



Assam Flood Relief Campaign 2019 & Distribution of Food Items with One Day Meal for 500 Flood Victims

(A special documentary report)

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Tezpur, Sonitpur, Assam (India)

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Vote of thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our hearty thanks to each and everyone associated and for extending the required support to all of us at this campaign.

I also extend my thanks to all the Volunteers, be it individual or organisational or groups. Also, to all those who made the contribution and donated lending a helping hand.



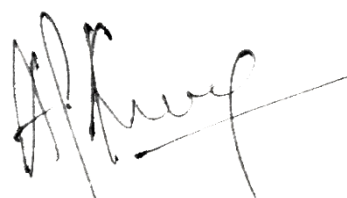
Well, this Flood Relief Campaign was successfully organised due to cooperation from everyone involved with it. The wheels start rolling weeks ago. It requires planning and a bird's eye for collecting as much participation possible. We have been fortunate enough to be backed by a team of very motivated and dedicated Volunteers (Individual, Organization)

The ray of satisfaction we saw in everyone's face after the completion of this campaign was admirable. I cannot thank everyone enough for their involvement and their willingness to take on the organisation and successful completion of this flood relief campaign beyond their comfort zone!

Special thanks to Research Scholar & Students of Tezpur University, Barika Chuburi Mahila Samiti, Polofield Jagriti Mahila Samiti, Dekargaon Gaon Panchayat, Tora Atmo Sahayak Got, Somu Bamungaon Bakhi Raiz, GIMT, Tezpur, SIP Abacus, Tezpur, Foodie Assam & Dip Kumar Kalita for showing trust on me and giving me this opportunity to serve my society.

The success of this campaign goes to collective effort and dedication.

Thanking you



Amit Raj Konwar
Founder Secretary/ Director/ CEO
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Aim: To support Flood Victims and provide them necessary items

Introduction

According to the reports of Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA).The flood situation in Assam worsens as over 30.55 lakh people of the 18 of the 33 districts are affected by the deluge in the state.



A population of 21.68 lakh of 1716 villages in 56 revenue circles of Assam is affected by the calamity. The deluge claimed the lives of 187 animals, including 16 Rhinos in the Kaziranga National Park.

The rivers flowing at the danger level are the Brahmaputra at Neamatighat(Jorhat) and Dhubri, the Desang at Nangmuraghat (Sivsagar), the JiaBharali at N T road Crossing (Sonitpur), the Puthimari at N H Road crossing(Kamrup), the Beki at Road Bridge (Barpeta) and the Kushiara at Karimganj (Karimganj).

Altogether 96,890 displaced people are in 757 relief camps and relief distribution centres set up by the District Administration.

The National Disaster Response Force or the NDRF and the Army have been carrying out rescue operations. With a view to lend a helping hand and support the state in dealing with this National Calamity, Edupur Society which is an NGO Running in Tezpur, took the initiative to run a Flood Relief Campaign along with its Society Members, Individuals and Organisations.





Objective- The many objectives undertaken by the team were to-

- Take a survey and collect data's about the village.
- Spread Awareness on Swachh Bharat, Health & Nutrition
- Encourage the youth and brief them about the recruitment and selection process of Defence
- Demonstrate proper use of Sanitary Napkins and their Disposal.
- Spread awareness on menstrual health and hygiene
- Identify and take a survey of the various problems faced by the flood victims

The relief campaign was conducted in two villages-

***Tinkuniya and Jarowani under Bihaguri Gaon
Panchayat, Tezpur, Sonitpur on 28th July, 2019***

- Jaroni Gaonbura – Mr. Pahalman Bhatrai
- Tinikuria Gaonbura – Mr. Kishab Karki

The campaign started with the volunteers gathering in the Bihaguri gaon early in the morning at 7 am. Due to the unconstructed and improper condition of the road, team members had to walk for nearly 7 km to reach the Camp Location, i.e, Jarowani Gaon.





The items for donation had to be reloaded from a mini truck to a Tractor, due to the condition of the road.

On our way to Jarowani, we could see the after effect Flood left on that area. Open grounds being turned to water filled ponds and erosion worsening the condition of soil roads.

As the road wasn't fit for any four wheeler vehicle, volunteers had to either take Bikes or make it to the location by walking.

Finally after covering a distance of 7km, the team reached the camp location by 10 am at Jarowani Prathamik Vidhalaya.

After reaching there, the team members visualised the area and discussed with the locals about where to organise what.

Volunteers organised the items from the fully loaded tractor into one classroom, other rooms were prepared accordingly for cooking the meal and conducting the awareness program. All this took nearly 2 hours.

