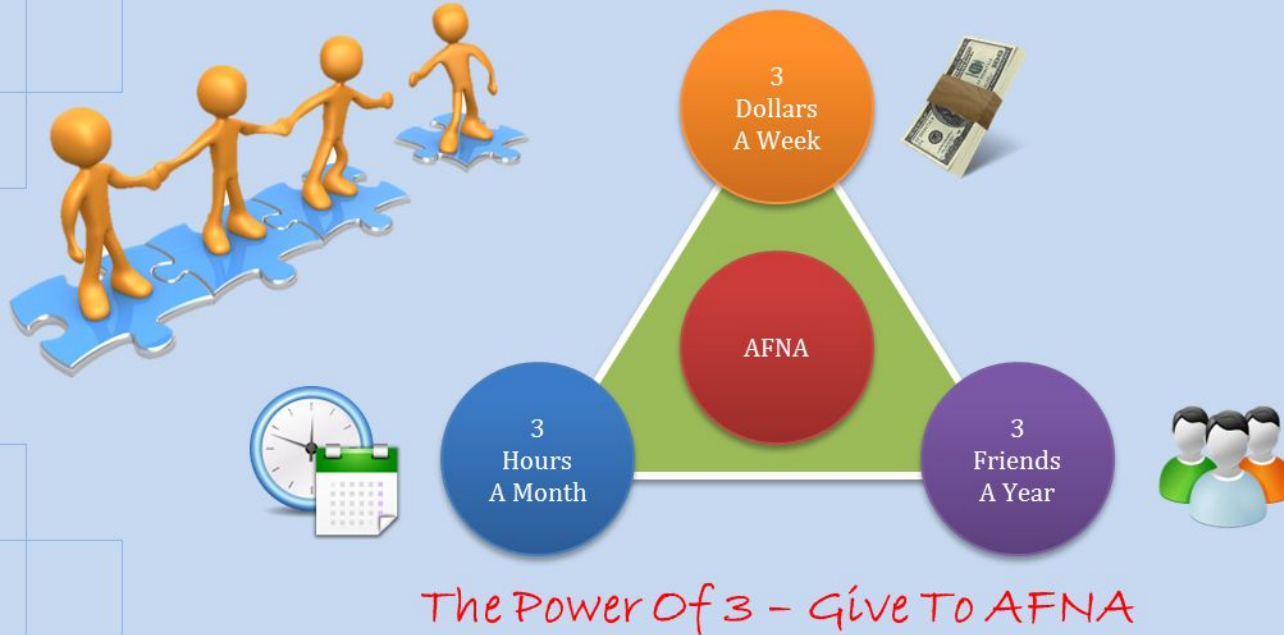


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2014 General Body Meeting

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Achievements - 12 month overview

Projects focus

- **Education** of underprivileged students
- **Income-generation** programs for the poor
- Empowering the **disabled**

Operational focus

- **Good governance** (IRS, FCRA, ...)
- Decentralization: **steward model** for projects
- Grow **volunteer** base

Achievements:

- ❖ Grew **existing initiatives** (SAC, ANEC, SLP, ...)
- ❖ Honored **partners** (Swabalambi, Friendship Day)
- ❖ Launched **new initiatives** (AKADAMICS, SIPA, ...)

Additionally: helped with **natural disasters** (US, Assam, ...)



