



CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST STUDIES
& POLICY RESEARCH

Annual Report

2020- 2021

Centre for North East
Studies & Policy Research




Annual Report 2020- 2021



Centre for North East Studies & Policy Research

Table of Contents


1. Introduction
2. Message From the Chairman Board of Trustees
3. Message From the Managing Trustee
4. New Trustee
5. Health Initiative: Boat Clinics with NHM
6. Boat Clinic Figures
7. Boat Clinics fight Covid 19
8. Delivery on a country boat
9. APPI supports Boat Clinics
10. Visitors
11. Media Coverage
12. Model Village Project
13. From the Field
14. Brahmaputra Community Radio Station
15. Financials



C-NES is registered under Section 80 G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act 1961. Contributions to C-NES qualify for tax-exemption. The Trust is also registered under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) by the Ministry of Home Affairs; vide their letter II/21022/83/ (102)/2003 dated 13.8. 2003. The FCRA registration number is 231660377, Category: Social

Support:

The Centre invites funding from individuals, business and industry, government and philanthropic institutions for its corpus and activities. Details about how you can support C-NES can be obtained by writing to respective registered office at New Delhi and Guwahati



1. Introduction

The Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (C-NES) was established in January 2000 as a Trust under Sec.80G/ Income Tax Act 1961. It has offices in Guwahati, Assam state in North eastern India and the registered office at New Delhi and works on a range of issues and areas at both field and policy levels relating to governance, participative planning and rights, water resources, environment, rural livelihoods, peace building and building better understanding among communities. C-NES is committed to building bridges between the North-east, among the lesser known and misunderstood parts of India, and other regions. The region is finally and slowly creating its own space and finding its own pulse after over six decades. C-NES develops innovative ideas for implementation to reach the poor and marginalized group in areas of health, education and environment, conducts workshops and training programs, reviews government policies and projects and designs ideas for development.

MISSION STATEMENT

- C-NES recognizes the right of every individual in the region to live in dignity, peace and safety because only under such conditions can the quality of their lives improve and their deepest aspirations met.
- Values the unique ethnic and ecological diversity of the North East as an advantage.
- Encourages local governance, decision- making and initiatives as the key to social and economic growth.
- Lobbies actively for changes in official policy at the national, regional, state and district levels which it considers necessary to build a just society
- Supports regional cooperation as a strategy to create, sustainable economic development

The Centre's priorities include:

- Health, education and environment
- Livelihood generation
- Infrastructure and transport
- Documenting cultural and environmental diversity
- Studies of migration, internal displacement and refugee flows
- Media exchanges and communication

From the Chairman



A great sense of contentment raises my spirit when I look back at all the years we have had as C-NES. We have come a long way from where we began, but it never leaves our minds that we still have miles to cover and a lot that we want to accomplish. We are set on making sure that this passion for change does not just remain within us, and that we continue to inspire people each day to bring forth innovation and resourcefulness for our ever-increasing beneficiaries.

C-NES over the last decades has established itself as an organization committed towards welfare and empowerment of the unreached and marginalized. The organization has worked with multiple stakeholders: governmental bodies, media, private sector, international and national NGOs and multilateral organizations to create a platform and an understanding towards achieving this goal of reaching the last mile.

This report highlights what we achieved as also our challenges during 2020/21. A special mention needs to be made of our front line boat clinic health workers and their selfless, dedicated service in preventing the spread of the virus in the over 400 island villages where they work and serve amidst extremely challenging conditions with a smile.

We thank you for walking the path with us for all these years, together we can build a just and inclusive society

GK Pillai

From the Managing Trustee



Battling the pandemic on the river islands

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns announced by the Central Government and respective State Governments significantly affected many lives, especially the most vulnerable communities with whom C-NES works. Our frontline health staff on the boat clinics, supported by NHM, Government of Assam, worked with dedication and commitment on the far-flung Brahmaputra river islands. Most of these places lack access to basic health facilities and are even more vulnerable during a pandemic. The fight against the pandemic and completing duties entrusted by the district health administration were their non stop efforts. As covid warriors they conducted regular awareness sessions. Villagers were informed of the importance of maintaining social distancing, regular and proper hand washing, need of wearing mask, reporting the first signs/symptoms when health assistance should be sought, what CORONA-19 is and how it spreads. The workers also acted as a bridge to help people get necessary government procured food items. Thus the clinics were in the forefront of providing relief to island dwellers amid lockdown apart from providing preliminary check-ups.

The work was recognized by the government when C-NES' Boat Clinics received a certificate of appreciation from the then State Health Minister Shri H B Sarma in January 2021 on behalf of the government of Assam's Health and Family Welfare Department for "dedicated and selfless service".

In June 2020 Bengaluru based Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) donated an amount of Rs.41,09 Lakh to C-NES for the well-being of vulnerable communities living on the river islands, to strengthen the capacities of and safeguard the Boat Clinic frontline warriors and the beneficiaries. "With deep appreciation and respect for the work that you are doing in this period of global crisis to provide access and relief to the communities on the ground" the grant letter said. The 6-month grant worked developed awareness generation for prevention and containing the spread of the virus on the islands as well as capacity building and provisioning hygiene kits (including PPEs for frontline staff of Boat Clinic)

We are happy that Mr H.S Das(IAS Retd), a highly reputed civil servant, former Principal Finance Commissioner and State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam has joined C-NES' eminent Board of Trustees. Mr Das replaces the late Dr Jayanta Madhab, noted scholar, economist and founder chairman of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd, who passed away on 19th October 2020. Dr Madhab will be deeply missed by us.

One of C-NES' major focus has been holistic community development. Supported by the Bengaluru based SELCO Foundation, we adopted three river island villages in upper Assam's Majuli district to be developed as model villages. Kartick sapor, Mekahi sapor and Salmora were the selected island villages. Remote, cut off from mainland with poor means of communication, these islands are predominantly inhabited by the Mising tribe. The major goal was developing livelihood options through solar power. The model village project included livelihoods, health, education, basic energy access together so that the impact was larger than the sum of singular interventions and would create a major impact on the community.

