

The background of the cover is a vibrant, abstract painting. It features a large, stylized hand in the center, holding a bouquet of colorful flowers. To the right, there's a depiction of a young girl in traditional Indian attire, including a blue and yellow sari and a bindi. In the bottom left corner, a man wearing a traditional Assamese hat (Mekhela) is visible. The overall color palette is rich with blues, yellows, and various floral colors.

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Transformation
And Advancement in Rural Areas

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REGISTRATION DETAILS OF SATRA

1. Societies Registration Act. XXI of 1860.

No : RS/DAR/247/C/10 of 2002-03.

2. Niti Ayoog Registration (Darpan)

Unique ID: AS/2017/01533817

3. IT Act.1961 U/S 12A & 80G.

4. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act.1976.

FCRA No : 020740039

5. PWD (People with disability) Act.

6. National Trust.

No: 210716131855007/MR/CP/AUTISM/MD

7. Employees Provident Fund

No : NEGHY/9388

8. TAN No : SHLS04922B

9. PAN : AAETS7554F.

10. Accredited with desirable norms by
Credibility Al-liance.

New Delhi. Vide CA/20/2015

11. Awarded Assam Chief Minister best Community action award
in 2007

GENESIS OF SATRA

In 2002, at the initiative of Mrs. Jyoti Prava Bora, a group of social activists in Assam gathered and founded SATRA (Social Action For Appropriate Transformation And Advancement in Rural Areas) with its headquarters in Sipajhar. Driven by a vision of social equity and progress, SATRA, under the leadership of Mrs. Bora and with guidance from figures like Dr. Dinesh Baishya and Sri Nani Kr. Saikia, embarked on a mission to transform rural communities. Their objectives centered on social justice, education, healthcare, and overall community development. Over the years, SATRA emerged as a beacon of hope, working tirelessly to create sustainable solutions and empower marginalized communities, illuminating the path to a brighter future for the people of Assam.

Vision:

To establish a progressive, peaceful and developed society based on the values of equity, justice, trust, love, honesty, dignity and mutual help.

Mission:

To organize and empower the rural poor to promote development as a liberating force for achieving social justice, economic growth and self reliance.

Objectives:

To create a peaceful society for all without prejudice of caste, creed, colour and religion where all the people live peacefully.

From the desk of Chairman

As we gather to reflect on the year gone by, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and pride as I pen down this annual note for SATRA's Annual Report 2022-23. This year, like the many before, has been a testament to the unwavering spirit and dedication of our team, volunteers, partners, and most importantly, the communities we serve.

SATRA, rooted in the ideals of compassion and empowerment, continues to make significant strides in the socio-economic development of the underprivileged in Assam. Our journey, started in 2002, has been one of challenges, triumphs, and most importantly, transformative change.



I am particularly heartened by the impact of our ongoing initiatives. From promoting mental health awareness to empowering women and youth, from ensuring the rights of children to fostering sustainable livelihoods, SATRA's diverse projects have touched the lives of thousands. The reach we have achieved, spanning over 370 villages and supporting 20,000 families, is a testament to our collective resolve to create positive change.

SATRA's success is not just measured in numbers; it's about the lives transformed, the smiles restored, and the hope rekindled. It's about the communities coming together, supporting one another, and believing in the possibility of a brighter future. The spirit of community and collaboration is what fuels our endeavours.

As we celebrate our achievements, let us also recognize the challenges that persist. Poverty, lack of education, health disparities, and social prejudices continue to affect the lives of many. In the face of these challenges, I am sure, SATRA will remain as a beacon of hope. It is our collective responsibility to rise above these challenges, to advocate for change, and to create a society where every individual, regardless of their background, has an opportunity to thrive.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team, our partners, and our supporters. Your belief in SATRA's mission, your tireless efforts, and your unwavering support have been instrumental in whatever achievements we have. I am profoundly thankful for the trust you all have placed in us and the faith you have shown in our work.