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Achievements - Grew existing initiatives

★ Support A Child (SAC):

- Supported over **90** at-risk students in Parijat Academy, Pragyalaya, SHED, Tapoban, Sanjeevani and others
- Adding another **23** at-risk students pending formalities; *includes 16 children affected by 2012 Dhubri cyclone* (new region for SAC)

★ Atma Nirbhar ek Challenge

- Continued support to this org to provide employment for **38** disabled workers in Guwahati

★ Solar Light - Power To People

- Partnered with Center for Rural Development (CRD) to initiate easy Lease-to-Own schemes to distribute Solar Lamp kits to **40+** rickshaw-puller families

★ SHED

- Support for classroom and ringwell construction for this school for **24** disabled children and orphans in Sonapur



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Achievements - Honored project partners

★ Nominated Swabalambi founder who won International Creativity award

- Nominee: *Suchismita Majumdar*, founder of Swabalambi, a Guwahati-based NGO focused on disabled rights
- Won the *2013 Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life* awarded by the Geneva-based Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF)

★ Friends magazine and Friendship Day

- Sponsored by AFNA and published by FASS, Friends is an inspirational magazine and stories with a focus on Assam
- Organized and celebrated Friendship Day in Assam to honor social workers, artists and artisans



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Achievements - New initiatives

BPL Book Distribution	Donated guidebooks to 225 below-poverty-line (BPL) students in 16 schools preparing for 2015 matric exams
Shishu Sarothi	Discussing progress on disability rights in the US and India
RGVN / Fertile Ground	WBMM raised money to support women weavers, farmers, tea growers and protect local seeds and cultural practices
TeachAIDS	Assisting with Assamese version of digital animation of award-winning AIDS awareness content from Stanford Univ.
Hour of Code Assam	2-week computer programming class to Parijat Academy class-9 students in Dec 2013 inspired by US Hour of Code

Fundraising initiatives:

- **AFNA Work-An-Hour:** Donate 1 hour of income during Rongali Bihu season
- **Typhoon Haiyan:** NJ event raised funds showed *local partnering* potential
- **Amazon Smile smile.amazon.com:** Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to AFNA - no cost to you



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Achievements - Helped with natural disasters

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★ Donated to Red Cross to support affected communities after natural disasters

- 2014 **Washington state** deadly landslide
- 2013 **Typhoon Haiyan** in the **Philippines**

New Jersey initiative in partnership with the Asian Connection for Employees (ACE) Business Resource Group of PPL Corporation



★ Flood Relief in Assam

- Began support for 2014 flood season (*next slide*)



Urgent Appeal - Flood Relief Assam

AFNA has identified Dhemaji-based **Rural Volunteers Centre (RVC)**, an NGO with a track-record of saving lives in Assam's annual floods

- AFNA sent \$1200 in June: this buys 50 **bio-sand filters** to purify drinking water contaminated by flood waters
- RVC needs additional \$2000 to buy **country boats** and to **conduct mock drills** to save lives
- **IMPACT:** will ensure the safety of **1000 people** in Dhemaji district



Please **donate generously** towards the **\$2000** by **July 31**

*Donation options: **Check** to 'AFNA' (memo: 'FRA') or **Online** (Paypal) at our website*



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Highlighted initiatives launched this year

AKADAMICS

*Separate deep-dive session
scheduled*



- EIGHT college scholarships awarded in 2014-2015
- Recipients pursuing bachelor's degree in science as well as arts study areas
- Recipients will continue to be awarded financial and mentoring support until they complete their bachelor's degrees
- 5 male and 3 female recipients this year
- Large number of applicants bearing excellent academic performances with significant financial challenges; demonstrates the need for financial support to these worthy students

SIPA

- High-school Summer Internship Program in Assam
- Purpose: increase career awareness among students
- Pilot program completed in May 2014
- FOUR high-school students attended:
 - 3 from *Parijat Academy*, Guwahati
 - 1 from *Prajnalaya*, Titabor (stayed at Parijat)
- TWO Guwahati-based companies hosted:
 - *CRD, NEHERBS*
- At end, students gave positive feedback to team and partners via Skype call; demonstrates continued need



