

Dear Readers,

Greetings from APPL Foundation!

As we continue to make our best efforts in diverse areas to build a sustainable future together with our communities, we bring you the stories of our continued determinations. As we present the 4th Edition of APPLF Newsletter, we invite you to be partner in our journey towards an inclusive tomorrow.

Happy reading!



TRAINING WOMEN TO STRENGTHEN MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

Menstrual Hygiene for girls and women in the community at large is the campaign that APPL Foundation has been spearheading since Women's Day. On the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day a programme to ensure menstrual hygiene has been initiated at Dooars. Educating women about reproductive health, menstrual hygiene and encouraging them to adopt best practices is the objective of the programme.

In order to roll out the programme at the garden, VJS Foundation in collaboration with APPL Foundation trained a team of 50 women across 4 communities in Rungamuttee, Damdim, Batabari and Nowera Nuddy TE's. The band of women will conduct awareness campaigns and also ensure the adoption of best practices related to menstruation in the communities. They will also reach affordable quality sanitary napkins to the girls and the women in the community to ensure menstrual hygiene.



Your support can strengthen the initiatives of APPL Foundation and impact lives of many more.

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APPL FOUNDATION AT TRUSTEA IP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Mr. Dhiraj Kakati, Mr. Sanjay K Dutta, Mr. Jatin Bavishi, Mr. Indrajit Neog (Nahartoli), Mr. Kunal Karmakar (Teok) and Mr. Amar Sanka (Hattigor) attended a 3-day Trustea IP training programme on 9th and 10th April (Kolkata) and 11th April (Siliguri).

The programme was meant to orient prospective IP's of the roles and responsibilities in implementing the programme. It was also an opportunity to meet the Commercial Partners to understand their requirements.

APPL Foundation made an impressive presentation, which was appreciated by the Secretariat.

As part of the training, the team was also taken to the field to understand the mechanism of the supply chain.

CARING FOR WOMEN: FUNGAL FREE FROCK PROJECT

The Fungal Free Frocks (3F) Project was kicked off at Borjan Tea Estate (Golaghat) on 1st April 2019, and has been in progress at Nahartoli and Chubwa Tea Estates (both in Dibrugarh). 3F is a community outreach programme aimed to contain fungal infections, which are quite prevalent amongst the women population of the estates. The infection leads to lower productivity at work and absenteeism, and despite it being easily curable, the infection isn't public health issue at present.

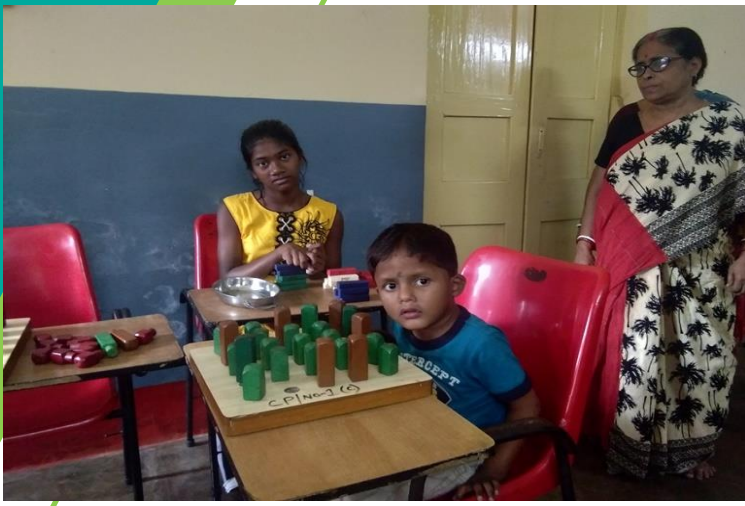
In the first two months, we have already finished medical interventions for over 450 individuals in Chubwa and Nahartoli each and over 550 in Borjan. During the next 2 months, we plan to enhance the awareness of the through campaigns aimed at encouraging the community to express, encourage proper sun drying of clothes and seeking timely medical advice.



HELPING CHILDREN TAKE A STEP FORWARD: TREATMENT OF CHILDREN WITH DIASABILITIES WITH RCFC

The disability screening camps held at tea gardens of Dooars in collaboration with RCFC took a step forward when 9 children along with their guardians travelled to Kolkata for treatment at RCFC campus. These children belong from Damdim, Rungamutte, Leish River and Kumlai tea gardens. The children from 2 year of age till adolescents of 13 years were admitted and treated which provided them with a new lease of life. 4 children underwent corrective surgery and are now in the post-operative care unit of the centre. They will receive care and support for next two months. Another 4 children are being treated for various motor ailments for which they are undergoing two week long physiotherapy treatment. The guardians of the children are being trained to carry on the therapy after their return for better results.

Mr. Deepak Atal, Vice-Chairman APPL Foundation and Mr. Conrad Dennis, Visiting Agent APPL visited the centre and enquired about the treatment and health of each child. At the end of the visit, a treat of fruits and chocolates brought smiles on the faces of the children.



Children receiving treatment at RCFC, Kolkata

LAUNCH OF SMART HOSPITAL PROGRAMME

APPL Foundation in partnership with WISH Foundation which is being supported by USAID has conceptualized a Smart Clinic project to ensure accessible and affordable comprehensive primary healthcare services through m-health application for the tea growing communities.

Launch of Smart Clinic project took place at Hathikuli Tea Estate on May 11, 2019, in the presence of esteemed officials from USAID, APPL Foundation, WISH Foundation and tea growing communities. The chief guest of the ceremony, Ms. Ramona El Hamzaoui, Deputy Mission Director, USAID inaugurated the Smart Clinic Application and also unveiled a Handbook on Smart clinic for service providers.

Transforming tea garden health centre into smart Health & Wellness Centre is a stepping stone in facilitating quality primary healthcare and RMNCH+A to tea garden communities. It will make a huge impact on the health and well-being of tea garden employee's and their families. Technology and innovations will play a vital role in improving the health care service delivery system. Equipping service providers with skills and modern technologies can be the most effective ways to enhance the healthcare service delivery resulting in reduced maternal, new born, and infant mortality. Post Launch, Hathikuli and Lattakujaan Tea Garden Hospitals has started using 3-tab system of Smart Clinic Application. The Medical Officers, Health Assistants and Pharmacists are excited about this initiative and feel by using this m-health application they can provide efficient services to the beneficiaries.



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