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Combating Cross Border Human Trafficking between BTC, Assam with Bhutan and Bangladesh



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Background

The partnership between DKA and NEDAN has made substantial dent in creating a sustainable community-based safety net for women and children trafficking protection mechanisms particularly in conflict affected border villages of BTC districts bordering with Bhutan in North and Bangladesh in South. The effort has resulted in creating a protective environment for children, the school drop outs potential for being trafficked have been re-enrolled in education institutions substantially, while the reported cases of trafficking in children has increased to a large extend community due the massive youth led initiative such as SMSing System amongst youth against human trafficking group with the campaign slogan- YOUTH AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING the old cases of trafficking have been taken up by anti - human trafficking police unit, CWC and District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with NEDAN as districts anti human trafficking members of four districts of BTC. The children and adolescent's members consisting of 15000 are today working as soldiers of ending violence against children in the four district Bodoland Territorial Region having 700 km porous border with Bhutan. The combating cross border initiative with Bangladesh has been big challenges due to the international border being fenced and Border Security Force (BSF) guarding in India side of the border. Despite of the being heavily guarded many women and girls are intercepted in Assam while crossing the Indian Territory. Assam shared 500 km open border with Bangladesh and many border districts from Bangladesh population still depends on Assam for their livelihood due to which Assam is flooded with Bangladeshis. The displaced Rohingya from Myanmar consisting of 7 million are living in the relief camps in Bangladesh in inhuman condition and today relief camps in Cox Bazar in Bangladesh has become an epi-centre of trafficking women and girls. The North East region of India has become a transit points for Rohingyas to lure in other South Asian countries and Gulf region.

North East region of India has today been used as transit / exit international border for traffickers luring the Nepalese and Bangladeshi. Why are the Nepali women and girls lured to other countries through North East because in Nepal govt. every women and girls travelling for domestic work in other countries need NOC from govt. to fly from Kathmandu. India is the only country where Nepali does not require to take any NOC/permission from govt. **Last year rescued incidence of 160 Nepalese women and girls in Manipur state while they were trying to cross the border through Manipur and Morey- Myanmar International border. The**

second incidence of rescuing 23 Nepalese women and girls from Champai international border district of Mizoram with Myanmar. All the rescued Nepalese women and girls of 183 are repatriated back to Nepal with the help of NEDAN Foundation. The Maiti Nepal the well-known anti human trafficking organization and Shakti Samuha survivors led anti human trafficking organisation based in Nepal with whom NEDAN has been partnering many years to hand over the Nepali woman and girls rescued in India finally restored them back in Nepal.

NEDAN is also in the process of repatriating back 24 Rohingyas rescued in Mizoram while they were trying to cross to Myanmar to reach to Malaysia. Mizoram police rescued them and shelter them at State run protective home in Mizoram. NEDAN Foundation has been asked by Mizoram govt. to help them to repatriate them back to Cox Bazar relief camps in Bangladesh. Both NEDAN and Social Welfare department govt. Mizoram were almost completing the tasks of handing over them back to govt. official in Bangladesh border check post in Mizoram the Covid-19 pandemic was declared and followed by nationwide lock down. The repatriation of all the 24 Rohingyas to Bangladesh couldn't be completed and we are waiting the lock down to open so that they can be handed over to their families.

The high incidents of child marriages in the intervened locations have now been intervened through 1098 Childline run by NEDAN at Kokrajhar and One Stop Centre (OSC) run by NEDAN Foundation. In a way all protection concerns of abuse, exploitation, violence and neglect have shown considerable services provided jointly for improvement. NEDAN as leading anti-human trafficking organization in the region, rescued and repatriated 124 plus children and women annually and most of them are restored back with families and children who do not have social support system in the families and are below the age of 18 are provided comprehensive development space at Destination Girls Home run by NEDAN. Through the initiation of his project, NEDAN Foundation was able to bring changes in many ways through the various support programs and activities. The target beneficiaries comprising of trafficked survivors, potential girls, sexual abused children, drop out adolescents, children victims of witch hunting, prevented child marriage adolescents and mothers of trafficked survivors, youth and communities benefited a lot through the project support. A number of important milestones have been achieved in the implementation of the continued project support in combating human trafficking.

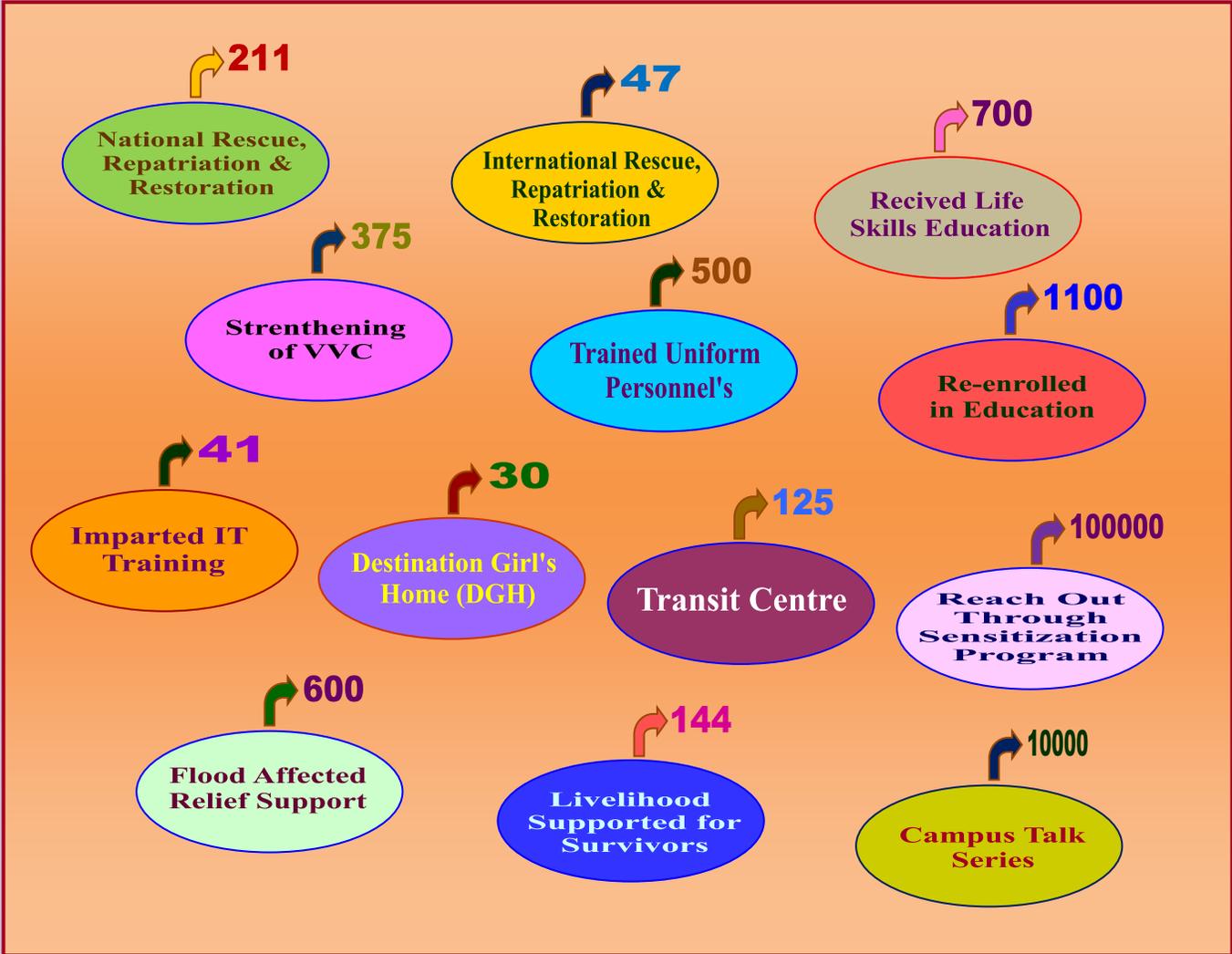
NEDAN Foundation also reached out to larger section of the society with a greater impact - such a building regional collaboration, strengthening North East Region network (NENFAT), rescue and repatriation of trafficked survivors, creating alternative livelihood for survivors and potential girls, training 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, shelter for rescued minor survivors at Destination Girls Home and social entrepreneurship for mother of trafficked survivors and largely sensitization to communities as greater outcome. NEDAN could also able to intervene many vulnerable areas where there was increased trafficking rate; potential girls were being prevented from being trafficked and survivors of human trafficking were given a ray of hope to move forward in life by erasing all the past pain, trauma, tortures and hardships.

