

COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE



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Report on Relief Response during COVID-19 Lockdown

Lockdown during Corona Pandemic and its extension have an impact on day to day life of an individual. The COVID-19 outbreak affects all segments of the population and is particularly detrimental to members of those social groups in the most vulnerable situations, continues to affect populations, including people living in poverty situations, Children & adolescents, older persons, persons with disabilities, and indigenous peoples.

In Kokrajhar district, Assam many families are facing hardship to get two meals a day due to this lockdown. Most of the people fall under Below Poverty Line and hails from Forest dwellers village living in the areas for many years after displaced in 1996-98 and 2014 ethnic conflict time. There are 401 forest dwellers villages consisting of 14035 households having the population of 84,210 out of which 60% (children population 50526) is children and adolescents. The entire 401 forest dwellers population do not have ration card to secure NFSS provided by the govt. of India during lock down. They are known as un-serve areas by the state govt. and hardly any development schemes or govt. plan of action reaches to them. The RTE Act is also not even implemented in the areas which is fundamental rights today. The only source of their livelihood is daily wage, selling the dry firewood collected from the forest and labour across the International border Bhutan. The survival is day to day management of ration to feed the families members of 5-6 in one households. The 54 days lock down has hit severely the forest dwellers families living in the forest un-serve locations in Kokrajhar district of BTC, Assam.

While the whole world is in stress caused by COVID-19 pandemic, NEDAN Foundation, a Kokrajhar based NGO tried to assist the needy during this lockdown period. In the first and second phase of lockdown, NEDAN Foundation took an initiative to distribute food kit in the 125 villages of three blocks (Kokrajhar, Dotma and Kochugaon) of Kokrajhar district to ensure that no one will live with hunger. The food kit which was distributed by the NEDAN Foundation brought a ray of hope to many families. The food kit consisting of 10 Kgs rice, 1 litter Mustard oil, 1 kg Dal and 1 packet of Salt through which the family can survive for at least 10 days during this pandemic lock down period.

The following are the villages provided foot kits by NEDAN Foundation during the lockdown:

1 No. Mahendrapur is a Forest Village falls under Kochugaon Block and Gangia Post Office. It is a Bodo dominated village. The majority of these village lives in Below Poverty Line. NEDAN Foundation has distributed Food kit among the 37 households of this village. It covers 140 populations.



2 No. Birganj is a forest encroacher village under Dotma blocks, Ultapani P.O. The most of the people in this village is daily wage laborer. The lockdown during COVID-19 hits them the most. This pandemic brought a big question to their survival. The food kit distributed by the NEDAN Foundation was mirage of hope for the 22 families and 110 populations of this village.



2 No. Dawangpara village falls under Dotma blocks, Ultapani P.O. It is a Bodo village and agriculture is the main occupation of the community. NEDAN Foundation has distributed food kits among the 20 households of this village. Total population is 85.



In **No. 3 Boroshera** village under Dumariguri Post Office total 37 households and 141 populations were benefited from the ration distributed by the NEDAN Foundation.



3 No. Bhutiapara is a Bodo dominated, conflict affected village of Kochugaon block. The majority of this village belongs to Below Poverty Line. We distributed food kits among 25 households and 104 populations of this village during this nationwide lockdown.



In **Amlaiguri village**, Gossainichina under Dotma block, the food kit was distributed among 27 households and 105 populations.



In **Anthaiawlao village**, Under Kokrajhar Block total 63 households and 251 populations have received ration distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Athiabari, Gossainichina village is Bodo village where agriculture is the only means of livelihood. NEDAN Foundation had distributed food kits among the 34 households of this village. It covers total 123 populations.



Baganpara is an Adivasi village of Kachugaon block. The majority of this village works as daily wage laborer and fall under below poverty line. 23 households have received food kits distributed by NEDAN Foundation. And the total population was 75.



Baganpara (Boro) village falls under Kachugaon Block. It is a conflict affected village. Agriculture is the main occupation of this village. Total 152 populations of 35 households have received the food kits distributed by NEDAN Foundation



In **Baladong** village, Ultapani total 47 households were given ration during the time of nationwide lockdown. The total population is 205.



Balapara is a Boro dominated village under Dotma block of Kokrajhar District. NEDAN Foundation had distributed food kits among the 36 households and 160 populations of this village.



Ballimari is a Forest Village under Post Office Gangia. Majority of the population do not have ration card, so they are not entitled to benefit from Public Distribution System (PDS) of Government of India. During the lockdown 33 households and 122 populations had received ration from NNEDAN Foundation.



In **Banglajhora**, Jharbari (Dotma block) total 78 households and 294 people have received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Batabari Forest Village, Gangia falls under Dotma block. 13 households and 44 populations have received ration distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Bathowpuri, Gangia (Dotma Block) total 18 households and 40 population have benefited.



