



GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY

To Communicate To Empower To Sustain



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

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GGSS PROFILE

The Guwahati Gana Seva Society is the social work wing of the Archdiocese of Guwahati having its principal office at Peace Centre, G.N.B. Road, Ambari, Guwahati. The society was formed in 1992 with the aim of supporting and empowering the poor and marginalized section of people irrespective of their caste, creed or religion living in the operational areas of the Archdiocese.

The Society lays its focus on livelihood promotional activities among rural farmers with sustainable farming practices and initiating Agri product marketing, group wise viable income generation activities among the rural SHG women and vocational trainings for school dropout and unemployed tribal youth. It also tries to tap various Govt. schemes and benefits for the target groups.

LEGAL STATUS

GGSS is registered under Societies Registration Act 1860, with registration number 2163/1992-93 obtained on 9th September 1992. It is also registered with the Ministry of Home Affairs under FCRA 1976 vide FCRA No., 020780064. It has also 12 (A) registration for tax exemption vide Registration No.12A/38/2001-02/1272-74, The Society's PAN No is AAATG5227D.

VISION

A Self-Reliant Society Based on Love, Justice, Unity and Peace.

MISSION

To empower the poor and marginalized ethnic groups by promoting self-reliance among them through awareness creation and people's Organization

OBJECTIVES

- * To create awareness and mobilize the less privileged groups of the society and help them to improve their conditions and find solutions to their problems.
- * To assist and train the Animators to integrate, mobilize and develop human resources.
- * To formulate and undertake different developmental projects on education, health and agriculture for improving the socio-economic status of the people.
- * To collaborate with government and other secular organizations to promote development for humanitarian activities.
- * To undertake relief, rehabilitation and welfare services for the victims of flood, ethnic violence, fire etc. as the situation demands.
- * To initiate and undertake research, field study and documentation for the better planning, monitoring, and evaluation of our developmental activities.

Message from the President

Most Rev. John Moolachira
Archbishop of Guwahati



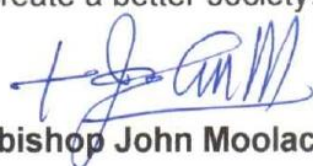
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Guwahati Gana Seva Society has prepared Annual Report 2020-2021. The Annual Report by its nature portrays immense contributions of GGSS towards the growth and empowerment of the poor and marginalized sections of the society. As the Social Work Entity of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, the GGSS is dedicated to render its service to the cause of poor and needy especially in bringing improvement in socio-economic conditions. The past year had been very tough and challenging for everyone across the globe due to the covid-19 pandemic and total lockdown. Despite the challenging and frightening situations, the staff of GGSS committed themselves to reach out and help those suffering poor and needy people. Their dedicated service to the cause of poor is very much visible in the emergency humanitarian response of GGSS.

I am very pleased to mention that GGSS has committed to contribute towards the growth and development of better society. It works for all sections of the society by providing them healthcare services, sharing knowledge on organic farming and reviving traditional methods and techniques of farming, empowering young adolescence, women and children, and focusing on the development of socio-economic conditions of widows etc.

I take this opportunity to request the General and Governing Body Members to encourage and support GGSS team. I also thank and appreciate the core team who play a vital role with great commitment and dedication to create a better society.




Archbishop John Moolachira
President
Guwahati Gana Seva Society

Message from the Director

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A sustainable support and care for the needy is one of the essential aspects of development work of Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS). The GGSS as the social work wing of the Archdiocese of Guwahati reaches out needy and marginalized communities of the society through its development projects and clear vision of empowering them to a sustainable development. The significant project activities focus on the wholistic development of beneficiaries. Beside the project activities, GGSS extended its support and care during the lockdown period of Covid-19 Pandemic by carrying out the emergency humanitarian response to the suffering brothers and sisters. The people living within the jurisdiction of Archdiocese of Guwahati spread over seven districts of Assam are the beneficiaries which GGSS cares for.

I am very happy to present the Annual Report of GGSS for the year 2020-2021. The Annual report presents the dedicated service of GGSS to the cause of the poor and needy. It also portrays generous supports and collaborations of various partners and well-wishers.

I take this opportunity to thank all the partners and funding agencies for their constant support in the past year. I also thank the Archbishop, Most Rev. John Moolachira, the General and Governing Body Members for their support and encouragement. I sincerely appreciate the dedicated staff of GGSS who played very important role in materializing the plans and objectives into reality. I remain ever grateful to them for their dedication and commitment to the cause of poor and needy.