As we step into the future, let us renew our commitment to the cause we serve. Let us continue to work together, hand in hand, to build a society that is just, compassionate, and inclusive. The road ahead may be challenging, but with our collective determination, I am confident that SATRA will continue to be a force for positive change.

Thank you for being a part of our journey, and I look forward to achieving even greater milestones together in the years to come.

With warm regards,

Prasanna Kumar Nath

From the desk of executive Director

I am deeply honored to present our Annual Report for the year 2022-23. It has been a year of progress as well as challenges. SATRA's journey, rooted in the vision of social change and empowerment, continues to touch the lives of thousands in the underprivileged communities of Assam. SATRA is operating in some of the most underdeveloped districts of Assam, including Darrang, Udalguri, Sonitpur and Baksa. Our dedicated team of 70 full-time staff members, along with numerous volunteers, has tirelessly worked towards our objectives, focusing on sustainable livelihoods, education, mental health, women's empowerment, and child rights. SATRA's ongoing projects are:



- 1. Community Mental Health Program:** Our collaboration with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives has allowed us to address the pressing issue of mental health in Darrang district of Assam. Through community-based initiatives, we are striving to eliminate stigma, improve awareness, and provide essential support systems for individuals dealing with mental health challenges.
- 2. Education, Child Rights & Peacebuilding:** Supported by Miseoreor and tdh Germany, this project focuses on fostering peace, social equality, and education among children from diverse ethnic backgrounds. This project also works on empowering youth with skills, sustainable livelihood options, and environmental education to prevent migration.
- 3. Women Empowerment:** With the support of EDGH, Luxembourg, through tdh-Germany, our women empowerment project is creating social and economic opportunities for women and youths in the Darrang District. By providing livelihood opportunities, training, and resources.
- 4. Digital Learning Platform:** Our partnership with Chimple, a learning app, supported by NENPL through CSR, is enabling beginners to access quality education through digital platforms, bridging educational gaps and promoting inclusivity.
- 5. Livelihood Rights:** Supported by Bread for the World, our livelihood rights project is ensuring economic opportunities for marginalized communities, fostering self-reliance and financial stability. Our core areas of focus continue to be sustainable livelihood and environment, conflict management, peace education, child rights protection, disaster management, healthcare, nutrition, reproductive and child health, and community mental health.

While we celebrate our successes, we acknowledge the challenges ahead. Economic disparities, educational gaps, and social prejudices still persist. However, these challenges also serve as opportunities for us to innovate, collaborate, and create meaningful change in the lives of those SATRA work for.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated executive board members, team, supporters, funders, volunteers, and partners. Your unwavering commitment and support have been the driving force for our commitment. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we will continue to create a positive change in the lives of the underprivileged. As we move into the future, SATRA remains committed to its vision of a just and equitable society. Our journey is far from over, and there is much work to be done. I invite you all to join hands with us, to stand in solidarity with the marginalized, and to contribute to the transformation of lives and communities.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in SATRA's mission.

Warm regards,

Nani Kumar Saikia

Community Mental Health Program

Promotion, prevention and early intervention



1. Introduction:

In collaboration with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, SATRA has diligently executed the Community Mental Health Program in the Darrang district of Assam. This initiative was undertaken to address the pressing mental health challenges prevalent in the region. Over the course of the past year, our program has made significant strides in promoting, preventing, and providing early interventions for mental illnesses. This report provides an overview of our progress and outcomes achieved during this period.

2. Objectives:

The program's core objectives have been focused on enhancing mental health well-being, strengthening community support systems, empowering individuals to access mental health services, and eradicating the stigma associated with mental health issues. The program, adhering to the biopsychosocial model, has encompassed biological, psychological, and social dimensions in its interventions.

3. Target Groups and Stakeholders:



The efforts have been supported by a diverse group of stakeholders including community members, grassroots level health workers, Mangaldai Civil Hospital, DMHP, LGBRIMH, Darrang district administration, and Darrang district mental health society.

