

Annual Report Presentation 2015 General Body Meeting

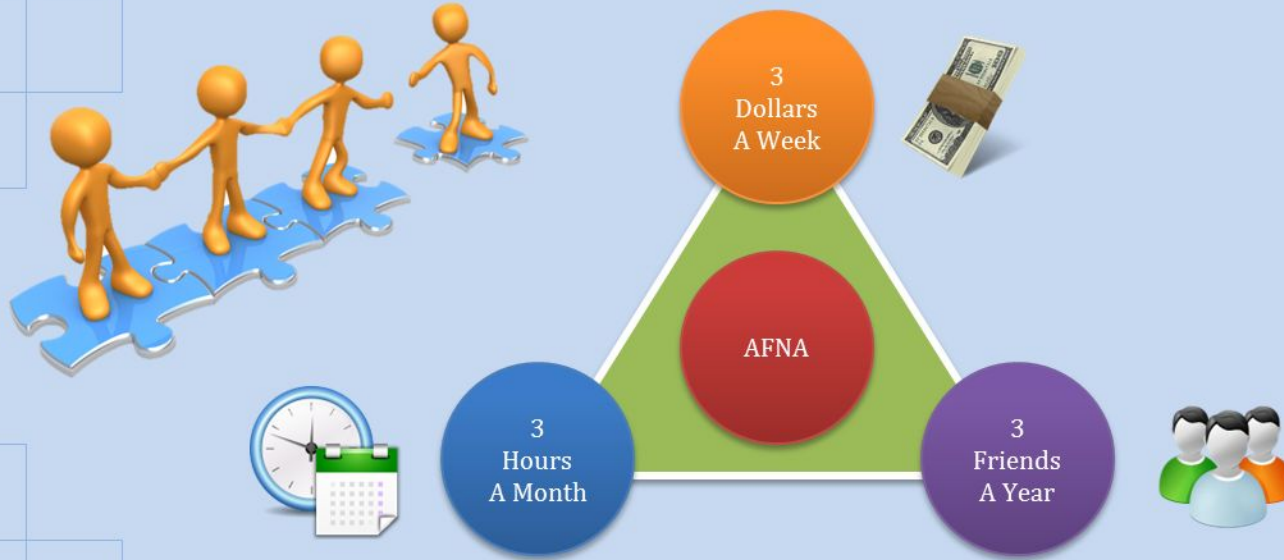
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Agenda

1. Last year in review
 - a. Projects Highlights
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2. Nomination and Election
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 - b. BoD members
3. Roadmap
 - a. Vision
 - b. Volunteering
 - c. Membership
 - d. Donors



Highlights

Focus area: Education



★ Support A Child (SAC):

- Supported over **90** at-risk students in Parijat Academy, Pragyalaya, SHED, Tapoban and others

★ AKADAMICS:

- 8 College scholarships were given last year
- 2200 applications received this year
- Another 20 scholarships will be added from current year



★ SHED

- Provided funds to supplement on top of fund provided by Asha for Education, Seattle to build a concrete kitchen
- The school is expanding to additional hostellers and day scholars with special needs



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Highlights

Focus area: Employment Generation

★ Atma Nirbhar ek Challenge

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

★ Swabalambi

- Sponsored 8 master artisans to enable them to buy tools and train other artisans



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Highlights



Focus area: Disaster Rehabilitation & Preparedness

★ RVC, Dhemaji District

- Provided \$1200 to build bio-sand filter for drinking water supply during flood
- Provided \$2000 to procure 5 country boats that rescued more than 500 people during the floods

★ Flood rehabilitation, Agia, Goalpara

- Worked with Purbanchal Social Circle (PSC) & Center For Rural Development (CRD) to conduct quick assessment on damage caused by late season flash flood in Agia block
- Provided \$10,000 to restore livelihood of 400+ families in 6 villages that included buying handloom equipments, livestock and repairing homes

★ Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund, Save The Children

- Raised and donated \$1660 to Save The Children that worked directly on Earthquake Relief in Nepal



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Focus area: Health & Nutrition

★ RVC

- Very high Maternal Mortality Rate in Assam and specifically in pockets of Assam
- Selected an area of 10 villages where the MMR is 18 times of India's national average
- Building community awareness around social practices and nutritional needs