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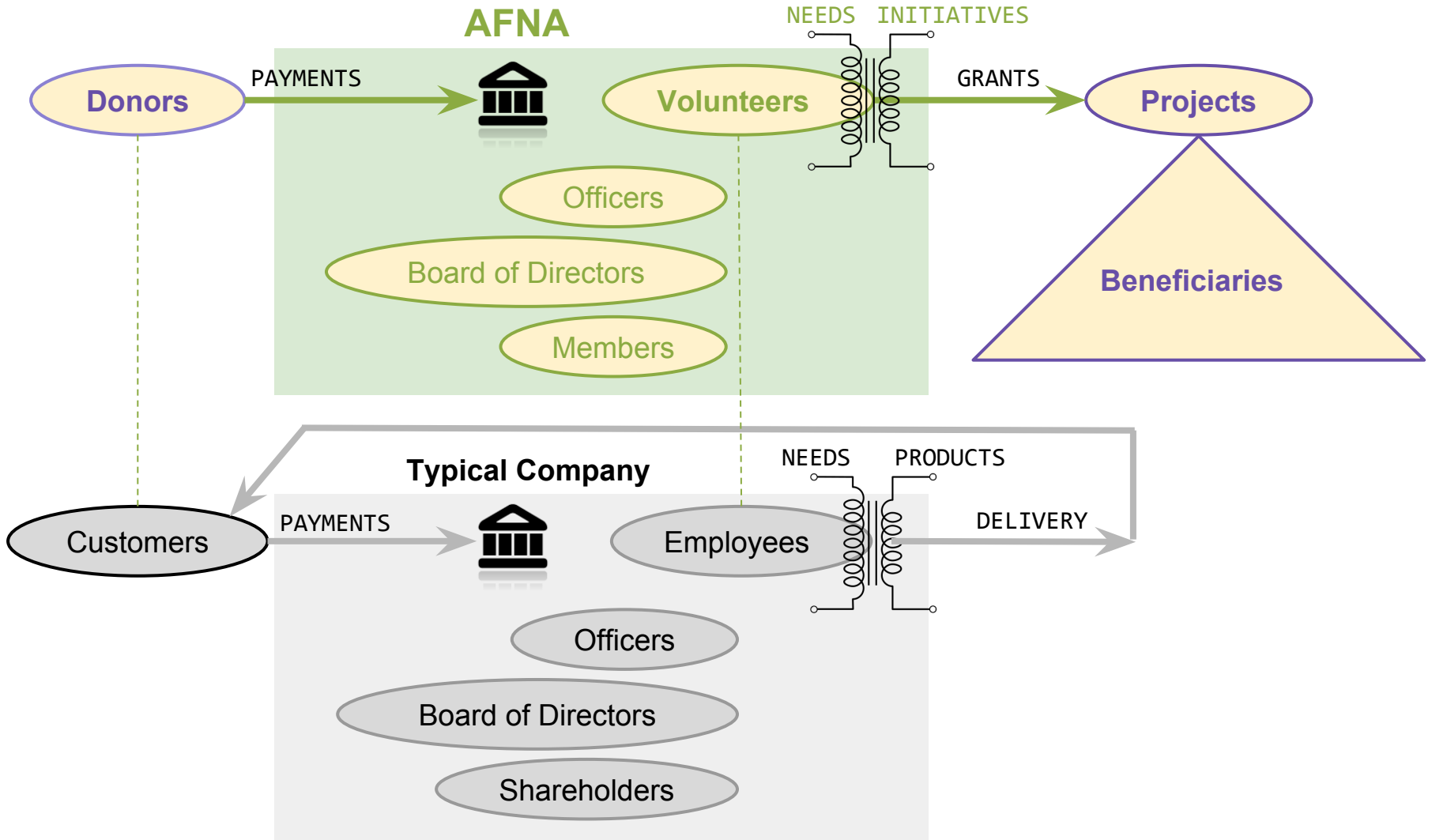
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Our Operating Model



Financials - 2013 Balance Sheet

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Financials - 2014 Balance Sheet** (Half year)

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Election of Officers - Nominees

