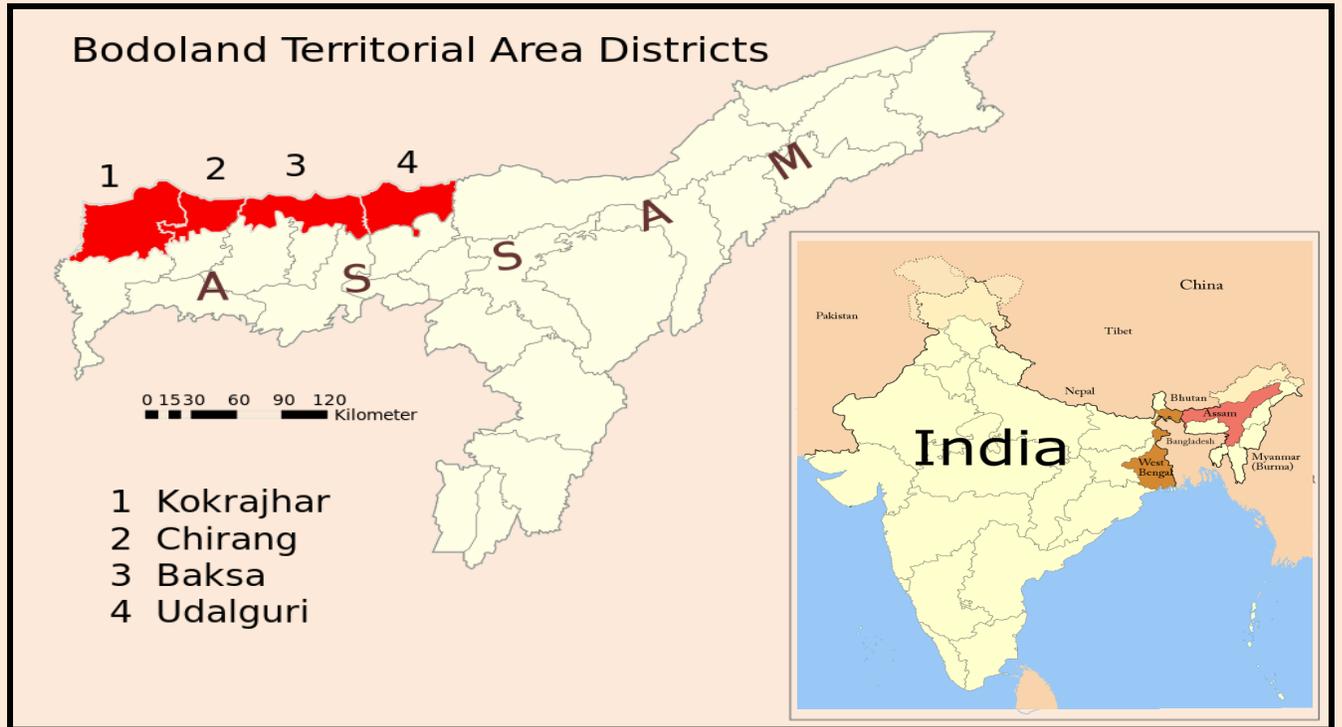


COVID-19 & FLOOD RESPONSE OF NEDAN FOUNDATION-2020

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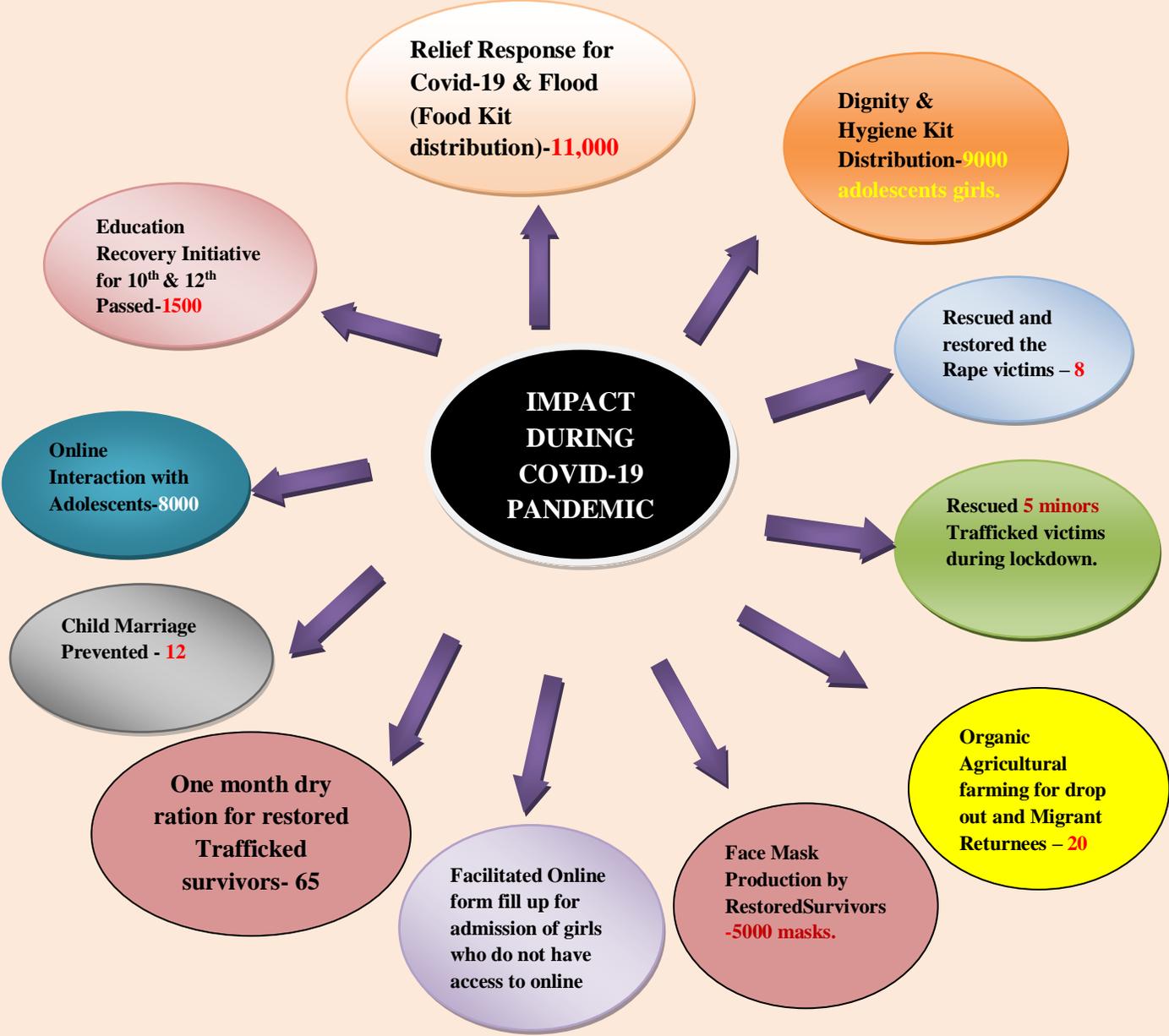
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OUR IMPACT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Covid-19 Relief Response of NEDAN Foundation in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Assam:

While the whole world is in stress caused by COVID-19 pandemic, NEDAN Foundation, a Kokrajhar based NGO is lending a hand to 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 150 villages of three blocks (Kokrajhar, Dotma and Kochugaon) of Kokrajhar district to ensure that no one will live with hunger. The food kit consisted of 10 kgs of rice, 1 liter of Mustard oil, 1 kg of Dal and 1 packet of Salt through which the family can survive for at least 10 days during this pandemic. During this nationwide lockdown NEDAN Foundation had covered total 11,000 families /population of Kokrajhar District, Assam.



Dignity & Hygiene kit distribution to Adolescents Girls of Forest Dwellers Population:

Lockdown during COVID-19 pandemic have an impact on adolescent girls in accessing menstrual hygiene products. NEDAN Foundation provided Dignity and Hygiene kit to the adolescent girls which includes Dignity kit (sanitary napkins), hygiene kit (soap, detergent powder and facemask) across 125 villages under three blocks of Kokrajhar district (Kokrajhar, Dotma and Kochugaon block) for more than 8000 plus adolescents so that girls may not



undergo menstrual problems during the lockdown and have a safe and dignified menstruation.



Education Recovery Initiative for 10th & 12th Passed BPL Adolescents:

NEDAN Foundation has targeted to provide higher education support to 3000 adolescents who have passed HS and Matriculation on 2020. Till now 1500 students have received financial support for admission and buying uniforms. Books of arts, science and commerce stream were distributed among the students of BPL families.



Collectivized the Voices of Adolescent for their Entitlement Rights through Media:

As a socially concerned NGO, NEDAN Foundation took an initiative to distribute sanitary napkins among 8000 adolescents in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd phase of lockdown. The adolescents themselves raised their voices on the issues that every girl must be living a life with dignity and there should not be any barrier to hamper their lives. The adolescent members of different villages took the initiative to distribute it among their peer groups of their respective village. While doing this work Media noticed and reflected our work in DD News, My Radab and Ishan news channel.