In **Bhogotgaon**, Ultapani total 18 households and 108 populations have received food kit from NEDAN Foundation during lockdown.



In **Bhutiapara Forest Village**, Dumariguri (Dotma Block) 14 households and 60 population have received Food Kits from NEDAN Foundation.



Bodopur Forest Village, Gangia under Dotma Block 22 households and 82 populations have received ration during lock down.



In **Boragari village**, Dotma total 34 households and 121 populations received Food kit.



Brahmapur Forest Village, Gangia under DotmaBlock, total 27 households and 103 population have received ration from NEDAN Foundation.



In Barimakha Forest Village, Gangia 46 households and 184 populations have received food kit from NEDAN Foundation.



Bwrsinjhora village falls under Dotma block. Total 12 Households and 29 populations have received ration during lockdown.



In **Dhanguri Forest Village**, Gangia total 38 households and 109 populations have received food kits from NEDAN Foundation.



Dumariguri is a Bodo dominated village of Dotma Block. Total 62 households and 256 populations have received food kit.



Dumbruguri Forest Village, Gangia (Dotma Block) - 40 households and total 155 populations were given Food Kit during Lockdown.



Arjundoha, Kachugaon is a Santhali village. Food kit was distributed among 54 households and 209 populations



Lopungutu, Kachugaon is a Santhali Village. 38 households and 177 populations have received ration from NEDAN Foundation



In **New Raikhungbari village, Kachugaon**, total 35 households and 144 populations have received ration during lockdown.



71 households and 218 population of **Forest Colony**, Kachugaon had received ration from NEDAN Foundation.



Gandabil Forest Village, Gangia falls under Dotma Block. Total 22 households and 77 populations were covered.



Gwjwnpuri Forest village, Gangia falls under Dotma Block. Total 36 households and 127 people received food kit during lockdown.



Gwjwnpuri, Ultapani (Dotma Block) - 40 households and 147 populations have received ration from NEDAN Foundation during nationwide lockdown.



Gwjwnsri, Gossainichina (Dotma Block) - 50 households and 216 populations have received ration from NEDAN Foundation.



Gwmwbil, Gossainichina (Dotma Block) - 20 households and 87 populations received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



In **Gwribil**, Ultapani (Dotma block), food kit was distributed among 29 households and 118 populations.



Gwthwibari Forest Village, Gangia total 39 households and 158 populations were received food kit from NEDAN Foundation.



Hathikuli Forest Village, Gangia, 25 households and 101 population have received food kit during the lockdown period.



Helbazar, Gossainichina (Dotma Block) - 42 households and 173 populations have received ration.



Jamunaguri, Ultapani (Dotma block) - 23 households and 69 population have benefited from food kit distribution of NEDAN



Jitpur, Kachugaon is a Santhali Village. Food kit was distributed among 32 households and 116 populations.



87 households and 364 populations from **Kachugaon village** have received ration.



Kakrigola 17 households and 80 populations have received food kit from NEDAN Foundation during lockdown.



In **Ketengajhora village** total 51 households and 176 populations have received food kits from NEDAN Foundation during lockdown



In **Kujrabguri, Gossainichina** of Dotma Block, Food kit was distributed among 21 households and 80 populations



Laodangpara Forest Village, under Kochugaon Block, Gangia - 23 households, 88 populations has received Food Kits.



Laokriguri Forest Village, Gangia falls under Kochugaon block. 38 households & 125 populations have received ration.



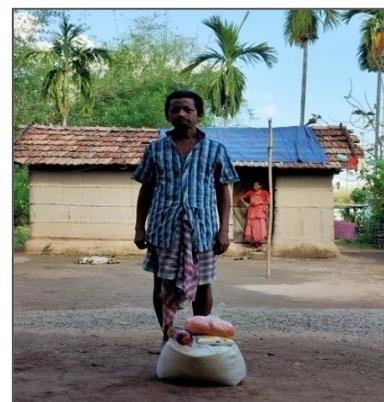
Lwkwnabari, Chandrapara (Kokrajhar Block) - 32 households and 101 populations have received food kit.



Mainaguri Forest Village is a Bodo dominated forest village under Kochugaon Block. Total 41 households and 161 populations have received ration during lockdown.



In **Mainaopur Forest Village**, under Kochugaon block, there are 45 households and each households have 4 to 5 members. So NEDAN Foundation has distributed food kits among 133 populations.



Mainorpur Forest Village falls under Kochugaon block. Total 27 households and 93 population have received food kit during lockdown.



Mothambil, Ultapani village falls under Dotma block. Food kit was distributed among 30 households and 118 populations.



2 No. Mahendrapur Forest Village, Gangia of Kochugaonblock total 17 households and 66 populations have received ration from NEDAN during lockdown.