Fr. Maya Martin Muchahary
Director
Guwahati Gana Seva Society

FARM NORTHEAST PHASE III
(Facilitating Agriculture Regeneration Measures)
(November 2019 to October 2022)

Supported by Caritas India

Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) works on the improvement of food sovereignty of marginalized farmers of 13 villages of Mayong Block in Morigaon District through Farm North East Project: Phase – III. The project activities are designed to empower 936 farmers to increase sufficient food production and nutritional intake as per their cultural food habits, to adopt and promote indigenous seeds for cultivation and consumption, and to enable marginalised farmers to have control over the local market for the sale of excess organic products. The kernel of the project is “People Led Development Approach (PLDA)”, giving people the power to take charge of their own transformation and development.

Project Location

State: Assam

District: Morigaon

Blocks: Mayong

Panchayat: Guva, Nellie & Silchang

No. of Villages: 13

Total House Hold: 936

Total Population: 5119

ACTIVITIES

1. Problem Analysis Through PRA Exercise

The project staff conducted Participatory Action Research (PAR) with community involvement in April 2021 in all the project villages to facilitate the farmers’ communities to identify their common problems, prioritize them and take necessary steps. The feedback of the community makes it clear that they have realized and understood the present circumstances of the communities and feasible solutions to the common problems.



2. Promotion of SRI Method of Cultivation

System of Rice Intensification (SRI), popularly known as SRI cultivation is promoted amongst the village farmers of Guva Panchayat through practical demonstration to increase production of paddy. The farmers benefitted from the SRI cultivation systems. They are able to increase *Sali* paddy production from 400 – 480 kg to 680 – 720 kg per *bigha* through SRI method of cultivation.



3. Identification of wild Edibles and its Promotion

The farmers are conscientized to use the natural resource of surrounding villages and nearby forests specially to identify different forms of wild-edibles which are full of nutritional values. They have identified 50 to 60 varieties of wild-edibles for their nutritious food consumption as well as promoted in the local market to bring additional income to the family.



4. Promotion of Black Pepper in Areca Nut Garden

The project staff distributed black pepper plants to support 240 farming families of the project villages. This hand holding support aimed to enhance the farmers to grow black pepper in their areca nut garden for increase of additional income.



5. Identification of Verities of Trellis and its Replication

Trellis is a traditional method which farmers construct in their backyard garden to grow varieties of climbing vegetal plants. The project team along with the farmers have identified 4 different models of trellis that are used by the farmers to grow at least 5 to 6 varieties of seasonal vegetables. These models are replicated amongst many farmers' families. This process of identification helped the farmers to revive traditional techniques and methods of farming in rural villages.



6. Hand Holding Support for Large Scale Ginger Cultivation

A group of 10 women farmers of No. 1 Kuthuri village were given 1 quintal of ginger seeds to increase product of ginger cultivation in a large scale. The consequent result of hand holding support helped the women farmers to harvest 4 quintals of ginger from 1quintal ginger cultivated in 1 *bighas* of land. They sold 3 quintals of ginger as well as preserved for the next cultivation.



7. Promotion of Improved Kitchen Garden

Improved kitchen gardens are promoted amongst the farming families to ensure their consumption of nutritious food in the form of fresh seasonal vegetables and fruits. They are supported with seeds, saplings of seasonal vegetables and fruits to materialize the concept of improved kitchen gardens amongst the farmers. Subsequently, the farmers planted the seeds and saplings in their kitchen gardens by utilizing available space along with other seeds preserved and wild edibles.



8. Training on Preparing Bio-pest Repellant with the use of Locally Available Resources

The project team trained the rural farmers to prepare bio-pest repellant with the use of locally available resources through practical demonstrations to ensure the promotion of organic farming against the chemical use of pesticides. The farmers have gained the knowledge to utilize such bio-pest to protect their crops at very low cost and free of harmful chemicals.



9. Training on Preparing Manure Through Weed Composting

Practical trainings through demonstration on constructing chamber with locally available bamboo and preparing compost manure through weed composting are given to rural farmers to promote organic farming amongst them. It helped them to know and use locally accessible materials such as cow dung, weeds and other waste materials as useful substance for organic farming.



