Welfare.

As part of SELCO Foundation's Energy Health programme, 393 health centres across 28 districts have been solar-powered, including 305 Sub-Centres and 88 Primary Health Centres. The initiative integrates clean energy solutions to strengthen healthcare delivery, improve resilience, and ensure sustainable access to essential services.



Solarising Southern Odisha



SELCO Foundation has signed an MoU with the Government of Odisha to support the solarisation of public health and community infrastructure across Rayagada, Malkangiri, Gajapati, and Nabarangpur districts in southern Odisha. The initiative includes solarising 128 Primary Health Centres, developing model climate-resilient PHCs, and supporting Anganwadi centres with reliable clean energy. Through technical assessments, capacity building, long-term O&M support, and livelihood interventions, the programme aims to demonstrate scalable and sustainable energy solutions that strengthen healthcare and community infrastructure across southern Odisha.

Manipur –

In August 2026, orientation sessions were conducted for 3 Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) and 2 District Programme Managers (DPMs) to strengthen institutional ownership and post-installation support mechanisms, as a part of the program that covered 393 health facilities across the state.

Karnataka –

To support improved nutrition services at Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs), clean-energy appliances including electric cookers and induction stoves have been provided to 40 NRCs in Karnataka. These interventions enhance meal preparation, reduce reliance on conventional fuels, and contribute to creating safer, more efficient environments for nutrition care and recovery.

From The Field



A Lifeline at the End of a 15 km Journey





A powerful story from rural Mizoram once again highlighted the transformative impact of **SELCO Foundation's solar-powered healthcare initiative.** A patient from Mualthuam 'S' Village, a remote community without motorable road access, was carried nearly 15 km on a handmade bamboo stretcher to the nearest Sub-Centre in Thualthu. There, a SELCO Foundation solar-powered oxygen concentrator system was available to provide critical care.

This story highlights how reliable access to electricity can be truly lifesaving, especially for people living in remote and underserved regions. It is a reminder that sustainable energy solutions are not just about power, but about improving healthcare access and saving lives.

Reaching the Last Mile

On 17 September 2026, frontline health workers in South Chawilung, Lunglei district, Mizoram, travelled across difficult terrain to vaccinate children in hard-to-reach communities. Equipped with the SELCO Foundation vaccine carrier, they were able to safely transport vaccines while maintaining the required temperature, ensuring that no child was left behind. More than a cold-chain device, the vaccine carrier became a bridge between healthcare services and remote communities, helping deliver protection, trust, and hope where it is needed most.





A Ray of Hope in the Rain

For years, frequent power outages disrupted healthcare services at Dumunichowki State Dispensary in Assam's Darrang district, affecting vaccine storage, immunization drives, and emergency care for nearly 17,400 people. During the monsoon, blackouts lasting up to three days often left healthcare workers struggling to maintain essential services.

"For years, maintaining the vaccine cold chain during power outages was a constant concern," recalls Smt. Aparna Deka, ANM. "We always worried about vaccine spoilage and interruptions to services for mothers and children."

Today, a Solar PV system installed by SELCO Foundation ensures reliable 24×7 electricity, enabling uninterrupted immunization, emergency care, and outpatient services even during prolonged grid failures. The transformation has strengthened healthcare delivery, ensuring that quality care remains available to the community, rain or shine. The impact has been immediate and far-reaching. Immunization drives, including Polio and HPV campaigns, continue smoothly regardless of weather conditions. Healthcare workers can perform medical procedures confidently, while patients receive uninterrupted care. The dependable power supply has also improved working conditions for staff, especially during Assam's intense summer months.









When the lights stay on: Transforming healthcare at Wonthoi

Located in the remote Wonthoi village of Noklak district, around 38 km from the district headquarters, Wonthoi Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) serves as a critical access point for primary healthcare, preventive services, health awareness, and referrals for surrounding communities.

SELCO Foundation solarized the centre on 20 February 2025, significantly improving healthcare delivery in an area prone to frequent and prolonged power outages. According to the Community Health Officer, unreliable electricity previously hampered late-night deliveries, emergency care, and routine operations.

With dependable solar power, healthcare workers can now provide uninterrupted services during outages, ensuring adequate lighting and power for deliveries, emergencies, and patient care. The solar system has also enabled timely digital reporting, document printing, and use of computers and mobile devices. As a result, the centre has witnessed improved OPD attendance, better management of emergency and midnight deliveries, and more reliable healthcare and administrative services for one of Noklak's most remote communities.







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