The long struggle of NEDAN for system strengthening in the state to combat trafficking of human being has been highly recognised today. The state has constituted Parliamentary Committee to monitor the trafficking scenario in the state. The victim compensation guideline has been passed in the state legislative assembly where survivors can claim the compensation. The financial allocation for the training of Anti Human Trafficking Police Unit in the 33 districts of Assam has been done. In every districts Secretary of district legal service authority with para legal professional has been executed. NEDAN along with North East Network Forum against Trafficking (NENFAT) has been advocating to have interstate SOP within the North East region particularly Assam with Arunachal Pradesh where maximum children are lured from bordering Assam to Arunachal. NEDAN has written letters to Childline India Foundation to operate Childline 1098 in many districts of Arunachal and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to established Arunachal State Commission for Protection of Child Rights immediately so that Commission will start monitoring the magnitude of the issues and come up strategic action plan within state to provide justice to the children languishing in state of Arunachal.

3R Models (Rescue, Repatriation & Reintegration)



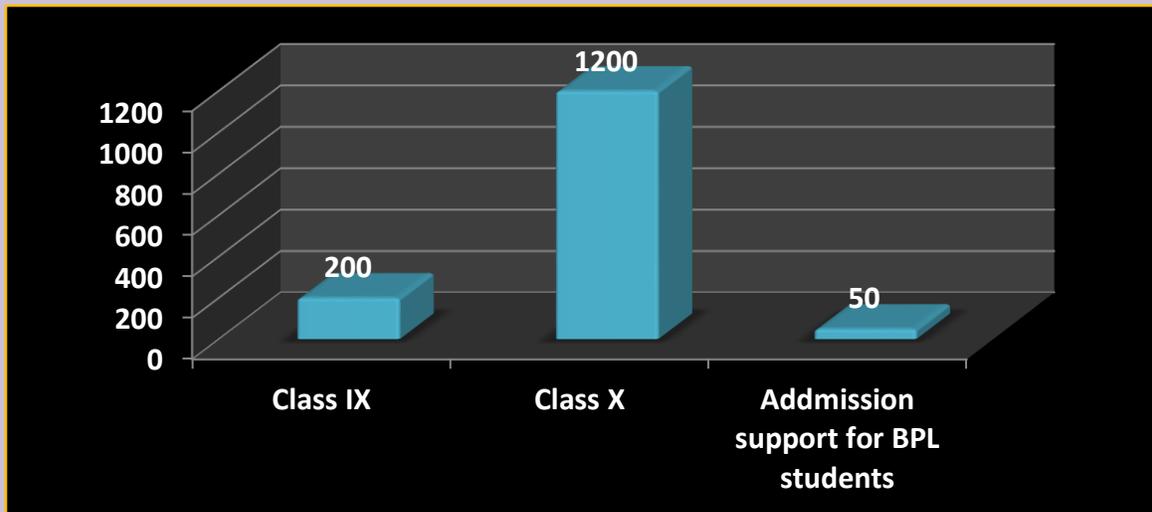
Our Impact -2019-2020



Preventing Child Trafficking through Promoting Higher Education:

In every year NEDAN Foundation provides supplementary coaching classes to 1200 class X metric candidates consisting of boys and girls in three subjects- maths, science and English. In these three subjects many students from poor families fail due to not able to take extra coaching privately. NEDAN create this free coaching avenue in five locations in three blocks and appoint local teachers to impart coaching in three subjects. The coaching will be for five months periods. The metric candidates the age group of 15-16 is the most crucial age group because once they fail they are likely to drop out the school and girls are likely to get married or move out of the areas in search of work/domestic work where maximum girls get trapped in the hands of traffickers. NEDAN's promoting higher education initiative

is to prevent adolescents' vulnerability since education institution is the only protective institution where they can have full space for development. The 1200 candidates after completion of the matriculation examination are supported further to take admission in class XI standard in that way they are prevented from vulnerabilities and continuing their education to be constructive citizens of the society.



Trafficking Alert Reach out Activities in Relief Camps during flood in Western Assam:

Raising public awareness involves creating a specific messaging campaign about an issue of trafficking women and girls in emergency situation like flood. Reaching out to flood affected populations can be important part of developing community support for affected population where high chances trafficking luring the vulnerable children and girls for the false promises outsides. Therefore, NEDAN Foundation developed a poster campaign to create Trafficking Alert Message and reach out to 145 flood affected camps in four districts of Western ASSAM. The main objective of NEDAN is to spread awareness



among the young adolescents, children and flood affected communities to contact NEDAN Foundation or police for any agents entering in the camps and pursuing the parents to send them for any offer

outsides. The NEDAN has given the reporting platform to the flood affected common people as when the situation arises wherever and whenever crime against children/violence against children is committed by anyone will be able to report through the CHILDLINE toll free number 1098, Women Helpline toll free number 181, One Stop Centre and SMSing system NEDANK<SPACE> text Message and SEND TO 6262642222 where the crime of further trafficking can be prevented and intervened with the help of police personals, social workers, District Child Protection Unit, Child Welfare Committee etc. for the best interest of the child irrespective of cast, creed, religion. Through the Trafficking Alert reach out NEDAN could reached out 2 lakhs population in four districts of western Assam.