10. Training on Seed Treatment

The project staff conducted series of training on seed treatment through practical demonstrations for rural farmers of project villages to help them to ensure better germination of seeds and good harvest. They are taught to use locally accessible and available resources for seed treatment such as milk, lime cow urine and cow dung etc.



11. Training on Castration of Local Cockerel

Trainings on castration of local rooster for farmers of the project villages were conducted through practical demonstrations with the aim of creating an income generation option. The castrated rooster has a great demand in the market. Thereby, this new learning can help the farmers to earn more income.



12. Seed Exchange Program Among Farmers

Promotion and preservation of varieties of indigenous seeds among rural farmers is one of the basic concepts of the FARM project. Therefore, in order to materialize this concept, the project team has conducted seed exchange program among the rural farmers of the project villages. The farmers are asked to bring varieties of indigenous seeds and exchange each other as per their choice. GGSS also provided additional seeds to increase quantity of indigenous seeds and benefit the farmers.



13. Revival of Traditional System of Farmers Helping Farmers

With the aim of reviving aged old traditional practice of farmers helping each other, GGSS helped different farmers' groups to develop piggery, fishery, goats, ducks, local chicken farming and large-scale cultivation of ginger, mustard and lemon garden. The first supported farmers' groups were given the responsibility to develop their farms within a year and the following year to hand over the produced siblings to the next farmers' groups in terms and conditions that the second beneficiary groups will also follow the same process.



14. Plantation Drive on Birthdays, Marriages and other Special Occasions.

The concept of community involvement in planting of tree saplings and educating people of different age groups on the importance of care for environment and subsequent responsibilities of every individual to preserve environment was materialized through planting of tree siblings on different occasions of birthdays, marriages, and special occasions etc. The people of different age groups of 600 families from 8 villages have planted 2500 plants in one with the growth rate of 100%.



ACHIEVEMENTS

70 farmers are making use of unutilized land covering 15 – 18 acres (*110 bighas*) for cultivation of paddy, vegetables, fruits, wild edibles, ginger and turmeric. 440 families are consuming 80% of the products grown by themselves. 380 families are consuming organic products and have stopped depending and consuming hybrid agricultural products sold in the opened markets. 160 families have initiated growing wild-edible and other nutritious natural products in their improved kitchen gardens. 410 farmers are using compost manure and bio-pest repellent prepared by them with locally available resources. More than 450 families managed to sustain during the lockdown period by utilizing crops, vegetables, wild-edibles and nutritional fruits grown in their agriculture land and improved kitchen gardens. 720 families are using 10-12 varieties of indigenous seeds for seasonal and multi-cropping. 140 farmers exchanged 25 -28 varieties of indigenous seeds amongst them during seed exchange programme. Farmers are earning additional income of Rs. 600/- to Rs. 800/- by selling wild edibles grown at hilly and forest areas.

ENHANCED COMMUNITY ACTION FOR WATER, SANITATION AND NUTRITION IN NORTH EAST INDIA (Phase -IV)

Supported by NEDSSS

Enhanced Community Action for Water, Sanitation and Nutrition in North East India (Phase – IV) is a healthcare project through which GGSS provide healthcare service to the needy population of targeted 46 villages of Baksa and Goalpara Districts, Assam. The goal of the project is designed to enhance better health of children under five years through community efforts; to reduce occurrence of diarrhea through various initiatives; to improve maternal and child health; to provide healthy/quality service for reducing under weight of children under 5 years; to improve maternal nutrition and breast-feeding practice; and to enable communities/beneficiaries to lead a healthier life by availing primary health care services.

PROJECT LOCATION

State: Assam

Health Centre: Five Health Centres

Household: 7274 Households

Districts: Baksa, Goalpara, Kamrup (Rural)

Village: 46 Villages

Population: 33959

ACTIVITIES

1. Campaign on Nutrition, Sanitation, Water and Ring Worm

The project team conducted 46 campaigns on nutritious food, water, sanitation and ring worm through rallies, talks on health and hygiene, skin disease and its causes, prevention and remedies etc. to create awareness amongst the rural population of the project villages. 3193 participants of the campaign were instructed with the knowledge on various types of skin diseases

especially ring worm, effects of using unclean water, less immune and unhygienic system etc.