Meanwhile our award winning Brahmaputra Community Radio Station (BCRS) community radio station-- popularly

called Radio Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh continues with its extensive innovative community services reaching over two lakh listeners through its radio programmes. In the midst of the COVID-epidemic, a unique program called radio study started in October 2020 with the aim of promoting education for school students through Radio Brahmaputra initiated by the Dibrugarh District Administration, UNICEF, Assam and Education Department and with cooperation of Radio Brahmaputra FM. With over 10 hours of programming every day, BCRS has an audience on islands and tea plantation communities with a geographical spread that covers three districts and hundreds of villages. We are truly proud of station-in-charge Bhaskar Bhuyan and his dedicated team.

We are deeply grateful to each team member of the team in C-NES led by Programme Manager Ashok Rao and the PMU including Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami, as well as the programme staff at the district level, the research unit and the office staff. Our accounting unit regularly trains our staff in financial procedures. In September 2021, we bid farewell to one of our oldest staff- Manik Chandra Boruah, Associate Programme Manager, who has joined a new assignment

I wish to thank the Department of Health, Government of Assam, the then Minister of Health Dr Himata Biswa Sarma, Mr. Sameer Sinha, then Principal Secretary (Health), Dr. Lakshmanan S, NHM's Mission Director, and colleagues in Assam, who have been a source of support.

Our Auditors, Jagdish Chand & Co ensured the accounts were in order. The Board of Trustees have been not just supportive but actively involved in several of our projects. Their unstinting support have helped us walk steadily over difficult patches.

On a different note, we welcome donations because we are constantly charting challenging waters beyond the rivers and boats and need constant support. Donations are tax exempt under Section 80G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act 1961. Our FCRA number is 231660377

Sanjoy Hazarika

C-NES Trustee



Mr H.S Das(IAS Retd), Former Principal Finance Commissioner, and State Chief Information Commissioner, Assam joins C-NES' eminent Board of Trustees. Das replaces Trustee Dr Jayanta Madhab, noted scholar, economist and founder chairman of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd who passed away on 19th October 2020. GK Pillai, former Union Home Secretary is Chairman of the Trust, Sanjoy Hazarika, is the founder and Managing Trustee. The others are Niketu Iralu, Peace Activist, Nagaland. Patricia Mukhim, Editor, The Shillong Times, Meghalaya; Dr Mahfuza Rahman, Retd. Professor, Cotton College, Guwahati, Assam and Ms. Preeti Gill, Literary Agent and Former Consulting Editor, Zubaan, New Delhi

Covid Warriors Appreciated

C-NES' Boat Clinics won a certificate of appreciation from the Government of Assam's Health and Family Welfare Department for dedicated and selfless service to the most marginalized, impoverished communities inhabiting the Brahmaputra river islands during the Covid 19 pandemic. The award was handed over by the state Health Minister in January 2021



Hope and Healing on the Brahmaputra



- Districts where Boat Clinics are operating in the Brahmaputra Valley, Assam



(Barpeta and Dhubri have two Boat Clinics each due to the size of island population and size of islands)

Health Initiative: Boat Clinics with NHM

Since 2005, C-NES has been providing basic health care services to the flood vulnerable population living in the Brahmaputra islands, through specially developed boats equipped with OPD, laboratories on board as well as pharmacies, first to one, then three and now reach thirteen districts in Assam through a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with the National Health Mission (NHM), Government of Assam. The goal is to take sustained health care to lakhs of persons on the islands, for the first time since independence, with a special focus on women and children, who are the most vulnerable in difficult conditions. Assam has one of India's worst Maternal Mortality Rate at 215 per 100,000 live births (Registrar General of India, Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India 2016-18) and a high Infant Mortality Rate at 32(NFHS 5) per 1000 live births

Each district has 15 staff headed by the District Programme Officer (DPO) who is the key person in organizing district plans and coordinating among the team, district health departments, district administration, NHM and the community. His or her team includes two Medical Officers and paramedical staff including two ANMs, a GNM, a pharmacist and one laboratory technician besides three community workers and a four member boat crew. The work of the boat clinics has led to remarkable results: On an average, 18,000-20,000 people are treated every month in the districts, individuals who were earlier beyond the reach of government programmes because no doctors or paramedics would go on a regular basis. The only time, villagers say, they would see a doctor on site was during an emergency like a major flood. Otherwise, they had to travel long distances at great cost and risk to get treated. Today, the services come virtually to their doorstep.

