

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**NEDAN FOUNDATION**

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*“Working in the area of trafficking is like fighting with capitalism without arms. Life is always in danger. Our mission today is to create zero child trafficking in the area of Indo-Bhutan border”*

*Digambar Narzary  
Chairperson,  
NEDAN  
Foundation*

## From the Chairperson Desk



Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the joy you have brought to under-privileged people through your support of NEDAN Foundation. Your steadfast magnanimity enabled us to complete our 14th year of service in 2017. I feel privileged to share Organization's one year report with you.

Since its inception 2003 more than 15 programs in North East, India have shed light to most under-privilege section of the society particularly children and women affected by conflict. NEDAN Foundation work directly with conflict affected children and women in four Districts of BTC and with partner organization in eight states of North East.

NEDAN try filling up the huge disparity in providing direct services to children and women in conflict /emergency situation keeping in mind the Plan of Action under World Fit for Children Declaration - Ensuring children affected by disasters receive timely and effectively humanitarian assistance. The children constitute (0-18) 40% of total population of Assam. The protecting the rights of children is a big challenge in Assam and North East. Assam has witness repeated number of emergency situations, both man made and natural calamities. Both the calamities has deep rooted impact in the lives of the affected populations. Therefore, special social measures need to be created for restoring the human existence and particularly protecting children and their equitable access to basic services.

NEDAN has been a focal point of all my quest for the last 23 years of my professionalism. And it has also become the culmination of my dreams. Since, it inception in 2003, we have greatly tirelessly works for our programs and built long lasting relationships with our communities in the root. Along the way, I have discovered that people have an innate desire to do good.

2017 is the ONE DECADE journey of NEDAN and let us celebrate by addressing the vast challenges and the opportunities that remain in North East India and else where. Thousands of people aspire for progress and together we can help them realize their dreams.

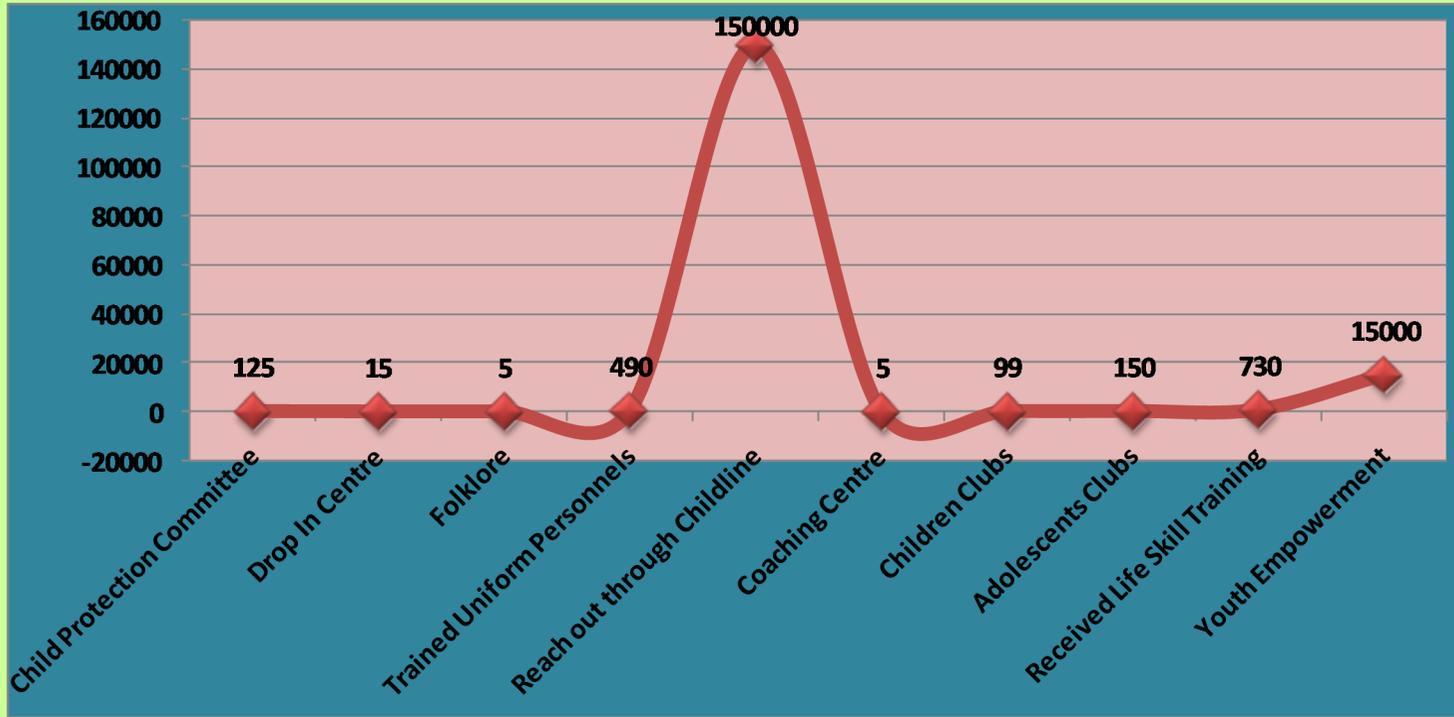
As a Chairperson of the Organization I express my gratitude to all those who believed on us and continuously supporting us till we reach our mission.



# OUR IMPACT IN 2020-2021



# ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN FOUR DISTRICTS OF BTC



Childline reach out



Children club



Adolescence club



Folklore



# NEDAN FOUNDATION



## INCEPTION OF NEDAN FOUNDATION

NEDAN FOUNDATION is a Public Charitable Trust organization which was merged through a common vision shared by trained Social Work Professionals to work with the poorest and voiceless ethnic communities living in the far flung un-reached villages of North Eastern Region of India. The crusade of under-development in North East Region and to protect girls and women from various types of atrocities like domestic violence, human trafficking, child prostitution, child labor, child marriage and other forms of exploitation. A group of socially committed Social Work Professionals from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai together formed NEDAN on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2003. The meaning of NEDAN in Bodo language denotes “*Open Space*”.



NEDAN’s special focus has been on protection of human rights violation, Combating Cross Border Human Trafficking, Child Protection & RTE, Protecting and Preventing Children from exploitative situation through CHILDLINE 1098, rescuing women and girls being lured, re-integrating the survivors with families and creating alternative livelihood.



NEDAN also actively works to find justice for the victimized girls and women by engaging legal battles. It has advocated on the trafficking issues as worst form of human rights violation with its strong advocacy strategies from local to nation, regional and international levels.

NEDAN is however truly open space to all girls and women, whether married or unmarried who are being exploited, victims of conflict and whose rights are grossly violated and neglected by family and society. It was struggle to find place/home for survivors, victims of conflict for their protection from social ostracism that gave birth to NEDAN FOUNDATION.



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Human Trafficking is growing because it is the easiest source of earning huge sum of money. Human Trafficking violates the very fundamental right of a person to live with dignity. Women and children are sold, kidnapped, forced to work as bonded labor, sex trade which is in huge rise in the entire North East Region. The UN defines, "human trafficking as an act of recruiting, transporting, harboring or receiving a person through use of force, coercion or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them." This definition clearly states there are false promises, lies or an act of force involved in human trafficking .

According to UNDP Report 300000 to 450000 people are trafficked within Asia each year, of which more than half take place in South Asia. Women and children, particularly girls are trafficked within country boundaries to other countries within region and across region beyond South Asia.

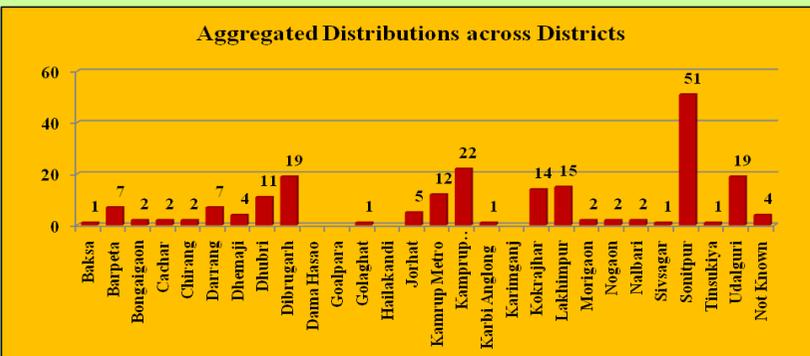
Trafficking in human beings, more so in women and children are one of the most fastest growing forms of criminal activity, next only to drugs and weapons trade, generating unaccountable profits annually. NEDAN Foundation being a pioneer in

combating human trafficking has been able to rescued 876 trafficked survivors from the year 2004 to march 2017 with the help of uniform personnel, student union bodies and anti human trafficking partners organization. Hence NEDAN Foundation has experienced transforming the lives and mending the shattered dreams of the voiceless survivors of human trafficking.

Human trafficking in Assam or say the entire North East is alarming. It has been in existence since the early day but gradually the human trafficking is increasing with great speed. Assam is being ranked as one of the eight Indian states with regard to Child Trafficking (UNODC, REPORT 2013). The Bodoland Territorial Council, (BTC).

Assam has various problems like huge IDP, Poverty, Unemployment, Forced migration, Ethnic Conflict and Natural Disasters. Eth-

nic conflict related to IDP is one of the important factors contributing to underdevelopment, aggravated vulnerability, and rise of human trafficking in the North East region as a whole. The North East Region has witnessed ethnic conflict as one of the factors contributing to underdevelopment, aggravated vulnerability, rise of human trafficking in the region. The conflict situation enhanced the vulnerability of ethnic group and exposed them to worst forms of violence including sexual exploitation .

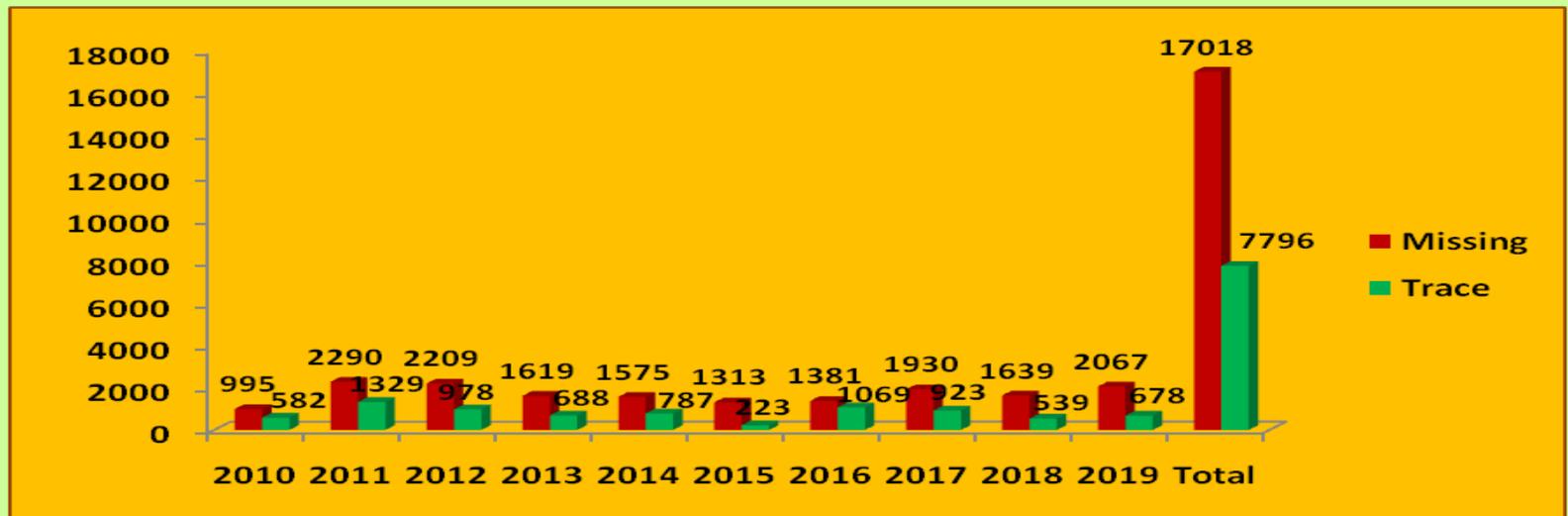


The four districts of BTC (Bodoland Territorial Council) Assam namely Kokrajhar, Chirang, Baksa and Udalguri also have the large trafficking cases reported today. Kokrajhar is one of the trafficking hubs known as 6<sup>th</sup> highest trafficking zone of Assam where highest no. of trafficking takes place. **The recently published report of Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights revealed that, since 2012 to the month of October, 2014, a total of 4754 child are still untraced in the State.**



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

NEDAN Foundation also reached out to larger section of the society with a greater impact and 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, transit shelter for rescued minor survivors and social entrepreneurship for mother of trafficked survivors and largely displaced communities sensitization 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, tortures and hardships. Although human trafficking is often a hidden crime it is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises because it holds relatively low risk with high profit potential. Accurate statistics are difficult to obtain but researchers estimate that more than 80% of trafficking victims are female. Over 50% of human trafficking victims are children.



The above Graph indicates the missing and traced of a girls child from the year 2010-2019.