4. Project Implementation and Activities:

- **Identification & Registration:** The project have successfully registered 2191 patients, including 457 new patients and 234 discharged patients.
- **Mental Health Screening Camps:** 24 camps in the reporting year were organized, attended by 1195 patients seeking mental health support.
- **Follow-up Visits:** SATRA's dedicated staff conducted 18,432 follow-up visits, ensuring continuous support for the patients.
- **Counseling:** A total of 163 counseling sessions were provided in last six months, catering to both family members (80 sessions) and patients (83 sessions).
- **Livelihood Support:** 132 individuals have received livelihood support, with assessments ongoing for 38 more.
- **Caregiver Training:** 268 caregivers have been trained to enhance their ability to support their loved ones.

Awareness Programs: Through 96 days of door-to-door campaigns and 62 meetings, we reached 8,760 people, effectively raising awareness about mental health issues.

5. Challenges:

Despite our efforts, challenges persist, notably in reducing stigma, engaging Village Level Committees effectively, and addressing resource gaps, both financial and non-financial.

6. Outcome and Impact Assessment:

The program has yielded positive outcomes, including increased confidence among community organizers, a better understanding of mental illness, empowerment of citizens, and the foundation for enduring change in the community's approach to mental health issues.

7. Achievements:

- **Increased Awareness:** Capitalizing on post-pandemic awareness, the program has significantly impacted mental health intervention in the community.
- **Social Media Advocacy:** Leveraging social media, we've educated the public and garnered support for mental health initiatives.

Growing Understanding of Psychosocial Intervention: The community now appreciates the value of psychological support alongside medical treatment.

8. Outlook/Sustainability:



Patients follow up & counselling at home



Patient busy with the livelihood support.

To sustain the impact, we plan to continue awareness programs, identify and motivate individuals with mental illnesses & care giver, provide psychoeducation for caregivers, focus on suicide prevention in high-risk villages, and maintain ongoing monitoring, training, and community involvement.

In conclusion, SATRA's Community Mental Health Program, despite challenges, has made substantial progress in addressing mental health challenges in the Darrang district. Our achievements and planned activities reflect our dedication to improving mental health support and services, ultimately enhancing the well-being of our community. We express our gratitude to all stakeholders and partners for their unwavering support, without which these accomplishments would not have been possible.

Project Name: Promoting social and economic empowerment of women and youths in Darrang District of Assam.



Introduction: The past year has witnessed significant strides in the socio-economic landscape of Assam's Char Area, SATRA intervened in 8 vulnerable villages of Darrang District. With a focus on empowering marginalized women and youth, the project, supported by EDGH Luxembourg through tdg Germany, has diligently worked towards fostering economic independence and sustainable livelihoods in the face of adversities like floods and societal challenges. This report provides a comprehensive overview of our endeavors, achievements, challenges, and the valuable lessons learned.

Project Implementation: The project, designed to empower 300 women and 150 youth from minority, SC, OBC, and general communities, focused on strengthening women's roles in sericulture and weaving and enhancing youth skills. Key achievements include:

1. Formation of Women Clusters and Youth Groups:

- Six women clusters and eight youth groups were formed, enabling collective learning and support systems.
- Women were trained in various aspects of silk farming, reeling, dyeing, and weaving, while youths received education on eco-friendly agro-based livelihood skills.
- **Skill Development and Training:**
 - Women received training in group management, leadership, and operational management of spinning and weaving activities.
 - Youth were trained in low-cost Vermi Compost units, and plans for beekeeping training are in progress.
 - Technical training sessions were conducted on Eri silkworm rearing, castor cultivation, weaving techniques, and design.
- **Market Linkages and Government Collaborations:**
 - Workshops were organized to facilitate market linkages for women groups in collaboration with Central Silk Board & State sericulture department.

Collaborations with government agencies such as NRLM, KVK, and Central Silk Board were established, enhancing livelihood opportunities for the community.