Missing Children link to Child Trafficking Mass CARAVAN:

In Every 8 Minute Child Goes Missing in India. Assam has the reported cases of Missing Children 4351 who could not being trace till date. Last three years in every year NEDAN carry out CARAVAN RALLY with the message of ‘EVERY 8 MINUTES CHILD GOES MISSING



in INDIA’ in 8 districts of lower Assam. The CARAVAN was launched from BTC Secretariat Gate of Kokrajhar with the objective to end violence against children, crime against children, to stop child trafficking and to create awareness about the reporting mechanism through Childline, one stop centre and NEDAN SMSing system. The total target of CARAVAN

was to reach 20 lakhs of population in the 8 districts of lower Assam. The CARAVAN could achieve the mentioned target reaching more than 20 lakhs of population through the CARAVAN and social media and also with the newspapers and mainstream media. The CARAVAN has given the reporting platform to the common people as when the situation arises wherever and whenever crime against children/violence against children is reported by anyone will be able to report through the Childline 1098 number, one stop centre- 181 and SMSing system NEDANK<SPACE> text Message and SEND TO 6262642222.



The annual CARAVAN rally organised by NEDAN bring about 50% increased of reporting cases of child trafficking, missing children, child sexual abuse, child marriage and unsafe mobility of adolescents from the 8 districts of lower Assam particularly.

मोनफोम्बो 8 मिनिठआव...
सासे गथ सारा भारतआव गोमालांगसिना

नाम भारतआव मोनफोम्बो, केसेवां गथसाराओर लोकावणे ?	होबया सासे लसपावय देलवण ग, मजस अलोवारी हावा फोरे मापनी बेसोवां सव नोनी	बासाव दिवसिम 18 बेसोनि माहावण बावण उदे मण कोय बेसेवां बादा केनेदी।
40,000	48 HOURS	26%

Caravan
Missing Children Linked to Child Trafficking
4th, 5th, 6th & 7th February, 2018

Call-CHILDLINE (1098)

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প্রতি ৮ মিনিটত...
ভাৰতত এজন শিশু নিৰ্বোধন হয়

কোৰা প্রতি বছৰে ভাৰতত কিমান শিশু অপহৰণ হয় ?	প্রতিবন্ধ পুন-পনত বচা কৰা শিশুক পোষ কৰা হিচাপে অসুস্থীকৃত কৰিছিল কিমান সৰু সৰুকাৰ ?	নিৰ্বোধন ভাৰতত কিমান ১৮ বছৰৰ জাৰত কিমান শিশু বন্দ হিচাপে আছে ?
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Every 8 Minutes...
a child goes missing in India

SEE How many children are kidnapped yearly in India?	STOP How long does it take for a street child to be lured into prostitution?	SAVE How many children under age 18 are slaves today?
40,000	48 HOURS	26%

CARAVAN RALLY
"Walking Towards Building World Free of Trafficking in Person" on the 24th of July, 2019

REPORT TO

Childline	: 1098	Women Helpline No.	: 181
Police	: 100	One Stop Centre (OSC)	: 9365184698
NEDAN Office No.	: 8473887329		

SMS : NEDANK<Space>Type Your Text Message & Send it to 6262642222

ToT for Adolescents Club Memberson Life Skills Education.

NEDAN Foundation has collectivized 15000 adolescents from four districts of Bodoland, Assam. These adolescents are active members Youth Against Human Trafficking Movement launched by NEDAN in 2012. Youth play a vital role for social change movement in North East region. Therefore, NEDAN always focuses on youth to build the quality of life to create greater community development. Adolescence is a period of experimenting, experiencing and expanding. Adolescents needs help and guidance in decision making, critical thinking, problem solving, developing leadership skills, self – awareness, effective communication, coping with stress and emotions. During this period, they need outmost care as they do not relish the idea of help and guidance from parents. When parents find it difficult to handle signs of trouble, professional help should be sought at the earliest.



Building vocational and technical skills is not enough, as marginalized youth need training in soft skills such as communication, leadership and in boosting self-confidence. The ambit covers interpersonal skills like communication skills, teamwork capability, conflict management, cultural awareness and negotiation skills, inter-personal skills like sociability, honesty and

integrity, courtesy, work ethic, empathy, responsibility and good manners, and personal traits like imagination, curiosity, passion, persistence and determination. Soft Skills are gaining importance in the job market as these are highly valued by employers and contribute to greater productivity. Thus, certain steps are required to be taken to ensure better quality of skill development by incorporating soft skills training in the process of skilling India's workforce.

NEDAN has been imparting Life skills development training to 6000 adolescent's members annually on psycho social skills that enable individuals to thrive and succeed in today's competitive world and adapt to environments in which we live which may be behavioural, cognitive, interpersonal and intrapersonal. Life Skills Education programme is a good support system for adolescents at the community level to



understand, safeguard, protect, guide and lead him/her and others as well. NEDAN impart residential Life Skills Education Training for more than 1000 adolescents' girls and boys living at various NEDAN intervention locations of Kokrajhar district.

Training on IT Skills Development for Youth:

The IT Skills Training for youth has been one of the youth development programs of NEDAN. As the world runs with modern technology for better achievement, to utilize the method of learning process each and every minute to develop our innovative ideas. The course is especially meant for students looking for a career in the field of IT or otherwise. With the growing



demand of computers and the role it plays in our life, more and more skilled professionals are required to take care of the finer points. With that aim keeping in mind NEDAN is imparting IT skills to the school & college dropout & potential dropout girls & boys along by enrolling their names to the school and college. Total 20 students have been completed their respective diploma course for 3 months from 2nd April – Sept 2019. Students came from weak financial background where their parents can't afford to send their children in for the big institute. In this way NEDAN forwards them such opportunity to come and learn IT.



Strengthening Indo-Bhutan Cross Border Collaboration:

The Bodoland Territorial Council shared 700 km porous border with Bhutan and there has been constant dialogue with officials of Southern Bhutan on cross border human trafficking. The raising trend of missing persons linked to human trafficking suggests the establishment of community-based Village Vigilance Committees in preventing trafficking among the vulnerable communities, particularly adolescent girls in the border villages with Bhutan has proved again and again in cases related to cross border luring of girls. With the motive of effective monitoring and interception by the vigilance committees at the community level, it has been anticipated for the prevention of human trafficking. Considering such phenomenon, Village Vigilance Committees are formed in various vulnerable locations of Kokrajhar district and in some areas of BTC districts which shares international boundary with Bhutan. This system of community level



monitoring and interception has been designed and implemented by NEDAN Foundation. The villages having such committees are successful in preventing human trafficking and other forms of violence against women and children at the community level. Last 12 months of project intervention 4 cases of border districts girls lured to Bhutan has been successfully repatriated back to NEDAN

and girls have been restored back with families. In February cross border consultation was held

at Kokrajhar where NEDAN was asked to share the institutionalization of peoples to people relation between Bodoland and Bhutan on combating cross border human trafficking. NEDAN's strategy of making institutionalization of the effort made by the community in border districts today Bhutan has established Anti human trafficking police force and UNODC has set up office to work with Bhutan stakeholders on the issues to combating cross border human trafficking. These joint efforts of both the countries commitment has proven the need of joint action in countering human trafficking.