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

NENFAT partners Networking and strengthening collaboration during Covid-19



**NATIONAL WEBINAR**  
ON  
**"IMPACT OF COVID ON VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING"**

**KEYNOTE**

  
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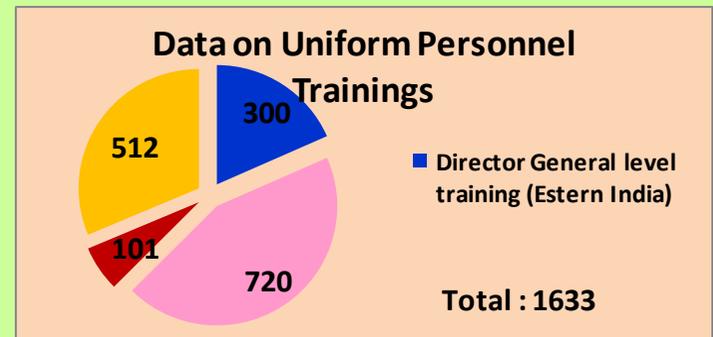
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# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Training on Cross Border Human Trafficking for uniform personnel :

NEDAN Foundation being the state coordinating agency and member of Anti Human Trafficking (AHTU) in National and state level have trained more than 1500 uniform personnel in the past three years since the inception of the project. Due to NEDAN Foundation constant advocacy and close coordination, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed the involvement of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as the member of Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) guarding the 700 km porous border with Bhutan. Similarly NEDAN being the national member on rescuing cross border trafficked survivors and closely working with CBI Anti Human Trafficking Unit could able to push govt. of India to sign a pack on Rescue, repatriation and reintegration for India with Bangladesh on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.



The Pie chart data indicates the number of Uniform Personnel's being trained by NEDAN Foundation since the initiation of DKA project till date. A total number of 1633 uniform personnel comprising of 300 number of Director General level training, total number of 720 SSB troops, 101 no. of AHTU personnel and 512 no. of BSF troops have been trained on combating human trafficking.

## Regional, National and State level Collaboration on combating Cross Border Human Trafficking:

In the regional level, NEDAN Foundation has drafted a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for law enforcement agencies of Bhutan with the section of cross border Rescue, Repatriation and Reintegration. NEDAN has also established a strong network with the Bhutan's National Commission for Women and Children (NCWC), Royal Bhutan Police-Crime Branch, Immigration department of Bhutan, Labor department, Bhutan Overseas Employment department and CSOs partner organization who work for the protection of children. Through the close collaboration, NEDAN has been able to intervene for the cross border trafficking cases and repatriated them to respective state, districts and villages. Besides, **NEDAN is also regional action forum core working member on Recovery and Reintegration of trafficked survivors with South Asian and Central Asian. countries.**



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING



In the national level, NEDAN is a focal agency for reporting of children rights violations and missing children of North East region to NACG and SAIEVAC an Apex Body of SAARC. NEDAN also became a national campaigner on missing children on **“Every 8 Minutes”** Child Goes Missing in India” which is the first campaign of its kind that aims to stop child trafficking and related children missing in India. We work with our anti child trafficking partners across India to end this modern day slavery. From prevention, to rescue, to healing – the slow journey begins towards bringing the life back into these children’s eyes. Through the initiative NEDAN could able to report the numbers of missing children and prevented those children from being further trafficked. In this regard NEDAN also collaborated with the Childline-1098 which is a toll free number for reporting the cases of missing, trafficking, children in vulnerable situation, runaway children, child labour, and children facing abuse below 18 years in Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) Assam.

## Formation and Strengthening of Trafficked Survivors Network Forum

The formation of the Trafficked Survivors Network Forum has enhanced the trafficked survivor’s members to raise voice and fight for their entitlement rights. The members of the forum became a role model for the potential and vulnerable girls in the NEDAN’s interventions areas/districts for their tremendous work in preventing trafficking in the region. The survivors were also imparted more than 20 in house trainings on life skill education and capacity building programs. The interaction with DC and SP with the forum members has been first of each kind in the region. NEDAN has also appointed empowered survivors as full time staff and make them continue their study through Open University.

To Strengthen Survivors Network Forum meeting was held on 18th March 2017 at NEDAN Secretariat, Kokrajhar. During the meeting survivors were made aware about the existing schemes like the victim 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 victim. In addition, the 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 a Saving Bank Account and whoever does not have bank account were asked to open as soon as possible. During 1st wave of COVID-19 pandemic in India NEDAN provided one month ration to the 165 Trafficked Survivors associated with the Forum to normalize their economic condition.



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Community Sensitization programme on Combating Human Trafficking

NEDAN has conducted community sensitization program on Combating Human trafficking and promotion of girl's education NEDAN has reached out almost 3000 population of Kokrajhar district. Due to the increase number of Human Trafficking, Child marriage and child sexual cases NEDAN Foundation with the collaboration with Childline, Kokrajhar conducted community sensitization program especially with the community living in indo- Bhutan and Assam-Bengal border areas. NEDAN conducted awareness programme at Kerappur village under Grahampur post office, Srirampur and Gongia area. Adolescents club members, Youth leaders, women and VCDC members and secretary were present for the programme. Poster campaign on combating human trafficking, child labour, child marriage and promotion of girl's education was done with the help of the adolescent club members.



# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## **Strengthening and Building North East Network Against Trafficking Partners:**

NEDAN has formed and strengthened the partners of North East Network Forum Against Trafficking (NENFAT). In the North East Level, with the support of the existing DKA support. The forum provided a platform for the partner organizations working against human trafficking which resulted in bringing out more burning issues and hence took action in preventing the modern day's slavery taking place in the 8 North Eastern states of India by replicating the models followed by the different states. NEDAN is in a process of drafting a North East Region's inter -state level Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on raid, rescue and repatriation within North East Region for time bound justice deliveries for children rescued within the eight states along with the collaboration of the core members of the NENFAT. The respective State Child Protection Society of eight states and govt. statuaries body such as State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and State Women Commission of eight states has started working on the draft Interstate SOP after the first level consultation organized by NEDAN in Dec. 2014. **NEDAN Foundation has a total number of 43 CSOs** partner organizations in the forum working against human trafficking including 8 State Child Protection Society, 5 State Child Protection Commission and 8 State Women Commission.



## **In the State level and Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) level**

NEDAN closely coordinate with the State Government, State statutory bodies comprising of Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR), State Child Protection Society, and C.I.D. Headquarter, 14 Districts Anti Human Trafficking Police Unit, AHTU, BTC Administration, District Administration, Social Welfare Department, Child Welfare Committees, and other Uniform Personnel and Railway Police has indeed helped NEDAN to advocate for the rights of the children, prevented children and adults from being trafficked and goes missing. NEDAN maintains the data management system (Individual case studies, templates on rescue, repatriated data) which gets updated depending on the cases we receive and also shares updated data of children being trafficked, missing, repatriated and restored with the C.I.D. headquarter based in Guwahati, Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR), State Child Protection Society, Child Welfare Committees and concerned Uniform Personnel District Anti Human Trafficking Officers.

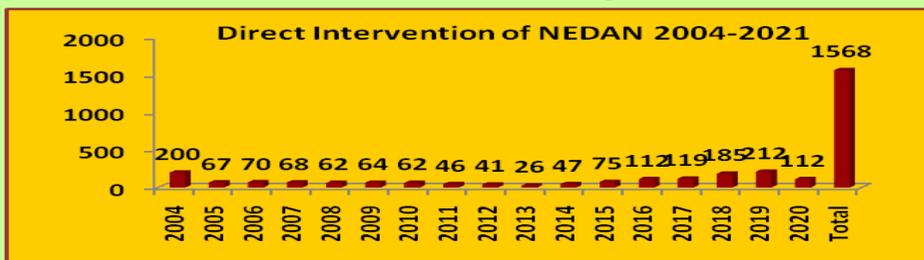


# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Rescue and Repatriation

NEDAN Foundation also involved in direct intervention of rescuing children and girls from exploitative situations in collaboration with police & Childline (1098). NEDAN has rescued 33 persons from human trafficking and prevented and detained children from BTR, since April 2020 to March, 2021. It has been successful in preventing 79 children from BTR. Sujuma Brahma (Name Changed) is a 24 years old woman and she belongs to Vill- Patakata, P.O. & P.S. - Kachugaon, Dist. - Kokrajhar and she got married with **Dipak Brahma** alias Handi Brahma. Her husband is a daily wage earner. They both used to stay in her grandmother's house at Kuntala village. Rekha Brahma is a mother of two girls one of age 1 year and the other is new born baby (not named). A few days back her husband sold their new born baby for forty-five thousand rupees to Pranita Narzary who stays at Kokrajhar town. Rekha was unknown about her daughter got sold by her husband to **Pranita**. **One day the trafficker (Pranita)** came to Rekha's residence and took away her baby forcefully from her arms. Pranita Narzary supposes to be taking the baby away from Kokrajhar to Karbi Anglong for allegedly adoption to her family. Helpless mother inform to local people and villagers brought notice to local police station regarding the case. Kachugaon Police took action against the father of the child and arrests him because he was the main accused. The child was rescued by Kachugaon Police after two days from Pranita's house Kokrajhar Ganga Nwgrw opposite Vishal shopping mall. **Accused Pranita Narzary and Rita Brahma (from Kachugaon)** who accompany Pranita by buying a baby and Dipak Brahma father of the Child is presently in jail after the trail registered no. 99/20, under section (u/s) 370 IPC. Police handed over baby to the mother and presently her mother is taking care.

## NEDAN,s Direct Intervention: Raid Rescue and Repatriation



*The given graph indicates the year wise number of trafficked children and adults being directly rescued and restored to families by NEDAN and it also shows the grim situation of Human Trafficking*

NEDAN's random checking with the help of Railway police, uniform personnel, labor union, department of labor and student union bodies in the rail line, bus stands, taxi stands which connects North East India, border areas and displaced locations though the community vigilance committees have prevented number of vulnerable minor and major girls from being lured by the agents to the main cities with the false promises of lucrative job. Through this initiative NEDAN have restored number of trafficked survivors back with their family members. NEDAN was able to sensitized and reached out more than 30,000 youths on the issues of human trafficking through the "Youth Against Human Trafficking Movement" and girls movement on gender based violence through "International Day of Girl Child Day" program, and thus it resulted in lessening the rate of trafficking.



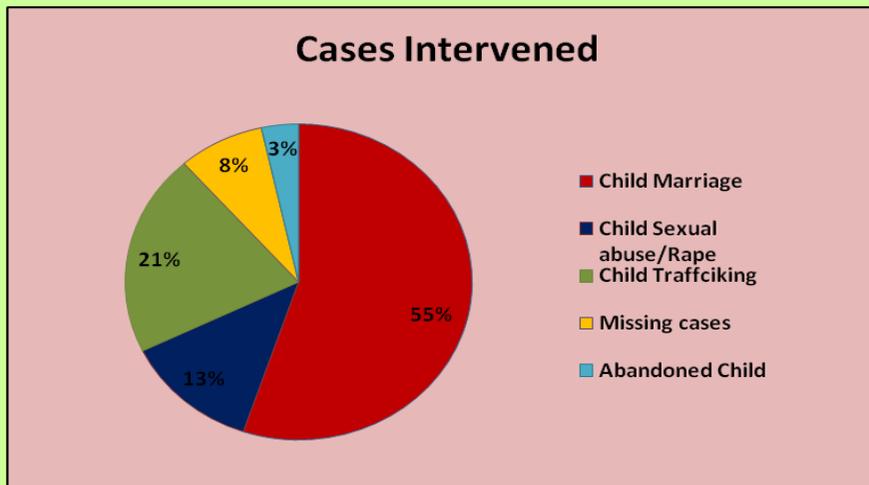
# CROSS BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING



## Rescue and Restoration

NEDAN is privilege to have local authority support in the 4 districts of BTR, Assam who has secured permission from the district administration to provide /support emergency need of the children and women during the lock down period. NEDAN is implementing the emergency toll free number of 1098 Childline Kokrajhar the department work as frontline worker for the children in need care and support. While the police department was managing the law and order, NEDAN work with the police for addressing the call received through 1098 and 181. Through this partnership intervention in the district NEDAN could able to intervene the reported cases of violence against women and children during the lock down period. The following data mentioned below indicates the grim situation of the violence against children particularly during – 1<sup>st</sup> April'2020- 31<sup>st</sup> March'2021.

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# Recovery and Reintegration of Survivors at Destination Girls Home



The Destination Girls Home is the institutional care facility for minor girls registered under sub section 1 of section 41 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015. They are survivors of trafficking, child marriage, kidnapping, forced domestic labour and sexual slavery. The children and the young girls at the Destination Girl's Home are provided with aid to complete their formal education, mental and physical health support, legal aid, skills building in Information Technology and trainings to access rehabilitation and finally reintegration to the main stream society. The home provides a provision for temporary stay to trafficked minor survivors till they attempted to get back on their feet or make major transition. Apart from their daily class schedules, they also have a separate daily routine combine with extra co-curricular activities and in house life skill education, IT empowerment, awareness programs through enacting skits and leadership trainings. The trafficked survivors learned and lead relatively independent life before being integrated to the families. Survivors are constantly kept under the supervision of a guide who provides guidance, mentorship, monitors their behaviour and helps identify and work with them who are in need of further psycho-social support. The expert staff ensures that the survivors do not feel it as just an institute, but a home away from home. Group and individual counselling is also provided on regular basis to the survivors by the NEDAN's counsellor. NEDAN's Destination Girl's Home accommodates 30 rescued minor girls who does not have social support system.

*No child should ever be left behind! No child deserves to be taken from their family and left crying in the night.*



*She survived human trafficking: Her Story*



## Recovery and Reintegration of Survivors at Destination Girls Home



**Destination Girls Home (DGH)** is an initiative of NEDAN for girls rescued from various exploitative situations that does not have social support system. There are 35 girls residing at Destination Girls Home from 6 -18 years of age group. NEDAN provide comprehensive development space within the campus created and all of them are re-enrolled in govt. schools and colleges. Most of the girls continue staying at Destination Girls Home after they complete their 12<sup>th</sup> standard to continue their graduation. Today Destination Girls Home has been recognized as community-based recovery and reintegration model in the NE region for girl's empowerment. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic the rescued girls were not provided temporary shelter at the transit center in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the children at DGH. As per the norms of District Administration, rescued children are provided shelter at quarantine centres.