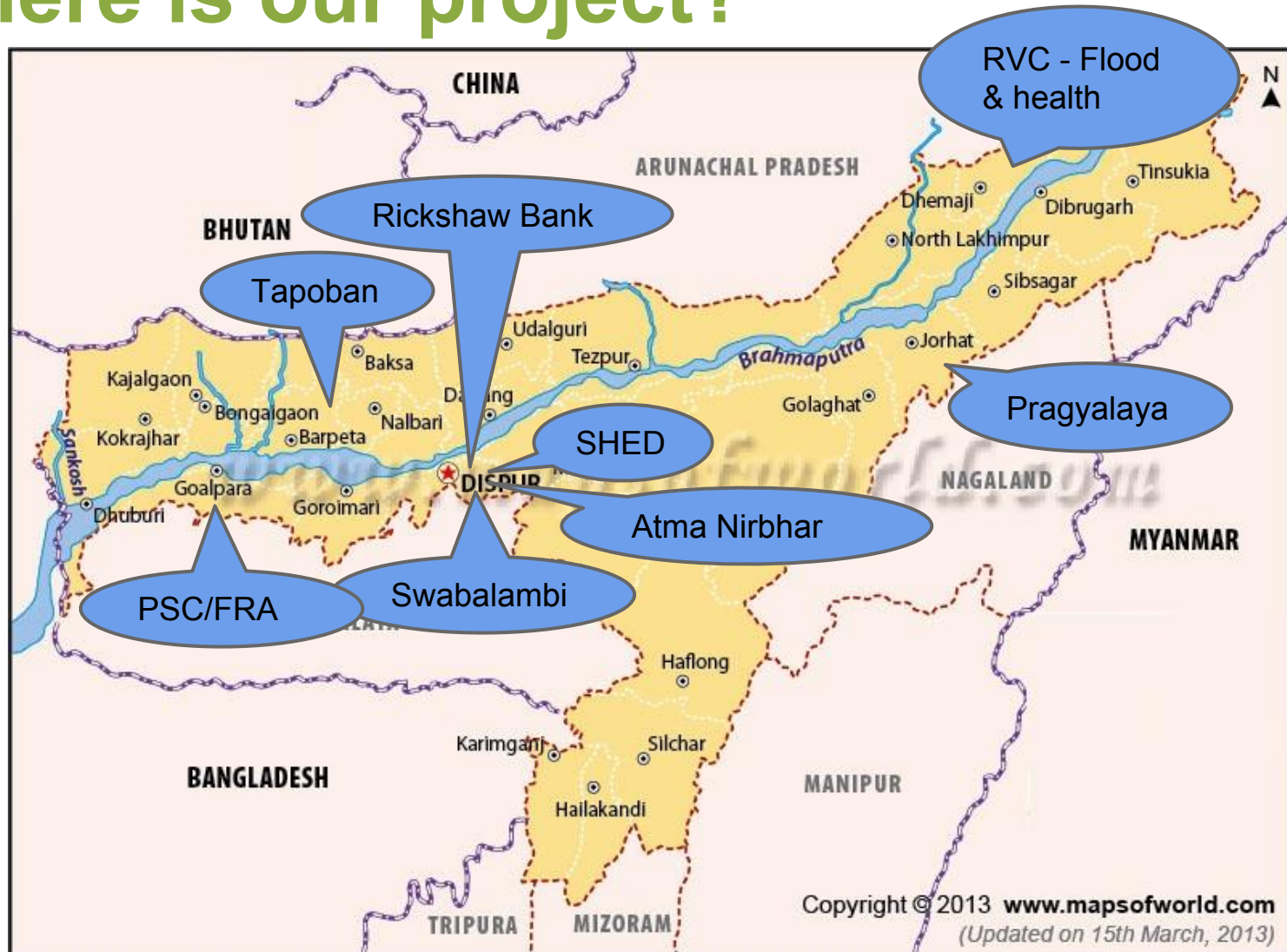
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Where is our project?



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Fundraising Events

Papon & The EIC in San Francisco	AFNA along with AID sponsored the fund raising event that provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exposure to Assamese music to Bay Area crowd• Raised ~\$5000 for AFNA
Dance For A Cause	Sattriya Dance Company, Philadelphia organized a multitude of dance performances to raise funds for Flood rehabilitation in Agia, Goalpara
RGVN / Fertile Ground	WBMM raised money to support women weavers, farmers, tea growers and protect local seeds and cultural practices
AFNA Calendar	We continue to bring our yearly calendar that bring memories from Assam and build awareness for our projects
AFNA Work-An-Hour	We continue our WAH drive every Rongali Bihu across USA



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Thank you volunteers!!