Role of Village Vigilance Committees:

Indo Bhutan border has quite many forest encroacher villages where there are no schools and health care systems. This results into high rate of drop out, compelling them for out migration in search of employment opportunities. In many instances out migration leads to trafficking and therefore community felt the need of protecting children from trafficking. Taking into account the felt need of the community, NEDAN Foundation started forming Village Vigilance Committees at various vulnerable locations in four blocks of Bodoland. All the intervention areas of NEDAN have formed community-based village committees to prevent trafficking, drop out, sexual abuse cases, child marriage cases and unsafe mobility of adolescents. In 25 displaced locations of Kokrajhar district and the areas where there is high incidence of human trafficking, child marriage and drop out cases Village Vigilance Committees are formed and strengthened. There are 10 to 15 members in each village vigilance committee. The committee holds meeting once in a month to discuss on various issues, especially the cases of trafficking, sexual abuse, child marriage and other development need of the children.



The training program was organised to 375 village vigilance committee members with the aims to strengthen and improve Networking system to create and promote community safety net in

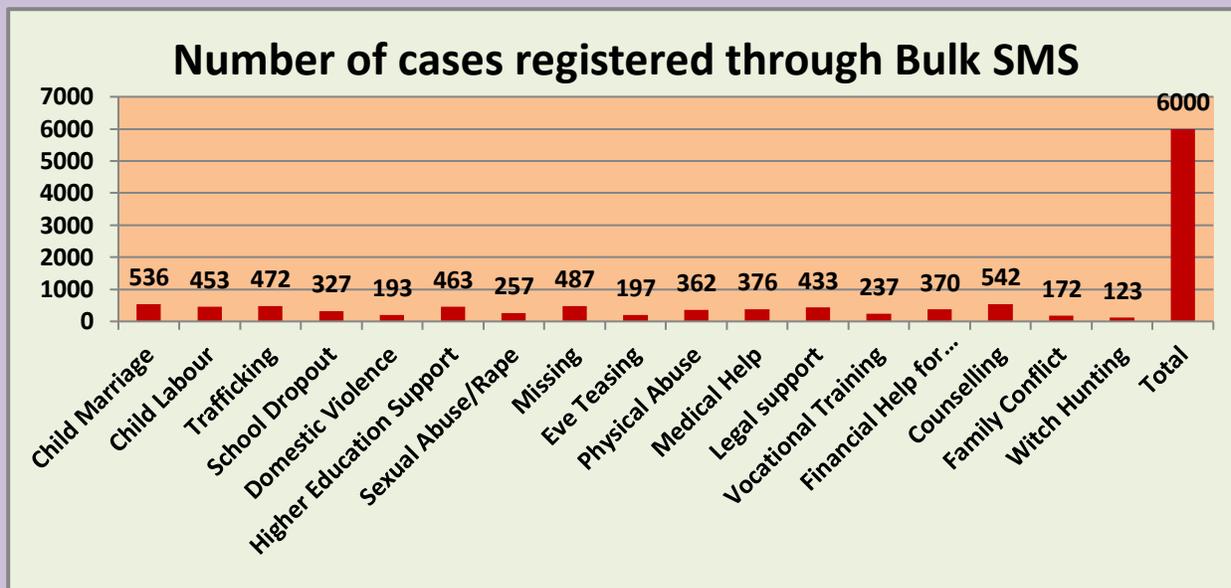
protecting Violence against women and children in their own community. This important training program also will help to promote the wellbeing of children and women to uplift their social rights and make aware about various atrocities faced by children and to bring sensitization of the Children and women Trafficking and their role in preventing human trafficking or other form of related issues.

Everyone has the right to be protected from violence. The Sustainable Development Goals have set ambitious targets to be achieved by 2030, in order to deliver a vision of a world where every child grows up free from violence. NEDAN Foundation through its Anti Trafficking Project has formed vigilance Groups across Kokrajhar District to prevent Human Trafficking by Involving the Community.

ITC in Early Prevention of child trafficking through bulk SMSing system:

NEDAN Foundation has 15000 adolescence club members. And those members who can access internet can get registered with NEDAN through a link in website (<https://nedan.in>) or they can provide required details (in paper) and can be register manually.

NEDAN has been trying to explore on combating human trafficking by taking the adolescents contacts numbers and saved contact details in NEDAN's website will be given the Virtual number SMS system whereby, they could report any unwanted situation like child trafficking, child marriage, child labour, child in critical situation and other related crimes committed against children taking place within their locality by sending SMS to a number 6262642222 (Example: NEDANK <space> Child Trafficked in Kokrajhar). On receiving any such SMS/information the situation could be dealt immediately in the effective manner. Reply to any SMS received will be done by bulk SMS system and immediate reaction is to the only number that is registered.



A total of 2513 SMS have been received & registered from the 1st April to 30th September 2019. The bellow given diagram shows different types of report through Bulk SMS in the last six months from 1st April to 30th September 2018.

Training of AHTU Police Unit in Assam:

NEDAN Foundation being the state coordinating agency and a member of Anti Human Trafficking Police Units in the state and Active member of National Anti-Trafficking Network and in state level is responsible for carrying out trainings on “Combating Human Trafficking” for the uniform personnel such as Assam Police, SSB, CRPF, BSF who have the mandate notification by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India to deal with human trafficking. The State has 33 AHTUs in identified trafficking source areas. Assam has 33 AHTDU today and NEDAN is a capacity building partners to the State Police



(CID) as Nodule Agency. Last six months NEDAN Foundation has conducted 3 separate training for uniform personnel on combating Human Trafficking consisting of 150 police personals in the state. From the month of April- Sept 2019, total more than 150 uniform personnel’s were imparted training on Human Trafficking at various SP conference hall in the districts of Assam. The training highlighted the role of police, RPF and GRPF in pre-rescue, during rescue and post

rescue operations. The participants were also aware about international and national frameworks on human trafficking.

Today due to the NEDAN Foundation constant advocacy and close coordination, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and govt. of Assam has decided to allocate budget in each districts Anti Human Trafficking Police Units to carry out raid and rescue operation in the states. With support of district police unit NEDAN could rescue and repatriated 9 girls from different cities of India and 60% of the girls are restored back with families and some of them are sheltered at Destination Girls Home of NEDAN.

Rescue and Repatriation of Survivors:

The growing need for the better education, livelihood options and employment has turned Assam into a fertile place for human traffickers and in the past few years, thousands of young men and women of the State have felt prey to the designs of traffickers and have been exploited as cheap labour. Most of the victims belong to poor tribal families who are lured away by traffickers with promise of good education, better job prospects or

with promise of marriage. NEDAN Foundation always involved in direct intervention of rescuing any children and girls from exploitative situations.