Information Dissemination on Covid-19 through Leaflets Distribution 125 villages:



NEDAN Foundation had distributed Leaflets on COVID-19 awareness among the people of 3 blocks of Kokrajhar. The main aim is to bring awareness among the community people to take precautionary measures and follow the rules and norms during COVID-19 pandemic.

Online Emotional support for Children and Adolescents during Lockdown:

Telephonic interaction was taken place among the 6000 adolescents and children of Kokrajhar district during lockdown. Three staff members of NEDAN Foundation took that initiative to interact with the adolescents of different village to lighten the frustration. The main aim is to resolve any mental or emotional concerns that a child and adolescent might face during the lockdown

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COVID-19

Online Emotional Support for Children and Adolescents during Lockdown
Children and Adolescents may contact the below mentioned staff

Timing
11:00 am - 12:00 noon - Ms. Britanjali - 7002469610
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm - Ms. Snigdha - 9854179189
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Ms. Aliaisha - 9435832437

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Face Mask Production by Restored Girls

Nedan Foundation started an initiative to make face masks by the restored girls which is distributing among the 10,000 adolescents' boys and girls along with Dignity & Hygiene Kit. Stitching materials were provided for making masks and also paid Rs.20/- for each piece of face mask. Total 5000 masks are produced till now.



Agriculture based Livelihood through Paddy Cultivation amongst drop out and Migrant returnees.

Nedan Foundation had started Agriculture Based Livelihood with the group of 10 School dropout youth and migrant returnees. They cultivated paddy in 25 Bighas of community land. This initiative is to make rural youth skilled so that they can create livelihood with the locally available resources.



Flood Relief Response

NEDAN Foundation provided Ration kit, Dignity & Hygiene kit for the adolescents among the Flood affected populations in Lower Assam. We also did the poster campaign against Human Trafficking in the flood affected areas and relief camps.



Rescue and Restoration during Lock down Period:

Nedan Foundation being the pioneer in combating human trafficking in the North East Region has the history of 2600 rescued and restored back with the family. During Covid-19 lockdown since the livelihood in the rural areas was badly hit the survival of the survivors was a challenge for the organization working with Trafficked survivors in the community. It was hard for the organization to reach out since the areas was restricted to reach and general population was instructed to stay home. Our team could reach out to provide one month's dry ration to 65 reachable survivors so that they can live without hunger.



During Covid-19 Lockdown NEDAN directly rescued 5 girls from being trafficked.

Case-1: Covid-19 pandemic has hit so hard to the lives of the poor people to survive. The situation has come into extreme level where a couple (migrant returnees from Gujarat) are forced to sell their new born baby girl for Rs.45,000. A rich women from Kokrajhar town approached and motivated the father to sell his 4 month old baby for adoption in Karbi Anglong District. The deal has done and two ladies forcefully taken away the baby from mother's arms. Community members came to know about the case and they informed Kochugaon Police station. After two days the child was rescued by Kochugaon police along with Childline Kokrajhar and NEDAN Team from Mrs Pranita (Trafficker's) house. At present the child is with her parents.



Case-2: Anjana is an 18 years old girl who got married in her early age that went unreported. She is also a mother of 3 year old girl. She got married in Barpeta district. Last year she left her husband's place and now living in her parents' house with her



daughter in Santinagar Kokrajhar. She has also an agreement with her husband's family for the divorce but they are not legally divorced yet. Anjana along with her close friend Ms. Anu planned and arranged everything to go to Haryana and get second marriage with the man with whom she talks in phone. The neighbors suspected the case as a trafficking and informed one of the members of CWC, Kokrajhar. CWC member informed NEDAN team for the necessary action. NEDAN team lodge FIR to SP, Kokrajhar and SP has forwarded the case to Kokrajhar Police station and within some minutes Police did a detail investigation on the case and prevented the suspected trafficking case. Police and NEDAN team has ordered to Anu's and Anjana's family if the families of both the man and woman are ready for the marriage, Anjana has to legally divorced with her first husband and register the second marriage in the Court. As this are the law and also the safety of Anjana.

Case-3: A 17 years old girl from Santipara, Patgaon of Kokrajhar District was trafficked by a man named Jibon Ali.