Your contribution is priceless...



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Financials - 2014 Balance Sheet

If you are interested, please reach out to treasurer@assamfoundation.net for a copy of this portion.

Also, please note that our IRS returns are part of public records hosted by IRS.



Financials - 2015 Balance Sheet** (Half year)

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**Bank Balance (as of 6/30/2015): \$36,715.14



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Nomination



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Election of Secretary

Nominee - Lipika Deka, Gilroy, CA

Brief bio - Dr. Lipika Deka is from Guwahati, Assam. Dr. Deka is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at California State University, Monterey Bay. She lives in Gilroy of San Francisco Bay Area.

She is interested in making a difference in Assam by providing support in various ways for projects involving education of children and underprivileged population of Assam. Through the university she works with students in greater Salinas area (in California) coming from Hispanic and underrepresented backgrounds to help them complete their college degrees successfully and pursue a career better than their parent's generation.



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Election of Directors - Nominees



Krishanu Kaushik, MI
Chairman of Board



Debojit Borah, CA



Ankur Bora, TX



Sarfaraz Taher, MN



Enakshi Baruah, IL



Niren Choudhury, NJ



Binoy Bordoloi, NJ



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Outgoing Directors

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

- **Satyajit Nath**, Seattle WA
- **Smita Baruah**, Washington DC

A BIG Thank you to Satyajit (da) Nath who had been our pillar of strength, our guide in all aspect and our source of ideas. He is a volunteer with unlimited energy and passion. He was in our Board for last 5 years and was our President for 4 years. We will miss him in the Board but I am sure he will continue volunteering with same zeal.



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Roadmap



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Vision

Project focus

- **Education** of underprivileged students
- **Income-generation** programs for the poor
- Access to **quality health care and nutrition**
- **Disaster readiness & rehabilitation**

Operational focus

- Decentralization: **steward model** for projects
- Grow **volunteer** base
- **Foster partnership** with other NGOs & NPOs
- **Monthly Volunteer meeting** and newsletter
- **Grow membership** to meet administrative expenses



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Vision (continued..)

Program focus

- Financial assistance programs (scholarships and Capacity building)
- Mentorship program (for students and partners)
- Volunteer exchange and site visits
- Brand and awareness building
- Fundraising
- Disaster and Humanitarian Relief fund



We need: Active Volunteers

First step:

- Join the monthly volunteer calls : 1st Sunday every month, 1 hour
- Join the volunteer mailing list: afna-vols@freelists.org

Next step:

- ❖ Steward a particular project Or, just volunteer in any upcoming opportunity:
 - Work with our partners in Assam & USA to analyse needs and execute the project
 - Fund raising activities
- ❖ Share your experience, bring in expertise and opportunities
- ❖ Run awareness building & fundraising campaigns
- ❖ Help with operations
 - Website maintenance
 - Bookkeeping, donor management
 - Newsletter publishing



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We need: More Members

- Membership is \$25 every year, Calendar year
- Keeps our organizational structure in fair standing
- **Helps meet our administrative expenses so that we can pass on 100% of our donations to projects**

We need: Help with fundraising

- **Always explore employer matching grants.** We have many successfully going:
 - GE, Boston Scientific, Salesforce.com, Qualcomm, Microsoft to name a few
- **Explore retailer programs:**
 - Buy using smile.amazon.com instead of normal amazon.com . When you choose AFNA, we get 0.5% of the sale at no cost to you
 - eScripts
- **Explore Corporate grants**
- FYI: Donor receipts are sent out quarterly