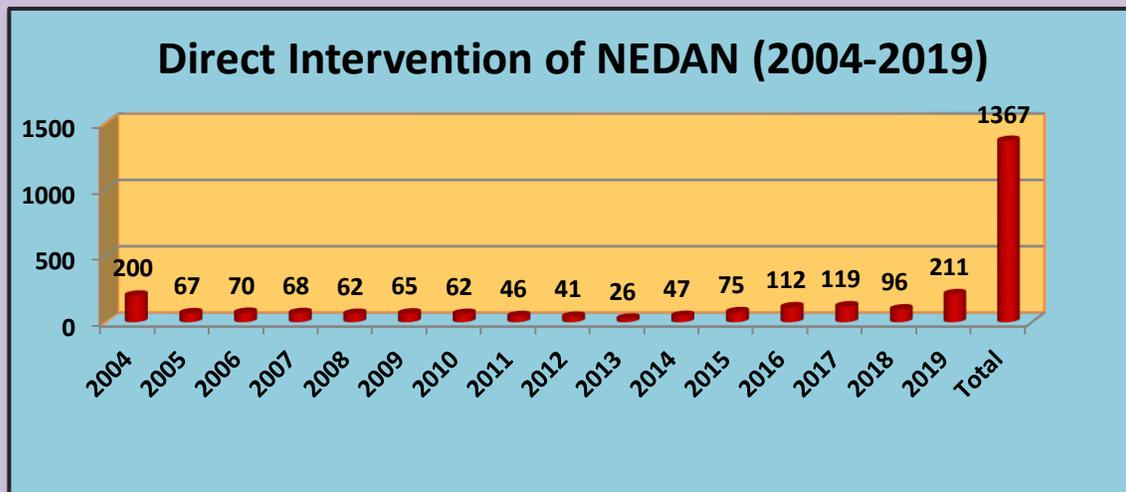
Through the constant sensitization and strengthening of Village Vigilance Committee (VVC) at various

remote villages, 15000 adolescents associated with NEDAN as adolescents club members NEDAN could able to handled more than 120 cases, out of which NEDAN could directly able to repatriate 23 Nepalese women from human trafficking, 9 persons are in the process of tracing and rest through network partners. The total 57 cases have been registered, from various regions with the help of local student union, Village Vigilance Committee, and local youth club members. Total 4 traffickers were being arrested within this six months.



NEDAN was able to sensitized and reached out directly or indirectly more than 10000 people through the mass awareness program, rally campaign, Folklore activities and through the celebration of some of the important event like World Day Against Child Labour on 12th June 2019, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, on 30th July 2019, missing children link to

child trafficking poster campaign during flood, mass walking campaign to end child trafficking from Kokrajhar district and International Youth Day 12th August 2019, and thus resulted in lessening the rate of trafficking.



Capacity Building of Survivors Network Forum:

The formation of the Trafficked Survivors Network Forum has enhanced the trafficked survivor's members consisting of 52 members to raise voice and fight for entitlement rights. Moreover, the ultimate aim of NEDAN is to reintegrate survivors within the society. Preparations for it is built at the entry level itself with every step moving towards preparing the survivor for a life outside. Reintegration consists of the survivor being able to live in



the mainstream world with dignity. Most of the survivors who had been rescued and come to NEDAN for support are today living and adjusting in the normal mainstream society. Many girls have found partners for themselves, many are living on their own and some of them have been effectively reunited to their families. The process of reintegration is a long and tedious one and filled with a lot of difficulties. Sometimes in spite of all the efforts there have been instances of re-trafficking when survivors are restored back with families without livelihood support. Strategies for reintegration are ever-evolving and today the organization has a better success rate

than two decades back by keeping more than 52 survivors in a network cycle and making them work for safety net of the community.

The member of the survivor forum became a role model for the potential and vulnerable girls in the NEDAN interventions areas/district for their tremendous in work preventing trafficking in the region. The survivors were also imparted more than 20 in house training on life skill education and capacity building programs along with social entrepreneurship training. The interaction with DC, SP and Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly with the forum members has been first of each kind in the region. NEDAN has also appointed empowered survivors as full time staffs as job creation and make them continue their study through Open University. Recently a residential capacity building of survivor's network forum was organized by NEDAN on August at Weaving Destination Campus, Chandrapara, Anthaigwlaio with the objective of empowering and building strong network within themselves. During the meeting, survivors were made aware about the existing schemes like the victims' compensation fund for trafficked survivors through DLSA and said that the compensation will be paid on the basis of case that have suffered loss or injury during the crime and also stated that the compensation will be transfer only in the bank account of the victims. In addition, chairperson said about the compensation given by the BTC, Joint Secretary Social Welfare Department to the victims survived from various crimes. On this regard all survivors need to open Savings Bank Account and whoever does not have bank account were asked to open as soon as possible. One of the most important lesson sustainable livelihood and daily saving bank account were also taught to survivors in the meeting as NEDAN is also providing seed money to encourage survivors to initiate in various livelihood options like home base weaving, vegetable vendors, silk worm rearing, goat rearing, organic farming, tea stall etc. With that most of the survivors are standing in their feed and working as a safety net for their society. They were also informing that NEDAN Foundation had applied victim compensation application to the Government of Assam. From the month of April to September 45 victim compensation has been applied and follow up of the compensation has been done frequently.

Securing Victim Compensation:

The SCOs long struggle of having victim compensation in the state of Assam got passed in the legislative assembly in the year 2012 only. The allocation of financial for the victim's compensation was accomplished in the year 2017. The state govt. of Assam has allocated Rs.76,00,000 annual budget for victims compensation annually. This is one of the mile stone achievements of the CSOs movement in the state. NEDAN has submitted 45 cases for securing victims' compensation in 2017. The cases are scrutinized by district legal service authority and refer the cases to state legal service authority for the finalization. The state legal service authority then finally sanctioned the compensation amount based on the gravity of the crime and send the notification to the victims for necessary opening of bank account to transfer the amount directly to the victims. In 2019-20 NEDAN could secure two victim's compensation amounting Rs. 50000- 100000 transferred to victims account.

Livelihood Support for women in Weaving at Campus or Home Base:

Most of the vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child labourer in the internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar District do not have enough land and opportunity to meet their food requirements. Therefore, NEDAN livelihood is to empower the vulnerable girl and women in the target areas, by providing them a permanent source of income. The permanent sources of income are home based weaving centre, vegetable vendor, tailoring shop and many more as per the interest of the individual. Before providing them with the basic needs to start their own self- supportive business and building other small-scale farms a meeting is held in which a small test is taken to see an interest level of the individual.