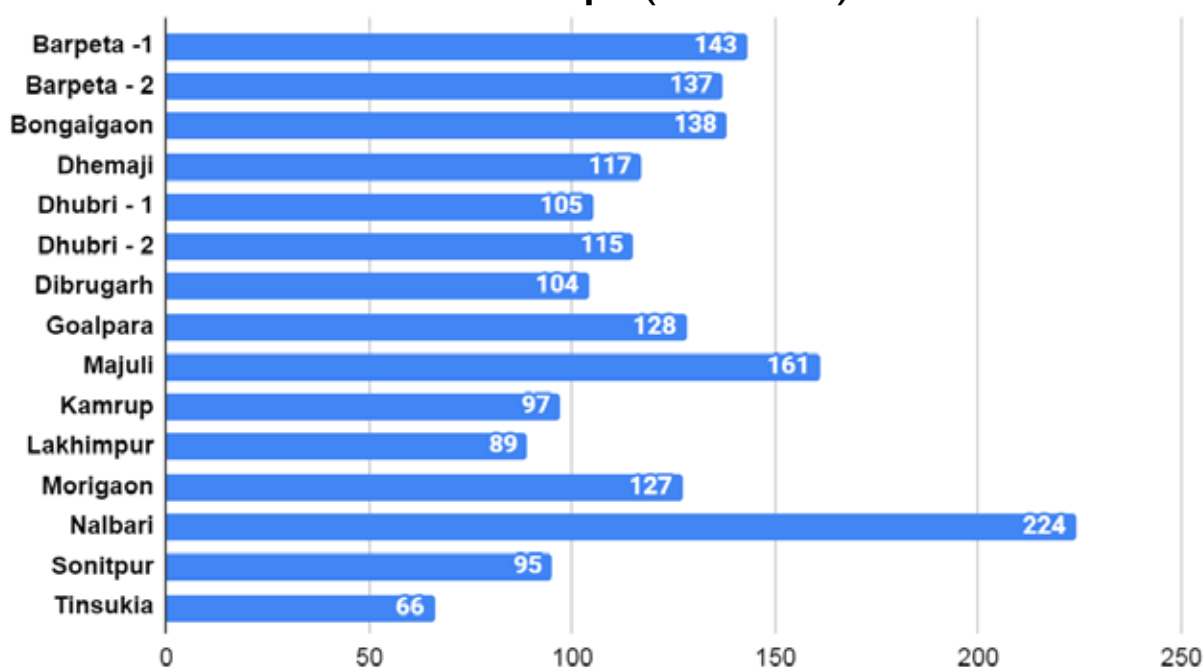
Till March 2021, over 3.7 million basic health services have been provided.

Boat Clinic Figures

Compiled Boat Clinic Units Figures (March 2020- April 2021)

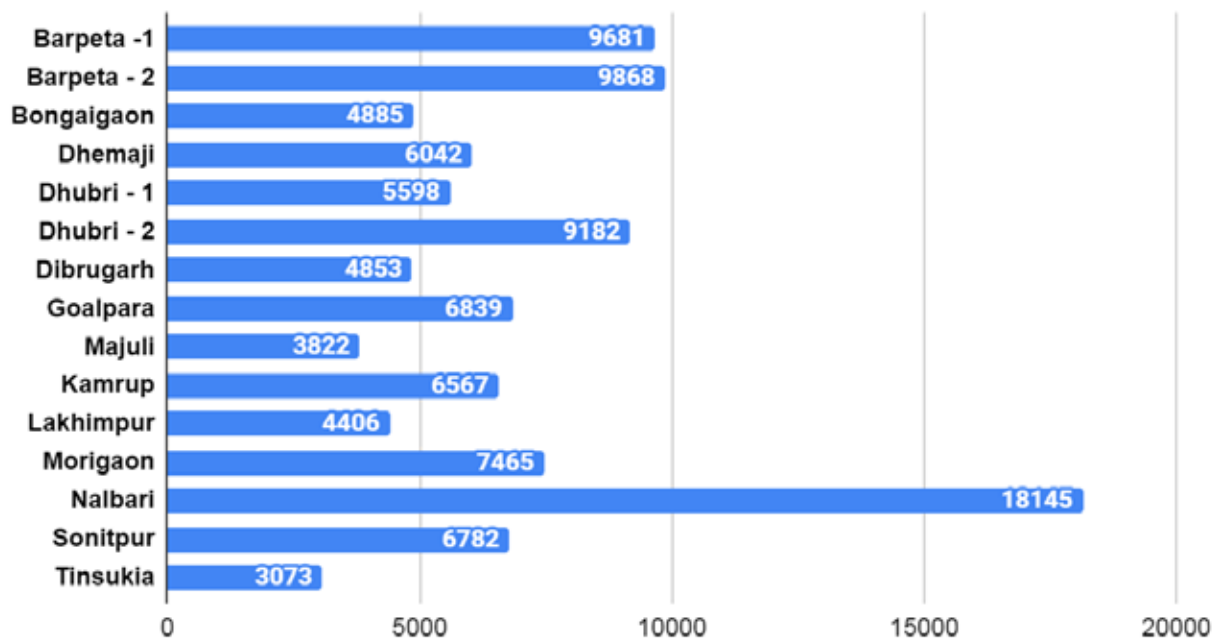
1. Total Health Camps

Health Camps (2020-21)