NEDAN being the member of district Covid-19 management committee has been asked to provide temporary shelter for Covid-19 related orphan in Kokrajhar districts. **There are already 45 children below the age of 18 orphan due to Covid-19 second wave in the district of Kokrajhar. NEDAN has been providing all the necessities item to 28 Orphan children below the age of 5 years. The death cases are increasing day by day therefore number of Orphan due to Covid will be increasing which is a big challenge for us all.**



# Recovery and Reintegration of Survivors at Destination Girls Home



The pandemic related lockdown has devastated the children of DGH as their schools had been closed. In order to maintain the balance of formal learning in home environment and also they don't feel trapped inside the house, NEDAN Foundation has been engaging the girls in different activities. Supplementary coaching and test exam was conducted for the girls of Destination Girls Home (DGH) keeping in the view the norms of Social Distancing. Digital learning platforms like Doordarshan, FM Radio, YouTube and Diksha were introduced. Children were engaged in making arts and crafts from waste materials to promote feelings of relaxation and a sense of calmness during this chaos enhancing their skills and becoming more creative. The children also did organic farming in their campus for self sustenance. NEDAN produced 500 Kgs of organic mango pickle made by the girls of DGH to raise funds for the home and manage their expenses during the lockdown.



# ***Bulk SMS System***

## ***Bulk SMS System***

***We have made it easy for you Register and SMS us regarding any child related issues at ‘NEDANK space your text messages to 6262642222’***

NEDAN has been trying to explore in combating human trafficking by registering the adolescence contacts. The registered contact in NEDAN’s website shall be given the Virtual number SMS system whereby they could report by sending SMS to given number on any unwanted situation like human trafficking, child marriage, child labour, child in critical situation and other related crimes committed against children taking place in their areas. On receiving any such SMS information the situation could be dealt immediately and in effective manner. NEDAN Foundation has 20000 adolescence club members and they have the facilities of imparting information regarding any child related issues. This facilities will be available for those members who can access internet and can get registered with NEDAN through a link website by providing required details manually.



### **Workings of Bulk SMS system.**

Any valuable information can be circulated to all the registered members. So, that they can react in real time. Any official related information circulated to all the office staff, Taking on project activities information are circulated to all the project members and field workers, New updates in project activities can be informed to all the project members and field workers in real time. This system will help us in cost efficient and time efficient. Reply to any SMS received will be done by bulk SMS system and immediate action will be taken to the only number that is registered with NEDAN.



# Child Protection



The Partnership between UNICEF and NEDAN has made substantial dent in creating a sustainable community based child protection mechanisms. The effort has resulted in creating a protective environment for children, the school drop outs have reduced drastically, while the trafficking in children has come down to a large extent, the old cases of trafficking have been taken up. High number of child marriage case in the intervened locations have now been reported. In a way all protection concerns of abuse, exploitation, violence and neglect have shown considerable reduction.

Child Protection and Education should continue with securing protective environment and building peace and reconciliation so that it can contribute towards preventing such terrible violence that causes lasting human tragedies in the lives of the children.

## Key Objective Deliverables

- ◆ To enable children from displaced communities to have equitable access to quality education and ensure their right to education across 125 locations in Kokrajhar BTR Assam..
- ◆ To establish and strengthen community based child- centered models of intervention to ensure a protective environment for children affected by ethnic conflict across 125 locations of Kokrajhar.
- ◆ Mainstreaming all out of school children to formal neighborhood schools across 125 locations.
- ◆ Providing Supplementary Coaching for Metric students for final exam.
- ◆ To impart Information Technology skills for drop out adolescents and rescued trafficked survivors.
- ◆ 12325 Boys and Girls from communities affected by ethnic conflict and displacement are collectivized and empowered to take decisions and act as change agents.
- ◆ Strengthening of community based collective and institutions for children's rights to development and protection.
- ◆ Remedial Coaching classes for adolescents to ensure meaningful educational transitions.
- ◆ Strengthening of SMCs for Children's Rights for Protection and Development.



## Key Results / Accomplishments

- ◆ Mainstreaming all out of school children to formal neighborhood schools across 125 locations.
- ◆ Formed and strengthened Community based child protection committee, children club and adolescent club.
- ◆ Creating Child Friendly Environment
- ◆ Youth Empowerment
- ◆ Child Social Activist
- ◆ 12325 Boys and Girls from communities affected by ethnic conflict and displacement are collectivized and empowered to take decisions and act as change agents.



# Child Protection Intervention



**Mainstreaming all out of school children to formal neighborhood schools across 125 Displaced locations** Countless children are not getting their entitlement such as Free and Compulsory Education yet because those children are exists with those community are related to conflict displacement and ethnic violence. There is no mechanism and promotion policy in BTC administration. As example Saralpara under Dotma Block where groups of communities are residing from many years back. As demography brought out by NEDAN Bodo, Adivasi and Nepali communities were residing into Saralpara. And there are more and more locations which are having similar issues such as Kachugaon, Bishmuri. These locations are being excluded from new education policy such as under RTE Act 2009. The implementation of free and compulsory education has been failing to those above mentioned locations; because these locations are under Forest act and rule. So forest doesn't allow establish any institution including school. Total drop out in 3 blocks is 221. In order to connect them with other peers and collectively be engaged in recreational activities recreational materials were provided for the adolescent club members which includes sports items like badminton, carom board, football, volleyball, skipping rope, ludo, net etc and reading materials like grammar books, general knowledge etc. Recreational activities like games and sports, workshops, sharing sessions, debate and discussions are important. Such activities are done in order to keep children away from the dangers of the society and be involved in various activities and also be equipped about the social evils that children faces. These activities are organized by the club members themselves. After school they gather at the centre where they play games and sports during the evening time for one hour or two. This also helps them in their physical health as they perform physical activity and also their intellectual ability as they get the opportunities to learn and share ideas together. It overall caters to their psycho-social growth of the adolescents girls.



As per the above graph NEDAN has re- enrolled the out of school children; the total no of re- enrollment is out of which 5 children is in KGBV, 5 children are in RSTC, 82 children are in NRSTC, 20 children are in different Govt. primary school), 63 children are in middle school and 85 adolescents are in different nearest high school, 200 student are in H.S 1st Year, 71 student are in H.S. 2nd Year, 22 students are in B.A. and moreover 35 children (both boys and girls) are re-enroll to Amguri Vocational Training centre for their Livelihood.

## Acronyms :

KGBV= Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya  
RSTC= Residential Special Training Center  
NRSTC= Non Residential Special Training Center



# *Child Protection Intervention*

## **Recreational Activities and Distribution of recreational materials**

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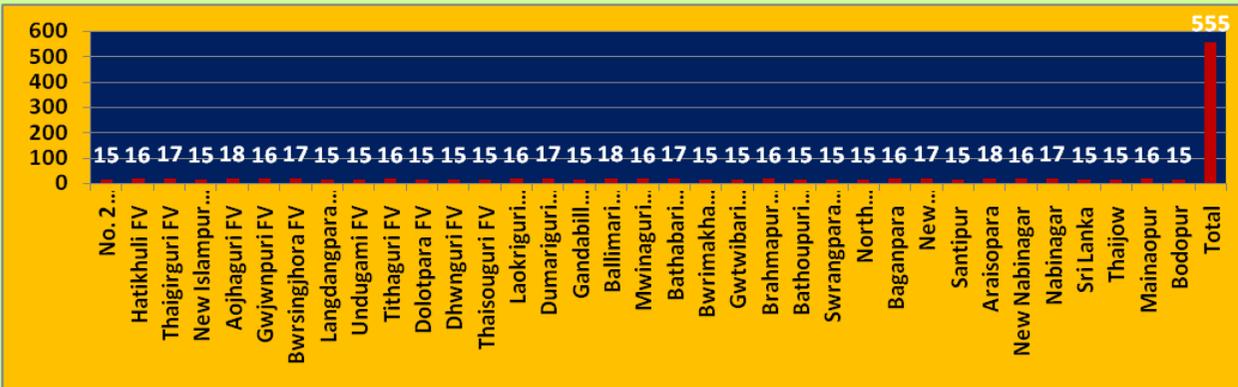
# Child Protection & Education Intervention



## Community based Child Protection Committee (CPC)

This is an initial initiative that NEDAN has taken up. The locations and community that NEDAN is dealing or working for child protection and RTE were unrecognized yet within the government plan of action. So truly we can consider it as most backward and socially excluded society or community. They are lacking behind knowledge, education and other necessity knowledge as well as parents are bound to raise their children in such an environment. For the protection mechanism knowledge on children's need care of children are discuss through the training, workshop and through discussion they have improved of minimum knowledge of children along with issues pertaining to atrocities against children and its protection mechanism.

Giving a minimum knowledge about child related acts and schemes such as Right To Education (RTE), Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) and other child welfare schemes, because it is very much important to them aware and indeed it will help them to raise voices for their rights against those schemes which are not functional in respective place. Oriented results will only be achieved by letting community people to play a major role and social activist for the protection of children and promoting to their own expectations and ideal goals. Child Protection Committee has played an active role along with NEDAN's advocacy on "re-enrolling drop out children into nearest school to pursue their education entities". The CPC members of 125 forest village has been working on their problems with NEDAN initiative (child related) such as RTE failure, ICPS implementation and other child welfare schemes to political agenda through workshop and consultation with respective stakeholders. To ensure a protective and learning environment for children and adolescents, NEDAN has also tried converging with different activities at the project intervention areas. To enhance the capacity of CPC members the capacity building workshop is regularly organized every month at the respective village.



The shown graphs indicates the members of Child Protection Committees in 125 forest village which falls under Kokrajhar District.

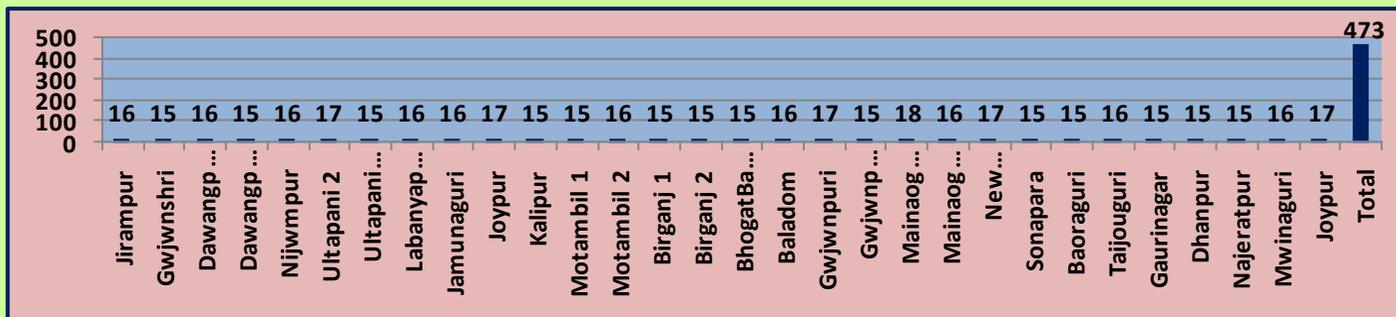
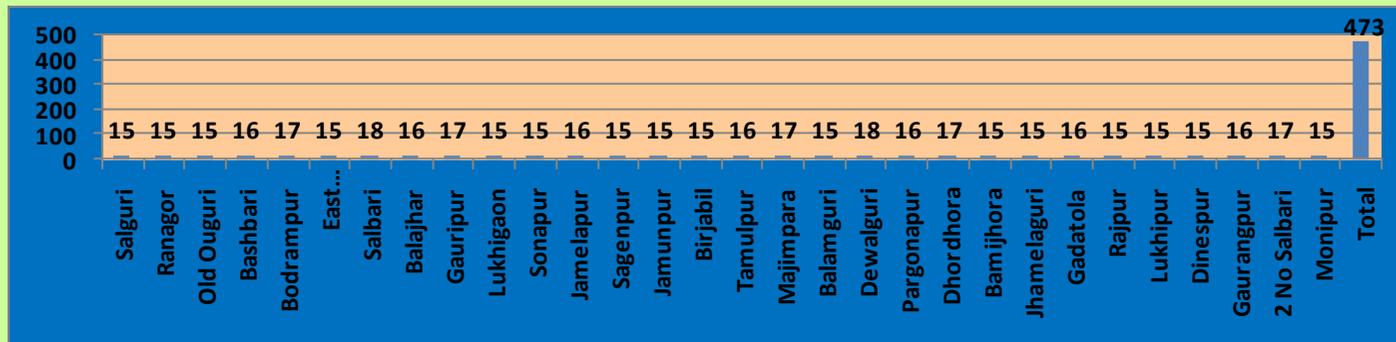
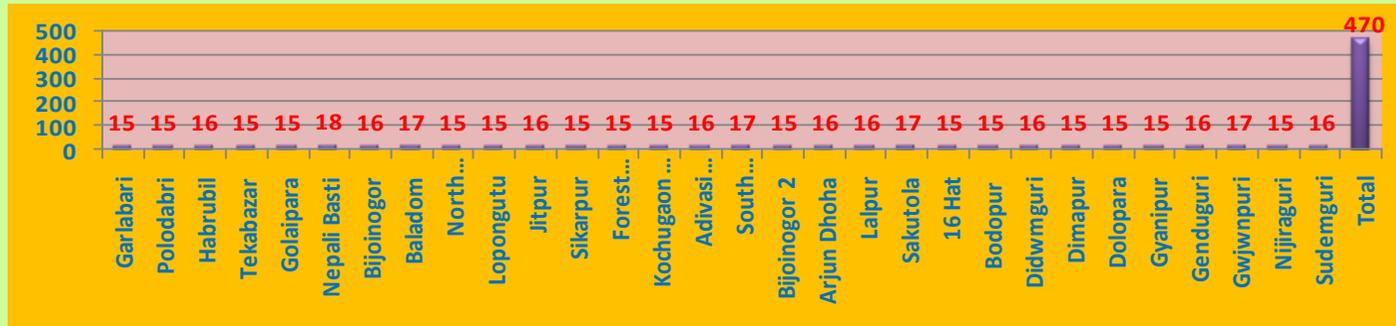
## Creating Child Friendly Environment

Children from community are gone under vulnerable situation being exploited by their own entities. As every single Child should get the education rights through RTE act 2009, as education is the most powerful weapon which can change the future of a single child. Due to lack of education system in particular areas NEDAN has created a children club where children have the platform to demand their basic and exhibit their talent in different parts. Tele service was provided for the adolescent girls and the community people in the field areas. The pandemic related lockdown has greatly distressed the people mentally as all the activities were shunned. In times of such crisis it is important that people stay positive and live on. In order help cope up with the ongoing pandemic NEDAN has provided 12000 children and adolescent girls across Kokrajhar district with online emotional support, counseling, and psycho social support during the lockdown. NEDAN main objective is to strengthen their analysis and critical thinking in life skill and by supporting children through Psycho- social activities to the children and young adolescents peer groups; the optic is to bring them into individual to society that letting them to realize importance of society.