1. Ginger Cultivation

As a part of livelihood support after social entrepreneurship ten women came up with Ginger cultivation. It is a small initiative where small amount of seed money was provided to the individual's Bank account number or in cash (if their Bank account is blocked). The process of Ginger Cultivation takes the whole year. In the months of November, December & January the cultivators can sell the product they get, these three months is very crucial for the family because

after selling the ginger in the market they got some amount of money from there onwards they can start their own entrepreneurship.

2. Agriculture Based Livelihood:

A group of seven boys who were repatriated from different metro cities have taken up agriculture-based livelihood in their respective areas. The organic vegetable grown will have a potential in local market today. This pilot initiative with repatriated boys will encourage others to start on the areas.



Destination Girl's Home:

Destination Girls Home is the Community Based Recovery and Reintegration model for minor girls registered under sub section 1 of section 41 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015, Govt. of Assam. The Real challenges are for reintegration of survivors after rescuing them. NEDAN has been providing Recovery and Reintegration facilities for survivors in two phases – one is for the children who do not have social support system need shelter and over all development support till the



age of 18 years. And the other is transit facilities who need 10-30 days-time till they are restored back with families. In the Destination Girls Home only 25 children provision are provided, however

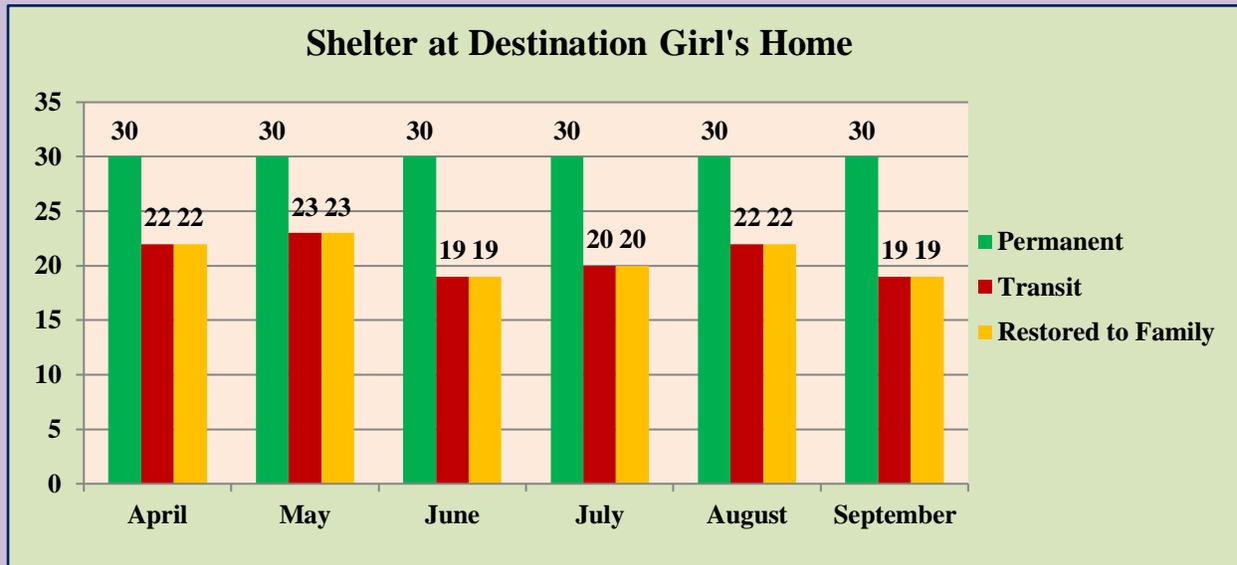


the cases NEDAN received are huge due to which accommodating children in the Destination Girls Home has become a great challenge. Besides, transit centre provides temporary shelter for the rescued girls by the police and CHILDLINE with the provision for 10 beds till their reintegrated with their family. They are also provided short-term specialized care that involves counselling, medical check-up, acclimation, legal support and witness protection.

The Core aim of Destination Girls Home is to restore the lives of trafficking survivors and help them heal from their past, so that they can have the courage to plan for their bright future. Within the Destination Girls Home, NEDAN has also established a Digital Study Hall where inmates of Destination Girls Home are imparted Online learning facilities in Digital Study Hall. While children and adolescents are in transit they are also provided IT skills empowerment and online learning facilities at Digital Study Hall. The Destination Girls Home of NEDAN is recognized home for four districts of BTC, since access of children home is limited in four districts of BTC at present. Within the Digital Study Hall NEDAN only focused for the children in recovery and reintegration period. The transit centre received annually 150 cases and Permanent Children are at present 29. All the children in the permanent are re-enrolled in govt. schools and colleges. There are 6 girls who are now studying in XI and BA at govt colleges, these six girls are shifted to After Care Centre since they cannot be kept with children anymore. NEDAN has extended 8 beds capacities for six girls within the DGH campus.



Children at Destination Girl's Home:



The above given diagram clearly depicts the number of children who had shelter at transit centre and permanent resident at Destination Girl's Home till the age of 18 years.

Advocacy & Networking:

NEDAN being the core members of various anti human trafficking network forum has been actively building strong networking with various stakeholders in the state, national and international forum raising the issue of human trafficking which requires collective responsibilities in ending violence against women and girls. In the national level NEDAN has been instrumental in providing feedback on New Anti-Human Trafficking Law, Victim Compensation central budget allocations, housing rights of the survivors under Prime Minister Housing schemes,



Livelihood Compensation for the victims of human trafficking under National Rural Livelihood Mission.

In the international level NEDAN has been an active member of Global Trafficking in Person Platform an initiative of UNODC program. As a member of International Christian Association on Prostitution (ICAP) working towards collective voice and action plan in ending violence against women and girls particularly. In the state level NEDAN has been actively advocating with policy level bodies such as Assam parliamentary members against trafficking and making them accountable to work towards ending human trafficking from the region. In 2019 April Lok Shaba Election NEDAN aggressively carried out Election Manifesto Campaign with all the regional political parties and two regional political parties endorsed our chartered of demand including in their Election Manifesto assuring the larger communities that they will work to end trafficking in person if they come in to power.

Royal Bhutan Delegates Meets to Strengthen Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) on Cross Border Human Trafficking

NEDAN Foundation has been the pioneer in combating cross border human trafficking between North East India with South Asia. North East India share porous borders with South Asian Countries such as Bhutan in North, Bangladesh in South, Myanmar in East and Nepal in West. As North East India share longest porous border with other South Asian countries, NEDAN since its inception has been trying to build regional collaboration with SAARC countries in order to build a strong network to fight the case of trafficking.

NEDAN has established strong networking with Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar in combating cross border human trafficking. NEDAN has also been advocating with SAARC / SAIEVAC on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Rescue, Repatriation and Reintegration (RRR). NEDAN in collaboration with Bhutan drafted SOP as standard guideline to combat cross - border human trafficking on RRR principle - Rescue, Repatriation and Reintegration. Today Bhutan Govt. has finally printed SOP on combating trafficking in person in Bhutan. The building regional collaboration and advocating for the need of SOP which will help the CSOs for the rescue and repatriation on cross border trafficking since we share porous border with all the South Asian countries.