Challenges and Solutions: Challenges posed by floods and seed scarcity were mitigated through proactive measures. Procurement of castor seeds from alternative sources ensured the continuity of silk farming. The project plans to focus on disaster preparedness and risk mitigation in the coming phases.

Synergies and Lessons: Positive synergy among activities was observed as women groups complemented each other's skills, leading to increased production and income. Key learnings include the importance of skill training, proactive risk mitigation, collaboration with government agencies, and the significance of income generation initiatives for empowerment, especially for women.

The project's success lies in its holistic approach to empower women and youth, fostering economic independence and self-confidence. The journey of the past year has been marked by resilience, collaboration, and a shared vision for a better future. We recommend a mid-term evaluation by a third party to comprehensively assess our progress and impact, enabling us to fine-tune our activities for enhanced effectiveness.

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Environmental Sustainability and Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives

Introduction:

The annual report presented by the Social Action for Appropriate Transformation and Advancement in Rural Areas (SATRA) showcases the organization's commitment to environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation. As a central thematic area, SATRA's efforts encompass a range of initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable practices, regenerative agriculture, and raising awareness about the critical need for biodiversity protection.

Initiatives and Focus Areas:

1. **Training for Sustainable Farming:** SATRA's commitment to sustainable agriculture is evident in its training programs for small-scale farmers. These initiatives focus on imparting knowledge about regenerative agricultural practices, agroforestry, and the importance of crop diversification. By blending traditional wisdom with modern techniques, farmers are empowered to adopt environmentally friendly farming practices.

2. **Preservation of Traditional Seeds:** Recognizing the value of preserving indigenous biodiversity, SATRA organized training sessions on traditional seed preservation techniques. This initiative not only safeguards local plant varieties but also contributes to the conservation of unique biodiversity that is crucial for the resilience of ecosystems.

3. **Advocacy for Knowledge Center Establishment:** The establishment of a knowledge center serves as a beacon for disseminating information on sustainable practices. By acting as a centralized resource hub, the center aims to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation, ensuring that farmers have access to the latest advancements in sustainable agriculture.

4. **Market Linkage for Organic Produce:** SATRA facilitates market linkages for organic produce, creating avenues for farmers to connect with both local markets and metropolitan areas. This initiative not only ensures fair economic returns for farmers but also promotes the wider adoption of sustainable agricultural practices in the market ecosystem.

Regenerative Kitchen Gardening: The promotion of regenerative kitchen gardening practices forms a crucial component of SATRA's environmental sustainability initiatives. By providing technical and managerial support, the organization empowers households to adopt scientific methods, contributing to food security and local environmental health.

Advocacy and Awareness:

SATRA's advocacy efforts extend beyond specific projects, encompassing a broader campaign for sustainable biodiversity, climate adoption, and regenerative agricultural practices. The establishment of children and youth clubs serves as a platform to disseminate awareness, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility among the younger generation.

Challenges and Solutions:

The journey toward environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation is not without challenges. SATRA acknowledges and addresses obstacles arising from the influence of commercial farming practices and natural disasters like floods. Tailored training, community engagement, and the establishment of support mechanisms serve as effective strategies to overcome these challenges.

Impact and Future Commitments:

SATRA's initiatives have already made a positive impact on the adoption of sustainable practices and the preservation of biodiversity. The organization remains committed to sustaining these efforts, ensuring that the positive changes brought about by its initiatives endure in the long term.

SATRA's dedication to environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation is evident through its multifaceted initiatives. The organization's holistic approach, spanning training, awareness, and community engagement, underscores its commitment to fostering a harmonious relationship between human activities and the rich biodiversity of the region. As SATRA moves forward, the organization remains steadfast in its mission to create a sustainable and biodiverse environment for present and future generations.

Celebrating SATRA's 20th Raising Day: A Journey of Empowerment and Commitment

This year marked the 20th anniversary of SATRA, a significant milestone in its journey towards socio-economic development and empowerment. Established in 2002 with the noble motto "People for Development, Development for People," SATRA has been a beacon of hope and change for the underprivileged sections of society in Assam.

