

# Tribal Communities Shaping A Sustainable Future



## FutureGenerations Arunachal

### 2011 FACT SHEET

#### WHAT WE DO

We mobilize human energy for community development and conservation statewide.

#### HOW WE WORK

We enable communities to see their opportunities and build their capabilities for positive change

Women's groups mobilize communities, improve health and sanitation, and create sustainable local economies. They inspire groups, such as farmers and youth clubs, to join the process.



More than 90 women's groups are improving nutrition and increasing family income through kitchen gardens and micro-credit programs.

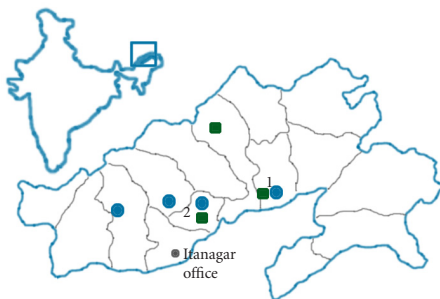
#### IMPACT AREAS

- Maternal and child health
- Local governance
- Collaborative management of primary health care systems
- Women's empowerment
- Biodiversity conservation

In northeastern India, the tribal communities of Arunachal Pradesh learn skills and create action groups to improve their lives and protect the environment. For 10 years, Future Generations Arunachal has promoted community-led development and conservation. Today 92 women's action groups promote health, expand kitchen gardens, improve water quality, and increase household income.

In 2010, these activities are strengthened through: 1) Regional learning centers linking health, livelihoods, and conservation, 2) Applied research to monitor the impact of integrated approaches, and 3) Statewide training in health and governance.

#### WHERE WE WORK



- Existing Sites
- Expansion Sites

1. Sille Primary Health Center and State Training Facility for community health workers
2. Talle Wildlife Sanctuary and wildlife monitoring project

#### REGIONAL LEARNING CENTERS LINKING HEALTH, LIVELIHOODS, AND CONSERVATION

Three "Learning and Doing Centers" or "classrooms without walls" promote action learning in comprehensive development. Each Center implements projects based on local priorities and trains more communities in *how* to:

- Create women's action groups and farmer's clubs
- Improve health by increasing prevention skills in the home
- Create and implement community workplans
- Conduct skits and raise awareness about alcohol addiction and child marriage
- Start kitchen gardens, piggery, fishery, and traditional handicraft businesses
- Start women's micro-credit programs to increase household income
- Monitor progress using local data with a special focus on health indicator
- Monitor biodiversity and promote more sustainable agricultural methods

## 2011 MAJOR ACTIVITIES

**Research:** Extend and measure the impact of women's empowerment and health interventions in three new sites and partner with the University of Ottawa and Johns Hopkins University on collaborative evaluation projects.

**Demonstrate:** Continue to support learning opportunities for communities that meet local priorities linking health, livelihoods, and conservation.

**Teach:** Operate a model health clinic and statewide training center for women community health workers

## PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



Future Generations Arunachal is a registered Indian charitable society and a formal partner organization of Future Generations. Future

Generations Arunachal is managed by a Master Coordinating Committee and a Board of Trustees that partners with a statewide network of Local Coordinating Committees working with more than 90 women's groups and 1,000 volunteers.

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The Red Panda is among the many rare species protected through community conservation efforts in the subtropical forests of Arunachal Pradesh.

Robert L. Fleming Jr.

In 2011, Future Generations Arunachal supports action learning opportunities in these sites, including:

- Mothers' training programs in home-based health care
- Wildlife surveys using infrared camera traps and the traditional knowledge of tribal hunters (supported by the Critical Ecosystems Partnership Fund)
- A Ford Foundation supported project to promote community-based eco-tourism through village home-stay accommodations and the training of local tour guides
- A River Rafting Cooperative, supported by *Travel+Leisure* magazine, in the Siang (Brahmaputra) River Valley
- Youth-led environmental awareness campaigns (supported by the UNDP Global Environment Facility's Small Grants Program)
- Campaigns in solid waste management and water quality monitoring

## APPLIED RESEARCH TO MONITOR THE IMPACT OF INTEGRATED APPROACHES IN NEW SITES

Future Generations is reaching out to three new sites with no previous access to social services. The goal is to extend and measure the impact of women's empowerment and health interventions that appear to be successful in other parts of the state. In addition, research in collaboration with the Teasedel Corti Global Health Research Initiative under the aegis of the University of Ottawa is evaluating the interrelationships among gender empowerment, community participation, and comprehensive primary health care in Future Generations program areas. Another research project, supported by the Center for Liveable Futures, John Hopkins University, focuses on the role of kitchen gardening in food security and women's empowerment.

## STATEWIDE TRAINING IN HEALTH AND GOVERNANCE

Future Generations Arunachal manages a primary health clinic as part of a Public-Private Partnership with the Arunachal Ministry of Health. In addition to being a model clinic that is managed with active community participation, this facility serves as a statewide training center for Village Welfare Workers (VWWs). VWWs are local women who volunteer their time to improve health. They also serve as leaders and trainers of Women's Action Groups.

From 2005 to 2008, Future Generations Arunachal trained 1700 of the 6000 village elected members of the *Gram Panchayat* (village council) to prepare and implement workplans based on local priorities. The organization proposes to establish 10 model *Gram Panchayats* in the state as learning centers in how to improve local governance.