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Highlights for the quarter:
• CoVID and flood relief- Ants and partners
• Mask distribution
• MITA
• Community Classes
From IDeA DESK
• Consult and Advise
• Partners’ Capacity Building
• Charcha Café
• Leadership training

CoVID and Flood Relief in Chirang:
The CoVID -19 pandemic and lockdown as well as the devastating floods of Assam in 2020 massively affected the life and livelihoods of the communities we work with. Thanks to our donor ‘Caring Friends’ for coming forward to support the communities. the ant managed to stand by 2531 families in Chirang when overflowing rivers damaged their houses and paddy fields.

Covid and Flood Relief by Partners
Our partner organizations from Assam namely Eco System Protection Trust, Sanjog, Manab Kalyan, Pathikrit, Sanatan Unnayan Samiti, Women Leadership Training Centre and JMECT have been able to reach out to 3369 families across 6 districts and supported them with food ration kits, cash for work to recover their livelihoods, medical emergency support and WASH materials.

MITA Program: MITA android application was introduced in the mental health program of the ant. This will soon be introduced to the partner organizations too. The application will not only help the team in enhancing the Health Management Information System (HMIS), it will also save time and cost making the program more effective and enable detailed research once standardized. We have come out with the internal evaluation report of the MITA program of the ant. It is overwhelming to see that the MITA model has been widely accepted by the partner organizations, community and Doctors involved in program. At the same time, it has shown the way forward to strengthen the program by incorporating few critical elements such as psychosocial counseling, therapeutic treatment, capacity building of caregivers etc.

Community Classes:
Schools being closed and parents not able to arrange for a smartphone, children do not have any access to education in last 6 months. Realising the vacuum Ants started gathering children in small groups of 5-10 in 216 locations with the help of local community and School Management Committees.
The Covid-19 global pandemic has brought several significant changes worldwide and one of them is the way the world learns. IDeA has adapted to the virtual mediums and organized need-based training for its partner organizations. As part of incubation of institution building, online interactive sessions for partner organizations on ViMiStrya, Legal Compliance, Accounts and Governance were conducted. Our senior management team designed and facilitated the online sessions.