Collectivization of youth voices against Trafficking on “International Youth Day”

On 12th August 2019, NEDAN Foundation, celebrated the “International Youth Day” with the theme “Youth vision of creating world free of Human Trafficking” to highlight the issue among the young generation. Youths from various institutions- school, colleges and university from Kokrajhar district participated in the day long programme held at Destination campus of NEDAN.



The programme started with the lighting of the lamp by the invited Guests. Kokrajhar DC Mr.



Partha Mazumder attended the function as Chief Guest and spoke on the occasion. In his speech Kokrajhar DC highlighted the role that the youth can play in eradicating various social evils of society. He said the

youth have an important role in curbing human trafficking. Digambar Narzary, Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation gave a brief scenario and ratio of trafficking realities in Assam and especially how girl child often become the victims of human trafficking. He also highlighted the present scenario of the trafficking in the Districts, State as well as of the Country.



The Youth Icons were invited to be part of the Youth Day program and awarded them for their contribution in the society in their field and they pledge other youth to take active role in development, violence against women and girls in our society.

During the Youth day program 11 colleges invited NEDAN to organise Campus Talk Program in their colleges on Human Trafficking issues. From the Youth day program onward NEDAN started carrying out series of Campus Talk Program on Human Trafficking issues and your role in eradicating the social evils.

Collectivization of Children Voice on “World Day against Trafficking in Persons”

The NEDAN Foundation observed the special event “World Day against Trafficking in Persons”



at Chandrapara in Kokrajhar with the Special theme “Walking towards Creating World Free of Trafficking in Persons” on 30th June 2019. As part of the programme an awareness rally was carried out all around the Chandrapara areas. Destination Girl Home Children’s and Children’s from nearby area took part in the day long programme.

Throughout the rally NEDAN created the mass awareness about the present scenario of trafficking in persons and others exploitative situation against children and women around the world. The rally was conducted to give awareness to the parents of the village to send their own children to school and educate them. The education institution is primary protection institution for children.



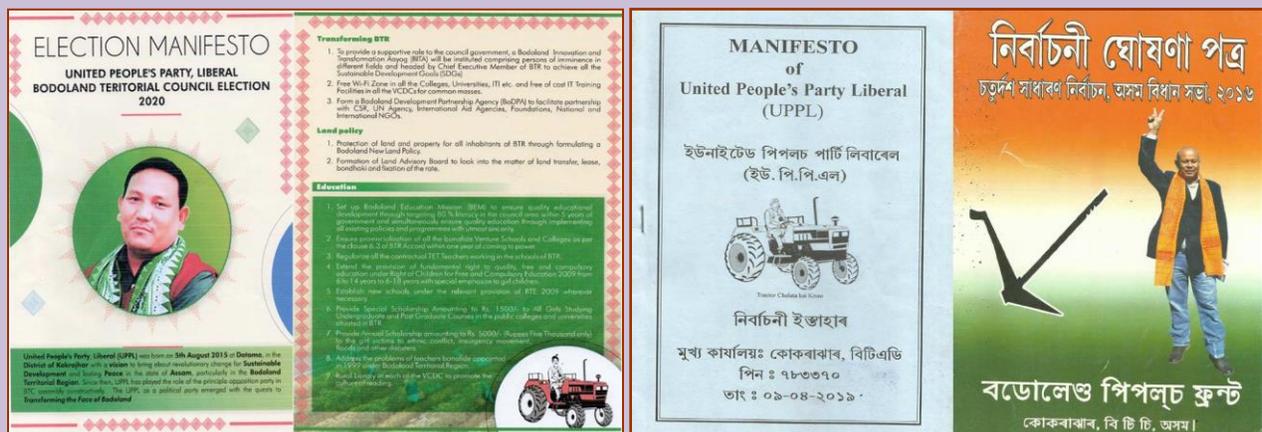
National Girl Child Day:

International Girls Child Day was observed this year with two celebrities’ participation with the message of Girls can bring the change. The Ms. Helena Daimari actress cum model and Ms. Lipika Brahma actress cum Model came to take part in this important celebration with 200 adolescent members of NEDAN’s Youth Against Human Trafficking Movement. Both Ms. Helena and Lipika has join hands as Youth Ambassadors with NEDAN’s movement of Society Free of Human Trafficking. Ms. Helena and Lipika will be spreading the grim scenario of child trafficking in North East region and appeal the masses to be Alert and report the incidence to Police and help line available today.



Election Manifesto Campaign:

NEDAN has been instrumental in campaigning the trafficking issues with political parties in the state and Bodoland Territorial Council. The chartered of demands to end the trafficking of women and girls in the state should be one of the agenda in all parties contesting election in state legislative assembly and Bodoland Territorial Council Election. The regional parties and national parties' leaders were demanded to include in their election manifesto that if they come to power they promised to work for preventing, protecting and rehabilitation of trafficking of women and girls in their region and communities. Out of five political parties we could manage to convince at-least two regional parties to include in their election manifesto campaign printed booklet. Though making the political leaders commitment for the cause is a big challenge however it is possible too. Once the promised to end violence against children political parties comes in power it become easier for us to advocate with them to secure the entitlement rights of the trafficked survivors and other violence against children rights.



Policy Level Advocacy:

NEDAN Foundation being the state coordinating agency and a member of Anti Human Trafficking in National and State has contributed on Anti-Trafficking Bill recommendations by CSOs. NEDAN Foundation also works closely with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India to deal with human trafficking and shared annually the cases related to Human Trafficking from North East. The State has AHTU in identified trafficking source areas. Assam has 33 AHTU districts and NEDAN is a capacity building partners to the Assam State Police (CID). NEDAN Foundation in International Level had collaboration on Combating Cross Border Human

Trafficking with Bhutan; NEDAN has drafted Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for law enforcement agencies of Bhutan with the section of cross border Rescue, Repatriation and Reintegration. Today Bhutan has SOP printed for all the stakeholders of Bhutan. NEDAN has established a strong network with the Bhutan's National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC), Royal Bhutan Police, Immigration department of Bhutan, Labour department, Bhutan Overseas Employment department, Renew Secretariat and CSOs partner organization who work for the protection of children. NEDAN is also Regional Focal Agency for SAIEVAC ending violence against children in South Asia. NEDAN is also member on Recovery and Reintegration of trafficking survivors with South Asian and Central Asian Countries. NEDAN is also member of International Christian Alliances on Prostitution (ICAP).



In the National Level, NEDAN is a focal agency for reporting of children rights violations and missing children from North East Region to National Action & Co-ordination Group (NACG) and South Asia Initiative on Ending Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) an APEX Body of SAARC Secretariat.

NEDAN being a host Secretariat of North East Network Forum Against Trafficking (NENFAT) co-ordinate with all the eight states of the North East on strengthening our anti human trafficking movement and share our North East concerns with larger National and International bodies. In the state level NEDAN has been instrumental in formulating Victims Compensation Guideline, Victim Livelihood Entitlement, Housing Rights of Victims under Prime Minister Housing Scheme.