While the volunteers were preparing the Campaign location, the locals served everybody with some breakfast. (Tea, Biscuits, Egg)





It was 12 pm, and the villagers started to arrive with their families. The volunteers from Tezpur University were ready with their desk to take a survey of the villagers. While, the survey was being taken, they were also given breakfast to eat.

-The following data was collected from their survey;

- ❖ Total household-170
- ❖ Individuals registered on the voter list- 409
- ❖ Total population of Jarowani and Tinkuniya – 450
- ❖ Total no of students in Jarowani L P School- 42
- ❖ Classes from I – V
- ❖ The school had only two teachers including the Headmaster.
- ❖ Nearly half of the Children's only studied till fifth standard as there is no MV school in their village.
- ❖ Rest travel 7km to reach Bihaguri Gaon and complete their schooling there.
- ❖ The percentage of people suffering from any major kind of diseases like cancer, diabetes, tuberculosis, etc were found less.

After setting up the area and preparing it for the campaign, now the whole team focused on achieving the objectives of the campaign.



Swachh Bharat Awareness

“Swachh Rahega Bharat tabhi to Swasth Rahega Bharat”

With this view, the team focused towards spreading awareness on clean environment. Also, our team took biodegradable dumping bags with them. Which were used to dispose of garbage made at that time.



-Capt. Lohit Ch. Bhuyan, President, Edupur Society

Mr. Bhuyan took the lead and explained the villagers about the following matters:

- Importance of healthy living
- How to maintain hygiene with minimum effort
- Changing daily habits to ensure neatness
- Proper disposal of garbage
- Personal hygiene and its Importance
- Clean drinking water and Filtration
- Health issues related with cleanliness etc



Apart from enlightening the villagers about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Capt Lohit Bhuyan also took the initiative to encourage the youth of the village about defence and its selection and recruitment procedure. He also explained the importance of education and about the various fields where these people can look for a career, to uplift their social status. Particularly focusing on Defence Field like Army, Navy & Airforce.



Awareness on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

The volunteers from Tezpur University lead by Gitanjali Gautam came with the motive of improving the condition of the women of that village.

- They demonstrated the proper use of Sanitary Napkins.
- Importance of disposing used pads properly.
- Health issues related with Menstrual Hygiene.
- Maintaining menstrual hygiene properly.
- Do's and Don'ts during Menstrual cycle, etc



Awareness on Health and Nutrition

-Mr Amit Raj Konwar, Secretary, Edupur Society

Mr. Konwar took the opportunity to aware the following things:

- Importance of clean drinking water & Disposal of plastic water bottles.
- Avoiding drinking of water from plastic bottles as TDS in all brands was lower than the maximum permissible limit & is unhealthy for their consumption.
- Demerits of excessive use of plastic and its related materials in kitchen.
- Avoiding much use of packaging foods. Promoting healthy living and importance of yoga and meditation in daily life.



- Importance of conserving organic foods and natural resources. Preserving the purity of air the nature has.
- Conservation of water & explaining about water borne diseases.
- Self empowerment, entrepreneurship development.
- Avoiding processed foods and consuming healthy food for nutrition. Organic farming and the consumption of nutritious food.



There was a continuous one to one interaction with every villager. The locals were very active and asked their queries and cleared their doubts.

Interacting and Identifying problems faced by the flood victims

Flood impact on both individuals and communities and have social, economic and environmental consequences. The consequences of floods, both negative and positive, vary greatly depending on the location and extent of the flooding and the vulnerability and the value of the natural and constructed environments they affect.



The team members had a continuous interaction with the villagers to know and understand the various problems faced by them.

The grim floods have spread this time traumatised the victims and their families to an extent that they started blaming the higher authority for not catering to her suffering from before. The Non-constructed Roadways being the main problem.



Overflow of water lead to widespread damage of crops and fencing and loss of livestock. Crop losses through rain damage, waterlogged soils, and delays in harvesting were further intensified by transport problems due to flooded roads and damaged infrastructure.

Locals used Boats as a means of transport from their village to Bihaguri town. It cost them nearly Rs500 to just cover small distances. The water level reached to an extent that the only LP school in the village remained closed for more than a week. Also ,with the land been flooded there was no electricity for many days. Even when the villagers were in shortage of Food and other necessary items they couldn't buy them because of their immobility caused due to flooded areas.

“We were living with shortage of necessary items of daily use, we had to reduce the meals consumed in a day so that we could sustain till any Help comes from outside, said the villagers.”

Flood had adverse effect on their livelihood.” The major source of income for us is cattle farming. But we were unable to feed our cattle properly due to damage of resources, said a farmer”



Volunteers also had a conversation with the only lady ASHA worker of the village. She explains that “Due to the condition of the road, no ambulance can come inside the village. Hence, during delivery pregnant woman have to be taken by bike for 7km as the ambulance waits in Bihaguri.”

