

# Quarterly Newsletter

## the ant

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### Highlights for the quarter:

- CoVID and flood relief- Ants and partners
- Mask distribution
- MITA
- Community Classes

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- Consult and Advise
- Partners' Capacity Building
- Charcha Café
- Leadership training

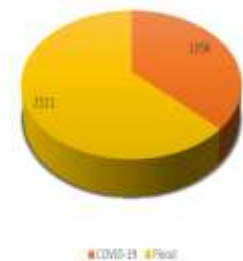
### CoVID and Flood Relief in Chirang:

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.

Total Number of Families Reached Out



### 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



**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.



**Mask distribution:** With CoVID cases on the rise and unlocks declared in the country, high-risk populations face a higher risk. Educational institutes are preparing to open. Realizing this, with support of HDFC Ergo the ant managed to distribute 10,226 masks to 5,113 children from Middle and Lower primary schools from rural Chirang who may expose themselves if their parents do not buy them a mask. It helped the women weavers of Aagor to sell their unsold fabric too!



**Consult & Advise:** the ant team members have been invited as guest speakers by our partner organizations and other networking partners. They have spoken on different subjects such as child rights, team work, entrepreneurship, multimedia, economy in shatters - lived experiences, Visibility of LGBTQIA+ people at work place and their civil rights, etc.

**Partners Onboard:** IDEa on boarded 'Karunar Kheta Trust' from Jorhat as a CF partner. Karunar Kheta under Dr. Arjun, the founding trustee has initiated their work for education of children and women residing in tea plantation areas. Sanatan Unnayan Sangstha and Jubayer Masud Educational Charitable Trust were brought on board as partners in the AVAHAN.



**Activities at a glance:**

- # Scholarship for uniforms, books and admission in higher education to 69 girls
- # Infrastructure reinstalled in 5 schools
- # 5 centers with 142 children started in Forest fringe villages where there were no schools
- # 33 Social action projects completed by 33 adolescent girls
- # Rehabilitation project on agriculture started for 290 CoVID and lock down affected families.
- # Child Safeguarding Committees formed centrally and in Bengtol cluster
- # Celebration of Independence Day, World Day against trafficking of persons



**New Ants in the family**

**IDEA:** Suraj Jha as Admin and Accounts Asst.

**AVAHAN:** Rambha, Durga, Sushma, Nitai, Ear Rehman

**LEAP:** Nandalal, Sujita, Pradip, Shabana, Milan, Sujata, Ronjee, Reluish, Archana, Mathias, Niron, Bungchad, Samual, Gwhwm, Marina.

**CTR:** Roshidul, Hussain

**GIF:** Sumi

**SHIKSHA:** Priya and Fungjani

**Charcha Café:**

The hard work and volunteerism of Ants and partners during the current trying times due to Covid-19 pandemic and devastating floods is worth appreciation and salute. To mark this, 'Locklite 2.0' an online musical evening was organized for the unsung warriors of development sector with Bottle Rockets India as guest performers. Partners read out stories and poetry, and sang together with the Bottle Rockets India team on this occasion.

**Eco Mapping**

Eco system mapping of survivors of domestic violence and their families was done in addition to Mapping and profiling of villages

**Partners' capacity building**

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 ViMiStra, Legal Compliance, Accounts and Governance were conducted. Our senior management team designed and facilitated the online sessions.