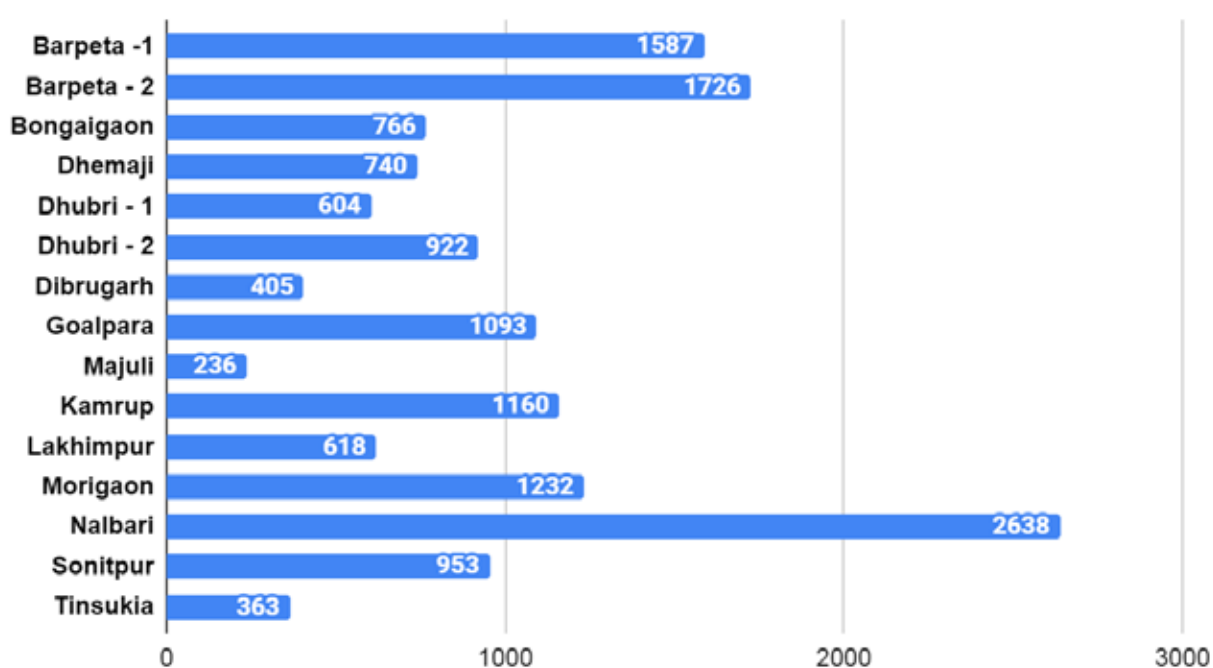
2. General Health Check ups

General checkups (2020-21)



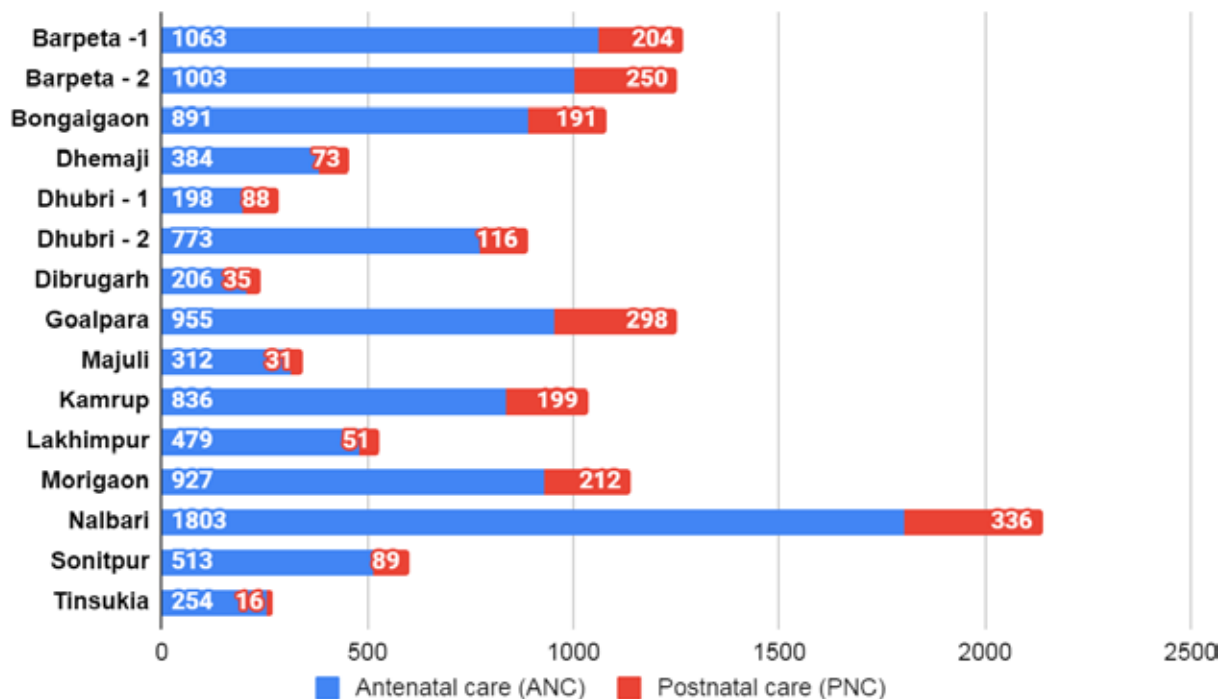
3. Routine Immunizations

Routine Immunizations (2022-21)



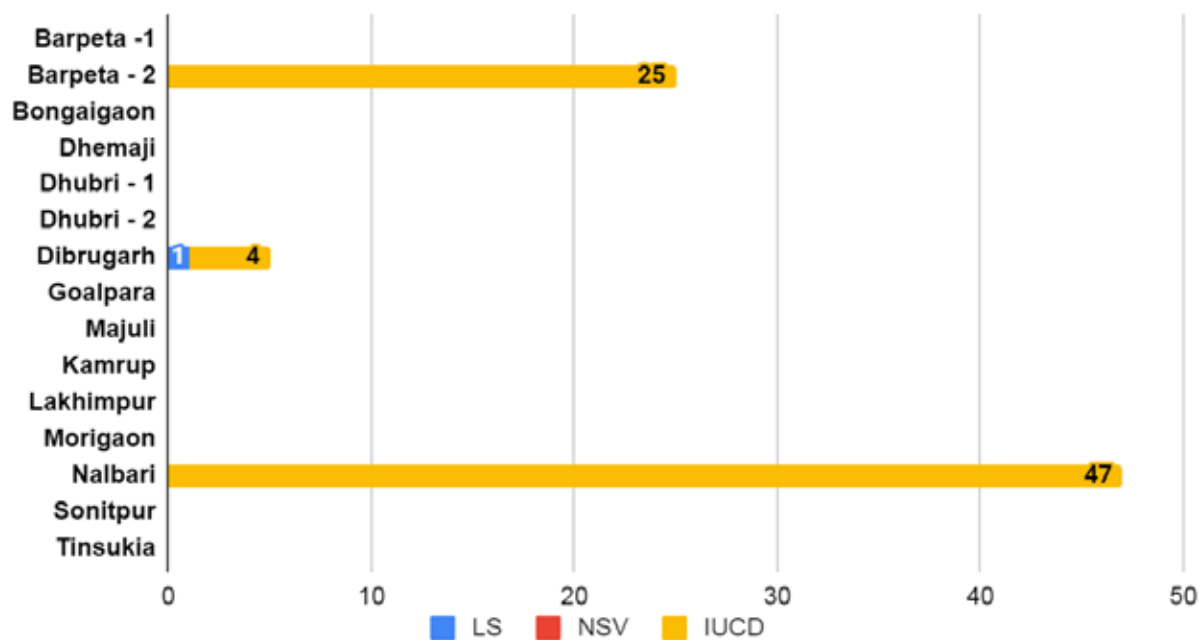
4. ANC and PNC

ANC and PNC (2020-21)



