

December 2014

Joint livelihood project work

Challenge: Flash floods in lower Assam in September 2014 caused extensive loss of livelihood and housing in villages near Agia, Goalpara district

Action taken: A joint livelihood restoration project was done with multiple NGO's in Assam with \$20,000 donated in total by Association for India's Development (AID) and AFNA

Impact: Over 300 severely impacted families were supplied within 8 weeks with handlooms, livestock, tin roofs, to restore their livelihood. Purbanchal Social Circle (PSC) and Centre for Rural Development (CRD) were key partner NGO's in this work



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Recent examples of our work

This booklet contains short summaries of some of our recent project work. Each project is led by a small team of AFNA volunteers, typically 2-3, who work closely with a partner NGO in Assam. AFNA's success is based on the dedication of these small volunteer teams and their trusted relationships with the NGO's in Assam.

We hope you will come forward to volunteer at AFNA to serve these and other projects in Assam. There are many deserving projects that need a helping hand.

Join us. Together we can.



AFNA is a US-based non-profit organization with a thirty-year history of volunteer-driven support of social development projects in Assam, a north-eastern state of India, and helping with charitable work in the US and abroad.

Our volunteers currently drive support for several projects covering education, livelihood, and disaster response.

June 2014

AKADAMICS project work

Challenge: Academically capable students in Assam were unable to start or continue their college education due to poverty

Action taken: Scholarships were provided by AFNA for 8 deserving students in Assam in the debut year of this project. The students (both boys and girls) were carefully selected by a respected student selection board based on detailed written applications.

Impact: The scholarships of those 8 students are assured by AFNA for the duration of their degree programs to ensure completion



Enabling Higher Education

June-August 2014

Flood Relief Assam (FRA) project work

Challenge: Stored drinking water supplies became contaminated by the rising flood waters. People were marooned in their homes due to quickly rising flood waters in Dhemaji district that resulted in widespread fatalities

Action taken: 50 well-designed and cost-effective biosand filters were deployed by Rural Volunteers Centre (RVC) in villages in the district with \$1400 donated by AFNA. 5 country boats were also acquired with \$2000 donated by AFNA

Impact: The water supply of over 1,000 people in those villages was secured and disease outbreak was controlled. Over 500 people were rescued by RVC using those country boats round-the-clock in the last floods. The boats have been included in the district's fleet for the 2015 flood season as well



September 2014

Support A Child (SAC) project work

Challenge: Children were at risk of dropping out of school due to family poverty

Action taken: As in prior years of this flagship project of AFNA, \$100 stipends were sent for several students with the help of many partner NGO's

Impact: The stipends helped 82 children across Assam stay on in school in the 2014/15 school year



October 2014

Swabalambi project work

Challenge: Disabled master artisans could not travel from their homes to teach their skills to other disabled adults in Dimoria block in Kamrup district

Action taken: 8 physically handicapped master artisans were given a stipend by Swabalambi with \$4800 donated by AFNA

Impact: Over 50 other disabled artisans were able to get regular training from these master artisans so that they can learn crucial skills necessary to ensure livelihood



October 2014

Atma Nirbhar Ek Challenge (ANEC) project work

Challenge: ANEC in Guwahati needed help with their work to provide financial security to disabled adults to work and live productive lives

Action taken: As in prior years, AFNA donated \$2800 to ANEC to help support its workers who do packaging of tea and other food items

Impact: ANEC was able to continue supporting 39 disabled adults with customized work in packaging to lead dignified lives



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SHED project work

Challenge: SHED, a school for disabled children outside Guwahati did not have pucca classrooms and lacked necessary hostel facilities for hearing impaired children

Action taken: 5 pucca classrooms, hostel facilities and kitchen/dining facility constructed with \$22,500 donated by Asha for Education Seattle chapter. AFNA supplemented with \$3,500 for roof and upkeep of the students

Impact: SHED is able to grow in capacity from 23 children in December 2014 to a projected 63 students by May 2015

