

Dear Readers,

With the continuance of the pandemic, APPL Foundation has chosen to concentrate efforts in enabling our partner communities adopt the new normal. In this edition we bring to you stories of resilience in our communities to fight the spread of COVID 19.

We are thankful to our partners who have supported us with resources to actualize or initiatives. The assistance that we received from the Government at various levels has been instrumental in creating a difference.

We believe together we can overcome the pandemic. As you read, stay healthy and safe!

COVID 19 PREVENTION PROGRAMME

Our approach of handling COVID 19 in our communities is prevention before infection. It is with this objective APPL Foundation in partnership with Zorg vaan de Zaak Foundation has initiated a community participatory prevention programme in May 2020.

The programme is being implemented in and around 10 Tea Estates in the districts of Golaghat, Jorhat and Nagoan in Assam.

The programme is working on the fronts of generating awareness in the community to adopt behavioural changes which will help in preventing COVID 19. It is the chosen community ambassadors, COVID Sakhi and Sakha who are leading the Community Action Committee to enable the people practice behavioral change.

Though the programme has been implemented only for 2 months we present the impact it has had in the community so far.

IMPACT VISIBLE IN COMMUNITY

20 active energetic women and men leading the programme in their own communities

280 community people volunteering in Community Action Committee to prevent the pandemic in their respective residential areas

Members of Mother club, adolescent girls club, ATTSA, Labour union enthusiastically joined the programme

So far we have sensitized 19000 people and handheld 6588 households in and around the Tea Estates



Banners and posters, group discussions and miking are the most effective way of sensitization



In order to strengthen the behavioural change practices we have distributed soap, mask and bleaching powder to 2400 households



Home visits are instrumental in generating awareness on do's and don'ts during the pandemic

96 people with chronic disease are being counseled monitored regularly

464 people with cold and flu like symptoms have been linked to primary healthcare facility



Screening of community people in collaboration with local Government is being vigorously pursued



The COVID Sakha and Sakhi's have been instrumental in monitoring and counseling the returnees staying at the institutional quarantine facilities in the community.

384 migrant returnees have been identified and facilitated to follow the protocol of health checkup and isolation for 14 days.



As a result of the programme community has started adapting to the behavior change of hand washing, social distancing and wearing mask. Behavioural change has resulted in clean communities which is positively impacting the health of the community as a whole.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS FOR THE COVID – 19 RELIEF CAMP

We at the Foundation believe that partnership is key in transforming our communities. In these hard pressed times we are thankful to our partners Barefoot College and Bal Sakha for organizing a relief camp. The camp distributed ration essentials to 57 distressed families in Hathikuli Tea Estate We thank you for assisting our people with this much needed supplies.



THE CRISIS IS FAR FROM OVER

IN THESE TESTING TIMES WE THANK TATA SONS PRIVATE LIMITED FOR SUPPORTING US!

ICU at RHRC

With surmounting pressure on Government Healthcare system, TATA Sons Private Limited has come forward in strengthening our secondary healthcare facility RHRC, Chubwa. We have received generous financial resources to establish Intensive Care Unit with 4 ventilators to act as a support mechanism during the pandemic.

QUARANTINE CENTRE AT TEA ESTATES

Caring for our people returning to their homes in tea plantations is of paramount importance to us. TATA Sons Private Limited is supporting us to establish quarantine centers across 25 Tea Estates in Assam and Dooars to accommodate migrant returnees. In collaboration with the Government the returnees are being cared for under the able guidance of specialist RHRC Doctors.



Last two months was about feeling grateful for our families and beloved mothers, also an occasion to salute Doctors and Nurses who are no less than family to us and caring as our mothers!

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