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Combating Human Trafficking in 15 villages of one district of Assam
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Report by:

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Assam-783370, North East-India



Reporting period:
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Brief description (Executive summary):

Kokrajhar district can be known as conflict displacement zone area within the state of Assam, India. Kokrajhar district is mostly affected by conflict displacement and violence. And due to those issues its socio-economic conditions are very poor as compare to other backward places.

NEDAN is committed to empower youth, women and girls on various issues such as human rights, trafficking in women and children, livelihoods, and education for children, enable them as equal decision makers in the developmental process and peace building in the North East region. NEDAN also work in the area of child protection and promoting higher education for children and adolescents, and also children who need immediate care and support.

“Combating Human Trafficking in 15 villages of Kokrajhar district of BTC, Assam” is based on interest of the community and to prevent Human Trafficking in the villages. The project activities are mainly rapport building of the community people and strengthening the existing government departments/units and community based organisation. Also this project will help to developed better network with other organisation working on Human Rights.

Project area:

Following table gives the details of project coverage:

S. No	District	No of Blocks	No of Villages	No of Families	Male	Female	Total Target Population
1	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Labanyapur	57	119	121	240
2	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Birganj No. 2	21	48	49	97
3	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Gwjwnshri	91	200	161	361
4	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Ultapani No. 2	63	153	126	279
5	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Kalipur	47	103	96	199
6	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Dawangpara 1	36	72	62	134
7	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Ranipur	51	111	125	236
8	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Birganj No. 1	21	48	39	87
9	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Joypur	27	67	67	134
10	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Gwjwn Fwthar	19	43	30	73
11	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Nijwmpur	31	69	67	136
12	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Motambil 1	11	22	22	44
13	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Motambil 2	15	40	29	69
14	Kokrajhar	Dotma	Jamunaguri	23	54	43	97
15	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar	Ultapani Nepali Basti	92	241	204	445
TOTAL				605	1390	1241	2631

Achievement of the project objectives:

Following are the results achieved in line with project objective statements:

Objective 1: (you may state output wise/describe each result)

NEDAN Foundation project staffs have attended all the trainings and meetings on the issue of Human Trafficking, conducted by Caritas India and by other organisations. After working with community people project staffs are now empowered on the HT issue.

Objective 2:

- Project staffs organised various programs with the community people to give more knowledge regarding Human Trafficking, child rights and women rights. Most of the community people started taking the issue seriously and they have also started to share HT, missing, migration cases etc in their villages. Village Vigilance committees started acting on to prevent HT in their villages.
- Village Council Development Committees/Gram Panchayat leaders are aware of HT and have promised to work on to prevent HT and any means of exploitation to the community people in their areas. They have also started sharing trafficking cases with project staffs.
- Identified more number of cases on Human Trafficking in field areas and project staffs were in process of solving the cases.

Objective 3:

- Student unions have shared HT, missing cases in Kokrajhar district with project staffs.
- Responsible Government institutions in Kokrajhar district were aware of the HT and helpful in working with project staffs.

Activities implemented during the reporting period

(State the activity and describe how it is done with photographs)

Activity A.1: Project Orientation and training on inter personal communication, Focus Group discussion, baseline survey and data analysis findings and recommendation.

Programme Orientation on *Combating Human Trafficking in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh* was held in 13th and 14th November 2018 at Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati. In this two days programme Caritas India team has conceptually explained us the term Human Trafficking and this helped us to gain maximum knowledge regarding the Human Trafficking issue in North East and Worldwide. Also there was an orientation on Laws regarding Human Trafficking crime in India, Govt policies and structures to combat Human Trafficking and some of the UN protocols. Caritas India team also explains thoroughly the project goals, objective, budget and activities. Handling financial and administrative in implementing the project is also explained by Caritas India. We also had a contextual

understanding of Human Trafficking in North East India from the chairperson of NEDAN Foundation Mr. Digambar Narzary.

Baseline Survey Tools Training

On 7th-9th January, 2019 in NEDSS, Guwahati, training for baseline survey tools was conducted by Caritas India team for the survey in all the villages. In the training program the baseline concept was to measure and understand the initial situation and final situation of the areas. The importance of baseline survey tools for AHT was also explained by the CI team to the Project Partners. The Baseline tool formats were explained thoroughly by the CI team. Various exercises were also conducted using these tools in order to provide clearer view regarding the survey tools. In training program, partners were also allowed to share the project activity implementation experiences till date in their locations and challenges faced in the field.