5. Family planning

Family Planning Activity (2020-21)



Boat Clinics fight Covid 19

As the country grappled with the challenge of curbing the spread of the novel coronavirus disease, C-NES' 15 Boat Clinics, supported by NHM, Government of Assam, stepped up their efforts in the far-flung Brahmaputra river islands most of which lack access to basic health facilities. The frontline health workers from the 15 Boat Clinic units worked with dedication and commitment in the fight to prevent COVID-19 and completing the duty entrusted by the district health administration. As frontline warriors they conducted regular awareness sessions and reminded communities to maintain physical distance, follow hand washing practice and to wear homemade face mask at all times. The Clinics were in forefront of providing relief to island dwellers amid lockdown apart from providing preliminary check-ups. In order to penetrate more and spread the message most Boat Clinic units divided themselves into 2 to 3 teams and reached out to people and homes in the most interior island villages. Villagers were informed about importance of maintaining social distancing, regular and proper hand washing, need of wearing mask, first signs/symptoms when health assistance should be sought, what corona virus is all about and how it can spread. Communities were also made to understand that in order to break the chain or contain the infection from spreading, all responsible citizens should remain inside their homes (especially vulnerable groups like PW, Children below 10 years and the elderly people above 65 years) for the number of days announced by the government. The workers are also acting as a bridge to help the people get necessary government procured food items. Most of the island-dwellers across lower Assam are daily-wage workers whose income has completely stopped because of the lockdown.

All the units in the initial period (March) apart from the awareness sessions were mainly engaged in visiting villages and identifying persons with travel history with information/help from ASHA and local leaders. The identified persons were put under home quarantine after proper counselling and awareness to the person and all members of his/her family. The ASHA and AWW workers and village headman were made responsible to closely monitor and to inform of any changes in health condition immediately.



A temporary self quarantine home at Jorhat district

As the COVID19 pandemic unfolded, the Boat Clinics launched awareness campaigns in the saporis about the newly emerged disease, advocating the need for physical distancing, and are carrying out community surveillance in their designated areas. Besides, years of ignorance and low literacy rates made them take some time to understand the dangers of the infection and how to resist it. But all the 15 boat clinics ensured every home, even deep into the island pockets, was visited. Presently, the Boat Clinic health teams have been providing COVID19 vaccine to the remote villagers with the help of Health Department of Govt. of Assam.

Khogeswar Pegu, village headman of Kerkeri village in Majuli district says that these mobile clinics have been a huge source of relief for the people of these islands. Majuli is the world's largest river island and is a district as well.

Self quarantine : Many island dwellers in upper Assam who returned back home from other states have set a unique example of self awareness by quarantining themselves outside the village. They have built bamboo chang ghar (homes on stilts) and sheds made of mats and other natural materials. They have not tested positive but do not want to put in danger the lives of their families and neighbours. In some of these remote island villages several who do not even have travel history have also been living in self isolation away from their villages displaying immense self discipline and social awareness. In the initial period stigmatization of the virus and frontline workers due to illiteracy and fake news being spread within the communities was high which caused a hindrance in approaching villagers.

Intensive Awareness on COVID-19 from March 2020



Orientation on COVID-19 for ASHA workers by Boat Clinic teams



Maintaining physical/social distancing at health camps







Awareness on Importance of Hand washing



Challenging conditions to reach and serve the communities



Assam Community Surveillance Program (ACSP) :



Delivery on a country boat

21st April, 2020, started early, like any normal day for the C-NES Boat Clinic health teams. The Dhemaji Boat Clinic team in Upper Assam, bordering Arunachal Pradesh, was prepared for another long day ahead. Times were uncertain and challenging. As the Dhemaji team proceeded to conduct a health camp at Pakhoriguri sapor (island village) they are stopped by a few villagers. "An emergency" they said. A pregnant 19 year old Silaboti Boro from Udaypur village of Mechaki sapor, was being brought by her parents in a country boat to the nearest mainland hospital as roads were closed due to the nationwide lockdown. Her husband was far away in Chennai. Silaboti started labour in the boat itself and the family was not being able to contact the 108 ambulance service despite frantically trying to. The very sight of the "Doctor's Boat" from afar was godsend. It was noon. The young Medical Officer, Dr Modhusmita Hazarika and ANM Mohima Boro had no time to lose. They had to make a quick decision. There was no way they could take her to the nearest health centre. It would be too late. It had to be here, now. On the country boat. The surface was cleaned, necessary hygienic precautions taken. Gloves were put on and the duo swung into action. Exactly 26 minutes later, at 12.26 pm, a healthy baby boy weighing 3 kg was born much to the delight of the family. A baby born on a country boat. The mother and infant was referred to the nearest health centre(MPHC) at Ramdhan for further check ups. The baby is named Somol Boro, the team was informed later. This was not the first instance when a boat clinic responded to a call of distress on a remote island.



Dhemaji Boat Clinic in a flood relief camp conducted 15th September 2018

Panel Discussion

C-NES organized a panel discussion on January 4, 2021 around the question of numbers, data and the ebb and flow of power play in the NE with a focus on Nagaland. A new book Numbers in India's Periphery by Ankush Agrawal and Vikas Kumar on issues of the North-eastern region is studying major challenges from fresh perspectives: reviewing data and drawing narratives out of it. To discuss the book and the concerns it flags, C-NES organized the discussion. The speakers included Gopal K. Pillai C-NES' chair and former Union Home secretary, Bano Haralu, conservator and editor, and Dr Veio Pou of Delhi University. Managing Trustee Sanjoy Hazarika moderated the session which witnessed intense participation by over 60 participants.

