

CSOs and NGOs working for the Indigenous Peoples¹

Name of Organisation: Green Hill, 1994

Website of Organisation: <http://www.greenhill-bd.org/>

Facebook of Organisation:

<https://www.facebook.com/Greenhill.Rangamati/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes



"Green Hill", a CHT people's non-political development organization was commissioned on March 2, 1994 by some dedicated and highly educated tribal social workers based at Rangamati, Chittagong Hill Tracts with a view to promoting the socio-economic status of the poor CHT communities.

Eleven different indigenous communities along with the Bengali inhabit the greater Chittagong Hill Tracts (Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari districts). It covers an area of 5093 square miles, mostly hilly and inaccessible. Its mountainous configuration, distinctive ethnicity with divergent culture, language and social practices in contrast to the rest of the country has clearly side lined the region from the mainstream society and its national development process. In addition to this, political wrangling involving the rights of the indigenous peoples over the last few decades has stifled small local initiatives and drives for ushering in any positive change in the CHT. Until recently this region has had no exposure to any major impact-centric development initiatives. A large part of CHT population thus continues to remain underprivileged and poor.

Since 1994 Green Hill has been committed to work with and for the underprivileged people of the CHT to alleviate their poverty situation. During the 20 years of Green Hill's existence many development initiatives have been undertaken with fairly encouraging results.

Mission

To work for the poor, socially and economically marginalized and deprived people in the CHT, with special focus on women, children and the indigenous peoples in the least developed and hard to reach areas. Green Hill's overall aim is to enable these target people to improve their livelihood status and exercise their rights with a view to empowering them both socially and economically.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of Indigenous peoples and human rights more broadly.