She also added that, ASHA Medical camp's is conducted only few times and the medicine facility provide is often insufficient.



Volunteers also came across a female Anganbadi Worker

Who added that, *“we run mid-day meals and as many as 20 kids come to school. But during flood they had to close everything. While, our village was drowning in water, government organised a relief camp here at our Anganbadi School. They distributed Rice, Dal and some animal food to each and every household. All these was only sufficient for two days”*

The condition here at these two villages is very backward considering the fact that the children there do not complete their schooling properly. Maximum of them do not even clear their matric exams and later switch to Agriculture or daily wage jobs to earn a living.

After hearing to every individual, a conclusion could be drawn that their main problem is the unconstructed road.

It was 2pm now and the locals prepared the food. The volunteers made the seating arrangements for everyone and started serving them. The team arranged for a one day's meal for the affected people.

The meal included-Rice, Dal, Sabji, Pickle, Lemon, Ghee.

By 3:30 pm everybody including the volunteers had their meal.



Distribution-

After spreading awareness of various important issues and interacting with the villagers. The volunteers began distributing the following items to about 500 flood victims:

- Sanitary napkins
- Under garments to women
- Biscuits
- Dettol Soap
- ORS powder
- Rice
- Dal
- Potato
- Onion
- Soyabean
- Drinking water bottle
- Bleaching Powder
- Phenyl Bottle



The distribution process took about one and a half hours to complete. Afterwards, the whole team gathered and cleaned the whole campaign area with bleaching powder and Phenyl. They were also helped by few locals.

The whole process was completed by 4pm and the team left the place by 4:30 pm. They were warmly greeted by the villagers. They seemed very happy and satisfied by our work and wished us well.



List of distributed items

Breakfast provided to 500 people with the following items below

1. Tea
2. Biscuit
3. Boil Egg

Lunch provided to 500 people with the following item below

1. Rice
2. Mix Dal
3. Mix Vegetable
4. Drinking Water
5. Pickle
6. Ghee

Item Distributed to 500 people with the following item below

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| 1. Biscuit | - | 3 packets per person |
| 2. Rice | - | 250gm per person |
| 3. Dal | - | 100gm per person |
| 4. Potato | - | 150gm per person |
| 5. Onion | - | 100gm per person |





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| 6. | Dettol Soap | - | 2 piece per person |
| 7. | ORS powder | - | 2 packet per person |
| 8. | Drinking Water Bottle | - | 1 letter bottle per person |
| 9. | Soybean | - | 100gm per person |

Following items distributed to the 120 female

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| 1. | Sanitary Pad | - | 2 packets per person |
| 2. | Under garments | - | 2 piece per person |
| 3. | ORS powder | - | 2 packets per person |



Behind the scenes

Fig: Volunteers introducing themselves

Fig: Villagers throwing the garbage in
the disposal bags

Fig: Volunteers from the Tezpur
University & Dibrugarh University

Fig: Locals preparing the meal

Fig: Unloading of the items

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Sample of Data collected from – Jarowani & Tinkuniya Village





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S. N.	Name (Capital)	No. of member in family	Age	Disease (6 months)	Gender	Occupation	Amount	Blood Group	Possession	No. of domestic animals	Phone No
✓16	Bhona Devi	12	30	-	F	Ward member	-	B+		-	7356406102
✓17	Laxmi Devi	4	30	-	F	Housewife	-	O+		-	
✓18	Radhika Devi	9	30	-	F	HW	-	O+		10	98584449771
✓19	Anita Devi	11	23	-	F	HW	-	-		10	7638066901
✓20	Shobha Devi	4	40	Ortho	F	Music Hwt Teacher	-	-		10-Cow 12-Goat	6001131783
✓21	Tika Maya Devi	4	40	Throat Pain	F	HW	-	-		6-Cow 4-Goat	
✓22	Damanti Devi	2	50	High Pressure	F	-	-	-		4-Cow	-
✓23	Kranti Tyoti	12	20	-	F	- HW	-	A+		12-Cow 4-Goat	8011197093
✓24	Manamaya	17	62	-	F	HW	-	-		12-Goat 7-Cow	-
✓25	Hira Devi	28	28	-	F	HW	-	-		5-Cow 1-Goat	6001973805
✓26	Sebanti Devi	4	48	-	F	HW	-	-		6-Cow 3-Goat	-
✓27	Rita Devi	5	76	Back Pain	F	HW	-	-		12-Cow 6-Goat	9957149346
✓28	Rekha Devi	4	34	-	F	HW	-	-		15-C 4-G	-
✓29	Dineshwari Devi	9	30	-	F	HW	-	B+		10-C 5-G	9365979768
✓30	Suraini Devi	8	30	-	F	HW	-	-		8-C 5-G	-