- President - **Pallav Saikia**, San Francisco CA
- Secretary - **Pallav “Ritu” Bordoloi**, NJ
- Treasurer - **Sarfaraz “Reza” Taher**, Minneapolis MN
- Assistant Treasurer - **Ritesh Chakravorty**, Detroit MI
- Web Team Coordinator - **Chiranjit Bordoloi**, Detroit MI

New AFNA role:

Financial Advisor: shall advise the treasurer and the board of directors periodically on request related to financial matters pertaining to AFNA

- Nominee - **Dora Rajkhowa**, Seattle WA
- Brief bio - Certified Public Accountant for more than 15 years. Varied background includes experience in corporate audit, internal audit, management accounting, and nonprofit accounting. Treasurer for the Eastside Audubon Society since 2012.

Nomination committee appreciates the support from all members and volunteer for nomination, support and suggestion in preparing this slate.



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Election of Directors - Nominees

- **Ankur Bora, TX**
- **Debojit Borah, San Diego CA**
- **Enakshi Baruah, Chicago IL**
- **Smita Baruah, Washington DC**
- **Niren Choudhury, NJ**
- **Krishanu Kaushik, Detroit MI**
- **Satyajit Nath, Seattle WA**

Many thanks to the outgoing Directors for their outstanding service to AFNA:

- **Nripen Baruah, NY**
- **Anu Bora, VA**
- **Binoy Bordoloi, NJ**
- **Jib Talukdar, Canada**

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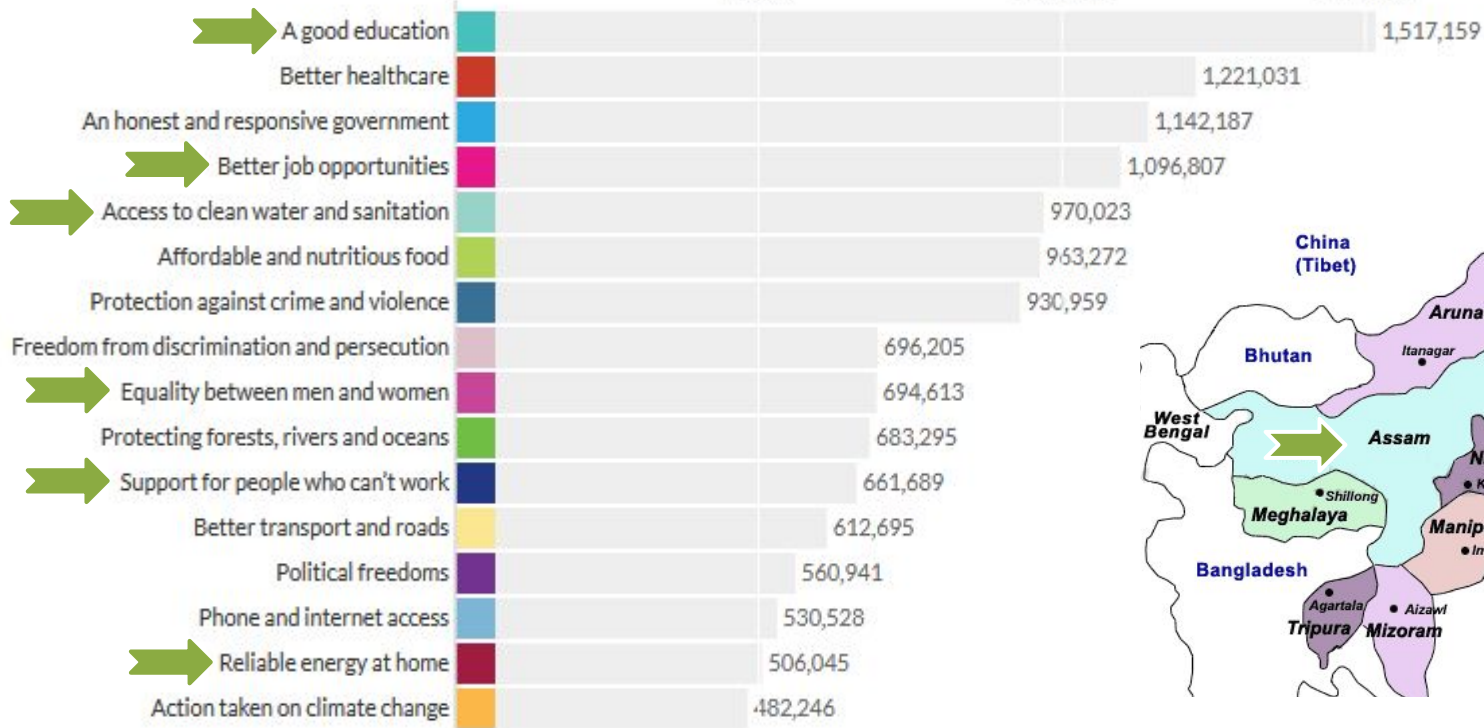
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Vision discussion