3 No. Shikarbil, Gossainchina falls under Dotma Block. There are 26 households and each household have 4 /5 members. So total 117 populations have received ration during lockdown.



Oxiguri, Gossainichina of Dotma block total 28 households and 123 populations were benefited from the food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Shallohat, Jharbari falls under Dotma Block. There are 44 households and each household have 5 to 6 members. So Total 147 households have received food kits.



Shikharpur village of Kachugaon block 39 households and 172 populations have received ration during lockdown.



Swrangpara Forest Village, Gangia there are 18 households and 58 populations have received ration from NEDAN Foundation during lockdown.



Thaigirguri Forest Village, Gangia of Kochugaion Block, total 46 households and 134 populations have received food kits distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Thaijou Forest Village, Gangia falls under Kochugaon block. Total 140 populations of 32 households have received food kit from NEDAN Foundation



In **Thaisoguri Forest Village**, Gangia (Kochugaon block) 41 households and 110 populations got ration during lockdown.



Titaguri Forest Village, Gangia (Kochugaon block) there are 25 households and each household have 6 to 7 members. So total 106 populations received ration during lockdown.



Turibari, Gossainichina (Dotma block) total 5 households consisting 22 population got ration from NEDAN Foundation during lockdown.



Undugami Forest Village, Gangia 20 households consisting of 57 populations got food kits from NEDAN Foundation.



Tamulpur village, Bishmuri of Kokrajhar block total 33 population of 8 households received ration.



Salbari, Bishmuri of Kokrajhar block total 73 population of 16 households have received ration from NEDAN Foundation during the COVID-19 lockdown.



In **Gauripur**, Bishmuri of Kokrajhar block there are 9 households and 37 populations. Each of the household received ration from NEDAN Foundation during the time of lockdown.



Sonapur village, Bishmuri (Kokrajhar block), total 8 households consist of 33 population have received food kits during nationwide lockdown.



In **Balajhar village**, Bismuri (Kokrajhar block) there are 14 households, 57 population who has received food kit from NEDAN Foundation.



Sagenpur is a Santhali village of Kokrajhar block. There are 16 households and 83 population. Each of the household received food kit during lockdown.



Lakhigaon village, Bismuri under Kokrajhar block, total 23 households and 125 populations received ration.



In **Jamunpur**, Bishmuri of Kokrajhar block, food kit was distributed among 25 households and 116 populations.



In **Kuwabil village**, Chandrapara of Kokrajhar Block total 42 households and 157 populations have received ration from NEDAN Foundation.



2 No. Surjakhata, Dumariguri of Dotma Block, total 25 households and 85 populations have received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



In **Araisopara**, Kachugaon total 12 households consists of 38 populations have received ration during lockdown.



Baladon, Kachugaon is a Santhali village. There are 29 households consisting 89 populations. Each of the household has received food kit during lockdown.



From **Bijoyagar**, Kachugaon (Bodo Village) – total 10 households and 33 populations have received ration during lockdown distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Haringuri, Gambaribil falls under Kochugaon Block. 35 households and 111 populations gave got ration during the lockdown.



New Nabinagar village falls under Kachugaon block. Total 10 households and 32 populations have received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



In Shantipur, Kachugaon total 14 households consist of 46 populations received ration distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Nayekgaon Forest Village falls under Kokrajhar block. The village consists of 38 households and 130 populations. Each of the household was benefited from the food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Amguri Forest Village is a Santhali village under Kokrajhar block. 88 households and 263 population got food kit during the COVID-19 lockdown.



Banglajhora, Jharbari (Dotma block), 9 households and 30 populations have received ration distributed by NEDAN Foundation during lockdown.



Bansumguri, Jharbari village falls under Dotma Block .Total 13 households and 41 population got food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Bodopur village, Jharbari under Dotma Block, total 36 households and 131 populations have received food kit during the lockdown.



Didwmguri, Jharbari (Dotma block), 5 households consisting of 17 members had received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



In Dimapur village, Jharbari of Dotma block food kit was distributed among 32 populations of 10 households.



Dolopara, Jharbari (Dotma Block), total 5 households and 13 members got food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



In **Genduguri** village, Jharbari (Dotma block) food kit was distributed among 7 households and 17 population. Genduguri is a Bodo village where majority of the population falls under Below Poverty Line.



In Gyanipur, Jharbari (Dotma Block) 47 populations of 14 households have received food kit.



Gwjwnpuri, Jharbari (Dotma Block) 20 populations of 6 households received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation during nationwide lockdown



Nijraguri village, Jharbari (Dotma block) 6 households and 18 populations got food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Sudemguri, Jharbari (Dotma Block) food kit was distributed among 15 members of 5 households.



