



TEA COOPERATIVE

FAIR TRADE PRODUCER PROFILE

Chamong Tea Estate, India

"Fair Trade has initiated a feeling of community development and enthusiasm among workers, as they are constantly contacted by the Joint Body for their suggestions to improve the socioeconomic conditions of their villages."

— Chamong Tea Estate worker

Chamong Tea Estate, located in the Rong Bong valley of Darjeeling, is fully committed to environmental issues. All of their production is certified organic, providing healthier working and living conditions in the gardens and surrounding areas. This tea garden became Fair Trade Certified in 1994 and exports through Chamong Tee Exports Pvt. Ltd. Workers' welfare has always been a high priority, with a focus on enhanced medical and maternity benefits and improved housing.

The premium earned through Fair Trade tea sales has enabled the worker community at Chamong to take an active role in improving their own lives. Projects the Chamong workers have financed through Fair Trade include:

- **Small Business Development.** Villagers have been training in making soft toys and handicrafts. Additionally, cows have been distributed to workers' households to provide dairy products for both consumption and sale.
- **Social and Cultural Life.** Sporting activities are regularly organized, and a meditation and yoga camp helps improve workers' health and social thinking.
- **Energy Resources.** LPG (liquid petroleum gas) cylinders have been provided to the villagers as an alternative to burning wood, which helps avoid deforestation and maintain an ecological balance.
- **Workers Equipment.** Hotcase boxes have been distributed to the workers to carry their lunch during the working day.



ABOUT THE GARDEN

Date Established: 1900

Fair Trade Since: 1994

Number of Teaworkers: 527

Annual Production: 85 metric tons

Land Under Cultivation: 164 hectares

Elevation: 1150 - 1750 meters

ABOUT THE TEA

Tea Types: Green, Black

Growing Region: Darjeeling

Harvest Season: March - December

Export Channel: Chamong Tea Exports Pvt.Ltd.

Organic Production: 100%

Organic Certifier: IMO