

Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from APPL Foundation!

As the world absorbs the new normal to being 2021, we welcome you to this New Year with our newsletter. The pandemic has surfaced exceptional challenges which we have attempted to mitigate by engineering innovative solutions. The stories that we share embody the spirit of our partner communities in braving difficulties to make a new start. We begin the year with a stronger commitment to continue our journey of progress and hope for your enthusiastic partnership.

We crafted new beginnings catering to the diverse needs emerging during the pandemic. And for all of this to happen as a pillar of strength we had our partners by our side.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE AT HATHIKULI

A health and wellness centre has been inaugurated at Hathikuli in partnership with WISH Foundation under the SMART Hospital Programme. The centre is being closely supported by the SDM&HO & Psychiatrist Golaghat Civil Hospital. Services as in house library for hospital in-patients, yoga sessions, monthly visit by Psychologists from Golaghat Civil Hospital, Aarogya Sabhas will be available at the centre. In days to come we intend to encourage discussion on mental health and access to support across our partner communities.



Inauguration of the Health and Wellness Centre



Aarogya Sabha at the centre

A NEW BEGINNING FOR YOUTH AT APPITI ROWTA

After a long tenure of online session the Vocational Training Centres resumed classes since October 2020. It was also a moment of joy as the first batches of City Gas Distribution Training in collaboration with Assam Gas Company Limited and B.VOC in Electrical Systems & Maintenance under Kaziranga University was initiated in the months of November and December





KUHIPATH – AN ONLINE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Education for all is our motto and therefore we could not ignore the educational needs of our children at Tea Estates. In order to test the feasibility of digital education an online tutorial programme has been initiated at Kellyden Tea Estates for 103 children studying in Standard IV and V in collaboration with Progotishil. Children are partaking in hour long online sessions twice every week to enhance their English language skills. We hope the learning from this programme will enable us to craft need based programmes for our children.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE FOR WOMEN

Health and hygiene for women at workplace and home is a need which we are committed to address. We adopted a strategy of generating awareness on COVID 19 prevention, fungal infection and menstrual hygiene through home visit oriented counseling.

Providing free of cost treatment to women and Small Tea Grower workers community affected by fungal infection has been our key area of action in the past few months.



Home counseling and focused awareness session for women on prevention of fungal infection



Health checkup at Medical Camp and treatment of fungal infection at Tea Garden Hospital

MAKING THE COMMUNITIES SAFE AND HEALTHY

Vision Spring has come forward and distributed 3500 hygiene kits followed by ongoing eye screening camps for nearly 7500 people in the Estate communities of Nahorani, Borjan and Lamabari. We understand that services to our communities cannot wait due to the pandemic but making the community safe before continuing our continuous efforts is the best approach in present situation.



Medical camps being conducted at the Estates

EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH TECHNOLOGY BASED TRAINING

The pandemic has made it essential to access internet services to make life sustainable. To enable women remain self-reliant under Women Prosper programme 10 women are being trained to access various apps through internet. This will facilitate module based online training programmes to be conducted in near future. Also the women are now empowered to facilitate online based education which will be beneficial for the children in days to come.



PREVENTING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM COVID – 19

The pandemic has made us realize the need for collaborative efforts to enable positive behavior changes in the community. Across 25 Tea Estate our continuous effort has depicted positive results by restricting the pandemic from engulfing our communities. But our focused intervention at 10 Tea Estates in partnership with Zorg van de Zaak Foundation has led to establishment of a framework to prevent COVID – 19.

OUR GOOD PRACTICE MODEL



Awareness



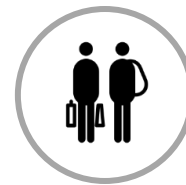
Counseling



Kit distribution



Care for patients



Care for migrants



Appreciation

IMPACT OF COVID – 19 PREVENTION INITIATIVES



12124 Households reached in and around the Estates



70395 Community people reached



2470 Awareness Meetings conducted reaching 50022 people



10927 Families reached through home visit



160000 Hygiene kits distributed



587 migrant returnees returned with dignity in the communities



4500 people underwent Rapid Antigen Test



70 families awarded for adopting good practice



Our greatest asset is our communities and it is our humble effort to appreciate them for their incessant support making our community development initiatives successful

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