Programme Orientation on *Combating Human Trafficking in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh*



Baseline Survey Tools Training

Activity A.2: Baseline Survey in 15 identified villages, Relevant GovtDepts/Units and documentation.

Baseline survey in 15 identified villages.

In all the 15 villages Nijwmpuri, Gwjwnshri, Labyanapur Nepali Basti, No. 2 Ultapani, Gwjwnpwther, Dawangpara, Birganj 1, Birganj 2, Kalipur, Motambil 1, Motambil 2, Joypur, Jamunaguri, Ranipur and Ultapani Nepali Basti from 18th January, 2019 to 12th March, 2019. Baseline survey for families were successfully conducted by project staff where total number of 59 migrated people were found from 15 villages along with that 1 child labour and 1 missing has been identified.

In family baseline survey most of the family heads were met in their houses and some were called in village heads place and details was filled in survey tools by the field animators. Field animators also conducted survey in some of the villages in weekly prayers, since most of the villagers get together in weekly prayers and those left out were visited in their houses and details were filled in survey tools. Since, most of the villagers depend on seasonal agriculture and most of them are daily labourers sometimes it was difficult to find the villagers in their houses. For that before conducting survey field animators informed the villagers through village head to stay at their houses for particular time and after completion of the survey they can leave for their work. Field animators also conducted survey by calling some of the villagers in village head place whenever they were not met in their houses.

In baseline survey many villagers were supportive in survey and some has shown ignorance to the survey. Numbers of migration has been found in baseline survey. Most of those migrated were young in age and some are head of the family. Most of their motive of migration was to support their families financially or economically. They have migrated to different cities in the search of job where they could perform in the work and earned something for their families. Most of them were working as labour, security guard, waiter in hotel etc. According to villagers they have migrated because they were working as labour in trucks, tractors, construction site etc and cultivating little amount of

seasonal crops in village, with which they could earn very less amount to support their families. But it was learned that they earn same as working outside or working by staying at home. Most of the villagers have returned home from the work but some went back to work again.



Baseline survey



Baseline survey



Baseline survey in villages

Baseline Survey for relevant Govt Depts/ Units and documentation.

Project coordinator has conducted questionnaire for Police, CWC and NGO. Project coordinator visited Police station Kokrajhar and met Officer In charge and survey was conducted accordingly as questionnaire provided by the Caritas India team. OC sir has responded all the questions as per his experienced. He also added that even if the case of trafficking is present in the areas very few were reported to them and suggest us to create more awareness to the community people since he believes trafficking is due to lack of awareness regarding trafficking and ignorance of the parents in respect to the trafficking issue. CWC responded all the questions from her experienced and asked to submit application for the case data related questions. According to her parents are not conscious regarding the trafficking issue and all existing institution, civil societies and community base organisation should work together to create more awareness regarding the trafficking issues to the most vulnerable areas or most unreached areas. Project Coordinator has visited Kokrajhar based NGO NERSWN and met one of the staff of NERSWN who is working with organisation since last 3 years. Since, they are also working on human rights for the community people trafficking is a big issue and intervention is very much necessary according to them. He also suggested creating more awareness to organisation who directly deals with the community people. Saranjay Brahma (ABSU) at Bodofa House on 6th March, 2019. Project Coordinator conducted questionnaire with Saranjay Brahma regarding the Human Trafficking issue in the area. He has responded the entire question accordingly. He has also suggested and explained that every village head should have details of every person belonging to particular village, which it could help to trace the person easier. Stepen Lakra (AASAA) at his house on 13th March, 2019. Project Coordinator conducted questionnaire with Stepen Lakra regarding Human Trafficking issue in the area. According to him he has encounter HT cases but he was not clear whether case was trafficking for prostitution. He has suggested to create more awareness to the people and to strengthened existing institution, different stake holders on the issue of Human Trafficking. Manjula Magar (VCDC chairman Saralpara) at her house on 14th March, 2019. Project Coordinator conducted questionnaire with her on her residence in Saralpara where she has answered the entire

questions supportively. According to her people were not fully aware regarding the issue of human trafficking. She also suggests creating more awareness regarding HT issue to people.

Activity A.10: Rapport building with Community and PRI in the villages.

Human trafficking is an age old practice. In early age it was formal and traded human beings in open market termed as slave trade. At present it is done through illegal means. Human Trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world that generates an estimated five to seven billion U.S. dollars each year. It is a violation of human rights. It also violates the right to health care, liberty and security of person, and the right to freedom from torture, violence, cruelty or humiliating treatment.