# Child Protection & Education Intervention

## Community based Child Protection Committee (CPC)



# Child Protection & Education Intervention



## VLCPC formation and strengthening

Village Level Child Protection Committee (VLCPC) is a child protection committee which monitors all child protection services in their respective villages. The committee consists of village level elected Chairperson, Secretary and Members. The purpose of the committee is to monitor and surveil the activities of the people that harm the children and disrupt their well-being. It is to protect the children, report and take legal actions if any crimes are done against children. NEDAN formed 56 VLCPCs from the targeted 125 villages. Each VLCPC consists of 15-20 members who include President, Secretary and the members. The first and foremost tasks of the committee is identifying and profiling the details of the children in their respective villages. Another very important responsibility is building network with the legal authorities, concerned government departments and other stake holders. All children related issues must be informed to NEDAN Foundation staffs or any child concerned government authority for resolving the issues.

56  
VLCPCs



## Child Protection & Education Intervention

### Formation of Adolescent's Clubs and Children's Clubs

A total of 128 adolescent's and children's clubs were formed from the project area of 125 forest villages in the first 6 months. Each club consists of around 15 to 30 members. The main purpose of the club is to keep the adolescent girls engaged in group activities like games and sports, work-shops, learning forum and become a change agent for the community and society as a whole. It is also to empower the young adolescent girls to voice out their entitlement rights and strife towards achieving their dreams and become agents of change in their community. Recreational materials for games and sport like chess,

**64** Adolescent Clubs, **64** Children's Clubs Formed



football, volleyball, ludo, skipping rope, carom board were also distributed to the 36 adolescent clubs for their daily engagement in activities.



# Child Protection & Education Intervention

## Formation of Kochugaon Block SMC Federation

Right to Education Act (RTE) 2009 mandates the formation of SMCs, which are elected bodies at the school level that monitor school functioning and oversee the utilisation of school grants. This are all for the better functioning and development of the school. SMCs consist of student parents along with teachers and the local authorities.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2021 NEDAN Foundation in collaboration with the BEEO Kokchugaon organized a program for the formation of SMC Federation in the Kochugaon block under Kokrajhar district BTR, Assam. The program was conducted in BEEO office Kochugaon. Total of 22 SMC President or Vice President from different clusters were present in the program and the program was chaired by Mr. Krishna Kantta Das, Block Resource Person an Officer of SSA Kokrajhar. There are 34 clusters in Kochugaon block and in each cluster there are around 10 to 14 schools where there are around 400 schools. More number of venture schools are going to be provincialised by the BTR government.

In the program BRP of Kochugaon introduce and shared some of the importance of the SMCs of Kochugaon blocks. Project Coordinator spoke on the some of the key points of the project objectives for the improvement of girl's education in Kokrajhar district especially in conflict affected areas and forest villages. The main objective discussed was every student especially girls are to be enroll to the school and re-enroll the drop out students. SMCs also to make sure that the proper nutritious and hygiene mid-day meal are provided to the students. Especially for the girl student's proper wash and hygiene to be maintained in the school were discussed in the program. They were also told to utilize the platform of the federation formed block level to bring forward the issues and challenges in the clusters for the better advocacy to the government or the education department. For the immediate care and protection of the child they were told about the important numbers like 1098 NEDAN smsing system and 100.

The following are the details of the body formation. The President will be the parent body of education department which is BEEO of the block, any one from VCDCs should be a member, and rests are from the member of all the clusters. And the body portfolios to be change every one year.

Mr. Samrat Brahma (BEEO), President

Mr. Bimal Shil (Gurufela Cluster), Vice President

Mr. Rahim Badshah (Kusiagati Cluster), Secretary

Mr. Derhachat Basumatary (Aojarguri Cluster), Asst. Secretary



# Child Protection & Education Intervention



## Youth Empowerment

In order to strengthened the power of youth NEDAN organized International Youth Day observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 the voices of the youth champions from the forest dwelling community were raised about ending the social evils like child labour, child trafficking, child marriage. International Youth Day with an Audio-Visual conferencing with the youths from different parts of Kokrajhar district. Total 60 youths participated in the program online program. Through this video conferencing many youths from the most remote forest dwelling communities shared their opinion, ideas and knowledge on Human Trafficking, Child labor and child marriage etc.



## Twenty days activism on Back to school Campaign in the Community Covering 125 forest villages

Children all over the world are facing isolation and stress as their daily learning has been affected leaving them astray. According to the UNICEF, 132 million girls are out of school worldwide. In India alone 62.1 million children are out of school (Ministry of Human Resource Development 2011 census) adding to that Assam has the highest drop-out rate in the north-eastern region of India. Students are facing pro-



longed state of physical isolation from school hindering their education. There is high probability that nearly 10 million girls may be forced out of school due to the breach and poverty brought by the pandemic. The inaccessibility of education in the long run will lead to early child marriages, forced labour, trafficking and violence. Girls are already deprived of education in our society and it is transparent that girls will be affected more than boys in terms of receiving education after the schooling gap caused by the pandemic. Education is the only key factor to diminish such social evils. Therefore, it is important that girls are motivated to return to school and refrain themselves from dropping out. In compliance with the government's guidelines NEDAN Foundation has taken the initiative of mobilizing girls from 125 forest villages with the **'Back to School**

## Campaign in the Community' with the motto "COVID-19 cannot prevent girls from attending school"

because girls deserve and have the right to education and nothing can stop them from receiving it. The campaign started from 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 till 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The 20 days activism was focused on informing and enlightening the students covering 125 forest villages about the government's guidelines and encouraging them to return back to school. Through the campaign few girls were identified who were to drop out of school due to poverty caused by the pandemic. NEDAN has advocated them with their higher education in order to prevent them from dropping out of school. There are many girls likely to drop out especially when their formal study setting has been held back. The back to school campaign in the community therefore plays an important role in motivating and encouraging girls to return to school.



# Child Protection & Education Intervention



## Sports for Girls Empowerment

Sports for development are a new initiative which includes main activities - Football for Adolescent girls. 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 for girls. This initiative has received a positive response from the community. Currently, there are 4 football teams from the displaced locations of Kokrajhar. NEDAN also aims at empowering them by providing training on outdoor sports and dealing with positive thinking. In addition, NEDAN also aims at empowering them by providing training on outdoor sports and dealing with positive thinking. In addition, NEDAN also aims at empowering them by providing training on outdoor sports and dealing with positive thinking.



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# Child Protection & Education Intervention



## Folklore for Social Change and Communication training

Folklore for social change and communication training was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November for 35 folklore artist. The main objective of ethnic folklore is to bring awareness to the masses about child related issues like child marriages, child labour, child trafficking, child sexual abuse and school dropouts. It aims to promote and enrich education for all children and ensure child protection. The key messages given on education are to ensure completion of elementary and secondary education, ensure that children belonging to the weaker sections and disadvantaged groups are not discriminated or prevented from pursuing education, making schools child friendly and making a centre for joyful learning, send children back to school. The key messages on child protection are that children must have the opportunity to grow up in a family who will take care of the child and provide their needs. Children must be protected from all forms of violence, abuses and exploitation. They must be protected from working in hazardous environment. Work should not prevent them from attending school. Children are vulnerable to trafficking therefore parents, guardians, civil society and government are responsible for preventing trafficking of children.



## Caravan Rally-Ending Violence against children through Folklore Live show

A two days Caravan Rally was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 with the aim of "*ending violence against children*" through folklore live shows in different location of Kokrajhar district. The post COVID-19 period has had many setbacks on children where about 10 million children are going to be dropped out of school in India after months of school closure. There has been a huge increase in the number of crime against children over the period of lockdown. Children are the future of the society and it is our responsibility to ensure protection and safety to them and ascertain them with equal opportunities especially in receiving education. NEDAN Foundation in collaboration with Kokrajhar District Administration held a 2 days Caravan Rally for mass sensitization through folklore live shows carried out in 25 different locations and reaching out to 1 lakh population with the awareness on the increasing child abuses, child marriage, school dropouts and ensuring protection and promotion of child rights mainly highlighting on the importance of education as education is the only solution to diminish all other social issues. Poster campaign on ending violence against children was held in the different markets, bus stoppage and train station of Kokrajhar district.



## Child Protection & Education Intervention



### Peer Leaders Training on Effective Management and Facilitation of Clubs

Peer Leaders training for the adolescent club members on Effective Management and Facilitation of Clubs was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2021. More than 150 adolescent girls from different forest villages like Ultapani, Kachugaon, Gangia, Jharbari, Lungsung, Anthaigwlaio and DGH girls were present. The main Resource person for the program was Mr. Jahangir Hussain, District Program Officer, SSA. The programme was divided into two sessions. The first session was taken by Mr. Jahangir on the rights of Children and spoke on issues like child marriage, child labour, different kinds of child abuses etc and also shared on the laws related to the crimes done to children.

The second session was led by Ms. Alinisha Boro Ms. Snigdha Neog, Programme co-ordinators, on understanding Life skills and team building. Few icebreaking games and activities were also taken in between the sessions to help the participants understand and relate to the topic more clearly.



### National Girl Child Day Celebration

Every year NEDAN Foundation celebrates National Girl Child Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> January with the aim to empower girls and promote education and protection. NEDAN is celebrating National Girl Child Day with the theme “Transforming Education for Girls”. The aim of the day is to empower girls and promote higher education. The girls also get a platform where they are able to express their concerns and put forth their demands to the authority concerned. The chief guest of the event was Dr. Nilut Swargiary, MCLA, Rowta and the Guest of honour was Mr. Raju Narzary, Executive Director of NERSWN. There were special invited guests and girl icons Ms. Nizwra Boro (ACS) and Ms. Anjali Ekka (NEET) who were present to inspire and encourage the young adolescent girls. More than 250 adolescent girls from different forest villages across Kokrajhar district like Ultapani, Kachugaon, Gangia, Jharbari, Lungsung were present. Many adolescent girls from KGBV Patgoan, Anthaigwlaio, folklore artists from various places and DGH girls also attended the programme. Folklore artist performed their folk dances and songs based on the issues of child marriage, child labour and on the child protection and right to education. Three of our NEDAN’s youth champions Ms. Somaina Brahma, Ms. Miri Kandulna and Ms. Metheldina Hembrom were given a platform to voice out express the concerns on behalf of the all the girls in Kokrajhar. They spoke about their worries and challenges and also their expectations with the authorities concerned to improvise on the education system and provide better opportunities to girls.

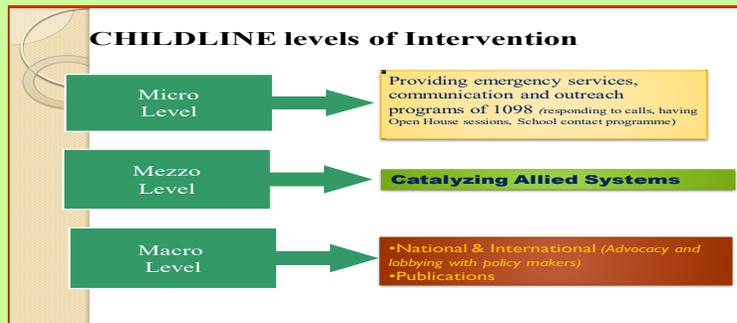
A memento was given to Ms. Nizwra Boro and Ms. Anjali Ekka as a token of appreciation and encouragement for their future endeavors. They also shared their experiences and inspired the participants.