2. Demonstration on Hand Wash, Toilet Use and Cleanliness

Project coordinator, Supervisors and Asha workers conducted 40 practical demonstrations on hand wash, toilet use and cleanliness amongst children, mothers and village leaders. Demonstrations were organized in school campus as well as in the villages of the project location to inculcate in 2143 participant children and others a good habit of maintaining hygiene and cleanliness, washing hands and use of toilet etc. The participants were taught to learn 7 steps of hand wash and put into practice in everyday life.



3. Demonstration on Nutritious Food Preparation

40 practical demonstrations on nutritious food preparation were conducted to educate the target groups such as mothers, adolescent girls/boys, pregnant and lactating mothers and the village leaders. 2168 participants gained knowledge on the consumption of balanced diet for good health. They were educated on the quality health care through balanced diet. They also learned to prepare complementary food for mothers and children to improve better health.



4. Medical Camp and Assistance

10 medical camps were organized in five health centres to provide free treatment for poor and needy. 685 patients came for general check-up and 498 individuals were detected with various types of skin diseases. The ailing individuals were given free medical assistance under the guidance of the doctors. Dr. Manoranjan Talukdar, Dr. Jyotimog Konor, Dr. Omar Farnque, and Dr. Anupum Boro were invited to give their service for the camp.



5. Motivational Training for VHSNC Leaders

One-time motivational training was conducted in each health centre to animate VHSNC leaders and to create awareness amongst 156 men and women participants regarding roles and responsibilities of VHSNC. The training programme also emphasized their work on health and sanitation as well as various government schemes on health care that are accessible from the line departments.



6. Women Leadership: Kitchen Garden / Animal Rearing / Herbal Plants

Training on kitchen garden, animal rearing and herbal plants was organized in five health centres focusing on the development of women leadership in economic life of the family. The invited expert resource persons helped 161 participant women to acquire knowledge on kitchen garden, nutrition, nutritional plants, food values, herbal plants and animal rearing for better health and family economy.



7. Diocesan Level Review Meeting

Diocesan level review meetings were held at GGSS conference hall on 8th February, 17th July, 23rd August and 28th September 2021. The project coordinator, health supervisors, accountant and director were part of the meetings who made review of past project activities and prepared action plan for the way forward.



8. Advocacy and Networking

Workshop on advocacy and networking was conducted on 7th August 2021 in GGSS conference hall for health supervisors and ASHA workers. Mr. Sanjeeb Kakoti, the resource person animated the participants focusing on health issues of women and children, water, nutrition and sanitation, benefits of various govt. health schemes available.



9. Monthly Review Meeting

A regular monthly review meetings for the health supervisors and ASHAs were conducted in the health centres to evaluate the progress and functioning of the project towards its desired results.



10. Medical Kits & Health Workers

The health supervisors distributed medical kits to the Asha workers in order to facilitate them to assist rural inhabitants during the Covid-19 pandemic.



11. Distribution of Oxygen Concentrators

Most Rt. Rev. Archbishop John Moolachira handed over two oxygen concentrators in two health centres of Mariampur and Nagrijuli with the purpose of assisting Covid-19 patients in rural set up.



8. Home Visits

Asha workers made regular home visits to assist pregnant and lactating women with proper guidance focusing on consuming nutritious food, IFA tablets, and regular check-up

ACHIEVEMENTS

3193 beneficiaries have gained knowledge on nutrition, water and sanitation, different types of skin diseases, harmful effects of using unclean water, less immune and unhygienic system. 685 patients are treated during medical camps and some are healed of their skin diseases. 2143 children have learned the importance of keeping a good habit of hygiene and cleanliness, washing hands and toilet use. 2168 individuals have improved their knowledge on consuming balanced diet and keeping better quality health care as well as to prepare complementary nutritious food for mothers and children. 156 VHSNC leaders are able to exercise their responsibilities better. 161 women have learned knowledge on kitchen garden nutrition, nutritional plants, food values, herbal plants and animal rearing for better health and family economy.

PROMOTION OF FOOD SECURITY AND ORGANIC FARMING AT HOSTELS UNDER ARCHDIOCESE OF GUWAHATI

Supported by KINDERMISSIONSWERK

Promotion of food security and organic farming project aims in promoting awareness on organic vegetable produce and its benefits amongst growing children. The designed activities of the project have been able to provide learning opportunities to the children on the method of organic farming and its benefits, and to have ready access to fresh home-grown chemical free vegetables for good health and immunity. The focused areas are the following:

- ✓ To reduce the dependence on external market of vegetables and fruits needed for daily consumption of hostel inmates.
- ✓ To impart skill-oriented training on sustainable agriculture and other allied subjects to the targeted school children.
- ✓ To equip the targeted schools' children with knowledge in organic farming including soil fertility and land productivity, making bio-pesticides and other such agricultural related inputs.
- ✓ To add to income through production of quality produce and reducing purchase cost of vegetables and fruits from external markets.