APPI supports Boat Clinics

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns announced by Central Government and respective State Governments (in multiple phases) significantly affected the lives of many, especially the most vulnerable communities with whom C-NES works. In June 2020 Bengaluru based Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) donated an amount of Rs.41,09,200/- (Rupees Forty-One Lakh Nine Thousand Two Hundred only) as a one-time grant to C-NES for the well-being of vulnerable communities living on river islands of Brahmaputra, Assam, to strengthen the capacities of and safeguard the Boat Clinic frontline warriors and the beneficiaries. The neglected Char areas saw a transformation in healthcare with health workers in Boat Clinics, clad in PPEs, going to their doorsteps with face masks, soaps, Hand Sanitizers, groceries and food since September 2020. This 6-month grant works through the below listed key interventions:

1. Awareness generation for prevention and containing the spread of Covid-19 on river islands
2. Capacity Building and provisioning Hygiene Kit (including PPEs for frontline staff of Boat Clinic)

“With deep appreciation and respect for the work that you are doing in this period of global crisis to provide access and relief to the communities on the ground” mentioned the grant letter.

Photographs from the APPI Covid-19 initiative follows :





Visitors

Film Makers visit Kamrup Boat Clinic

Noted filmmakers Vinta Nanda and Priti Chandriani from Mumbai joined the Kamrup Boat Clinic team on 11th March 2020 just before the pandemic hit the country. They are making a documentary film on Gender and travelling around key places in India to interview thought leaders for it. Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami spoke about the clinics and the service provided from a gender perspective. The health team members also spoke to the film makers about their experiences while providing service and the challenges they face. This particular Boat Clinic, SB Kaliyani has been donated to C-NES by NRL as part of CSR funding.



The film crew with the C-NES team onboard



Inside Boat Clinic, SB Kaliyani



Inside Boat Clinic, SB Kaliyani

Health Officials at Goalpara Boat Clinic

On 28th September 2020 the Goalpara Boat Clinic was visited by health officials led by the Joint Director health, DPM, and SDPM of Lakhimpur in charge of char PHC to discuss conducting rapid antigen tests in char (river island) areas. The official team seen with the C-NES health staff including DPO Bandana Khound



Dibrugarh : Officials and members from Dibrugarh District Health Society along with Joint Director Health and members of Panitola BPHC visiting a boat clinic health camp TD plus vaccination session at Dodhíya Kuligaon island village. The Tetanus Plus (TD) vaccine is administered to boost the immune system of the body to prevent the infection and diphtheria.



Officials at Kamrup Boat Clinic Nutrition Camp

Poshan Maah activities and community level SAM screening camp was conducted by Kamrup Boat Clinic at Bezortari char in presence of the Nutrition counselor, DCM and a research scholar on 28th September 2020. 39 children were screened out of which 2 were Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases. The objective of Poshan Maah is to address malnutrition amongst young children and women and to ensure health and nutrition for all. Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) have nine times higher risk of dying than well nourished children.

More photographs follow from the camp :



Media Coverage

1. https://www.telegraphindia.com/states/north-east/voice-of-the-assam-people-combats-coronavirus-fear/cid/1763265?fbclid=IwAR06fiPtNPMHuFm5VrWwHefHA9KKsKNFfH3Ag2vtmOp9IAjN6NVlfs3vFjl#.Xo_ruM2t2nk.facebook
2. <https://www.eastmojo.com/ourcoronafighters/2020/04/11/c-nes-boat-clinics-fight-covid-19-in-island-dwellings-of-assam?fbclid=IwAR1MnBAGYtWRINYKj8p0Mdo2loHtnSEvND8sTzLHsm9PSeywVxxDU3Bhx8A>
3. <https://m.etvbharat.com/.../bongaigaon.../assam20200422211616065>
4. <https://www.etvbharat.com/.../dhubri-b.../assam20200423211603382>
5. : <http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/mdetails.asp>
6. <https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/woman-delivers-baby-on-boat-in-assam-s-dhemaji-amid-covid-19-lockdown-1671174-2020-04-26?fbclid=IwAR2Sqlw8lkgrhWMuehMvbINz4oyGhXemPUDrCiIN80Ja9QD-eIVQ2TDYOV2U>
7. https://thedailyeye.info/post.php?id=3a99ae230e7939b7&title=A-star-is-born-on-a-boat-during--COVID-19-lockdown-&fbclid=IwAR0OpIn2pSkcYznIKE4_5oIXIA4auUU-xb6offhfgDVKtwukRBP-XaAPGJk
8. <https://www.who.int/india/news/photo-story/detail/routine-immunization-camps-organized-in-northeastern-states?fbclid=IwAR1ovviqDUjudau7XqWkELaXyIT1myqC0wj49Z7I12zjGMnkSnzBX3SAPV8>
9. <https://www.facebook.com/majulidistrictadministration/videos/5319065504788765/UzpfSTewNzE2OTYwMjY3NTM2NTozMTQ1MTQ2NzY4ODc3NjE4/>
10. 10. <http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/spat.asp?id=2020/apr2020/BigPage8.jpg>
11. <http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/mdetails.asp?id=apr2020%2Fstate050&fbclid=IwAR0QPhR7oj6wgbXjXkfMnI92RMi7gJh0z0YzbQFM-9Lv018ZdztE5Yuo4-Y>
12. https://india.mongabay.com/2020/05/assams-boat-clinics-scan-remote-islands-for-covid-19/?fbclid=IwAROMOH8kUkpPHjnvqqaEa7JV__m6CNKHtN18xCFaXohcMpmqQCjclbVS_A4

C-NES- SELCO Model village project

C-NES supported by the Bengaluru based Selco Foundation adopted 3 river island villages to be developed as model villages. Kartick sapor, Mekahi sapor and Salmora were the selected island villages, in upper Assam's Majuli district. They are all remote, cut off from mainland with poor means of communication, predominantly inhabited by the Mising tribe. The major focus was to develop livelihood options through solar power. The model village project includes livelihoods, health, education, basic energy access together so that the impact is larger than the sum of singular interventions and will create a huge impact on the community. People will be aware about the profit of renewable energy, there would be increasing income with sustainable livelihood and improved communication and networking system through electronic device in remote targeted areas.

