

ONE DAY ANTI HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING WORKSHOP TO UNIFORM PERSONALS AT BAKSA BTC, ASSAM

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Background Note:

Human Trafficking is one of the fastest growing forms of criminal activity, next only to drugs and weapons trade, generating unaccountable profits annually. NEDAN Foundation being a pioneer in combating human trafficking has been able to rescue 925 trafficked survivors from the year 2004 to December 2016 with the help of uniform personnel, student union bodies and anti human trafficking partner organizations. Hence, NEDAN Foundation has experienced transforming the lives and mending the shattered dreams of the voiceless survivors of Human Trafficking. The two sections of people in the society i.e. children and women are particularly vulnerable for many reasons. They experience more terribly the multifaceted effects of poverty, dysfunctional families, discriminatory social and cultural practices, conflicts and natural disasters.

NEDAN Foundation has reached out to larger section of the society in BTC with a greater impact such as **building regional collaboration, strengthening North East Region Network (NENFAT), rescue and repatriation of trafficked survivors, creating alternative livelihood for survivors and potential girls, training and capacity building of uniformed personals, strengthening cross border vigilance committee members, building youth forces as trafficking safety net, promoting higher education as early prevention of girls trafficking, transit shelter for minor survivors and social entrepreneurship for mother of trafficked survivors** and intervene many vulnerable areas where there was increased trafficked and survivors of human trafficking were given a ray hope to move forward in life by erasing all the past pain, tortures and hardships.

NEDAN's random checking with the help of Railway police, uniform personals, labour unions, department of labour and student union bodies in the rail line, bus stands, taxi stands which connects North East India, border areas and displaced locations through the community vigilance committees have prevented number of vulnerable minor and major girls from being lured by the agents to the main cities with the false promise of lucrative job.

Anti Human Trafficking initiative in Baksa:

NEDAN Foundation works in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) with anti human trafficking partners across India to end this modern day slavery. In this regard NEDAN also collaborated with the Childline- 1098 which is a toll free number for reporting the cases of missing, trafficking, children in vulnerable situation, runaway children, child labour, and children facing abuse below 18 years in **Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Assam**. In order to strengthen collaboration with Baksa district for Human Trafficking for the first time NEDAN Foundation has taken the initiative to discuss face to face with the Uniform Personnel (Assam Police) as well as with the stake holder of the Baksa District through **One day Anti Human Trafficking Training Workshop on “Prevention, Protection and Investigation of the cases of Human Trafficking”**. This initiative was taken by NEDAN Foundation because there is rise in trafficking cases from Baksa District. For that purpose Project Coordinator for Anti Human Trafficking and Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation had plan to give awareness among the Uniform Personals as well as stake holder of Baksa District.

One day Anti Human Trafficking Training Workshop to Uniform Personals:

The One day Anti Human Trafficking Training Workshop with Uniform Personal of Baksa District which includes Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Sub-Divisional Police Officer (SDPO), Inspector, Sub-Inspector (SI), Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), Woman Police Constable (WPC), Office In Charge (OC), CDPO, Social Welfare Office and District Child Protection Office.



The programme was started by welcome address and felicitation of guest by NEDAN team members. Shri Siddhi Kumar Baruah APS, (Deputy Superintendent of Police) inaugurate the training programme. In his inaugural speech he took the time to introduce oneself as all the participants were from different junction. He has also address about the existing of present scenario of Human Trafficking of the state.

Mr Digambar Narzary (Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation) conveyed the objective of the one day Anti Human Trafficking Training Workshop on “Prevention, Protection and Investigation of the cases of Human Trafficking”. He shared the information about the alarming issues of Human

Trafficking in BTC, Assam focusing mainly in Baksa District. He stated the reasons NEDAN Foundation is here today for organizing this programme is to interact face to face about Human Trafficking and want to work together by holding hand to hand and to make lower Assam Zero Trafficked districts. For better understand about Human Trafficking Mr. Digambar Narzary had highlighted some important points of Existing Mechanisms to Combat Trafficking and Preventing Strategies.

Mr. Narzary also highlighted stakeholders which do not exist in the Baksa District. He also highlighted trafficker's route now a days they choose to take trafficked child and woman. Further he also clarified that now a day's outside traffickers does not enter the other state, local agent works in local area and sent to other agents of other state. He also highlighted that without Government hospital Medical Report victim compensation cannot be sanction. Mr. Narzary in the workshop told that NEDAN Foundation is working on Human Trafficking since 2004 and rescue victim throughout National and International with Uniform Personals, NGOs and Student Union etc. He also share that NEDAN Foundation has taken the initiative of SMSing system, so that victims can contact NEDAN Foundation within a few second. He also share that NEDAN Foundation has also reenrolled in school those victims want to study and livelihood facilities to their family by giving them minimum amount of money to start small business.

In the discussion session Nikhil Singh raised a question that, Is Human Trafficking related to age group? Mr. Digambar Narzary replied that there is no age group in human trafficking but in work they have been divided according to age group like 13-18 years for sex and for different age group different types of works.

In the discussion session participant from Social Welfare shared that there is no proper attendances of worker in the office so for that Social Welfare works are lacking behind. District Child Protection Office participant also shared their existing problems of the district from December 2015 to 17/07/2018 that there has been 39 Child Marriage cases register and 18 Child Trafficking cases register in DCPO, further it was also shared that they have got full support from the Police Department as well as from Social Welfare Office whenever required. From the discussion session it was also came to light that directly or indirectly family members are also involved in the matter because when they got money monthly from trafficker then there is no problem with traffickers but when they don't get money from the traffickers then they gave FIR to the police as missing or trafficking. Baksa District DCPO requested NEDAN Foundation to work with them closely in Baksa District to make zero trafficking districts.

Join Action Plan for Awareness Programme in Baksa District

Awareness Building Area Identification

- Nagrijuli- September Contact Person-DCPO
- Gobordhona- October Contact Person-VCDC Chairman, OC
- Baganpara- November Contact Person-OC-Barbari
- Salbari- December, Contact Person-OC-Salbari

They inform to NEDAN Foundation that all the necessary arrangement will be done by them. Shri. Babul Chandra Nath (Sub-Divisional Police Officer) gave a conclusion remark of the workshop and thanks to NEDAN Foundation for new initiative in the Baksa District and he also shared Baksa District uniform personal will also gave full support to NEDAN Foundation whenever needed in the district.