PROJECT LOCATION

State: Assam

Hostel: 26 Hostels

District: Kamrup (M), Baksa, Goalpara, Morigaon, Nogaon & Hojai

Beneficiary: 837 Children

ACTIVITIES

1. Developing Seed Banks

Developing seed bank in every target hostel was a part of project intervention which aimed to provide the children with opportunities to learn the traditional methods and process of preserving varieties of seeds. The project activity intervention helped the target hostels to ensure availability of local seeds through the year.



2. Distribution of Seedlings

Seasonal Vegetable Seeds were distributed in 26 target hostels to facilitate organic farming and active involvement of hostel children. It encouraged the children to engage themselves along with the farm support staff in preparing nurseries, transplantation, weeding, irrigation, manure as well as seeds preservation.



3. Staff Capacity Building

Two days staff capacity building programme was organized for the project team and 26 farm support staff to give more clarity on the basic concepts of organic and inorganic farming, nutritious garden, preparation of organic manure and bio-pesticide, production of chemical free vegetable, pulse and fruits. The programme was facilitated by Dr. D. N. Dutta, the Agri-Consultant and Mr. Pabitra Sangma, the project coordinator.



4. Training cum Demonstration on Organic Farming

Two days practical demonstrations on organic farming amongst the target hostel children was organized to provide learning on organic farming and its methods, preparation of bio-pest, seed preservation, and ill effects of inorganic farming. The project staff animated the target groups to improve their knowledge on various topics of the session.



5. Exposure Trip to Local Model Organic Farm

The beneficiary hostel children were given opportunity to visit Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in the districts of Nogaon and Nalbari. The exposure visit was organized by the project team for the children to provide a learning experience of organic farming methods. The children and farm support staff were exposed to the organic farm units. Consequently, they could gain knowledge on vermin compost unit, azolla cultivation unit, green manure unit, seed preservation, using of green net and shed net in agriculture as well as bio-pest control system and soil testing laboratory.



6. Field Monitoring Visit

Regular field monitoring visit was made by the project staff, Agri-Consultant and the Director to check the progress of project implementation.



ACHIEVEMENTS

- The target children of 26 hostels have gained knowledge on the importance of organic farming and healthy food consumption. They are showing keen interest to participate in various process of organic farming and to learn its related new methods.
- Children have become familiar with varieties of seasonal seeds and saplings, and their traditional methods of preserving seeds.
- The target children are able to consume organic and nutritious food for their healthy growth and good health.
- The target hostel authorities are able reduce purchase cost of vegetables and fruits without depending on the external markets.

SHELTER: TRIBAL WIDOWS' PROGRAMME, GOALPARA DISTRICT, ASSAM

Supported by MANOS UNIDAS

Shelter- Tribal Widows' Programme was a pilot project implemented by Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) to address problems of widows exclusively. The main focus point was an integrated development of 103 targeted beneficiary widows belonging to BPL families. The activities of project were designed to create awareness, capacitate on need based and viable income activities, impart required knowledge on various government schemes available, improve socio-economic conditions of widows' families, and empower them to live a dignified life.

PROJECT LOCATION

State: Assam

Block: Balijana

Beneficiary: 103 Widows' Families.

District: Goalpara

Village: 15 Village

ACTIVITIES

1. Workshop on Leadership

Workshop on leadership was conducted for four days from 18th to 21st January 2021 to enable 103 target widows to develop basic leadership quality as they lead their families. Mr. Sanjay and Fr. Lamprang were invited as resource persons to facilitate the workshop.



2. Seminar on Saving Habits

One day animation on saving habit was conducted on 24th February 2021 to motivate the target beneficiary widows on the importance of cultivating a saving habit. Mr. Bibekananda Saraker, the senior branch manager of LIC and Mr. Prutul Bora facilitated the seminar on saving habit.