On 31st August'2020 the girl was sold by a man named Jibon Ali known also as Jaharuddin Sheikh (Trafficker) to Helahi Sekh (Trafficker) of West Siliguri. Jibon Ali is a Muslim guy who pretended to be a Hindu by changing his name to Raju Das in order to seduce her to his false love.

Since the girl was missing from home, her parents filled a FIR in the Serfanguri police station. The Serfanguri police investigated the case and rescued the girl from Kalapara red Light area of Siliguri on 4th August'2020 with the help of local activist.



The trafficker was arrested and a case was registered under 49/2020 U/S 366

Case- 4: A 21 years old young girl hails from Sonitpur district, Assam was pushed into sex racket by a woman named Suman Qureshi and one Sonu Qureshi. The girl was promised a job in Ahmedabad but was forced to work as sex worker by the duo. Ahmedabad police control room had received a message from the victim and rescued the girl from a hotel in Vatva GIDC area. Nedan Foundation along with the partner organization came to know about the case. NEDAN intervened the case and made sure that girl is in safe place. Psycho social counseling was provided to her.

Case- 5: A child named Anjali Bora (Named Changed) belongs to a very poor family of Gohpur, Lakhimpur. She has one elder sister and one younger brother. Her parents are daily wage laborer and stays in a rented house of Gugamukh, Lakhimpur. Due to extreme poverty her parents were unable to take care of her. So the parents kept her with a lady from Arunachal Pradesh to work as a domestic worker in returns of money. The child run away from her house and found in a place called Juli Basti of Arunachal Pardesh. Some



concerned people noticed the girl crying and came forward to help her. Since she is a child, she was unable to tell her parents address properly. Nedan Foundation helped to find out her parents address and restored back with the family. Gahpur police rescued the child from in Juli Basti, Itanagar, Aunachal Pradesh and handed over to her parents.

NEDAN Foundation intervened 8 rape cases during the lockdown.

Since children are away from school and some parents are unable to earn, numbers of child marriage cases are increasing during this lockdown period. NEDAN along with Childline, Kokrajhar intervened total 12 Child Marriage cases during lockdown period.

Engagement of Destination Girls Home during Lock down:

Organic mango Pickle Making For self Reliance:

During the lockdown time NEDAN Foundation produced 500 Kgs of organic mango pickle by the girls of DGH .The aim is to raise some funds to manage their home and continue their studies. The organic Mango pickle is now ready to sell.



Menstrual Hygiene Day Celebration:

On 28th May' 2020 menstrual hygiene day was observed at Destination Girls Home in the presence of adolescents of Anthaigwlaio village, Chandrapara with the slogan 'We Care For You Girls'. Menstrual hygiene movies were screened to bring awareness on the topic menstrual hygiene& cleanliness.



Art & Craft by the Children of Destination Girl's Home (DGH):

The children of DGH are developing their imagination and self-expression by engaging in making crafts from waste materials during the lockdown. It promotes feelings of relaxation and a sense of calm during this pandemic situation. It is an activity which makes them more creative and enhances their ability to innovate.



Organic farming & tree plantation:

NEDAN Foundation initiated Organic farming in different villages across Kokrajhar district and also in the campus of DGH. The organic products from different villages are for trade, while in the campus it is for self consumption.



Online and Offline Supplementary Coaching at Destination Girls Home:



In order to maintain the balance of formal learning in home environment, NEDAN Foundation has been initiating supplementary coaching and test exam for the girls of

Destination Girls Home (DGH) keeping in the view the norms of Social Distancing.

We created a platform for the children where they can learn through access of online classes and study materials. Some of the learning platforms are through Doordarshan, FM Radio, YouTube, Diksha etc.



Way-Forward:

On Combating Child Trafficking:

- Initiative for the prevention of child trafficking NEDAN will collectivize the adolescents' club members for the timely intervention.
- Empowering the trafficked survivors network forum members
- Training of adolescents on life skill education and other leadership skills.

Promoting education for girls:

- Collectivizing adolescent girls affected by conflict into clubs.
- Reenrollment of the girls into school.
- Distribution of books and study materials among the students.
- Dignity & Hygiene Distribution among the adolescent girls.

Creating Alternative Livelihood for Migrant returnees:

- Creating locally available livelihood such as paddy cultivation, organic farming etc.

Community Involvement for protection of Child Sexual abuse:

- Each child Protection Committee works towards the Child Protection and safeguards the rights of children and takes appropriate measures to prevent and address the issues of child rights violations.

Convergence mechanism with existing govt. institutions and department in the districts of BTC on the above mentioned wayward.