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Need of the hour

* Community Preparedness Fund for the Assam floods *

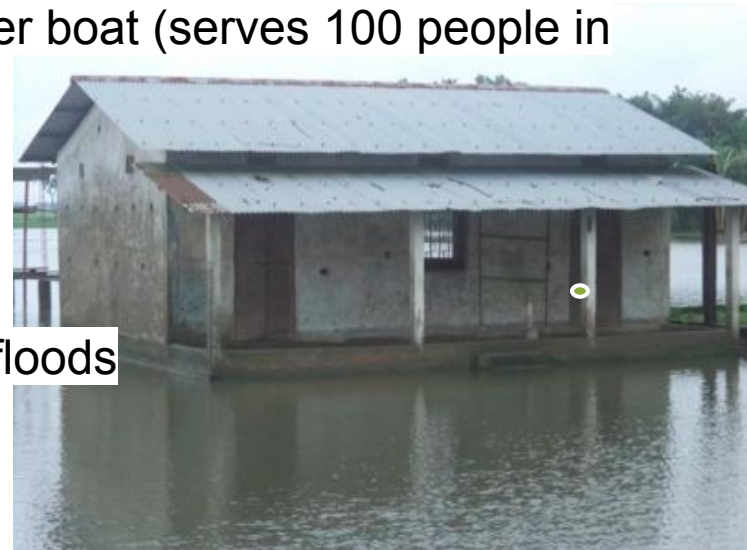
\$5500 needed for current season

For protecting/saving lives during floods:

- **Bio-sand filters for clean water:** \$30 per filter (serves 20 people) -> **Need 50 filters / \$1500**
- **Country boats for mobility & rescue:** \$400 per boat (serves 100 people in a flood season) -> **Need 5 boats /\$2000**

Build Child Friendly Spaces (CFS)

- Avoid disruptions to childhood by the floods
 - Alternative learning centers for the kids during floods
- > **Pilot project needs \$2000**



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Q&A



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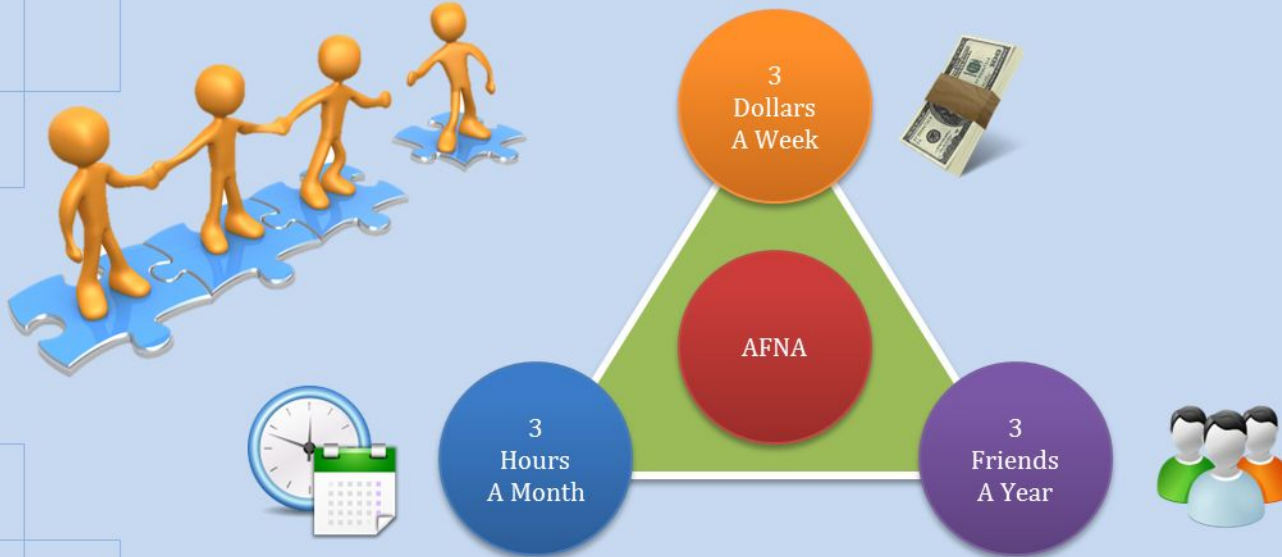
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Please take a moment to donate

- ❑ **Support a School Student: \$100 / year**
- ❑ **Support a College Student : \$150 / year**
- ❑ **Support A Disabled Worker / Artisan : \$500 / year**
- ❑ **Fund a Country Boat for mobility & rescue during floods : \$400**
- ❑ **Fund a Bio-sand filter for clean drinking water : \$30**
- ❑ **Let's build a Child Friendly Space in flood impacted villages : \$2000**
- ❑ **Donate to General Fund for utilization in any deserving project**



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Volunteer with us

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