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INTRODUCTION

Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development is a registered Non Government Organization incorporated in 1998 with its Headquarter at Andrewspalli (West), Santiniketan, District Birbhum, West Bengal. ACID also has a field office at Jogeshganj under Hingalganj Block of North 24 Parganas, District-West Bengal.

BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION

A few professionally qualified social workers while working in the surrounding rural areas of Bolpur town, West Bengal observed that although quite a few number of NGOs are functioning, their command area could not cover the downtrodden people living in the interior villages, especially those belonging to underprivileged, backward and tribal communities, to whom even the minimum amenities required for their survival were not available. The aforesaid situation prompted to form a forum to address their burning issues. This led to the formation of Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development (ACID). Over the years, ACID has established itself as the leading development organization dedicated to the upliftment of marginalized, tribal and other downtrodden communities in the adjoining regions of Bolpur and Ilambazar block.

Later the organization had extended its intervention in the poor and vulnerable region of Sundarbans, as result the organization had stated working at AILA affected area of Hingalganj Block under North 24 Paragana District on “Disaster Risk Reduction”, “Humanitarian Response”, “Livelihood Promotion, “Child Education” and “Health Promotional aspects”.

The goal of Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development is to cater to the needs of the economically and socially weaker sections of rural and urban mass deprived of minimum basic needs of food, clothes and shelter and removed by social system to marginal living. ACID believes in participatory approaches for sustainability of each initiative.

VISION AND MISSION

Vision: Our vision is to nourish and empower people by making them self-reliant and self-respectful .The organization has been working marginalized to bring sustainable changes through its various interventions especially in West Bengal, more specifically in Hingalganj Block in North 24 Parganas, Bolpur-Sriniketan and Illambazar Blocks of Birbhum districts.

Mission: The mission of the organization is to create a self-reliant rural community through participatory approach, work with marginalized communities with a special focus on women and children and conduct various program for marginalized communities on social, economic and political influences, which kept them deprived by identifying their own abilities.

INTERVENTION

The organization has been working with marginalized communities to bring sustainable changes through its various interventions especially in West Bengal to create a self-reliant rural community through participatory approach with a special focus on women and children and conduct various programs for marginalized communities on social, economic and political incidences, which kept them deprived by identifying their own abilities.

The organization is intervening in the fields like Social Mobilization, Child Education, Health and Hygiene promotion, Environment Protection, Livelihood, Humanitarian Response and Preparedness.

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION

During the year 2020-21 due to COVID 19 Global pandemic Social Mobilization initiative taken an important part to aware the community, ACID organized, awareness campaign, wall writing, during the year at Hingalganj Block of North 24 Parganas, Bolpur Sriniketan and Illambazar Block of Birbhum District.

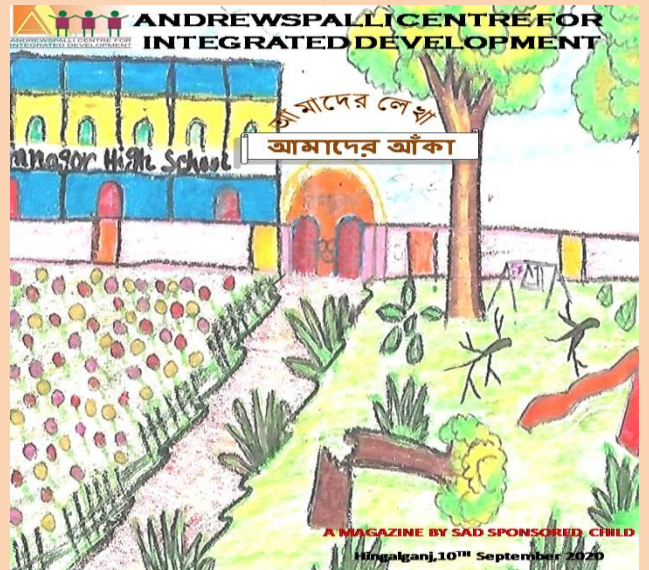
SI No.	Name of Event	Coverage
1	Awareness campaign through Decorated Tableau, Playing Audio messages, Posters, Wall Painting, Rally and local Folk based campaign	5 Gram Panchayats
2	Regular home visit by the teachers and staffs	1962 families
3	Survey conducted on mental condition of the children during lockdown and after AMPHAN	500 families
4	Provided support to those families having psychosocial problems	130 families
5	Wall writing	104 wall
6	Banner with awareness massage	80 villages