# CHILDLINE 1098



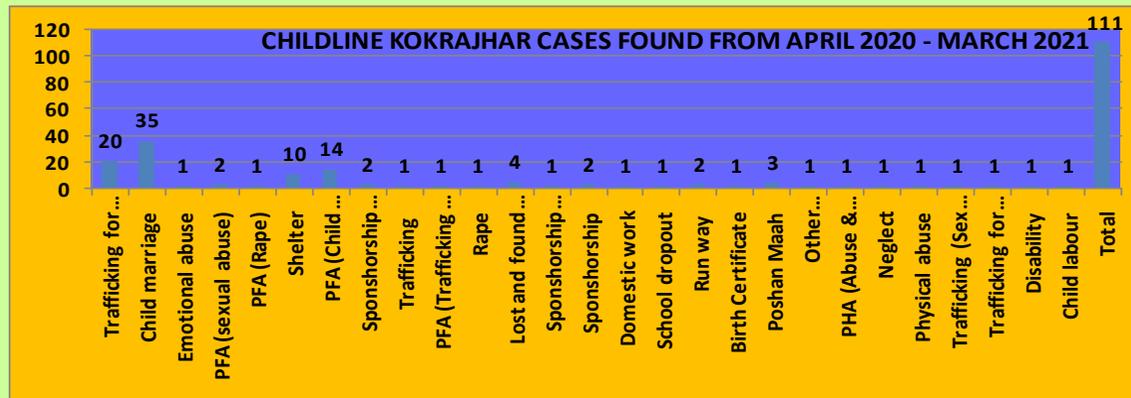
CHILDLINE is India's first 24 hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. Whether you are a concerned adult or a child, you can dial 1098, the toll free number to access our services. We are not only respond to the emergency needs of children, but also link them to services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE was first initiated in Mumbai in the year of 1996 as a pilot project which is now operational in 282 cities across 31 states/UTs in India. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar is effective from 1st of July 2015. It covers the entire District of Kokrajhar consisting of three sub divisions- Kokrajhar, Gossaigaon and Porbhotjhora. Kokrajhar District has four blocks-Titaguri, Dotma, Kachugaon and Hatidhura having a total populations 8, 85,000 and another floating population of 1,50,000. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar aims at reaching to every child in distress who need immediate support and fight for the rights of the children. CHILDLINE will respond to each caller and provide the necessary assistance. CHILDLINE Kokrajhar will also reach to the nearest neighboring/adjacent districts in case of emergency and provide the necessary care and support required for the child.



CHILDLINE Kokrajhar was launched in 2015 with the collaboration of NEDAN Foundation, Kokrajhar and is operational since July, 2015. NEDAN Foundation is the collaborative organization in running the CHILDLINE project in the District of Kokrajhar. NEDAN Foundation since its inception in 2004 has been working towards providing better and safer environment for children and their rights. NEDAN is also core working group member of Regional Action Forum on Recovery and Reintegration a conglomeration of CSOs experts for protection of children from CSA and related Child Trafficking issues.

CHILDLINE Kokrajhar envisages creating safe environment for overall holistic development of children and adolescents. In order to make Kokrajhar a child friendly District we need support from Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Media, and Political) and community people at large. Details of the project has been shared and discussed with key persons and there has been a positive response and support to carry out activities.

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The Graph shows the case found through Child line Kokrajhar-1098



# CHILDLINE 1098



Since then CHILDLINE in order to make the people aware of the 1098 service has continuously and rigorously carried out outreach programs at different localities, villages, bus stands, auto stands and also sensitizing people on issues like child marriage, child labour, child trafficking and child sexual abuse. We have also made

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As CHILDLINE cannot work alone in order to make the voices of children heard. It needs a joint effort and tries to involve all those who are already involved in caring for the child. CHILDLINE works in collaboration with the Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Media, and Political), other NGOs and community people at large.



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## Impact

- ◆ Build rapport with the District administration, police officials, social welfare department and media.
- ◆ Could reach out in 30 locations –19000+ people are aware of CHILDLINE.
- ◆ Put up posters, banners of 1098 at Railway Station, Market Place, Bus Stand, Auto Stand, Police Stations, etc.
- ◆ Children are empowered to dial 1098 themselves and save themselves from exploitative situation.
- ◆ Intervened 184 cases so far and provide long term support to children.
- ◆ Referral and case management services established for children who have been abused, exploited or neglected.



# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Orientation and awareness program on COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to much chaos worldwide where the lives of millions are at stake. People across the nations are battling against the virus and the government has been taking crucial decisions on decreasing the impact of the virus by calling out a lockdown in the nation. This lockdown has greatly impacted the lives of the common people and mostly to the rural areas especially those whose means of earning is through daily wage labour and small scale business. The government has set a number of precautionary measures to prevent the spread of corona virus. In order to alert the people on the rising number of COVID-19 cases and notifying the government guidelines, NEDAN has initiated the orientation and awareness program on COVID-19 symptoms, prevention methods, social distancing and advice on home quarantine to the migrants workers returning from other states. Government produced leaflets were also distributed among the migrant returnees and people in the forest villages.



## *Government Leaflet distribution to the migrant returnees and forest dwelling families*



## Rapid Assessment Study

Rapid Assessment Study was undertaken to 154 parents and 154 children from 125 villages in Kokrajhar district, Assam. There were a total of 5 staff members who undertook the survey, 3 of which were engaged in door to door interview while 2 of the staffs were engaged in telephonic interview and data entry. The door-to-door interview was undertaken due to low network coverage areas where it was almost impossible to catch hold of the interviewees. Also since it is the season of paddy cultivation most of the families are engaged in farming, while some families labour for other families and few of the parents are auto-drivers, therefore the survey had to be done door-to-door.



# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Social Media Campaign on Combating Human Trafficking

Due to Covid -19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown the whole world was under stress and the human activities were put at halt. Reaching out the community was difficult since there was restriction in inter district and interstate movement. So, NEDAN Foundation tried to reach out the people through Social media platform like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter etc against human trafficking, child marriage, child labour and Child sexual abuse.

**UNTOLD STORIES**

She was raped by a man while she was on her way to a nearby shop and was left to die under a culvert. She did not understand what actually happened to her. Her desire to live gave her strength to come out the culvert at midnight and walked back home.

**STOP ABUSING INNOCENT CHILDREN**

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# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Covid-19 Relief Response for Forest Dwellers Tribal Population:

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 hail from Forest dwellers village living in the areas for many years after displaced in 1996-98 and 2014 ethnic conflict time. The 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.

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 litter 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 20,000 families /population of Kokrajhar District, Assam.



# ***COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE***

## **Flood Relief Response:**

The month of June 2020 has been a devastating epoch in Assam as it has been facing dwell problems due to corona virus and flood. The flood has affected 22 district of Assam and 4 lakh people are homeless. NEDAN Foundation has reached out to people with Ration food kit distribution providing ration or Food-Kit to 7500 forest dwelling families in Kokrajhar district, which include all the necessary items like rice, pulses, mustard oil, salt, flour, potatoes, onions etc. in order to help them overcome from their hunger. Tubes were distributed to the flood affected areas by NEDAN for the people to move about.

NEDAN Foundation provided Dignity & Hygiene kit for the adolescents among the Flood affected populations in Kokrajhar and Chirang district, Assam. The poster campaign was did against Human Trafficking in the flood affected areas and relief camps.



# ***COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE***

## **Trafficking alert during Covid-19 and flood situation**

NEDAN Foundation created a trafficking alert among the tribal and forest dwelling flood affected communities of Kokrajhar and Chirang district during the Covid-19 pandemic. NEDAN did the poster campaign against Human Trafficking in the flood relief camps, market areas of Kokrajhar and Chirang district. The main aim is to bring awareness among the community people on Human Trafficking and helpline number like 1098 (Childline), 181 (Women Helpline Number), 100 (police) and NEDAN'S SMSing system i.e send SMS to a number 6262642222 (Example: NEDANK <space> Child Trafficked in Kokrajhar) in order to prevent Human Trafficking.



# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Dignity & Hygiene kit distribution to Adolescents Girls

Adolescence is a period that needs the most care and attention. This period marks the beginning of physical and psychological changes which requires specific health and developmental needs and rights. It is important to maintain menstrual hygiene in order to avoid reproductive tract infections. The menstrual hygiene related education amongst the adolescents is also not available in the rural India which is why many girls are suffering from health issues. The pandemic has left a blot in the lives of the adolescent girls as they are unable to purchase or access sanitary napkins. Girls in rural areas even now use cloth pieces during periods. Ever since the lockdown started NEDAN has been providing Dignity and Hygiene kit to the adolescent girls in 125 forest villages. The pack consists of sanitary napkins, soap, detergent powder, hand sanitizer and face mask. There are more than 15000 adolescent girls associated with the organization on accessing the dignity and hygiene kit and have volunteered for the cause of distributing to the peers in their respective villages. NEDAN has reached out to more than 8000 adolescents during the lockdown to provide dignity and hygiene kit so that they may have a safe and dignified menstruation.



# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Livelihood Recovery Initiative during and post Covid-19 Pandemic

Ms. Nilima Narzary, a 23 years old girl hails from one of the remotest villages called Gwjwnpuri Forest Village, Saralpara of Kokrajhar district. Her family falls under the below poverty line (BPL) category. Nilima's parents are unable to provide adequate facilities to all four of their children. Raising them was very difficult due to their low economic condition. Nilima's elder brothers and younger brothers once had to quit their studies because their parents were unable to afford their school expenses.

It so happened that prior to Ms. Nilima's matric exam, ethnic conflict occurred in their area and the whole family along with the villagers had to stay at the relief camp for almost three months away from home. In spite of all the hardships faced at home, Ms. Nilima continued her studies and appeared the 10th final exam but was unable to clear the exam. Due to failure in the exam, Ms. Nilima was totally frustrated and remained at home losing hope of re-appearing for the exam. At such point of time, a trafficker from West Bengal visited the conflict affected villages and lured the girls who were unable to pass the metric exam. The trafficker visited nearby villages and gathered the girls in the pretext of providing jobs in the far away metro cities. Ms. Nilima along with her friends was directly approached by the trafficker and so they believed in him and planned to opt for job in the city. A couple of day's later NEDAN team happened to visit the affected villages and received the information regarding the trafficker's news. NEDAN team immediately took necessary steps to prevent the trafficker from transferring the vulnerable girls to the cities. NEDAN team informed the police of Kokrajhar district and made the villagers aware of the grim situation and thus prevented the unpleasant incident. Ms. Nilima was brought to Transit center of NEDAN Foundation and later restored with her family. She was provided skill training in Auxilium Convent, Kokrajhar supported by Nedan Foundation and completed 6 months training in tailoring.



She had set up her own tailoring Centre at Gwjwnsri market, Saralpara in Indo-Bhutan Border. Due to Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown her business got weakened. But Nilima found an opportunity during this Covid 19 crisis. Government of India had made wearing face mask and maintaining social distancing compulsory to stop the spreading of corona virus but most of the people from Assam could not afford to buy a face mask. So, Nedan Foundation started distributing mask among the poor and needy people of Kokrajhar District.



Nedan Foundation placed order to Nilima to make Face masks which will be distributed among the 10,000 adolescents' boys and girls. Stitching materials were provided for making masks. Nilima along with her friend Eliza Basumatary started stitching masks during the lockdown period. Nedan Foundation had paid Rs.20/- for each piece of face mask. She produces 40 pieces per day which makes her daily income Rs.800/- (40\*20). So by only stitching the masks Nilima is earning Rs.19200/- (800\*24) per month during this lockdown period.

The masks produced by Nilima and her friend were distributed among the adolescent boys and girls of different villages of Kokrajhar district along with the dignity and hygiene kits. At present Nilima and her friend is actively involved in producing facemasks which is not only lending a hand towards her livelihood but also helping people from the spread of Corona Virus.



# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Livelihood Recovery Initiative during & Post Covid-19 Pandemic

Ms. Eliza Basumatary is a 19 years old adolescent girl residing at Gwjwnpur Forest Village of Indo Bhutan Border. Ms. Eliza Basumatary belongs to a Below Poverty Line family. Her father Mr. Arun Basumatary is the only breadwinner of the family who works as a daily wage labourer. Eliza's mother Mrs. Sumitra Basumatary is a house wife.

Her parents were unable to support her further studies due to low family income. She had to live in the relief camp along with her parents and siblings due to the conflict occurred in their areas. Thus, they lost all their valuable belongings and livestock and hence the income badly deteriorated. Living in the camp for months was very hard for the young adolescent girl because it was not safe in the open camps. She was at the verge of being trafficked. During such time, young adolescent girls easily fall in the evil hands of traffickers. At such a point of time, NEDAN Foundation happened to visit the inmates living in relief camps of their area and received the information about Ms. Eliza's plight. Eliza was rescued from this harsh situation and provided shelter in Destination Girls Home which saved her from future atrocities. Ms. Eliza studied till 10th standard from Swrang High School, Kokrajhar and resided at Destination Girls Home under NEDAN's support and guidance. NEDAN Foundation also supported her financially & emotionally to complete H.S 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year in Arts from St. Ann's College, Kokrajhar. Eliza passed her higher secondary examination with good result and got admission to study in Kokrajhar Govt. College. At present Eliza is studying in B.A 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in Kokrajhar Government College. NEDAN Foundation is still supporting her educational expenses like admission fee, books, uniform etc. It was immense struggle & commitment for NEDAN Foundation to bring her back from the cruel reality of life and make her a constructive citizen by empowering through education.

Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown badly affected the daily life of the people where Eliza is no exception. She had to sell her mobile phone in order to survive. But NEDAN Foundation brought a ray of hope to her where she could find an opportunity to earn in the Covid 19 crisis by stitching face mask with her friend Nilima. The masks produced by Eliza and Nilima were distributed among the 10,000 adolescent boys and girls of different villages of Kokrajhar district along with the dignity and hygiene kits.

NEDAN Foundation paid Rs 20/- per face mask for stitching. Eliza produces 40 pieces per day and that makes  $40 \times 20 = \text{Rs } 800/-$  income per day. So stitching the mask alone Eliza is earning  $800 \times 24 = \text{Rs } 19200/-$  per month during this lockdown period. With this income Eliza is now able to provide for her family lending a hand to her father's earning. Now she is leading a good life by forgetting all the hardships faced in the relief camp.



# COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

## Collectivizing the Voices of Adolescent Girls for their rights for Dignity and Hygiene Kits to Government through Media

Adolescent girls are the worst affected due to the pandemic as they are facing problems in accessing the sanitary pads due to lockdown. Some girls even had to switch to using cloth pieces which poses a risk of infection. The inaccessibility of sanitary pads has left the adolescent girls challenge the concerned authorities. No girls must suffer during the lockdown because periods don't stop for pandemics. NEDAN Foundation being a socially concerned NGO had taken the initiative of providing Dignity and Hygiene kit to more than 5000 adolescents in the first, second, third phase and fourth lockdown because of the felt need that girls must be safe and must not undergo menstrual problems during the lockdown but have a safe menstruation with dignity. NEDAN not only distributed sanitary pads but also provided hygiene kits and raised awareness on the corona virus pandemic and also on maintaining the importance of social distancing. This activity of distributing Dignity and Hygiene kit raise the extreme importance in the community, media in which News channels like DD News, Myradab and Ishan news and FM radio were involved to advocate the need with the government. The adolescent girls voiced out their issues they faced during the lockdown days. They spoke about their main concern that having access to sanitary pads is a right of every girl in the society and they also raised the issue on the health effects a girl faced because of using cloth pieces.



Adolescent girls must therefore be protected and have access to sanitary pads. This initiative by NEDAN brought a ray of hope to the adolescent girls and many were aware and inspired.





# IMPACT OF COVID-19

## Education Recovery Initiative for 10<sup>th</sup>& 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2500 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. Our team also helped the students of BPL families in online admission/ form fill up.



## Youth against Human Trafficking Movement during Covid-19 Crisis and Beyond:

Lockdown has restricted people from movements, yet movement of human trafficking has not been stopped. Opening of intra-state and inter-state movement makes the areas more prone to trafficking due to easy access of public transport. Three are the high possibilities of child marriage, Child labour, Sexual exploitation and trafficking if the students don't go to school. Keeping in view of this matter NEDAN Foundation has continued their Youth against Human Trafficking movement even during lockdown. NEDAN was able to identify and intervene many child marriage, Child trafficking, missing children cases through NEDAN'S SMSing system i.e send SMS to a number 6262642222 (Example: NEDANK <space> Child Trafficked in Kokrajhar), 1098 and 181 helpline number. Many youths from backward communities were part of this movement.



# IMPACT OF COVID-19

## Promoting Higher Education for Girls (PHEG)

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic related lockdown there has been tremendous economic downfall and livelihood distress among the families of the forest dwellers specifically for the parents to support for the education of their children or to provide for books and uniforms. Under the Promoting Higher Education for Girls (PHEG) program of NEDAN, supplementary coaching for 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> final year students are provided in three blocks for 1000 students every year in three subjects - Math, Science and English. The students are also supported one - time admission support after they cleared their results in 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard. In the PHEG program reading materials are also provided to BPL girls to continue their education. NEDAN is also started facilitating 12<sup>th</sup> passed girls who have cleared the NEET exam for scholarship through various sponsorship schemes under govt. or philanthropic foundations.



## Blanket Donation Drive

For most of us, winter means cuddling up in a warm blanket near the fire place; drink a hot cup of tea or coffee with the dear ones but for those on the street, homeless and the people from extremely poor family background, with every drop in the temperature it's a fight for their survival. The chilling winter has made many forest dwelling families of Kokrajhar, Assam stay awake whole night. So with the mission of keeping someone warm in this winter NEDAN Foundation, Kokrajhar has targeted to provide high quality blankets to 1000 children and single mothers from the forest dwelling families of Kokrajhar district. On 31<sup>st</sup> December'2020 NEDAN Foundation distributed blankets among the 160 families of Bijohnagar Bodo Basti, Bijohnagar Adivasi Basti, Arjun Doha, New Raikhunbari, Sri Lanka and Shantipur vilage of Kokrajhar district. We also provided 10 blankets to the people who are living in the street of Kokrajhar.



# IMPACT OF COVID-19

## District Dissemination of Assam State Policy Brief

The project under Malala Fund has been advocating with the policy making and through the manifesto campaign NEDAN and NERSWN was able to mobilize regional parties for the forthcoming BTR election. One of the leading parties, that is, United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) has successfully endorsed and printed in their manifesto that if they come to power, education shall be their top most priority. The election was held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of December and the result was announced on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. UPPL being the winning political party will be ruling for 5 years and has committed in the Election Manifesto of prioritizing education and especially for girls education. In this regard and also keeping in mind the Covid-19 pandemic drawbacks on education system it has been extremely important factor in the UPPL led BTC election. The district level dissemination took place after the elections with the vision to strengthen and lay emphasis on education.

District Dissemination of Assam State Policy Brief was held on 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 at Bodoland Guest House, Kokrajhar, BTR, Assam. The Chief Guest for the program was Mr. Jaypal Sing Brahma, District Elementary Education Officer (DEEO) and the Guest of Honour was Mrs. Malati Rani Narzary, Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Many renowned guests like DCPO, DPOs (SSA), BEEOs, CWC members, JJB member, NGOs, media personnel and youth champions of NEDAN were part of the event. The event was inaugurated by pouring water on the plant with the manifestation of making Kokrajhar a peace city. A presentation on the report was done by Ms. Alinisha Boro and Mr. Sikwna Brahma. The report was launched thereafter by the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour followed by discussions on the related issues of girl's education and protection of children.

The Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation briefed about the meetings and gave some insights about the National level study on "Mapping the impact of Covid-19 on the lives of school going children especially girls in India" which was conducted by Centre for Budget and Policy Studies and supported by Malala Fund. The DEEO of Kokrajhar, Mr. Jaypal Sing Brahma, shared few strategies and suggestions for further enhancement of the education of the girl child and all students in general and also shared the department's initiatives during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. He also expressed the challenges faced such as no mobile or internet accessibility in the far flung areas, poor economic condition of the parents and guardian, teachers no being acquainted with the use of modern technology, addiction to mobile, over excess to internet and mobile leading to mental health issues, rise of sexual abuse of children and early marriage and feelings of inferiority complex among students.

The CWC Chairperson, Mrs. Malati Rani Narzary also expressed her experience of working with the children and the challenges she has been facing for the same. She spoke about the increasing number of child marriages and sexual abuses of children. She also reflected on the present scenario of child rights and child protection. She even stated few examples of cases like child marriage, child sexual abuse, child labour etc that she received and the measures that were taken to improve the lives of children which is largely to provide shelter and education. The Executive Director of NERSWN NGO, the District Child Protection Officer, and District Programme Officer (SSA) also shared their views on the issues related to children.

NEDAN and NERSWN will closely work together with the Education department especially in drafting the Bodoland Education Policy and scrutinizing the provincialised schools to be under BTR and capacitating all the venture school teachers. NEDAN's work under Malala project is also shared with the education department periodically. The New Education Policy is going to be prepared under the leadership of the new governing party where NEDAN and NERSWN will be part of the drafting, analyzing and scrutinizing.



# IMPACT OF COVID-19

## Assam State Dissemination of State Policy Brief

NEDAN Foundation in collaboration with NERSWN and Purva Bharati Educational Trust organized The State dissemination of the State Policy Brief was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2020 at Dispur Press Club, Guwahati.

The program was chaired by the chairperson of NEDAN Foundation Dr. Digambar Narzary and the Ashis Sarkar, State Consultant, Adolescent empowerment, UNICEF, Assam was the chief guest in the program.

Ms. Bondita Acharya from Purva Bharati Educational Trust presented ppt on the detail study of the report which was conducted by the **Center For Budget and Policy Studies** on behalf of **Champions for Girls' Education**, across 3176 households across 5 states in India - Assam (5 Districts), Bihar (8 Districts), Uttar Pradesh-UP (11 Districts) and Telangana (4 Districts), and Delhi (1 District) in order to understand the impact of Covid-19 on the livelihoods and earnings of families living on the margins, and its relationship with the education of children, the impact of school closures and lockdown on girls' education, including the changes in the social and familial environment that could impact enrolment and retention of girls in schools and the landscape of the institutional and policy interventions with potential or intent to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid-19 on girls' education.

She presented that NEDAN Foundation NERSWN and Purva Bharati Educational Trust surveyed 484 households in rural and peri-urban areas of five districts (Dhubri, Jorhat, Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur and Tinsukia) of Assam who are mostly employed in agriculture and tea estates, composed of 20% Muslims, 15% Christians, 29% SC/STs, and included indigenous Adivasi communities from central India working as labourers. 93% of the surveyed population has a ration card and from that people of Assam received 85% additional ration and 83% received ration form Anganwadi centres in their villages. 64% people received cash transfer, 38% from Jan-Dhan Yojana, 30% under the Ujjwala Yojana and 7% from PM Garib Kalyan Yojana. From education department 56% people received educational support in which 5% received cash transfers for stipend and scholarships to purchase uniform and ration (uncooked food) 54%. 70% of surveyed population received support from other government departments and 43% of people received support from civil society organization. She shared some of the key findings of the report from the survey that there has been disruption in accessing technology by the students from remote areas. 43% children in the sample had a TV at home, only 2% students reported watching educational shows. 35% students can use mobile phone whenever they wanted and only 43% could access to internet. 67% of mobile phone belongs to male member in the family for which only 31% girl students can use mobile phone. 79% girl students were involved in the domestic chores and 60% of both boys and girls were studying. 60% of students said life was better before COVID-19 and 63% of the children were uncertain of their return to school.

The Chief Guest Mr. Ashis Sarkar, State Consultant, Adolescent empowerment, UNICEF, Assam shared important activities related to the girl child development and he has also appreciated the survey work conducted by the Center For Budget and Policy Studies.

The report of “**Life in the time of COVID-19: Mapping the Impact of COVID-19 on the lives of school going children especially girls in India**” was finally launched and then Dr. Digambar Narzary requested all the participants to filed and signed commitment form. And after collecting the commitment forms he thanks all the participants and promised to work more energetically and vigorously in the state of Assam, and end the program.



# *IMPACT OF COVID-19*

## **Regional Repatriation Challenges during Pandemic:**

NEDAN has been asked by the Mizoram Govt. for the repatriation of 29 Rohingya rescued in Champai district of Mizoram while trying to cross to Myanmar to go to Gulf Countries. Since the Repatriation of Rohingyas to Bangladesh has been a most challenging now for the CSOs because of the nationality issues of refugees in Bangladesh. The ROHINGYAS REFUGEE COMMITTEE (RRC), NEW DELHI has been set up to accommodate the vulnerable boys and girls so that their basic needs are taken care. NEDAN on behalf of the Mizoram govt. is doing all the possible support so that they can be send back to Cox Bazar relief camp in Bangladesh. Since the repatriation request letter has been declined many times by Bangladesh Govt. there for alternative way to hand over the girls to their relative who are sheltering in India. NEDAN managed to connect with ROHINGYAS REFUGEE COMMITTEE (RRC), NEW DELHI where girls can stay together in secure place. The ROHINGYAS REFUGEE COMMITTEE (RRC), NEW DELHI has been helped by UNHCR but Govt. of India is critical about it. While the process of handing over all the 29 girls sheltering in Protective Home in Mizoram unfortunately, again Covid-19 Second Wave pandemic has created huge problem for all and almost every part of the state is lock down and semi lock down due to which handing over process got jeopardized.





# *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*



The internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar District do not have enough land to meet their food requirements. Most of them are vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child laborer. Four out of five households have no food security for at least three to four months a year.

The aim is to improve vulnerable women and girls' access to resources, such as land, water, farm inputs and farming services, weaving skills and to ensure more efficient use of these resources. It is designed to:

- ◆ Empower the trafficked survivors and vulnerable women and girls to organize themselves and their production in a more effective way.
- ◆ Improve the way service providers respond to villagers' needs.
- ◆ Reduce the hunger gap and improve dietary, financial independent and nutritional status by investing in production and income-generating activities.
- ◆ Help keep the survivors and vulnerable women and girls better informed about market linkages on various social enterprises and agricultural information on cash crops.

Through this livelihood initiative, NEDAN has witnessed more adolescent girls completing their Secondary Education and more rural women engaging in economically productive activities as these are critical steps to reducing rural poverty, school drop-out rates, trafficking in Kokrajhar District. It also promotes the active participation of the vulnerable groups in village-level processes, particularly the poorest groups, including landless trafficked survivors, households headed by vulnerable women and families affected modern slavery.

## **Social Entrepreneurship Development for Young Survivors and Mother of Minor Survivors**



NEDAN Foundation trained 229 mothers and survivors on the basis of the cascade module prepared by the IIM Kazikhode. They were trained on different important modules like– what is Social Enterprise, Need Identification, Generating Ideas & Assessing Viability of Social Enterprise, Challenges of Social Enterprise and Marketing & E-Marketing, Accounting for Social Enterprise followed by Legal and Policy Issues, Project Management etc. As in every year Social Entrepreneurship Development training benefitted the survivors and mothers of trafficked survivors in running their social enterprises smoothly. . Thus through the trainings, the survivors and mothers of trafficked survivors successfully ran and benefitted from their various support activities like piggery farm, shops, enterprises, vegetable vendors, tailoring units and beauticians. Through the profit, mothers of trafficked survivors re-enrolled their daughters to formal educational institutions and the out of school trafficked survivors became economically independent and freed themselves from the vicious cycle of exploitation and being re-trafficked.



# Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship

## Empowerment of women to Sustain Better Livelihoods

### Livelihood Creation through Weaving

The Weaving Destination Livelihood Campus was established in 2008 by NEDAN Foundation and today it's being recognized as an income generation program for the vulnerable tribal women. Weaving Destination (WD), a weaving production unit, has been started as social enterprise in the Bodoland Territorial Council in the State of Assam, North East, India, which is a post-conflict area as well as prone to flooding. WD has been set up by involving vulnerable indigenous women including women living with HIV, survivors of human trafficking and female migrant returnees who are highly vulnerable to re-trafficking, social exclusion and impoverishment. WD capitalizes and enhances the inherent inborn skill of Bodo women in weaving, and is committed to convert traditional weaving skills into income-earning opportunity for women and girls. The Weaving Destination livelihood campus established, NEDAN Foundation gave space to the trafficked survivors, domestic workers and dropout girls who were highly vulnerable of being trafficked and hence they became financially independent. The weaving finished products by those potential girls, survivors and women have also reached globally apart from local, state and national level.



