



**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR KRO-ARONG
VILLAGE, (ASSAM)**



**ADOPTED BY
BISWANATH COLLEGE
Biswanath, Assam**

INTRODUCTION

Biswanath College adopted the tribal-dominated village of Kro-Arong at Karbi Block on the Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border in December 2020. The initial plan was executed by the Biswanath College National Service Scheme Unit (NSS) under the active guidance of Dr. Chinta Mani Sharma, the Principal of the college. The primary impetus of this endeavor was to transform the village into a socially, economically and culturally developed region of Biswanath district. The college fraternity has been working since 20th January 2021 for the overall upliftment of the local community inhabiting the village.

ABOUT THE VILLAGE

Karbi Block Kro-Arong Village is located at Biswanath District in the state of Assam, India at the latitude of 26.858⁰ N and the longitude of 93.152⁰ N. This Village is under Pabhoi Gaon Panchayat and Development Block is Sakomotha, (PO- Pabhoi, PIN-784174). The distance between Pabhoi and Kro-Arong is about 6 km and it is 16 km from Biswanath Chariali Town.



Socio-economic survey by NSS, Biswanath College

INTERACTIONS AND DATA COLLECTION THROUGH HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SURVEY

A meeting was arranged on 06/01/2021 by the Gaonburha (Village Headman) to inform the villagers about the engagement of Biswanath College, Assam in the village development for which a house-to-house survey would have to be conducted. All the villagers were very positive about the proposal of having this survey.



Initial meeting of College fraternity with the villagers of Kro-Arong

The survey was done on a specific form provided by the Faculty Coordinators. A group of 5 students from Biswanath College along with faculty and staff were involved in completing the survey of the village in one day. The Gaonburha identified the elected member or his/her close associates from the village to help the surveyors in identifying the households. The villagers were very cooperative in responding to the survey.

1. Demographic Profile

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Total Household	41 nos.
2	Total Population	246 nos.
3	Average Members per Family	5.75
4	Gender Ratio	53:47 (M:F)

2. Land and Agriculture Resources

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Arable land agriculture Area	101.04 acres
2	Forest Area	. 4.30 acres
3	Housing/Abadi Area	25.23 acres
4	Waste land	6.15 acres

3. Household Waste Collection

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Door Step	0 nos.
2	Common Point	4 nos.
3	No Collection System	14 nos

4. Connectivity of Kro-Arong

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Public Bus Service	0 nos.
2	Private Bus Service	0 nos.

3	Private Car/Auto Service	Available within village
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5. Water Sources in the Household

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Canal	1 nos.
2	Tank	9 nos.
3	Ephemeral stream	1nos.
4	Others	1nos.

6. Drinking Water Facility

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Piped Water	0 nos.
2	Community Tap	0 nos.
3	Hand Pump	11 nos.
4	Open Well	17 nos.

7. Occupation

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Service	1 nos.
2	Business	2 nos.
3	Cultivator	All

8. Vehicle

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Four Wheeler	2 nos.
2	Two Wheeler	6 nos.
3	Bicycle	44 nos.

9. House type

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	Pacca	7 nos.
2	Kaccha	34 nos.

10. Students Status

Sl. No.	Parameter	Quantity
1	L. P. to Higher Secondary School	26 nos.
2	Under graduate	05 nos.
3.	Post-Graduate	01 no.

11. Health Center- Nil

PROBLEMS FACED BY VILLAGERS:-

After the completion of the survey, another meeting was organized at Kro-Arong Village in order to assess the current situation of the village in various aspects of development. A large number of villagers, the Gaonburha, Block Development Officer, Faculty coordinators (Biswanath College) and Student volunteers of NSS and NCC were present in the meeting. A number of problems were identified and taken for threadbare

discussion. A few of these are as follows:

1. Shortage of drinking water and quality of drinking water.
2. No drainage of wastewater (grey water). It flows through the streets turning all the roads muddy and slushy during monsoon season.
3. No place for putting garbage.
4. No primary health centre in the village.



Visit of the local MLA on the inauguration of Eco-tourism Park

ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLAN OF WORK

As an initial intervention, a team of student members of NCC and NSS Units headed by Prof. Rajeswar Boro, Teacher In-Charge of Biswanath College NSS went to the Kro-Arong Village and established a temporary camp for a week from 20th January 2021 to 26th January 2021. During this period, the team attempted to clean the village roads and its surroundings. They also installed handmade bamboo dustbins in the village. The students planted more than 300 trees in the locality. Since the village is blessed with an ephemeral stream, upgradation and conservation measures have been taken to make the location a scenic spot for eco-tourism. The inhabitants of Kro-Arong were also made aware of adversities of plastic use and the rewards of not using it. Further, the Department of Economics organized a workshop on Animal Husbandry adopting scientific method in the village on 25/03/2021 having Dr. Narayan Sharma, Retired Joint Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, Govt of Assam as the resource person.



Construction of a bamboo bridge on the ephemeral stream as a part of eco-tourism

In terms of governance, the villagers have been encouraged to form a Ministry of their own. Hence, they formed a Ministry having the following ministers-

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Contact no.
1.	Sri Sarsingh Takbi	Chief Minister	9864787681
2.	Sri Dipen Kro	Health Minister	6001294156
3.	Sri Dilip Takbi	Agriculture And Irrigation Minister	6026839765
4.	Sri Bikash Kro	Education Minister	Not Available
5.	Sri Rajesh Kro	Information and Public Relation Minister	6002670326
6.	Sri Jiten Takbi	Rural Development Minister	6000572794
7.	Mrs. Sameli Beypi	Handloom and Textile Minister	6002558421

FUTURE PLAN OF ACTIVITIES: -

Biswanath College has a vision to make Karbi Block Kro-Arong Village a socially, economically, culturally developed part of the District. In order to achieve this goal the

college has formulated a long-term plan of activities which are as follows: -

- The college has planned to install at least 10 Hand Pumps from the Department of Public Health, Biswanath District, Government of Assam.
- The villagers have nearly 18 hours electricity supply in a day. As such, the villagers were encouraged to use Bio-gas and solar energy in the rest of the period.
- An application is submitted to State Bank of India, Biswanath Chariali Branch to open an SBI Unit for ease of transactions and grow the habit of savings and insurance.
- The college has undertaken preliminary arrangements for installation of 3 (three) locally made incubators for poultry farming purpose and encouraged the villagers to go on poultry farming in a large scale.
- The college has planned to arrange free admission to 30 students in six-month diploma in Computer Application under the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology under the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Government of India.
- A Farmer Producer Organization is planned to be established in the Kro-Arong village. The preliminary project plan has been formulated with the guidance of the Assam Startup-the Nest.



Installation of incubator for developing a poultry farm

A NOBLE GESTURE

Reciprocating to what the Biswanath College fraternity has done for the Kro-Arong people, they have come forward to help in cleaning the college campus. As a sense of gratitude, a group of Karbi people came to the college on 26th January, 2021 and initiated a cleanliness drive for the day. This unique collaboration has strengthened the sense of amity and brotherhood among the stakeholders of the college.



Cleanliness drive at Biswanath College initiated by People of Kro-Arong

ADDITIONAL PHOTO GALLERY









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