* Malaria - M / Stomach Pain - P /
Fever - F / TB

Sample Data was collected (from 11am to 1pm) for the following

Total number of Adult females – 90

Total number of Girls- 33

Total number of Adult males - 45

Total number of Boys- 36

List of Volunteers who participated in the Assam Flood Relief Campaign 2019

			
Capt. Lohit Bhuyan President of Edupur Society	Ranjan Mahanta Advisor of Edupur Society	Amit Raj Konwar Secretary of Edupur Society	Dipankar Bhuyan Member of Edupur Society
			
Navajit Saikia Member of Edupur Society	Prayag Jyoti Sarmah Edupurian	Hirok Jyoti Nath Edupurian	Pol Baishya Edupurian
			
Debanand Sarma Member of Edupur Society	Rajib Paswan Member of Edupur Society	Bishal Mazumder Edupurian	Dulumoni Bora Member of Edupur Society
			
Sangeeta Bora Social Worker, Tezpur	Munmi Baishya Social Worker, Tezpur	DivyajotuSingha Social Worker, Tezpur	Bilkush Sultana Social Worker, Tezpur

			
Sweety Payeng Intern of Edupur Society, Dibrugarh University	Sonic Payeng Intern of Edupur Society, Dibrugarh University	Gitanjali Gautam Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Preeti Sarkar Research Scholar of Tezpur University
			
Amardeep Kumar Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Fogila Begum Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Sandeep Sarkar B. Tech Students of Tezpur University	Bibek Pratim Bora B.Tech Students of Tezpur University
			
Rukaiya Khatoon Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Kabita Deka Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Tapasya Kumari Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Indrani Chetia Research Scholar of Tezpur University
			
Swapnil Gautam Research Scholar of Tezpur University	Parag Goswami Tezpur SIP Abacuss	Dharitika Saikia GIMT, Tezpur	Prashanta Sarmah Tezpur SIP Abacuss

Special Thanks to all the local persons who supported and help us to maintain discipline and manage necessary items to run this campaign.

Conclusion

Hence, in the wake of recent floods and its adverse consequences, Edupur Society, a non-governmental organization of Tezpur, extended a helping hand to the flood victims of Tinkuria Jarowani Sapor area in Sonitpur district. Edupur Society in collaboration with students of Tezpur University, Jagriti Mahila Samiti, Polofield Bamun Gaon Mahila Samiti, Dekargaon Panchayat, Tezpur GIMT, SIP Tezpur and some other voluntary participation collected essential commodities such as rice, dal, drinking water, biscuits, vegetables, oil etc for those affected by flood.

A 42 member team was lead by Amit Raj Konwar, Secretary Edupur Society. The campaign was successful in achieving its set objectives and accomplishing the aim of the relief camp.

The volunteers well briefed the villagers about cleanliness, health, hygiene, nutrition, education, etc. A one day's proper meal was also provided to every individual.

The campaign also resulted in collection of data's related to the population and literacy level of the people.

Overall we were able to successfully fulfil the objectives for which the campaign was being conducted. The 42 member team showed collective work and cooperation. It can be inferred that the volunteers were able to help the flood victims to an extent.



The Sentinel

of this land, for its people

GUWAHATI TUESDAY 30 JULY 2019

Helping hand extended to flood victims in Tezpur

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CORRESPONDENTS

TEZPUR, July 29: In a wake of recent floods, Edupur Society, a non-governmental organization of Tezpur, extended a helping hand to the flood victims of Tinkuria Jaroni Sapor area in Sonitpur district on Sunday. Edupur Society in collaboration with students of Tezpur University, Jagriti Mahila Samiti, Polofield Bamungaon Mahila Samiti, Dekargaon Gaon Panchayat and Tezpur GIMT, collected essential commodities such as rice, dal,

drinking water, biscuit, vegetables and oil for those affected by the floods.

A 42-member team lead by Amit Raj Konwar, secretary of Edupur Society, visited Tinkuria Jaroni Sapor, a remote village under Bihaguri Gaon Panchayat of the district and distributed relief items like rice, dal, biscuit, potato, onion, soyabean, Dettol soap, ORS powder, drinking water bottle, sanitary pad and inner garments for women to about 500 flood-affected people. Also, they provid-

ed one day's meal for the affected people.

TINSUKIA: The Tinsukia Regional Students' Union, in association with Borhomthuri Gabharu Dal, distributed flood relief materials to 150 affected people of Khamti Gowali Gaon at Anganbadi Kendra in Dinjan on Sunday. The relief materials included food, biscuits, sanitary napkins and other essential items. In the programme, Samar Jyoti Gohain, general secretary of Tinsukia District Students' Union, and other dignitaries were present.

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