### Home based weaving for the mothers of trafficked survivors at Indo Bhutan Border, Saralpara-Kokrajhar



This indigenous woman made exclusive products of hand-woven finest organic Eri silk and high chemical free cotton fabric are promoted online in a small way ([www.etsy.com/uk/shop/WeavingDestination](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/WeavingDestination)) from Edinburgh, Scotland, UK targeting European communities. All the initiatives enhanced the survivors economically and liberated them from slavery. In offline products are also sold through One World Shop Scotland, Textile Library, UK, UN Gift Shop, Bangkok, and Tribes Shop, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India ([www.weavingdestination.com](http://www.weavingdestination.com)).



# *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*



Most vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child laborer in the internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar district do not have enough land to meet their food requirements. Four out of five households have no food security for at least three to four months a year. The aim of the proposed project is to improve vulnerable women and girls 'access to resources, such as land, water, farm inputs and farming services, weaving skills and to ensure more efficient use of these resources. It is designed to empower the survivors and mothers of trafficked survivors to organize themselves and their weaved Products in a more effective way. A group of 10 women mothers of trafficked survivors are being supported in setting up their home based weavings at their respective places. Payment is made directly to the women based on the finished products they weave financial independent and nutritional status by investing in production and income generating activities. Weaving have enhanced their financial stability and better informed about market linkages on various social enterprises.

## **Organic ginger cultivation by families of human trafficked survivors**

The families of the trafficked survivors are been supported by NEDAN to adopt organic ginger cultivation in order to enhance their financial stability and raise their standard of living. Organic farming is an alternative agricultural system which originated early in the 20th Century in reaction to rapidly changing farming practices. Organic agriculture continues to be developed by various Organic Agriculture organizations today. The families relies on fertilizers of organic origin such as compost, manure, green manure, and bone meal and places emphasis on techniques such as crop rotation, companion planting. Biological pest control, mixed cropping and the fostering of insect predators are also encouraged. Generally, although there are exceptions, organic standards are designed to allow the use of naturally occurring substances while prohibiting or strictly limiting synthetic substance. At the initial stage NEDAN supported the families by building the market linkages for the organic ginger supply.



As consumers have become more health conscious, the demand of organic crops are rapidly rising in the Bodoland Territorial Council areas and hence looking into the elasticity of demand NEDAN initiated the farming with the sole purpose of enabling the families to be financially independent. Products are being supplied and sold with the present market rate in bulk by the families to the buyers.



# *Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship*

## **Livelihood Creation through Vegetable Vending**

Most of the vulnerable women, mothers of trafficked survivors, school drop outs and domestic child labourers in the internally displaced population areas of Kokrajhar District do not have enough land to meet their food requirements. During the women social entrepreneurship training out of 29 participants' women, 10 women came up to set up vegetable vendors. They were very much motivated with the concept of social enterprise, which they were not attending to earlier. So after seeing and observing their interest NEDAN Foundation came up with their vision to help those women to set up their own vendors at local market places.

In this group most of the women are hailing from poor backward families and rescued from trafficking. So, the main purpose of supporting those vulnerable tribal women is to empower and self-earn to fulfill her family needs and they may be able to support their children's education. In the beginning, the capital amount was given to each person for purchasing raw materials. After getting support from NEDAN Foundation those poor women were able to earn minimum income for their livelihood and they became empowered, where they are able to support their children through their little income as well as they are able to look after their own family.



*Training them to be Economically independent*



# Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship



## Providing Tailoring Training for better Livelihood:

The identified girls school dropout and returnees domestic workers are hailing from the various displace location of Kokrajhar District. Those girls were enrolled in vocational training centre for six months tailoring course. The main purpose of the providing tailoring course is to make them empower and to make self- supportive individuals and secured with their future by providing livelihood support. After completion of six month tailoring training course, NEDAN Foundation will provide support to set up Entrepreneurs for the individual development at their local places.

## Cattle (Goat) Farming for supplementary income and improvement of living standards.

Emerging as one of the solutions to solve the problem of unemployment in the community the livestock sector has proved significant with round the year employment generation particularly in rural areas. The families of the trafficked survivors are been supported by NEDAN Foundation to purchase Goat for the purpose of goat farming at their individual's home. At present, a group of four girls were taken the initiative of goat rearing at their respective homes. They keep and maintains properly day to day. In the later stage, they will be selling the goats at a market rate in their weekly local markets. Most of the people prefer goat meat and has a huge domestic demand. Along with meat production, goats are also very suitable for milk, fiber and skin production. Goat has a great and important contribution in the rural economy. The profit earned by selling goats, that potential girl will be purchasing more numbers of goats which will be helping them to expand their business and more income generate. The main purpose of cattle farming is to support and supplement their income and improve their living standards.



*“Somebody once said, educate a women and you will educate a family. I am saying, empower a woman to become an entrepreneurs. Women entrepreneurship is the need of the nation right now. It's the surest and quickest way to make India a superpower”*

*-Vishwas Mudagal*



# Election Manifesto Children's Charter of Demands

## **BTC election Manifesto Campaign:**

The election manifesto campaign has been NEDAN's advocacy mechanism in securing commitment and accountability from the aspiring political candidates from various regional and national parties. During BTC election which was scheduled in 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 NEDAN submitted chartered of demand with 6 regional Political Parties.- BPF, UPPL, Gono Suraksha Party, BJP, Congress, Voters Party International (VPI) and AIUDF.

Our charter of demands highlights the following five key areas.

Education

Protection

Health

Nutrition

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The above-mentioned charter of demand was put forth into the agendas of the election manifesto campaign of the emerging political parties of BTC that whichever party comes in power they must promise to contemplate the demands set forth by the children and adolescents and work for their development and empowerment. The parties have thus included our chartered demands in their manifesto.

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 six political parties we could manage to convince at-least two regional parties to include in their election manifesto campaign printed booklet.



# Election Manifesto Children's Charter of Demands

The results of the BTC election UPPL party won the election and as promised in the election campaign the New Govt. of BTC has successfully make the promises in reality by Provincializing all the Non Govt Aided schools as Provincialized govt aided schools in BTR districts. **Total 1160 schools got provincialized certification by new govt.**

The Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation Dr. Digambar Narzary was also nominated by BTC Govt. to be member of the teacher selection committee for all the 1160 newly provincialized schools. **The total teachers from High schools and HS school's requirement were advertised and total vacancies of 1420 post was recruited. NEDAN strongly belief that education is a primary protective institution of trafficking of girls and boys from the region.**

**ELECTION MANIFESTO**  
**UNITED PEOPLE'S PARTY, LIBERAL**  
**BODOLAND TERRITORIAL COUNCIL ELECTION**  
**2020**



**Transforming BTR**

1. To provide a suggestive role to the council government, a Bodoland Innovation and Transformation Agency (BITA) will be instituted comprising sessions of seminars in different fields and headed by Chief Executive Member of BTR to achieve all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
2. Free Wi-Fi Zone in all the Colleges, Universities, ITI etc. and free of cost IT Training Facilities in all the VCCs for common masses.
3. Form a Bodoland Development Partnership Agency (BDPA) to facilitate partnership with CSR, UN Agency, International Aid Agencies, Foundations, National and International NGOs.

**Land policy**

1. Protection of land and property for all inhabitants of BTR through formulating a Bodoland New Land Policy.
2. Formation of Land Advisory Board to look into the matter of land transfer, lease, bonded labour and fixation of the rate.

**Education**

1. Set up Bodoland Education Mission (BEM) to ensure quality educational environment through targeting 90% literacy in the rural areas with a grant of government and simultaneously ensure quality education through implementing Wi-Fiing policies and programmes with utmost priority.
2. Ensure provisionisation of all the Unaided Madrasah Schools and Colleges up to the class 6, 7 of BTR. Accord priority over grant of coming to power.
3. Regularize all the contracted TET Teachers working in the schools of BTR.
4. Extend the provision of fundamental right to quality, free and compulsory education under Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Education 2009 from 6 to 14 years to 5-18 years with special emphasis to girl children.
5. Establish new schools under the relevant provision of RTE 2009 wherever necessary.
6. Provide Special Scholarship amounting to Rs. 15000/- to All Girls Having Undergraduate and Post Graduate Courses in the public colleges and universities situated in BTR.
7. Provide Annual Scholarship amounting to Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to the girl students to address conflict, insurgency, terrorism, Bodoland and other distress.
8. Address the problems of teachers bonafide appointed in UPPL under Bodoland Territorial Region.
9. Run Library in each of the VCCs to promote the culture of reading.

United People's Party, Liberal (UPPL) was born on 5th August 2015 in Dolema, in the District of Kokrajhar with a vision to bring about revolutionary change for Sustainable Development and bring Peace in the state of Assam, particularly in the Bodoland Territorial Region. Since then UPPL has played the role of the principle opposition party in NCT assembly consistently. The UPPL as a political party emerged with the quest to Transforming the Face of Bodoland



**MANIFESTO**  
of  
**United People's Party Liberal**  
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# Initiative of Assam Education Department

## **Assam Government initiatives for the provincialization of Venture schools and Teachers**

The government of Assam has given approval for the provincialization of 2812 teachers of Secondary Schools against 355 new Secondary Schools in first phase which got effected from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

### **Assam Venture School Provincialization 2020 details.**

Name of Schools: LP, UP, High Schools, Higher Secondary, Junior Colleges

Number of Provincialised teachers: 16484

Elementary: 9895, Secondary: 4996, Higher Education: 1593

Number of Schools: 4260

Lower Primary: 1698, Upper primary: 2107, High Schools: 266, Higher Secondaries: 04, Junior Colleges: 152, Colleges: 33.

As per the BTR government all the venture schools including Bodo medium background in and outside the BTR there are 1021 venture schools (LP 711, UP 235, High school 75), senior college 25, Degree College 21 in the BTR and 245 schools are venture outside BTR (LP148, UP 62, High School 35) which are going to be provincialised.



# Advocacy - Land Right & RTE



Advocacy wing (on child issues) is one of the most core optic for NEDAN Foundation. NEDAN has brought up many issues and ground challenges to inclusive development and political agendas. NEDAN believed on advocating all ground issues and hardships to political agenda; through which we could draw the line towards change and empowerment. Through this advocacy wings NEDAN also usually conducts various consultation with BTC duty bearers, District duty bearers, Block level duty bearers and Police Personnel. With the help of those consultations we could able to discuss various issues of children and adolescents with concern stakeholders also it helped us to plan out effective child protection mechanism to deals with children on respective issues.

## Block Level Orientation

NEDAN Foundation has a very close working network with Block level duty Bearers on Education Department such as BEEO officials. NEDAN Foundation is working closely with three Block called Kokrajhar, Dotma and Kochugaon which are also known as backward in the field of education and RTE implementation. Through the NEDAN's initiative, consultation along with community participants now implementation is taking place. For the successful result in Baganpara under Kochugaon block which is also known as forest encroacher there is no such provision to establish education institutions, but for the effort that NEDAN has putted now children from Baganpara and nearby villages can access education through NRSTC.

NEDAN has also very close working diagram with Block Level officials for protection of children such as submitting drop out list to respective Block Elementary Education Officer seeking the alternatives for drop out children, recommendation of schools in new locations where no schools are form yet. NEDAN usually conducts consultation with each respective block once in a year to understand ground reality and challenges faced by children and their future.



### Outcomes:

- ◆ *Bringing the ground issues of the Children and their futurity.*
- ◆ *Community capacity building towards child issues RTE implementation.*
- ◆ *Working together in ground identification of out school children and re- enrolling into RTE rule.*
- ◆ *Training and workshop with SMC.*



# Advocacy — Land Right & RTE



## Successful advocacy on securing land entitlement for the forest encroacher displaced villages of Kachugaon, Indo Bhutan border- Kokrajhar

The advocacy for securing land entitlement rights for forest encroacher villages in three blocks of **Kokrajhar** i.e. Dotma block, Titaguri block and Kachugaon block is working towards the proper initiative with the main aims of building strong advocacy with **BTC** and **Assam** state government for securing land entitlement for forest encroachers villages to ensure children's to education through the government education and forest authorities. **NEDAN's** initiative in ensuring protective learning environment for the children and adolescence through evidence based advocacy under **Kokrajhar** district of **BTC, Assam**. In the backdrop of the discussed scenario of children, **NEDAN** has made the best of its effort to initiate a process of breaking the vicious cycle of insecurity for children in three blocks- Titaguri, Dotma and Kachugaon. The three most displaced temporary resettlement vulnerable populations of Kachugaon, Titaguri and Dotma block is the huge and largest area of encroachment in **Kokrajhar** district under **BTAD** areas. The location where we are working for securing land entitlement rights for forest encroacher villages is no presence of the Government. The villagers are facing lots of problems where there is no primary schools, no electricity facility and no available of drinking water. Children are mostly suffered and being vulnerable in such situation. The village mapping and compilation report with forest encroacher communities has been done in three blocks of Kokrajhar. Submission of application to **Divisional Forest Officer** of Kachugaon, **Kokrajhar** and Dotma to find out the statement showing encroachment statement data status in the refuge area has been done through the forest division.

### Sample of land holding certificate for school establishment in forest village under Kachugaon Forest Division

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**  
Statement of status of School established in Forest Village under Kachugaon Forest Division, Gostalgao.