As per the plan project staffs of NEDAN Foundation has initiated home visit to the villages and had a discussion with the village heads of the entire 15 village in Kokrajhar district. The villages are home to Adivasis, Bodos, Rabhas and Ghorikas. Most of the villagers were cooperative towards the project staffs and the issue of Human Trafficking but there were also some who were ignorant. Project staffs spoke on the issue of Human Trafficking to the villagers and shared project goals and objectives. Most of the villagers were unaware of the issue but after further discussion regarding the issue villagers become more serious on the issue and even ask to include other nearby villages. Because community people have found missing cases in those nearby villages. Project team has considered those areas as indirect intervention areas or villages. Project staffs calls the villagers of indirect intervention areas in every program organised. Rapport building programs are organised by Project staffs in different ways. Project staffs have called all the villagers in village heads place to hear and understand on the issue of Human Trafficking and project goals and objectives.

NEDAN Foundation project staff organised happening program in Saralpara field with collectivisation of 200 plus children, guardians, village heads and teachers in the area. In the program Objective of project is briefed to community people by a project coordinator and it is further explained in details by Mr. Dwimalu Narzary, multi tasker NEDAN Foundation. He has explained Human Trafficking is exploitation of the rights of a person by carrying from place of origin to some other place. He shared the reporting methods (100, 181, 1098 etc) of Human Trafficking and any other means of exploitation against women and children. He also shared idea of the formation of Village Vigilance committee in every village and this Vigilance committee can be the first to tackle Human Trafficking and any kind of exploitation. Regular meetings with Vigilance committee can strengthen the committee and they can be active performer for the development of community people in their area. Formation of Women wing since women take care of house hold activities and spend more time with children at home and they can make their children aware of trafficking and exploitation are discussed with community people. Children's club, Adolescent club should also need to be formed for children and adolescent to be more active towards their development and they can participate in everyday recreational activities after their regular school in evening as get together and also can developed themselves in sports activities. In recreational activity field animators can also be a part and they can have regular interaction with children and adolescent in the area, were also taught by the project staff.

Children had great performance in games. NEDAN team along with teachers organised games for children. More than 200 children participated from villages Nijwmguri, Sonapur, Mainaoguri, Gwjwnpwther, Gwjwnshri, Birganj, Ranipur, Kalipur, Jamunaguri, Motambil etc. Categorically children were divided according to their classes. Class IV and class V fall in one category as "Junior"

and from class III and below as “Sub-junior”. 100 metre running raced for both boys and girls was conducted categorically. For junior boys and girls cockfight was conducted separately. And lastly Kabaddi match was conducted for boys vs girls. Running race and Cockfight had 1st, 2nd and 3rd position for the winners and for Kabaddi one is the winner and another is the runner-up, where girl’s team lifts the trophy and boy’s team lifts the runners-up. NEDAN Team along with Village Head distributes prizes for the winners and ends the program with delicious refreshment together.

On 30th December, 2018 Village Vigilance Committee and villagers from Ranipur, Birganj, Nijwmpuri, Dawangpara, Gwjwnshri gathered in NRSTC Saralpara. Chairman of NEDAN Foundation spoke about the Human Trafficking cases in cross border. He shared some of the trafficking cases handled by NEDAN Foundation to the community people. He also added some of the topics from The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. And all the project staff got together and discussed regarding the project goals and activities which will help in development of community people as well as the development of villages.



Rapport building programs



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Activity A.11: Women, youth and children groups formed in the villages.

Field animators formed women group in Nijwmpur, Gwjwnshri, Dawangpara-1 and forms children's club in Gwjwnpwther, Gwjwnshri, Dawangpara-1, and Nijwmpuri. Children attend schools in NRSTC Saralpara, Saralpara LP and High School, Community run school in Birganj-2 and Ultapani-2 LP and High School.

Activity A.12: Regular meeting of women, youth and children groups.

School teachers are met by field animators and had discussion regarding the different issues of the schools. Some of the schools are community run schools and therefore books are not available for all the students. Also field animators suggested teachers to make students engaged with games and sports after their classes. Project staffs met women groups and discussed regarding Human Trafficking issue. Awareness to women in the family is very important to prevent HT, because children spend more time with their mother at home. Project staffs also discuss about the livelihood opportunity and seasonal crops in the villages, with which they can support their families. It was learned that women can sell vegetables to their local markets and also supply to nearby towns.



