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DESCRIPTION

Tripura has many development challenges: geographical isolation, difficult terrain, slow development of infrastructure, lack of major industries, absence of developed markets, poor purchasing power, shrinking land availability, falling agriculture activity, high rural poverty, and low representation of women in the workforce.

In 2003, INBAR and its partners in India, CIBART and its daughter organization TRIBAC, set out to address this situation. The primary goals were to, create new employment and increase the returns to the women in the bamboo sector, and redress the bamboo resource loss. The basic strategy was to secure adequate income for the rural poor through sustainable bamboo-based livelihoods, so that it helps meet the incremental cash needs of poor rural households in Tripura's primarily subsistence economy that provides them food and housing.

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