Jaynagar, Jharbari (Dotma Block) 8 households and 29 population received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation during the nationwide lockdown.



Jharbari village falls under Dotma block. Food kit was distributed among 62 population of 21 households.



Kasibari, Jharbari (Dotma Block) 11 households and 37 villagers received ration distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



East and West Mohendrapur is BodoVillage falls under Dotma Block. Food kit was distributed among 48 populations of 15 households of this village.



In **Thaisoguri village, Jharbari (Dotma block)**, Food kit was distributed among 63 members of 21 households.



In **Sonapuri**, Jharbari fall under Dotma Block, total 8 households and 25 populations were received food kits distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Salguri, Jharbari is a Bodo village fall under Dotma Block. Total 61 populations of 20 households have received food kit distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



Ranagor, Jharbari (Dotma Block) 31 members of 9 households got ration distributed by NEDAN Foundation.



In **Old Ouguri**, Jharbari of Dotma Block food kit was distributed among 50 populations of 13 households.



NEDAN Foundation had distributed food kit among 40 populations of different villages of Jharbari area under Dotma Block. It covered total 12 households.



Bijohnagar, Kachugaon is a Santhali village. Food kit was distributed among 37 households of 179 populations by NEDAN Foundation.



Food kit was distributed by NEDAN Foundation among 185 populations of 48 households of **Bedlangmari Shaontal Basti**, Nayekgaon (Kokrajhar block).



In **Tilapara Garo Bosti**, Nayekgaon (Kokrajhar block) Food kit was distributed among 60 households of 176 populations.



Garo Bosti, Nayekgaon falls under Dotma Block. Food kit was distributed among 40 households and 146 populations.



In **Bedlangmari village**, Nayekgaon (Kokrajhar Block) food kit was distributed among 130 populations of 36 households.



Dabwrgami Amguri, Nayekgaon falls under Kokrajhar block. Food kit was distributed among 27 households during the time of COVID-19 lockdown. It covers total 99 populations.



Nayekgaon (Sripur) is an Adivasi village. NEDAN Foundation distributed food kit among 34 households and 139 populations.



In **Galajhora Saljhor**, Nayekgaon (Kokrajhar Block), food kit was distributed among 68 households and 160 populations by NEDAN Foundation.



Galajhora Bostee is an Adivasi village fall under Kokrajhar block. Food kit was distributed among 160 populations of 47 households during the lockdown.



In **Kakrikola Saothal Bostee** (Kokrajhar block) food it was distributed among 87 populations of 25 households.



Bijulibari village falls under Kokrajhar block. Food kit was distributed among 88 populations of 28 households.



New Aojharguri village falls under Kochugaon block. It is a Bodo village. Food kit was distributed among 25 households and 91 populations.



Aojharguri village falls under Kochugaon Block. NEDAN Foundation distributed food kit among 150 populations during the lockdown. It covers total 45 households.



New Islampur is a Bodo village under Kochugaon Block. Food kit was distributed among 163 populations of 55 households.



Dolorpara is a Bodo village under Kochugaon block. Majority of the population falls under Below Poverty Line. During the nationwide lockdown, NEDAN Foundation had distributed food kit among 13 households and 45 populations.



In **Seoraideka** village (Kochugaon block) NEDAN Foundation distributed food kit among 172 populations of 38 households.



NEDAN Foundation had distributed food kit among 45 households of **Janagaon (Kochugaon block)**. It covers total 200 populations.



Islampur, Birtola Adivasi village fall under Kochugaon Block. There are 25 households and each household has 4 to 5 members. NEDAN Foundation had distributed food kit among 80 populations during COVID - 19 lockdown.



During this nationwide lockdown NEDAN Foundation had covered total 3,722 households and 13,579 population of Kokrajhar District, Assam.

Conclusion:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has given us a new learning in dealing the emergency situation. NEDAN Foundation has a vast experience in working with flood and conflict related disasters and addressing the human suffering in the state of Assam, particularly in the four districts of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Assam for many years. The addressing the immediate need of the distressed / suffering population is a short terms intervention therefore urgent need of the

areas in long term development as entitlement rights of the citizens. The 40 years ethnic conflict in BTC districts consisting of Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri went down the drain of development and today it is clear indication that many productive age group young people are living the state in search of better earning opportunities. There are 12 lakhs population in the state who do not have Ration Card to secure govt. National Food Security Scheme, No bank account under Jan Dan Yojana where govt. can transfer money during lock down period due to Covid-19. NEDAN has been working in the areas for last five years on child protection, livelihood promotion and youth development amongst the forest dwellers population in the districts. NEDAN is also preparing the strategic plan of action for livelihood recovery initiative amongst the migrant returnees from different states of India due to COVID-19 to BTC, Assam.