Memo No. 23/1/NOG/ 2392-95 Dated Gostalgao the 23/6-2017

Sl. No.	School Sl.No.	Name of School	Area of land allotted	Area occupied	Under Occupation since	Date on which land document issued	Document attached	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Nobinagar Baganpara L.P.School Vile- Nobinagar FV P.O.- Kachugaon Dist- Kokrajhar, BTC, Assam	Schinagar F.V under Santan Range, Kachugaon	2 Bigha	25/01/2005	02.03.2017	1.L.H.2. Yes 2.Deed-Yes 3.Chita or Dag No.-28 4.B.Vet.	Enclosed Photo copy attached document.

This is to certify that as per Govt. of India guidelines vide No.F.No-11/9/98-FC, FC Division, dt.03/01/2005 General approval is accorded for Schools for area of less than 1 Ha, and the School mentioned above have been occupying areas mentioned against the name (column No.5) before D.L.O.L.2006. The Dag No. is entered against in Jamabandi Register in respective Range. Thus this statement may be treated as land document for all purpose of providicalisation of Schools. The Forest Department do not have any objection with regard to provincialisation of Schools under Kachugaon Division understage.

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Kachugaon Division.

Copy to the Range Officer, Santan Range, Kachugaon for information and necessary action.  
Copy to the President/ Secretary Nobinagar Baganpara L.P. School for information.

District Forest Officer,  
Kachugaon Division.

### Govt. Approved List of NRSTCs in Three Different Blocks of Kokrajhar District

The document is a list of NRSTCs (Non-Residential Schools) in three blocks of Kokrajhar district. It includes columns for Block, School Name, and other details. The list is organized into three sections corresponding to the blocks: Dotma, Titaguri, and Kachugaon. Each section lists several schools with their respective details.

- This statement and registers shall be submitted to the District Education Officer, Kokrajhar for the Department of Elementary Education, with the following teacher post.
- That all these Schools are entitled with all financial and other support as per the Assam Government rules.
- All these new Schools and Sections will be made functional from the academic session of 2017.

Sub: (Priority) Schools  
Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Elementary Education Department  
Dated: Dibrugarh the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016.

Memo No. PEA-4/2201372-A  
Copy to:  
1. The Deputy Commissioner to concerned District for information and necessary action.  
2. The Manager, BTC, Assam, Guwahati for the record of the Department. Duly for information.  
3. The Principal, BTC, Kokrajhar for the record of the Department. Duly for information.  
4. The Joint Secretary, Finance (EC-III) Department, Dibrugarh for information and to facilitate as per the DCEOs immediately. It is also requested to ensure a timely approval for the employment of teachers in the newly established Lower Primary and upgraded Lower Primary schools as per observing all formalities.



# Advocacy — Land Right & RTE

## **BTC Level Consultation with all concerned District and BTC level decision makers on Right to Education and its Implementation**

The BTC high level consultation was also being conducted to share on the gravity of children drop out from vulnerable displaced locations. The non implementation of RTE in encroacher forest areas under all the three blocks were strongly advocated with policy makers giving example of RTE rights violation during the BTC level consultation . The BEEO of all the three blocks invited NEDAN to submit the entire identified drop out children for re-enrollment in respective areas.



Subsequently the identified 400 drop out children was re-enrolled in respective areas. As the efforts are getting more intense the cases of violence, exploitation, abuse and never school attended children being reported by the families and the community members not only in intervention areas but BTC as a whole. 2015-16 years education budget in five education blocks of Kokrajhar, SSA has recommended 20 more new schools and 15 up-gradations of schools being recommended and approval will be notified by govt. of Assam soon. The intense advocacy is needed to bring such issues in the notice of the BTC administration for providing access to quality education need in the areas.

Being a strong advocacy based organization on RTE non implementation in Kokrajhar; it is very much privilege for NEDAN to understand in- depth or more deeply on issues faced by children in present generation situated by conflict and riots related displacement. NEDAN foundation had organized the District level orientation cum training with duty bearers on child protection schemes and legislation on quarterly basis.

This workshop is mainly for better understanding of RTE act and Integrated Child Protection Schemes and its implantation in ground level. Bringing the issues that children have to confronts with various issues and trauma, fear, neglect, abuse, exploitation, molestation and pornography. So NEDAN's vision and optic is that in order to reduce those issues workshop and training is really prominence to empower their (stakeholder's) knowledge and capacity to re- think on child issues. Through this program we come to know each other about the working nature and challenges also get to know alternative way of overcoming from the challenges. This program is mainly for building the capacity of all stakeholders on child protection schemes and RTE act implementation.

## **Quarterly review & planning meetings with District and BTC administration on Right to Education, ICPS and its implementation in forest Encroacher villages**

### **Outcomes:**

- ◆ *Advocated the children needs and their own entitlement rights from forest .*
- ◆ *School recommended for encroacher having a land rights to access.*
- ◆ *Community taking their own responsibility for enabling their children into development agenda.*
- ◆ *Come out with one optic to solve out the children's issues such as re- enrolling children in various schools RSTC, NRSTC, KGBV, RMSA and RTE rule.*
- ◆ *Celebration of Children's events along with District Administration.*



# Advocacy — Land Right & RTE



## Bodoland Territorial Council level Consultation on Issues related to Children with Uniform Personnel

NEDAN Foundation is an institution which always focuses on Child Rights Violation and Children Vulnerabilities. Since the journey NEDAN has took up responsibility of responding to the children who are at transitional age; they are more victims living in BTC.



NEDAN Foundation usually organize every year One day BTC level Consultation with the Uniform personnel on “Law Enforcement Response to Child Protection Concerns in BTC” for the 4 Districts of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC). Such consultation is also very much helpful to both NEDAN and Police personnel. For NEDAN it is a privilege that they could able to bring such stakeholders for empowering their knowledge on Child Protection and responding to children with specific law enforcement. NEDAN has built up the relationship with the uniform personnel to deal with having law at their hands to ensure protective and effective mechanism system towards children development and for the uniform personnel through this consultation they are well informed and trained on Juvenile Justice Act and POCSO Act and also mechanism system to deal

with children if such case been found.

### Outcomes:

- ◆ *Figured out the children missing and trafficked from BTC*
- ◆ *Highlighted the present issues of children living in the backward and remote areas (Forest encroacher)*
- ◆ *Understood the important mechanism system for law enforcement towards children welfare.*
- ◆ *Discussed on optic and vision of JJ Act 2000 and POCSO Act 2012.*
- ◆ *Gathered the knowledge on dealing with children with such laws and protective mechanism.*
- ◆ *Build up working relationship with police personnel for effective mechanism on child rights violations and protecting them from risks zone.*

"Premature pregnancy and motherhood are an inevitable consequence of child marriage. Girls under 15 are five times more likely to die during pregnancy and childbirth than women in their twenties."

State of the World's Children 2007, UNICEF



# Observation of Important Days

## Social Media Campaign on World Day against Child Labour

Child labour is a serious problem in today's world. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), millions of children in the world work in hazardous and intolerable occupations that deprive them of a normal childhood, like getting adequate education, proper health care, leisure time or just basic freedom. In Assam, as per census 2011, 4.9% (3.47 lakh persons) of the state total 5-14 years population are child labourers. World Day against Child Labour is celebrated every year on 12<sup>th</sup> June. This year NEDAN Foundation also organized the day with the theme '**Child labour is no child's play**' in the Destination Girls Home campus by displaying of flash cards and posters to campaign against Child Labour and raise awareness through social media. Social distancing was strictly maintained during the program. Three award winning short movies on child labour and education was screened. Two team member of Childline Kokrajhar delivered a speech on social issues like child marriage, child trafficking and child labour. A staff of NEDAN Foundation spoke regarding laws under the Indian Constitution. The program ended with a fun time and refreshments.



## Youth Day- Voices of the Youth Champions



International Youth Day observed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 the voices of the youth champions from the forest dwelling community were raised about ending the social evils like child labour, child trafficking, child marriage. International Youth Day with an Audio-Visual conferencing with the youths from different parts of Kokrajhar district. Total 60 youths participated in the program online program. Through this video conferencing many youths from the most remote forest dwelling communities shared their opinion, ideas and knowledge on Human Trafficking, Child labor and child marriage etc.



# Observation of Important Days

## National Children's Day celebration

National Children's Day was celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 at Ultapani L.P and M.E School with the theme of ending violence against children using folklore as a means of sensitizing the communities on the issues and crimes related to children. Mr. Bidyut Medhi was the Chief Guest and Mrs. Malati Rani Narzary was the Guest of Honour in the auspicious program. Dr. Digambar Narzary, the Headmistress of Ultapani L.P and M.E School, SMC members, school teachers, students from both L.P and M.E school, folklore artists and NEDAN Foundation staffs were all present for the event. The event was a meaningful one as the esteemed guests and participants gave tribute to our very first Prime Minister late Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru who always considered children as the strength and foundation of the nation. Indeed children are the future leaders and it is the duty of every individual to raise our nation's children with utmost dignity and knowledge and protection. Children must never face any kind of hardships or exploited by any means. The National Children's Day program was also the follow up of the two-day caravan rally on ending violence against children.



# Observation of Important Days

## Assam State Child Protection Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

To strengthen the networks among the children as well as adolescents NEDAN has organized the “Assam State Child Protection Day” with the theme of “*Let’s Create a Safe Environment for Our Children to Live*”. On 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at CCPI (Community Child Protection Institute), Baganpara, Kachugaon. The village headman, VLCPC (Village Level Child Protection and Committee) members and local intellectual were invited as Guest in the program.

The State Child Protection day program was participated by the children of different forest area from Kachugaon relief camps and forest villages, Kopchugaon Bazar, ArjunDoha which was relief camp earlier, New Raikungbari, Baganpara, Shantipur and New Nabinagar. There were more than 70 children that participated in the State Child Protection Day. Mr. Sikwna Brahma the Project Coordinator of NEDAN foundation highlighted the objectives of the State Child Protection Day celebration in all over the Assam state. He briefly expressed the meaning of why Child Protection Day is observed in Assam in every year. The most important related issues for observing the Child Protection day is to prevent the children from child trafficking, child marriage and child labour in the world he said.

The village headman of Baganpara village Mr. Chineswar Narzary have also highlighted the issues of child labour, child trafficking and child marriage during the time of organizing State Child Protection day. He also added the decreasing of child marriage rate, child trafficking after the intervention of NEDAN at Baganpara area under Kochugaon block of Kokrajhar district. Mr. Chineswar Narzary was also condemned the working of child labour from the village in other states of India. So he requested all the children and young to stop the working for labour in other states of India and it is also not sufficient for livelihood standards.

After addressing the main objectives of the program, different activities were taken related to State Child Protection day. The different activities like drawing competition, dance, kabaddi competition for girls and different games for the development of mind were also conducted on the day of Child Protection Day. The cultural program was also conducted to prevent the child marriage and child trafficking. Children took active participation and showed their eagerness in conducted activities during the observation of Child Protection Day. Lastly, prizes were distributed for the winner children those who took active participation in the competition for the encouragement and development of the children future.



# Observation of Important Days

## International Women's Day celebration on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. Women of the world want and deserve an equal future free from stigma, stereotypes and violence; a future that's sustainable, peaceful, with equal rights and opportunities for all. To get us there, the world needs women at every table where decisions are being made. This year, the theme for International Women's Day (8 March), "*Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world*," celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and highlights the gaps that remain.



NEDAN Foundation was observed an International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at Weaving Destination Campus, Anthaigwlaio, Kokrajhar. Ms. Chandana Narzary, Assistant Professor Cum Advocate, Kokrajhar Law College was invited as a Chief Guest. Around 50 women from the Anthaigwlaio village participated in the program.

Dr. Digambar Narzary Chairperson of NEDAN Foundation brief about the objective of the program with the message of Women's in Leadership. He also gave the message to all women to take up the challenges their self so that they are capacited to do any work with full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence in the family, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in their villages. Ms. Chandana Narzary spoke about the women's significant role in the society for their development to achieve their

goal. She also shared the procedure of legal aid and the DLSA, so that they can stood herself whenever problem arises.



Later different games were conducted for the participants and prizes were distributed to the winners.



# Existing Mechanisms to Combat Trafficking

## CHILD Protection & Child Rights: National Mechanisms

- ◆ The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012
- ◆ The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009
- ◆ Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000
- ◆ Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986
- ◆ The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016
- ◆ Child Labour Act Amendment 2006
- ◆ Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976
- ◆ Factories Act, 1948
- ◆ Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods
- ◆ Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994
- ◆ Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995
- ◆ Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- ◆ Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, 1986
- ◆ Guardians and Wards Act, 1890
- ◆ Right to Food Legislation and Children

## Women Related Legislation

- ◆ The sexual harassment of women at workplace Prevention Prohibition, and Redressal Act 2013
- ◆ The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal Act 2013, Rules
- ◆ Handbook on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace
- ◆ National Commission for Women Act
- ◆ The Commission of Sati Prevention Act and rules
- ◆ Dowry Prohibition Rules
- ◆ Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- ◆ Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- ◆ The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence

## Child Related Policies:

- ◆ The National Policy for Children, 2013
- ◆ National Policy on Education, 1986
- ◆ National Policy on Child Labour, 1987
- ◆ National Nutrition Policy, 1993
- ◆ National Health Policy, 2002
- ◆ National Charter for Children, 2003
- ◆ National Plan of Action, 2005

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## Conventions:

- ◆ The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women - CEDAW, 1979 (Article 6).
- ◆ The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - UNCRC, 1989
- ◆ The ILO Convention of 1999 to address worst forms of child labour, including the sale and trafficking of children
- ◆ UN Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in person especially of women and children, December 2000
- ◆ SAARC Convention & SAIEVAC



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