Meeting women



Activity with Children

Activity A.13: Training of women, youth and children group in Human Trafficking.

Celebration of State Child Protection Day on 4th March, 2019 more than 300 children were present in Weaving Destination Campus, Chandrapara, Kokrajhar. In the program more Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation share objective of the program. He also talked on child rights and some of the existing reporting mechanism like 1098 and NEDAN sms system. He also spoke about issue of Human Trafficking that every child should be aware of the HT. Every child should also build their capacity of understanding the issue and could prevent HT and any kind of exploitation against children. After discussion and training to the children the children enjoyed cultural activities and later children were engaged with some games where most of the students took part and won prizes.

Celebration of Women's Day on 8th March, 2019 in Saralpara High School. Around 50 women were present in the program. Project team met VCDC chairperson Saralpara and Saralpara women group asked project staff to take part in organizing the Women's Day program. Project staff took part by conducting some games activities for the women and girl students of the Saralpara area. Later all the students and women were ask to get together in hall for the discussion and training on the Human Trafficking and rights of the women. In the program some of the women were ask to speak on be haft

of their rights. And project staffs has shared project goals and objectives and explained widely on the issue of Human Trafficking. Most of the women suggested project staffs to organized bigger program with women and children of Saralpara area.



State Child Protection Day 4th March, 2019



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Women's Day Celebration 8th March, 2019



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Activity A.17: Information Centre set up in the community and made functional to provide information to villagers.

Two information centres were setup in project area. Project staffs use to have programs with villagers and children in Saralpara NRSTC and Community run school in Birganj-2. Field animators regularly have recreational activities with children and meetings with community people in both the centres.

Activity A.18: Formulation of village vigilance committee and regular meetings.

Village Vigilance Committees were formed in Gwjwmpwther, Gwjwnshri, Nijwmpur, Dawangpara, Ultapani-2, Birganj 1, Birganj 2 and Kalipur. Project staffs make use of Information centers for the formation of village vigilance committee and regular meeting with the community people. The main objective for the formation of village vigilance committee is to create villages a trafficking free zone. President and Secretary lead the committee in their villages and rest of the family head or villagers can be the members in the committee. Regular meetings, discussion and anti human trafficking exercises and activities with the community people helps committees to become capable enough to stop human trafficking in community itself and any other means of exploitation to children and women in community is the main aim of NEDAN Foundation which will lead to a trafficking free zone. The Project staffs regularly met committee members and asked regarding the migrated people in the villages. It is learned in most of the villages that most of the migrated people came back home and some of them again returned back to their work place. The Project staff continuously explained regarding the issue of human trafficking to the community people so that the people become more aware to the human trafficking.



Formation of Village Vigilance Committee



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Activity A.20: Identifying schools to orient students on human trafficking and Child Rights and Protection.

Schools present in the project areas are namely- NRSTC Saralpara, Saralpara LP and High School, Community run school in Birganj-2, Labanyapur LPS, NO.2 Ultapani VLps, NO.622 Ultapani Lps, Ultapani Lps, Ultapani ME School (NP), Uttar Labanyapur VLps.

Activity A.27: Training of gram panchayat leaders /VCDC in human trafficking and how to prevent it.

On 19th March, 2019 Project staffs has organised a training program with the Village Council Development Committee (VCDC) of Saralpara and Ultapani. In the program both the Chairperson of VCDCs and members were present. Along with that some of the Youth leaders and village heads were present in the program. In the program Project Coordinator shared the project goals and objective of the program. Mr. Dwimalu Narzary multi tasker of NEDAN Foundation spoke widely on the issue of Human Trafficking in the program. And also Ultapani VCDC chairperson also spoke on the issue and promises to prevent HT in his area and also to handle any cases of HT. Saralpara VCDC chairperson also spoke about HT trafficking and also shared some cases which she wanted project staffs to handle the case and trace the missing person at the earliest. FIR has been lodged to the Bismuri out post regarding the case and police are doing their work as per the possibilities. Youth leader has also shared a trafficking case of Dawangpara village which he tried handling the case and he is in the processed of solving the case soon.



Training program with VCDC chairpersons and members



Training program with VCDC chairpersons and members

Activity A.29: Mapping of organizations working in prevention, protection and prosecution and rehabilitation services.

Project staffs met CWC, Police Officer In-Charge, SSB, DLSA, Childline India, One Stop Centre, AHTU, VCDC chairmen, Students Union, NGOs.

Activity A.32: Engage in meetings and discussions organized by the network.

