

NO TIME FOR REST!

- CoViD awareness
- Lockdown Relief
- Igniting ideas
- Mental Health
- Community Classes
- School Constructions

Could connect and organise

- Charcha Café

Could incubate and cultivate

MITA

Could connect and advise

Leadership training



CoViD awareness

We share the plight of people suffering from the panic created by CoViD-19. We engaged in awareness campaigns on COVID-19 using 10,000 FAQ pamphlets and 10,000 CoViD

Lockdown Relief

We decided to provide cash relief as it prevents chances of spreading Corona from the packers, provides autonomy and trust to the family and more importantly regenerates the local economy, totally spending more than ₹ 25 Lakh with help from APPI, Arpan Foundation, Caring Friends, DKA *besides families and friends.*



Lockdown Relief by IDEa Partners

7 IDEa partner organizations from Assam supported some of the most needy families by providing dry food rations. These partners have reached out to 5471 households from 119 villages covering 13 districts of Assam. With Caring Friends grant, 5 of the 7 partners reached out to **974 households including 102 girls from 31 villages and distributed food kits and sanitary napkins.** All the partners have pulled in funds from various sources including donations



Mental Health:

With economic, social and personal insecurity on the rise due to CoViD situation, maintaining a sound mental health has become critical. We at *the ant* have realized its importance and despite all hurdles decided to carry on the mental health camps as per schedule. More than 1200 patients of epilepsy and other psychological disorders were treated in outreach and central camps. 29 children below 18 years of age were provided free medicines and doctor's consultation.



MITA

MITA partners and MITA team continued organizing monthly camps in 10 operating districts with permission of the District authorities and following COVID safety norms. The partners went a step ahead by Home Delivery of medicines to patients who could not attend the monthly camps. Approx. 600 patients received treatment in the last 3 months. Regular tele-con follow-up is also being done by the Doctors



Community classes

Realising the backlog in the education system created by CoViD lockdown, we started organizing children in small groups of 5 - which later got extended to 10 after district officials lauded our idea - and conducted Community Classes. In Dolphin and LEAP project area we could organize 91 and 96 such children's study groups.

School construction

Realising the poor infrastructure of government schools we explored the possibility of improving it. With help from Shri raj Foundation, the first phase of construction was started in 4 schools with a cost of Rs. 25,15800/-. At all the locations construction was started with the initiative of School Management Committees and community. In Model Learning Centre at Koraibari (near Bhutan Border) Community took the lead by clearing up the area and taking measurements with the help of Ants.



Igniting Ideas Series sessions

IDeA started a virtual discussion series called the Igniting 'Ideas' to discuss the multiple facets of these challenges and ways to address them. Vikramshila, SeSTA and the budding story teller Rituparna from Book Speaks joined hands with IDeA for conducting sessions on thematic areas of child rights, livelihoods and use of stories to engage children. IDeA partner organisations and networks like Forum for Voluntary Sector Assam and Lower Assam NGO Forum attended these sessions.



Charcha Café session: Lockdown Lite-

The first virtual Charcha Café event titled 'Lockdown Lite' was held on 17th May with participation from staff of the ant and IDeA as well as partner organizations of IDeA. It was an evening of shared joy, compassion and encouragement, where the participants sang songs, read out poetry and shared their unique talents. We hope the event did spread joy among the participants during a period of uncertainty and doubt.



Glimpses of Collective Efforts:

- ∅ Social media messages for entitlements of the poor to food and cash during the lockdown period
- ∅ Counseling and follow-up services to 99 Domestic Violence survivors
- ∅ World environment Day celebration in the community.
- ∅ Recreation activities for children through S4D and Rainbow.
- ∅ Learning science through experimentation.
- ∅ Youth learning and workshops through webinars
- ∅ Recruitment for LEAP and AVAHAN initiated,.
- ∅ New Executive Director joined as Designate.

Partner's Corner

Action for Inclusion and Empowerment Trust (AIET) based in Kokrajhar Assam conducted an event on 29th June on the theme 'Gender and Sexuality' to share thoughts and experiences on issues related to the LGBTQ+ community. The event was organized in collaboration with Express Corner Café as part of observing Pride Month.



Training on Leadership for Social Transformation: IDeA in collaboration with HID Forum Bangalore completed the second module of the LST training series. 34 trainees from 22 organizations participated in the virtual sessions that was started in the month of May and ended in June end. The trainees got opportunity to reflect on leadership from the lens of Development, Democracy, India Constitution, Religion, Spirituality, Secularism etc. For trainees as well as the trainers/organizers, it was a wonderful learning opportunity both in terms of topics, methodology and use of technology. The trainees living in remote areas have shared experience of walking even 2 kilometers to reach out to places with good internet connectivity to attend the sessions.