CHILD EDUCATION

ACID provided Educational Support for the Marginalized Children in Hingalganj Block in a Community Based Approach. The organization has established 7 Activity Centres with 25 teachers including three special teachers (Math, English and Drawing). The children are from seven villages of three Gram Panchayats under Hingalganj Block. In this COVID 19 Pandemic situation ACID tried to provide facility to all of 315 children by -

- Using of work sheet and drop box method for continuing child education in pandemic situation in 2020
- Teachers supported the children in studies in small groups in the community in pandemic situation
- Providing support to 137 children and adults who were going through mental stress
- Providing virtual training to the teachers and staff on the activity based psychosocial support
- Distributed education materials to 315 sponsored children twice in the year 2020
- Published of children's web magazine



HEALTH & HYGIENE PROMOTION

The organization covered Health and Hygiene Awareness and Support for the Marginalized Community in Hingalganj and Bolpur Sriniketan Block with a Community Based Approach. In this year ACID focused its activities on health and hygiene promotion to reduce the spreading of COVID 19. Apart from this the organization organized health check up camps for our 315 sponsored children.

- Distribution of hygiene kit to 2162 families
- Distribution of masks and soaps to 7662 families
- Provided PPE to 30 ACID Staff and Volunteers
- Health Check up of 315 children (2 times)
- Distribution of medicine to 315 children (2 times)
- Virtual training on mental health to 30 Teachers and staff
- Identified and provided mental support to 27 children and adults under mental stress.
- Support for making nutrition garden to 315 families.
- Distribution of Sanitary Napkins to 60 adolescent girls
- Provided safe drinking water to 102 families



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

ACID is doing a lot on the issue of Environment Protection. Through Child Club and community organized various awareness meeting, rally and door to door campaign on less use of plastic, save water and electricity. Protection of mangrove which was planted in the previous year is under taken by ACID during this year. Initiative of Collection of plastic in the plastic bottle is taken in this year.

Sl No.	Activity	No. of Activity	No. of Beneficiaries	Remarks
1	Protection of Mangrove in Sundarbans	2	250 family	Fencing and nursing 2 no of site of mangrove plantation
2	Protection of Fruit Plants Distributed in the last year	1	327	Follow up and provide technical support to nurturing the plants.
3	Environmental awareness, training on Climate Change for the children and community	4	250	All child club members are awarded and trained on Climate Change
4	Awareness on climate change	2	300	Community is awarded on less use of electricity and plastic and wastage of water.
5	Collection of plastic, promotion of safe waste management	1	350	We have a target to collect 800 plastic bottle with full of plastic.



LIVELIHOOD

Livelihood intervention is another core area of the organization. ACID supports the extremely poor and vulnerable households through its various livelihood activities including convergence of government schemes and entitlements. In the year Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development had tried to strengthen the existing 21 SHGs consisting of 274 women members and 7 Farmers' groups consisting of 77 marginal farmers in Kalitala, Gobindokati and Jogeshganj Gram Panchayats of Hingalganj block of North 24 Parganas. All the SHGs were linked with cluster and they could access financial benefit through Anonadhara programme of Government of West Bengal.

We supported in the following

The Farmers Groups members were adapted most of the new technologies and good practices increased their productions and earnings. The Farmers continued to practice organic farming that they learnt from the project as they get better price of their produce. The Selling point or Market shed constructed for direct market access for the marginalized farmers through the previous livelihood project continues to function well and the poor and marginalized farmers are getting the benefit of the infrastructure.

In the reporting year ACID supported another 30 Tribal households with various inputs and capacity building activities.

- Provided technical support and inputs for kitchen gardening.
- Provided technical Support for production of Vermi compost
- Provided technical support for poultry farming.
- Provided technical support for small business.
- Provide support for accessing government scheme



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS

The reporting year is very crucial year to response in humanitarian aspect. One side the COVID 19 pandemic effected the area vary badly, people have lost their income, came back from the area where they gone for work as migrated worker. On the other hand cyclone AMPHAN affected the area very badly in Sundarbans area.