A solar powered xerox and printing centre was installed at Kartik and Mekhai sapor. 20 solar street lights were fixed at Kartik and Mekhai sapor and elephant repellents were installed, as man-elephant conflict is a big concern here. Solar fencing in the border area of village and forest will secure agriculture. Dairy products are made in these islands and so a kind of cottage cheese (Khoya) making machine was installed. The Anganwadi center at Kartik sapor will be converted to a smart centre using solar power to digitalize it to help children of the island village in their higher education. The solar powered boat for Kartick sapor will enable people to use it even at night in case of an emergency. It will help people getting medical service at all times. Salmora island village is the oldest inhabited in Majuli. The entire village is dependent on pottery, boat building along with basic wood craft including furniture making. Pottery and boat building has been practiced here since the Ahom times. But the culture is facing challenges due to a soil crisis and production has been low with the Brahmaputra Board giving a circular to stop soil digging from the riverine areas to safeguard people from erosion. The solar powered ball bearing machine would go a long way in providing solution for soil producing. Solar pottery wheel will also increase production. Concerns like poverty, migration, child labour, child trafficking and marriage is expected to be reduced by involving the community in pottery.



Inauguration of pottery wheel with blunger and pug wheel at Salmora village



DPO Jorhat Boat Clinic Riturekha Baruah being felicitated by island villagers of Salmora

From the Field :

The National Deworming Day is an initiative of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India to make every child in the country worm free. This is one of the largest public health programs reaching large number of children during a short period. More than 836 million children are at risk of parasitic worm infections worldwide. According to World Health Organization 241 million children between the ages of 1 and 14 years are at risk of parasitic intestinal worms in India, also known as Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH).

A few photographs from NDD awareness camps by the Tinsukia Boat Clinic in September 2020



Flood hit villages in Dibrugarh's Dadhiya sapor for the fourth time in September 2020



Sonitpur Boat Clinic team on way to Nij Tintikia char wading through water



Images from health camps conducted by the Dhemaji Boat Clinic in flooded Koilawali island village in September 2020



Dhemaji river island villagers on way to a boat clinic health camp from their flooded homes



The Lakhimpur Boat Clinic carries on a house to house survey for children between 10-16 for the Tetanus Plus (TD) vaccine session



The Tetanus plus (TD) vaccine session conducted by the Lakhimpur Boat Clinic at Adisuti Minamoni village in December 2020



The Tetanus Plus (TD) vaccine session at Sovamari L. P. School conducted by the Nalbari Boat Clinic



Tetanus Plus (TD) vaccine session conducted by the Nalbari Boat Clinic at Bhalakhati L. P. School in December 2020



RI session at Dadhiya Charisuti with the support from Panitola PHC by the Dibrugarh Boat Clinic



Routine Immunization camp at Dibrugarh districts Dadhiya Tengabari island village



DPOs Dhubri Boat Clinic- Unit I and II, Sultan Nekib and Meheubub Alam Hazarika respectively, attending the District Task Force meeting on IPPI at the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office on 27th January 2021V



Barpeta Boat Clinic Unit II led by DPO Swapna Das attending the midyear review meeting by District Health Office where the team presented their performance in October 2020.



Beneficiaries wait for their turn at routine immunization camps conducted by the Morigaon Boat Clinic Unit at Bhangkoura and Tengaguri island villages in October 2020

Radio Brahmaputra



In the midst of the COVID-epidemic, a unique program called radio study started in October 2020 in upper Assam's Dibrugarh district with the aim of promoting education for school students through C-NES' Radio Brahmaputra. The reading program was initiated by the Dibrugarh District Administration, UNICEF, Assam and Education Department and with cooperation of Radio Brahmaputra FM.

Under this radio study program, the teachers / teachers of government schools will be teaching e students social science, environmental science and English through a live radio based program. There would also be teaching by experts on the necessity of a nutritious diet under the Anganwari centers.

Krishna Hajong a student of class V from Nalbari Hajong L.P. School, Dhemaji listening to a radio class "The Joy of Living" on Radio Brahmaputra's "Radio Parhasali", an initiative by Radio Brahmaputra in association with UNICEF, Assam and in association with district administration and Education department of Dibrugarh.





A feast being arranged on January 9, 2021 by the Radio Brahmaputra listeners of Nalbari village in Dhemaji district on the arrival of Radio Brahmaputra workers Pinku Gohain and Kalyan Samwa.



After reopening of schools in January 2021, students from different tea gardens and villages, participating in Radio Brahmaputra's evening broadcast of school learning programme helped by volunteers.

