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Cultural Pride Show:

Diversity Day, officially known as "The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development", is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. Team Dolphin organized a virtual event 'Cultural Pride Show' where participants from multi ethnic communities shared their cultural identities in the form of cultural items, traditional attire and practices with pride.

Covid 19 Response Initiatives from IDeA:

IEC material was created in 5 languages and 66000 copies printed and disseminated by 11 partner organisations.

A virtual training series helped prepare the voluntary sector organizations to prevent the spread of Covid – 19 second wave.

IDeA reached out to 100 (+) organizations covering the states of Assam and Nagaland

Flood Prevention initiative:

Floods have been one of the annual natural calamities faced by inhabitants of Chirang for some years now. Villagers this time came forward and built the embankment and road which was destroyed a few years back and was never reconstructed again. This collective effort backed by Caring Friends has helped the inhabitants of 15 villagers thwart floods this year.



CoViD Response Initiatives in Chirang:

- 10 Oxygen Concentrators were set up in 4 Covid Care Facilities.
- 500+ ASHAs and Community health workers were trained on early detection and management of CoViD cases
- PPE including 3241 KN95 masks, 461 Pulse oximeters, 948 sanitizers, and 149 Budesonide inhalers were distributed to 600 ASHAs, paramedical workers and Community Health Volunteers
- Awareness Campaign on CoViD Safety was conducted in 588 villages covering 11826 families.
- A vaccination camp for eligible villagers was conducted with the District Health Services at Basugaon.

IDeA CoViD Response :

- PPE (masks and hand sanitizers) for a period of 3 months provided to 249 staff, ASHA workers and community volunteers through partners.
- 199 pulse oximeters were provided to ASHA workers and community volunteers.
- Under IDeA's guidance, partner organisations also formed Village Corona Committees and conducted awareness drives in a total of 86 villages.

From the desk of IDEa:

- Under **Project Enrich**, a baseline survey on 'Child Rights' covering 1500 children and adults in 5 districts of Assam has been completed.
- A **webinar** was held on 5th May 2021 in Meghalaya to discuss the challenges being faced by the Voluntary sector organizations in lieu of the raging pandemic and new rules and policies introduced for the sector. The Webinar was attended by 30 voluntary sector organisations of Meghalaya.
- A webinar was held on 29th April 2021 to understand the new amendments in the CSR law and about the future of Social Stock Exchange in India. This was organized in collaboration with Samhita Social Ventures and attended by 40 organizations from across NE States.



Projects at a glance:

AVAHAN: 80 survivors of Domestic Violence were supported and 534 of DV survivors were followed up. 42 were assisted by the Legal AID Center through its central and cluster level camps. Response groups in the form of a community-based system to respond to violence have been formed and their capacity is being built on rights and legal remedies.

BRING THE CHANGE: A leadership journey of 174 adolescent girls started in Chirang and Udalguri district. These 174 Bronze Fellows started off their exploratory journey of embracing the 7 Cs of our approach: Caring, Communication, Confidence, Competence, Character and Career.

COLORING THE RAINBOW: 94 Sports 4 Development sessions, 67 Rainbow Frisbee (multi-ethnic) and 128 Manoranjan (single community) Frisbee sessions were conducted during the last quarter with a reframed Covid safe strategy. Chirang District Ultimate (Frisbee) Association has been formed and has partnered with Chirang district Traditional Games Association to take Ultimate Frisbee to a wider platform.

DOLPHIN: Midline assessment of children was done and a Campaign on Child Sexual Abuse, Illicit Trafficking and Drug Abuse was conducted. 12 youth were supported for their livelihoods. A Career mapping exercise was done with over 100 youth. 11 Village Level Child Protection Committees were formed and their capacity is being built to respond to violence in the community.

LEAP: Baseline assessment was started for primary level children for designing an intervention plan. A library has been started in all schools. Teachers in Middle schools are still being trained on 'Lab in a Box.' Model, Forest and Remedial learning centers started in community setting following the CoViD protocols.

LIVELIHOODS: Kitchen gardens are continuing successfully and families have sold their produce twice and have been able to save for the future. Alongside, Vermicompost, Mushroom cultivation and grafting have been initiated with support from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chirang.

MENTAL HEALTH: More than 1200 patients were treated each month for Epilepsy and Mental disorders in 8 locations across Chirang district. MITA camps continued in 11 other districts through partners. Additional to clinical treatments, psychological therapies have also been started for drug addiction cases.

SHIKSHA: Due to closure of Govt. schools, enrollment in Shiksha Study Centers increased by three times. Currently 672 children are receiving academic support in 25 centers in community-based set ups following CoViD protocols. Joyful Learning techniques including Teaching Learning Materials were adopted to help the children achieve the learning outcomes. Each child's progress monitored through a Child Progress Plan. Baseline assessment for all enrolled children also has been done with the help of LEAP team.

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New Family members:

We welcome our new family members: Priyanka, Ayesha, Akash, Geolang, Nasoni, Ansary, Mijingsha, Usha, Sumita, Amar, Samel, Raju, Mahadev, Hadwd, Maneswar, Upananda, Raju, Madhuwa, Dipika, Dhananjay, Damayanti, Jamini, Fwrja, Priska, Mira, Bijuli, Rofiqul, Sonima, Grisi, Ranjubala, Mostafa, Kuran, Medini, Albart, Milan.