In this situation ACID worked in the two major aspects-

1. COVID 19 emergency response
2. AMPHAN emergency response

COVID 19 EMERGENCY RESPONSES

In this pandemic situation we tried to reach to the people of Hingalganj Block (5 Gram Panchayat) and Bolpur Sriniketan Block (1 Gram Panchayat).

- 2162 households (around 10,000 people) benefit of food and health kit distribution and awareness campaign
- 3000 households (around di 15,000 people) benefit of health kits distribution and awareness campaigns



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LIST OF ITEMS COVID 19 EMERGENCY RESPONSES

1	Red Lentil (Masoor Daal), Medium size	1 kg
2	lentil (Moong Dal)	1kg
3	Mustard oil	1 ltr
4	Soya chunk	1 kg
5	Bengal Gram (Desi Chana)	1 kg
6	Semolina (Sooji)	500 gm
7	Turmeric powder	200 gm
8	Jeera sabut (whole cumin)	200 gm
9	coriander (Dhania)	100 gm
10	Salt	1 kg
11	Molasses (Sugarcane johla gur)	1 kg
12	Sattu	500 gm
13	Peanut	1 kg
14	Potato	5 kg
15	Onion	2 kg
16	Garlic	250 gm
17	Soap	4 pcs
18	Detergent Powder	1 kg
19	Mask	2 pcs

Complain No. 9475684020



SUPPORTED BY : FADV



From the beginning of the grounding of the COVID 19 Emergency Response project, awareness campaign activities for common masses were part and parcel of the intervention. The COVID 19 Emergency Response project had planned to implement the following awareness campaign in the targeted geographical:

- Door to Door Campaign
- Rally
- Posters
- Tableau decorated with various campaign materials like posters, CORONA model
- Campaign through Public Address System using Audio messages
- Campaign through traditional folk based dance drama called “Bhangor – Bhola”
- Wall Painting in different strategic locations





AMPHAN EMERGENCY RESPONSES

The Super Cyclonic Storm AMPHAN had hit the coastal areas of West Bengal on 20th May 2020 evening with a wind speed of 185 km ph which killed more than 87 people and ravaged Kolkata and several parts of West Bengal as it left behind a trail of destruction by uprooting trees, destroying thousands of homes and swamping low lying areas of the State. Areas such as Kakdwip, Namkhana in South 24 Parganas, Minakha, Sandeshkhali I and II and Hingalganj in North 24 Parganas were among the worst affected in the cyclone, due to the landfall near Sagar Island. Embankments of several villages in Hingalganj suffered extensive damage.

In this backdrop, FADV and ACID jointly did a Rapid Assessment of the damages and loss in the 5 Gram Panchayats namely Kalitala, Gobindokati, Jogeshganj, Sahebkhali and Dulduli of Hingalganj block in post cyclone situations and decided to implement one Humanitarian Response to Cyclone AMPHAN affected families in Hingalganj block, North 24 Paragans, West Bengal from 01 July 2020 for six months.

The major intervention of the Humanitarian Response were planned as per the below thrust areas –

Conditional and Un- conditional Cash Transfer-

1. Transferred of INR 2200 as cash each to 500 beneficiaries out of which 400 transfer were Conditional and 100 were Unconditional in 5 Gram Panchayats
2. Follow up activities are being carried over in post fund transfer situations
3. Beneficiaries of Conditional Cash transfer done the work as per declaration during selection.

GRAM PANCHAYAT	TOTAL FAMILY	TOTAL POPULATION	ADULTS		CHILDREN	
			MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
KALITALA	60	188	68	78	19	23
GOBINDOKATI	100	330	119	124	43	44
JOGESHGANJ	100	293	132	117	23	21
SAHEBKHALI	129	327	138	143	31	15
DULDULI	111	317	121	140	28	28
TOTAL	500	1455	578	602	144	131



Cash for work (CFW)-

Total 100 numbers of beneficiaries were to be selected for Cash for Work activities. Below are the key highlights of the progress of **CFW** work

1. Selected 100 beneficiaries form the jobless migrant labour who lost their jobs after AMPHAN and lockdown.
2. Cash for work activities conducted in 15 sites (Cleaning of Hospital premises, Development of play ground, cleaning of pond from which people use to take water for drinking purpose etc.)