3. Seminar on Opening Saving Account

One day awareness programme on opening saving bank account was organized on 24th March 2021 to bring awareness amongst targeted 103 widows especially the importance and need to create a personal saving bank account. Mr. Rofiquil Islam and Mr. Elias Lakra from SBI were invited as resource persons to animate the widows.



4. Staff Capacity Building

Capacity Building Training was conducted from 2nd to 5th February, 2021 to enhance and motivate project team to be more effective in implementing project activities towards its desired results. They were capacitated to learn knowledge and skills on maintaining proper record and documentation, developing self-confidence, leadership quality, rapport building with target widows and other stakeholders of project location. Fr. Patrick Nayak and Sr. Anita facilitated the training programme.



5. One Time Livelihood Support

103 beneficiary widows received Rs. 6000/- each in their personal saving bank accounts as one time livelihood finance support to initiate different income generation activities to improve their family economic conditions. They have chosen various workable IGAs such as rearing animal livestock, running a mini shop, weaving, handloom and handicrafts etc.



6. Training on Livestock Rearing

Training on livestock rearing for 103 widows was organized to enhance their knowledge on scientific methods of rearing livestock. The relevant knowledge on different breeds of livestock and profitable income generation depending on breed was shared by the resource persons. Dr. Kalyan Patak and Dr. A. N. Islam, the veterinary doctors from Goalpara Hospital were invited as resource persons to facilitate the learning of beneficiary widows.



8. Celebration of Importance Events

Important Events of Internationally Declared Days were celebrated in the project location for the beneficiary widows. The observation of such important days brought awareness significant days amongst the participant widows and other women of the villages. The celebration provided occasions for common gathering of women and to learn basic knowledge of human rights, especially the rights and dignity of women and girl child, equality of men and women in the family and society from the relevant topics shared by the prominent invitees. Ms. Protima Das, Mrs. Binua Rabha, Mrs. Nazamoon Nihar and Mrs. Kaveri Dalu were invited to be the resource persons of the day.



13. Family Visit

The project staff made regular family visit during the project period to assist the beneficiary widows and to enhance their understanding on the socio-economic life of the widows' families.



14. Monthly Review Meeting

Monthly Review Meeting was conducted regularly by the project staff to check the progress of project implementation and to make appropriate action plans for the achievement of desired results.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The results of project activities of Shelter Project for BPL tribal widows have enhanced the capacity of target widows to improve the socio-economic conditions of their families. The widows are motivated to inculcate leadership quality and saving habits. They have opened personal saving bank accounts to save money for future requirements. They have taken various viable IGAs programme to increase income for their families with the help of one-time livelihood financial support and the knowledge and skills gained from various trainings on livestock rearing, tailoring, embroidery and weaving etc. The beneficiary widows have improved their knowledge on various human rights and supportive laws for women, especially fundamental rights and dignity of women, freedom and equality, rights and protection from domestic violence, abuse and sexual harassment etc.

Global Program India: Poverty Reduction and Food Security, Promoting Social Inclusion of Marginalized Groups as well as Increasing the Resilience to Disasters in High-Risk Areas, BMZ

Supported By Caritas Germany

Global Program India is a new project which Guwahati Gana Seva Society has initiated with the support of Caritas Germany in the flood prone areas of 20 revenue villages of Mayong and Laharighat blocks, Morigaon District. Overall development objective of the project aims on poverty reduction, food security and promotion of social inclusion of marginalized groups and increasing resilience to disasters in high-risk areas.

Project Location

State: Assam

Blocks: Mayong & Laharighat

Village: 20 Revenue Villages

Population: 30920

District: Morigaon

Panchayat: 8

Household: 5517

ACTIVITIES

1. Baseline Survey & Focussed Group Discussion

Project Staff conducted baseline survey over 130 households of 20 revenue villages as a sample study to gather information on flood condition in the villages. Three focused group discussions were also organized to prioritize the crucial issues for the community.



2. Mobilization of Village Communities Through Public Information Campaign

The project team motivated the village communities to participate at Gram Sabha held at Gram Panchayat as well as created awareness on the government schemes available by organizing mobilization of village communities through public information campaign in 20 villages of Morigaon district under 2 blocks (Mayong and Laharighat) of 8 panchayats.