Financials

CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST STUDIES AND POLICY RESEARCH			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 ST MARCH ' 2021			
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (In ₹)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (In ₹)
CORPUS FUND		FIXED ASSETS	20,29,772
Opening Balance	4,00,85,271	(As per Schedule- I)	
LESS: Deficiency for the year	62,62,862	Capital Work In Progress	2,29,76,128
	3,38,22,409		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		PROJECT ASSETS	
Other Payable	2,17,276	(At nominal Value)	
TDS Payable	57,256		
PF Payable	26,87,731	INVESTMENTS	
Professional Tax payable	3,56,320	Fixed Deposits with Scheduled Banks	1,40,099
Advance from District Programme Officer	12,19,417		
Sundry Creditors	64,439	CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS	
Unreconciled Credit in Bank Account	7,55,000	& ADVANCES	
		Other Advances	5,17,836
		Advance to District Programme Officer	1,25,869
		Imprest with Staff	1,36,035
		Security deposit for Rent	43,000
		TDS Recoverable	19,79,257
		Other Recoverable	8,756
		Advance for Boat Building	5,02,390
		Loans & Advances	1,44,500
		Amount Recoverable from Milan & Pinku	31,30,225
		Cash in Hand	2,37,836
		Bank Accounts (NET)	72,08,145
TOTAL	3,91,79,848	TOTAL	3,91,79,848

AUDITOR'S REPORT

As per our separate report of even date attached

For JAGDISH CHAND & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN: 000129N



(SANTOSH KUMAR JHA)
PARTNER
M.No. 532638

Place: New Delhi

Dated : 15/02/2022

For Centre For Northeast Studies
And Policy Research


Managing Trustee
Sanjoy Hazarika
Managing Trustee

CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST STUDIES AND POLICY RESEARCH			
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31ST MARCH ' 2021			
PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (₹)	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (₹)
Annual Meeting expenses	44,142	Grant - in - Aid	4,99,67,117
Administrative Expenses	1,69,223	Interest Received	76,718
Advertisement Expenses	9,320	Donation Received	44,42,494
Payment to Auditor:-		Misc. Receipt	2,09,603
-Audit Fee	97,350	Community Radio Support Scheme	1,61,928
Books & Periodicals	29,583	Income from Advertising	1,15,014
Bank charges	7,992	Interest on Income Tax Refund	3,07,400
Boat Hire Charges	11,64,236	Excess of Expenditure Over income	62,62,862
Boat Expenditures	23,46,630		
Carriage charges	1,65,861		
Consultancy charges	11,000		
Covid 19 Relief	40,19,034		
Depreciation	3,58,186		
Electricity & Water	36,250		
Food & Snacks Expenses	19,41,728		
Incentive	3,40,700		
Interest on TDS	68		
Insurance Expenses	4,15,168		
Instruments & Equipment Expenses	2,49,141		
LPG, Kerosene & Other POL Expenses	1,37,181		
Life Jacket	40,950		
License Fees	23,975		
Medical Expense	2,28,523		
Meeting Expenses	80,285		
Membership fee	2,002		
Mega Awareness Camps Exp.	7,551		
Mobility & Monitoring	47,110		
Other Expenses	1,79,135		
Office Expenses	1,96,302		
Postage & Carriage	41,677		
Printing & Stationery	1,70,414		
Project, Seminars & Program Expenses	29,18,979		
Professional Charge	2,38,244		
Rent Expenses	11,65,480		
Refreshment Expenses	24,848		
Repair & Maintenance	84,856		
Salary, Honorarium & Incentives	4,19,51,801		
Travelling and Dearness Allowances	2,97,976		
Telephone & Internet Charges	1,38,036		
Training Expenses	86,208		
Tender Fees	3,000		
Vehicle hiring Charge	20,72,991		
TOTAL	6,15,43,136	TOTAL	6,15,43,136

AUDITOR'S REPORT

As per our separate report of even date attached

For JAGDISH CHAND & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
FRN: 000129N


(SANTOSH KUMAR JHA)
PARTNER
M.No. 532638
Place: New Delhi
Dated : 15/02/2022



For Centre For Northeast Studies
And Policy Research


Managing Trustee
Sanjoy Hazarika
Managing Trustee

Significant Accounting Policies :

1) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements -

The Financial Statements comprising the Balance sheet and the Income and Expenditure account are prepared under the historical cost convention, on the Accrual Basis of accounting. The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the statements are consistent with those followed in the previous year.

2) Donation / Grant -

Donation received is recognized as income when the donation is received, except where the terms and conditions require the donations to be utilized over a certain period. Such Donations are recorded under Income side in the Income and Expenditure Account.

Grants received with specific programs/activities are recognized as income when it is received and are recorded under Income side in the Income and Expenditure Account.

3) Fixed Assets -

Fixed assets are recorded at cost of acquisition including incidental costs related to acquisition and installation.

4) Depreciation -

Depreciation is charged on fixed assets on Written Down Value basis at the rates specified by the Income Tax Act, 1961.

5) Employee Benefits -

- Contribution towards the Employees Provident Fund is made on monthly basis with relevant Government authorities which is charged to Income and Expenditure A/c in the year to which it pertains.
- Mediclaim and Accidental Insurance is provided which is charged to Income and Expenditure A/c.

Board of Trustees:

GK Pillai, former Union Home Secretary, Chairman

Sanjoy Hazarika, Managing Trustee

Niketu Iralu, social worker from Nagaland

Patricia Mukhim, Columnist and Editor, Shillong Times, Meghalaya

Preeti Gill, Literary Agent and Independent Researcher, New Delhi

HS Das, former Principal Finance Commissioner Govt. of Assam

Dr. Mahfuza Rahman, former Professor, Cotton College, Guwahati

Special Advisor : Dr. Milan K Barooah



A potter from Jorhat boat clinic serviced island village gifts a clay model of the boat clinic to the district unit as a gesture of gratitude and good will



CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST STUDIES
& POLICY RESEARCH

Annual Report : 2020-2021

Registered Office:

Managing Trustee

C-NES

B-14, Press Enclave, Saket, New Delhi- 110017

email: mt@c-nes.org, sanjoy@c-nes.org

Regional Office:

Programme Manager

C-NES

House No. 25, Bhaskar Nagar, R.G. Barua Road, Guwahati- 781021

e-mail: pm@c-nes.org, co.pmu@c-nes.org

Phone: 0361-3591518

Website: www.c-nes.org



<https://www.facebook.com/cnespr?fref=nf>



<https://twitter.com/CNESLive>