Distribution of safe drinking Water-

ACID distributed 12000 liters of drinking water (RO purified) in the AMPHAN effected area of Hingalganj Block of Sundarban between 8th and 13th June 2020 where the water sources were damaged by Cyclone AMPHAN and people were suffering from non-availability of Drinking Water. We covered 240 families @ 50 litter /families. Though we are able to provide very small quantity due to our limited resources as we had to purchase water from market because all the PHEs water treatment plants were non functioning.



Distribution of Baby food-

To supplement the nutrition among the children immediately after the AMPHAN, Andrewspalli Centre for Integrated Development distributed Baby food to 100 children between the age group of 1 year and 3 years in Sundarbans area. As the families did lost their job during Lockdown and AMPHAN situation they required the food for their baby because many organizations provided food items but not for those babies. So after conducting need assessment in the area ACID supported the baby food with helping hand from our friends and well wishers.



Water treatment plant (WTP) –



Water Treatment Plant at FISC serves the local households and provide access to safe drinking water to the children and adults which got damaged in cyclone AMPHAN and became non functional. The project had made budgetary provision for overhauling the WTP and makes it functional for the local population. Below has been the progress of the work in relation to the overhauling and fixing of WTP –

1. Repaired the Water Treatment plant and made it functional. Also install a water meter for monitoring by mobile App.
2. Orientation to the staff on Operation and Maintenance of the plant made by the agency.
3. Purchased of essential chemical for purified the water have done and made the payment.
4. The drinking water use by the running activity centre and local community people.



Farmers Information and Service Center (FISC) -

Since FISC serves as safe shelter for adjacent vulnerable families in the area during cyclone, flood and other disaster, It was decided to construct one additional latrine with safety tank to reduce the load on the existing latrine of the FISC. Provision for one mini generator for FISC has also been made under the AMPHAN Humanitarian Response project as electricity goes off in the event of cyclone or flood or during other disaster and water supply and lighting of the shelter gets interrupted and cut.



1. Construction of additional latrine with safety tank, running water supply and electricity connection already made.
2. FADV Kolkata office is requested to help ACID for purchase of Honda Generator from Kolkata.

Awareness Generation and Hygiene Kits Distribution:

As part of awareness generation activities, the Social Workers conducted Door to Door visit during survey and follow up visit and disseminated the messages of usage of Mask, maintaining physical distance, hand washing and sanitization. In addition, they spoke about disaster preparedness with the beneficiaries. The Social workers have also campaigned about COVID 19 through dissemination of Audio messages, posters and Banners. The team also planned to disseminate further message through a leaflet to the beneficiaries.



The project has distributed Masks, Soaps and detergent powder to 1000 beneficiaries (500 cash transfer beneficiaries, 100 cash for work beneficiaries and 400 beneficiaries in selection areas of water points). All 1000 beneficiaries provided with 2 nos. of mask, 2 nos. of soap (75 gm each) and 120 gm of detergent powder.



Project “SAMRIDDHI”

Australian Consulate General – Kolkata has provided a grant for training and entrepreneurship development on Handicrafts for 15 women from underprivileged and economically backward families from Ruppur Gram Panchayat of Bolpur-Sriniketan Block of Birbhum district. These women would be capacitated through training, workshop, orientation, demonstration, exposure, guidance and mentoring in producing home based handicrafts items such as Kantha stitch, Batik and handmade Kurta, Panjabi, Sarees, Hand Bags, other dress and decorative items.

The project was initiated in March 2021 and could identify finalize the list of 15 Trainees until 31 March 2021. The project is expected to bring changes in the socio-economic status of 15 beneficiaries by setting up small business on Handicrafts.

Case Story

Name:-Subhadra Sil

Address:-Samsernagar

Status:-Non Sponsored

- Subhadra Sheel is a widow and lives alone in Samsernagar.
- Her only source of income was catching fish and crab in river and sell them to the market.
- Her income is so little that she had to eat day to day.
- Due to COVID 19 her only source of income hampered a lot so that she had to suffer a lot in her daily life.
- She could not manage her two square meal to fill her stomach most of the day.
- The Relief pack had given her access to nutritious and sufficient diet