3. Project Launching

Project Launching of Global Program India was held at District Commissioners' Conference Hall, Morigaon District. Mr. Ringkhang Muchahary, the ADC was present for the programme as a chief guest along with the DDMA Mrs. Ranju Saikia, Kushtoli Panchayat President Mr. Rajen Senapati, the Caritas India representative Mr. Sebastian Thangsha. The ASHA and Anganwadi workers, and several other active volunteers also participated the programme.



4. Coordination Meetings at Gram Panchayat, Block and District Level

Coordination Meetings were organized in different panchayats to build up a good rapport with the PRI (Panchayat Raj Institution) members and to have better coordination with them in implementing the project activities towards the achievement of desired results.



5. Participatory Disaster Risk Assessment

Disaster Risk Assessment was conducted in every target village (20 villages) to assess the situation of the communities and to gather information from the process especially vulnerability, risk areas, resources



and capacity of the community. The assessment process enabled the project team for developing action plans in every village and submit them in Gram Panchayat.

6. Preparatory Training at Panchayat Level

Preparatory training at panchayat level was organized to provide orientation for the community leaders, PRI members and staff on the technical and methodological aspect of developing action plan. As a result, 20 action plans were submitted at Gram Panchayat during Gram Sabha on 2nd October 2021.



7. Strengthening Inter – Agency Group

Two times Inter – Agency Group meetings were conducted during first year project period with the aim of strengthening good relationship with different NGOs working in the district. There were 40 participants from five NGOs who participated the meetings.



8. Task Force Volunteer Training and Mock Drill

Training of task force volunteers of target villages and mock drill exercise programme was organized with the help of resource persons from NDRF of Morigaon District. The main objective was to impart knowledge on the importance of sustaining taskforce team in every disaster-prone village, as well as to motivate and enhance knowledge on various lifesaving skills and knowledge on preparedness for pre, post and during disaster. The lifejackets, lifebuoys and first aid kits etc. were also distributed to equip the task force team during disaster response in their village set up.



ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The project implementation enabled the NGO to establish a good rapport with local government administrations such as panchayats, blocks and district level.
2. The communities of the project villages are made aware of the risk elements, vulnerability and capacity /resource available through the Participatory Risk Assessment exercise.
3. 20 task force groups are formed and trained on life saving skills. They are also given lifesaving kits containing lifejackets, lifebuoys, first aid kits etc. to render quick response during disaster moment at the village set up.

PROMOTION OF FARMERS PRODUCER ORGANISATION (FPOs) On PIGGERY IN TAMULPUR BLOCK, BASKSA DISTRICT (BASUNDHARA)

Follow Up Activities

Guwahati Gana Seva Society works closely with the rural village farmers to empower and enhance their economic conditions. BASUNDHARA is a Farmers Producer Organization which was registered by the farmers with the support of GGSS during the project period. The beneficiaries of farmers producer organization need external support in order to update their knowledge and build their efficiency. Therefore, GGSS working staff continues to follow up the functioning of the farmers' organization. They also conduct follow up programmes to strengthen the capacities of the members of the farmer producer organization. The following activities were conducted by the working staff to help and support the farmers producer organization.

Activity Location

Baksa District, Assam

ACTIVITIES

1. Mobilization of Farmers
2. Livestock Insurance
3. Composite Farm
4. Monitoring and Field Visit
5. Monthly Review Meeting

Activity Photos



POHAR – THE EDUCATION AID

Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS)

Guwahati Gana Seva Society extends its help and support to the children of economically backward families through POHAR – The Education Aid. The main objective of its mission is to provide a minimum basic financial support to poor students who find difficult to afford for their educational expenses. Every year needy students are selected from different institutions and supported with Rs. 5000/- each. In the academic 2021, GGSS has extended its financial help to 21 students of 7 educational institutions of the Archdiocese of Guwahati.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR 2021

S/no	District	Parish	Name of the School	Name of the Student
1	Baksa	Tamulpur	St Xavier's High School	Gabriel Tudu
2				Anushia Baxla
3				Abraham Murmu
4		Nagrijuli	St. Jude's English Medium School	Rajib Khalkho
5				Rupam Murmu
6				Lukash Khalkho
7		Goreswar	St. Ambrose School	Manisha Boro
8				Shibani H. Basumatary
9				Susana Marak
10	Goalpara	Rangjuli,	St. Francis of Assisi School	Acnasiush Sangma
11				Francis A Marak
12				Pangsrang Sangma
13				Breni Marak
14		Panishali	St. Paul's High School	Grikna Saniti Marak
15				Jonitha Sangma
16				Nikganchi K Sangma
17	Kamrup Rural	Chaygaon	St. Louis School	Walnira D Sangma
18				Silchi Ch. Sangma
19				Bhabisto Marak
20	Morigaon	Amsoi	St. Vincent's high School	Anysia Beypi
21				George Angtuk Kro