1. Review the development objectives AFNA **currently** works on (➡)
2. For each objective we currently work on, what should we do more of?
3. Should we work on other objectives too?
4. Identify concrete steps to achieve any additional scope from above

Top development objectives: [Source: UN 2014]

(Note: AFNA perspective: for *all* people - disabled and non-disabled)



Call for active volunteers

Locations of currently active AFNA volunteers (in green below)



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Q&A



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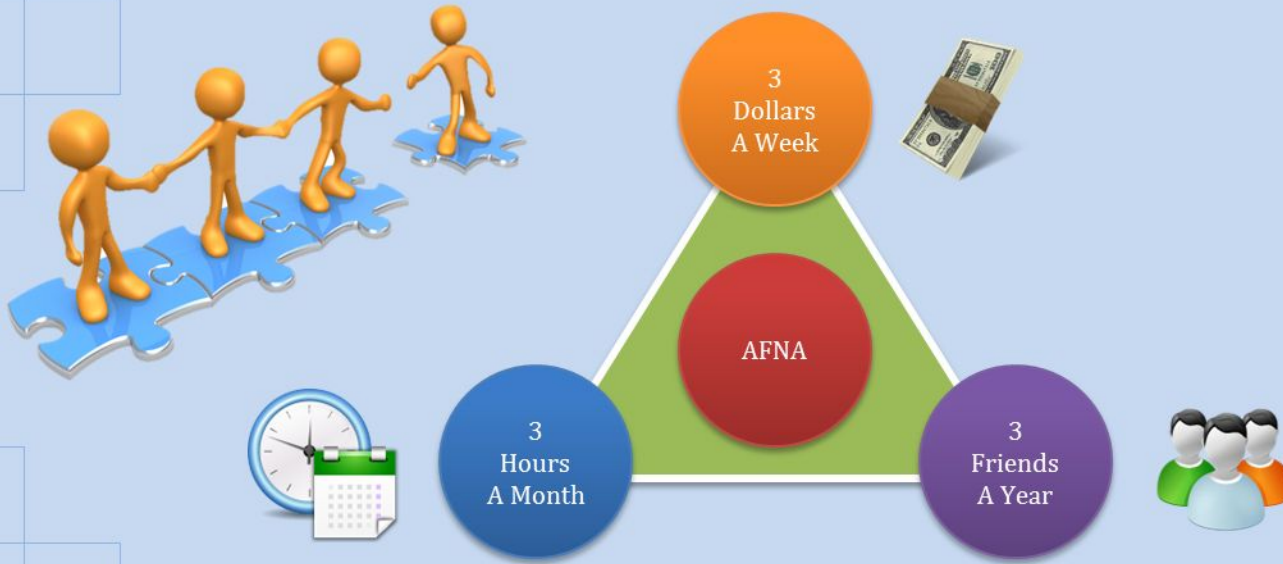
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