Project coordinator along with field animators use to have regular meetings and attend programs with existing networks. Project staffs took part with 1098 Childline se dosti program in various existing organisations DCPU Kokrajhar, CWC Kokrajhar, Police Unit, Student Unions, Research scholars, DLSA, One Stop Centre and other civil society organisation working on human rights in the area.

NEDAN Foundation organised a “BTC Level Consultation on Strengthening Child Protection and Inclusive Education in BTC”. In the Program Joint Secretary, Social Welfare, BTC, UNICEF child protection specialist, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Hq), Kokrajhar, BEEOs, Child Protection Officers, CWC, JJB, Media, other civil society organisation, student unions and village level child protection committees were present. Various child related issues like child labour, child marriages etc and different challenges are discussed in the program. Various schools related issues in forest areas were also addressed by NEDAN Foundation.

Project staff also took part in CISF wife’s association program of distributing goods to girl childs residing in Destination Girl’s Home. CISF officers were very much happy to share their experience in the industries and airports. They also gave career guidance to students and have conversations with all the students residing in Destination Girl’s Home. It is very important for project staffs to have a direct access to any kind of Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) of India across the country.



Program with CISF



Taking part in Childline Se Dosti program



BTC Level Consultation on Strengthening Child Protection and Inclusive Education in BTC

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

Theme: “Together against Human Trafficking”

Organised by: NEDAN Foundation

On 8th Feb, 2019 Project staff organized a prayer with community people of Saralpara in NRSTC Saralpara. Some of the community people come forward to pray for the Trafficked victims whoever they are and wherever they are. It was very emotional to remember their sufferings and very kind to pray for the trafficked victims. Community head lead the prayer by remembering all trafficked victims in the world and asked God to bless and help every victim to bring joy, good health and healthy life. All the community people present promise to fight against Human Trafficking in their area.



International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking. Theme: “Together against Human Trafficking”

Program Launching

Combating Human Trafficking in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh.

Date: 22 nd March, 2019

NEDAN Foundation Project staffs and community representatives from NEDAN field areas participated in the launching program. Child activist, Anjali Basumatary who resides in NEDAN's Children Home also took part in the program.

Program was successfully organised by Caritas India.



THE HALF YEARLY REVIEW

Reporting period: 1 ST OCTOBER 2018-21 MARCH 2019

Project title: Combating Human Trafficking in Assam & Arunachal Pradesh”

Date: 22 nd & 23 rd March, 2019

Venue: Don Bosco Institute (DBI),

Joypur Kharghuli Guwahati-781004, Assam.

In the Half Yearly review meeting all the Project Coordinators from different partner organisations presented PPT presentation on the Project. In presentation village demography, activities implemented, achievements, new learning, challenges in implementing the activities and planned for the next quarter were presented. Later Caritas India team review and suggested necessary requirements in presenting the work activities of project. Like SMART way of presenting. Also project partners are asked to perform all the required activities in time.



Group photo of Half Yearly review meeting.

Field visit report for the Partner organization

Date 21-23 January 2019

Places of visit: Kokrajhar.

The AHT Program Officer Ms. Chihanphi Luiram (Ruth) visited NEDAN Foundation from 21-23 January 2019. On 21st Jan, 2019 NEDAN Foundation welcome her in the NEDAN Office. Later she was welcome by children residing in NEDAN's Children Home, which is located in Chandrapara, Kokrajhar. On 22nd and 23rd Jan, 2019 more than 100 villagers from different project areas and indirect intervention areas got together in Community Run School Birganj-2, in Kalipur village field, Mainaoguri village church and Nijwmpur Village heads place and they addressed their issues. NEDAN Foundation Chairperson Digambar Narzary stated project goals and objectives and this could help in development of the villages. Ms. Ruth addressed Human Trafficking issue broadly to the villagers. She also explained the difference between safe migration and unsafe migration to the villagers. Some of the villagers share migration of their children in different cities like Bangalore and country Bhutan.



Ms. Ruth addressing Human Trafficking issue.



Chairperson NEDAN Foundation and Ms. Ruth In Kalipur.

Conclusion

NEDAN is the organization which always looks towards the development of vulnerable society. The project staffs have addressed the issues of Human Trafficking and other means of exploitation to women and children. Project staffs has also aim to bring a learning environment for children in Saralpara and Ultapani areas of Kokrajhar. Project staffs has been making continuous effort to make the quality of life of the communities better through their innovative strategy by implementing the project within the area that may help the community people to meet their need by themselves.

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