Humanitarian Response Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown 2021 (Phase – I) Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS)

The sudden outbreak of covid-19 pandemic and its consequent lockdown period had paralyzed the normal socio-economic lives of the people all over the world. The deadly effect of pandemic had caused a great economic crisis amongst many middle class and poor families in the state. Moreover, the lockdown period had aggravated the economic crisis leading to measurable conditions of family economy for many economically poor families, daily labourers, small businessmen etc. At this juncture, Guwahati Gana Seva Society (GGSS) took initiative to reach out those needy families with the dry ration kits, medical kits, sanitizers and masks etc. The organization carried out emergency relief response to support those suffering brothers and sisters within the Archdiocese in different intervals during this crisis period. Through this humanitarian response to covid-19 pandemic, GGSS supported 1260 families to face the economic crisis created by the pandemic.

St. Sebastian Church, Matia 5th June 2021 300 Families – Food Kits



St. Thomas Church, Balukdubi 12th June 2021 340 Families – Food Kits



Christ Jyoti School, Silchang
17th June 2021
300 Families – Food Kits



St. Alphonsa Parish, Tilapara
16th June 2021
320 Families – Food Kits



St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Matia -Majerpuri
18th June 2021
110 Families – Food Kits



Financial Report: 2020 -2021

GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,
G.N.B. ROAD, AMBARI, GUWAHATI : ASSAM

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2021

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Project Expenses (Sch A)	1,02,06,219.52
Cash in Hand	18,699.00		
Cash at Bank	30,43,401.51	" Programme Expenses	
Fixed Deposit	11,37,188.00	Staff Capacity Building Training	30,000.00
Advances	2,02,762.00	Workshop on Strategy Planning	12,500.00
" TDS Receivable	14,414.00	Staff Capacity Building Training(NEDSS)	12,300.00
	44,16,464.51		54,800.00
" Project Receipts (Sch- A)	1,08,63,225.00	" Other Expenses	
" General Donation	1,66,500.00	Salary & Wages	63,340.00
" Other Income	3,000.00	Telephone & Internet Expenses	14,234.22
		Duty , Taxes & professional Fees	59,525.00
" Interest Received		Electricity Expenses	40,877.00
SB Interest	95,773.00	Office Contingency	12,892.00
FD Interest	78,044.00	Traveling Expenses	100.00
Interest on TDS Refund	1,029.00	Vehicle Running & Maintenance	50,184.00
	1,74,846.00	Computer Maintenance	8,140.00
		Printing & Stationery	57.00
		Newspaper & periodicals	2,911.00
		Bank Charges	333.94
		Functions & celebration	10,041.00
		General Expenses	24,612.00
			2,87,247.16
		" Closing Balance	
		Cash in Hand	6,870.00
		Cash at Bank	38,44,893.83
		Fixed Deposit	12,09,312.00
		TDS Receivable	14,693.00
			50,75,768.83
Total (Rs.)	1,56,24,035.51	Total (Rs.)	1,56,24,035.51

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
GUWAHATI GANA SEVA SOCIETY,

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE
FOR: H.K. AGRAWALA & ASSOCIATES
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN-319293E

PLACE : GUWAHATI
DATE : 31.08.2021

CA. SUDIPA ACHARJEE
PARTNER
MEMBERSHIP NO.: 305209

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2021

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (Rs.)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
GENERAL FUND		FIXED ASSETS	
Opening Balance	19,07,043.11	(As per Schedule 'B')	6,56,673.00
Less: Net Deficit Transferred to General Fund	1,98,163.16	INVESTMENT	
	17,08,879.95	Fixed Deposit	12,09,312.00
PROJECT FUND		LOANS & ADVANCES	
(As per Schedule A)	40,23,561.88	TDS Receivable	14,693.00
		CURRENT ASSETS	
		Cash-in-hand	6,870.00
		Cash-at-Bank	38,44,893.83
			38,51,763.83
Total (Rs.)	57,32,441.83	Total (Rs.)	57,32,441.83

SCHEDULE 'C' OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES & NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

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