Youth Against Human Trafficking Campus Talked Series:

During the International Youth Day observation with youth in Kokrajhar- it was decided that NEDAN will carry out campus talk series with college and university students on Human Trafficking issues and working towards ending the menace of trafficking with your forces collectively. Within the Bodoland University there are 28 colleges and out of 28 colleges 11

colleges were identified to conduct campus talk program amongst the students and create students against trafficking club. Last six months of the project implementation NEDAN has conducted 5 series of campus talked on Human Trafficking and growing sexual abuse issues in the universities such as Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus, Women Studies Department Guwahati University, NEHU campus Tura. The total students attended in the campus series talked program have reached 450 till date. NEDAN wish to continue the campus series talk program on Human Trafficking with remaining colleges.



Sports for Girls Empowerment to end Girl Trafficking:

After working on combating cross border human trafficking in North East with South Asia countries and having experience on rescued and repatriation of 2500 women and children NEDAN has learnt the lesson on engagement need of young people not only on promoting higher education but also exploring the sports as we see lots of scope in the sports and young people of North East are emerging in sports.

The **Sports for Girls' Empowerment** is a new initiative of NEDAN - amongst the existing 15000 adolescents associated with NEDAN. The main activities are - Football for Adolescent girls, Valley Ball and Kabadhi. At present 350 girls are actively taking part in Kochugaon and Titaguri blocks in Kokrajhar district, BTC, Assam. The sports initiative involves adolescent girls and aims to increase participation in outdoor sports. NEDAN provides formal training by district coaches to form football teams and organizes regular practice sessions for girls in their respective community playground. This initiative received a positive response from the communities' particularly conflicted displaced living in the forest areas. Currently, there are 5 football teams

from the displaced locations of Kokrajhar. Total 350 plus adolescent girls are trained and they have played in the district level and as well as at important event celebration – such as children day, international girl child day celebration organized by NEDAN.

NEDAN also aims at empowering 1000 plus Adolescent girls by giving them training on outdoor games through which they can deal with positive thinking annually. In these times of great social changes brought by the vast technological and scientific advancements made by mankind, the need to empower the upcoming generation, particularly the Adolescent girls to make informed choices and take decisions in life to assumes great significance.



Post Lock Down Covid -19 impact and challenges in combating Human Trafficking:

The post lock down due to Covid-19 will have bigger challenge in the communities. The 54 days nationwide lock down has crippled the economy of the nation and livelihood has been smashed in the communities particularly daily wagers, poorest of the poor communities living in the forest dwellers areas where most of them are surviving through ration distributed by govt and CSOs.

Besides state will have 3 million jobless returning home from different states of India due to Covid 19. Nation is still in dilemma what is going to be next? The poor communities who do not have any work, no earning, no market to sell their agricultural products produce. The cost of living will be like hell for the poor. There will be lost of education; poor children cannot pay the fee to continue the schools due to which huge drop out. Our experience in ethnic conflict post situation has continue last 20 years to rebuild the lost of every- thing due to conflict due to which districts has huge number of missing children reported cases, child marriage increase cases, child trafficking increase cases, child labour cases increase and unsafe mobility of children become a concerns. As a nation and state did not have time to prepare how the deal the situation and collectively rebuild the lost livelihood. NEDAN has prepared a Strategic Plan of Action to address the Covid -19 impact on tribal communities through rebuilding the economy through agriculture. We see lots of scope in rebuilding the lost livelihood through agriculture were even returnees can be engaged and rebuild the availability of food and rural economy.

Conclusion:

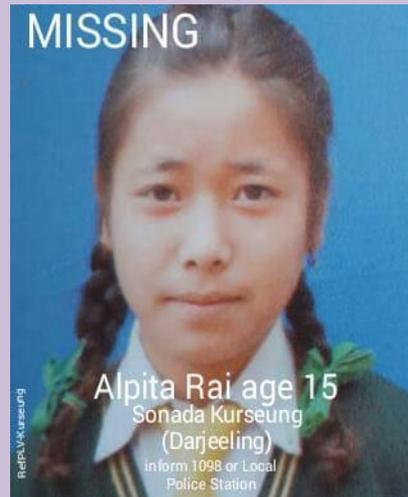
In the year 2019 during Lok Shaba MP Election NEDAN launched a massive campaign with regional political parties to include in their Election Manifesto on Prevention, Protection and Prosecution and two parties included in their Election Manifesto. During Congress regime 2016 in Assam NEDAN took active role in recommending Chief Minister Vision Document preparation and it became a guiding document for the govt. to work according to the Vision Document.

The Lok Sabha election in early 2019 NEDAN launched Election Manifesto campaign and demand all the regional political parties to give their commitment to prevent protect and Rehabilitate all the children freed from the modern-day slavery. It is also a fact that the State of Assam has been witnessing massive rise in reported cases of children trafficking and Child Sexual Abuse cases reported highlighted in National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB).

In 2020 BTC Election NEDAN has prepared chartered of demand to five regional political parties to include our chartered of demand in their election manifestos. The chartered of demand is more on inclusion of girls education free and compulsory till the age of 18 years by enhancing free and compulsory education act 2009 which has the prevision of only till the age of 14 years. The BTC election was suppose to held on 4th April 2020 and 8th April was a result declaration

date but due to Coronavirus outbreaks election is postponed and now the BTC is under Governor Rule. The United Peoples Progressive Liberal (UUP) party has fully endorsed our chartered demand and we hope to get our girls rights to free and compulsory quality education till the age of 18 years and scholarship provision of girls to complete the graduation.

Missing Girls Snapshots:





MISSING
 Name-Ranjima Basumatary.
 Age-28 Yrs.
 DOJ- Late. Modan Mohan Basumatary
 Vill-Bhatipara
 P.O/P.S-Kokrajhar
 Dist-Kokrajhar BTAD. Assam.
 Pin-783370
 This is to inform that above mentioned is missing since
 from 10-03-20. There fore request you all to inform in
 this given mobile no. 9678569439/ 9365087844. If
 found or met somewhere please.



MISSING ALERT
 Srijana Lama of 17years is MISSING from Bharno
 Bari Tea Estate in Hasimara, DOOARS since 17th
 December. If anyone has seen her please contact
 9734948440, 7865822386. Request all to please
 spread this post maybe someone in your friend list
 has seen her. We have posted this after her father
 contacted us for help. He says she has been
 trafficked.

She is losed when she was traveling
 bhothiashang to tangla by bus on Monday
 (24/2/2020) plz help us to find her..... Name
 miss Jeuty basumatary , F name Ananta
 basumatary, Mather's name Somp
 basumatary,Vill no2 Saglijhar mainaopuri, p.o:
 panerihat, p.s: paneri, Dist: udalguri, pin: 78452
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