Founding Vision and Mission: Founded by a group of passionate social activists, SATRA emerged as a response to the pressing needs of the underdeveloped districts of Assam, including Darrang, Udalguri, and Baksa. The organization's mission revolves around the core principle of improving the lives of the underprivileged by providing them with the resources and skills essential for sustainable economic growth. The vision set forth by SATRA is deeply rooted in the belief that development should be inclusive, reaching the grass-roots level.



Raising Day Celebration: On the occasion of SATRA's 20th Raising Day, the organization's family, comprising dedicated volunteers and staff, came together to celebrate and contribute in a meaningful way. The tradition of observing the Raising Day on 27th February has been an annual event for SATRA, and this year was no exception.

As a symbol of selfless service and commitment to the community, SATRA organized a blood donation drive. Fifty-three volunteers from SATRA enthusiastically participated by donating blood to the blood bank of Mangaldai Civil Hospital. This act of generosity and altruism exemplifies SATRA's ethos of giving back to society and underscores the organization's commitment to the well-being of the community it serves.

Reflections on Two Decades: As SATRA commemorates its 20th Raising Day, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the organization's journey of impact, growth, and empowerment. Over the past two decades, SATRA has not only initiated numerous development projects but has also become a catalyst for positive change in the lives of those it serves.

Looking Ahead: The 20th Raising Day celebration is not just a reflection on the past but a commitment to the future. SATRA remains dedicated to its mission of fostering socio-economic development and empowering the underprivileged. The organization looks forward to continuing its journey, creating lasting change, and being a force for good in the years to come.

In essence, SATRA's 20th Raising Day celebration encapsulates the spirit of service, dedication, and the unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of the underprivileged. Here's to two decades of meaningful contributions, and to many more years of transformative work ahead.

Enhancing Social Security through SATRA's Initiative: Bridging Gaps for Unregistered Labor in Assam

In response to the challenges faced by unregistered labor during the COVID-19 pandemic, SATRA undertook a survey to identify the reasons behind the denial of government assistance. The study revealed that a significant number of laborers were excluded from support due to their non-registration under the Labor Welfare department of the Government of Assam. Lack of awareness about the registration process and associated benefits emerged as a primary obstacle.

Key Findings:

1. **Lack of Awareness:** A significant number of laborers were not registered due to a lack of awareness about the registration process and associated benefits.
2. **Government Assistance Denial:** Unregistered labor faced challenges in accessing government assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This report outlines SATRA's efforts, highlighting the progress made in creating awareness, promoting labor unions, and facilitating the registration process and the following intervention

1. Create awareness among unorganized sectors, especially construction labor, about the benefits of labor registration.
2. Facilitate the registration process for laborers and promote the formation of labor unions.
3. Promotion of Labor Union: SATRA initiated the promotion of a labor union in Sipajhar to empower laborers collectively.
4. Space Provision: SATRA provided office space within its premises for the functioning of the labor union until it can operate independently.
5. Provide ongoing support to newly formed labor unions until they can function independently.

Way forward:

1. **Continued Awareness Campaigns:** SATRA will continue and expand its awareness campaigns to reach a wider audience in various regions of Assam.
2. **Collaboration with Local Authorities:** Collaboration with local authorities may enhance the effectiveness of awareness programs and facilitate the registration process.
3. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** SATRA will establish a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to assess the impact of its initiatives and make necessary adjustments.

Replication in Other Regions: Successful models established in Sipajhar may be replicated in other districts, ensuring a broader reach and impact.

DIGITAL LEARNING through Chimple App.

The project DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR LEARNING USING CHIMPLE has been implementing by SATRA with support under CSR from NORTH EAST NUTRIENTS PVT LIMITED. Through this intervention, it is expected to uplift the basic education of children aged 5 and 6 using an app "CHIMPLE.

SATRA has selected 500 students from 5 schools belonging to classes 1 and 2 and distributed 100 tablets and accessories like Headphones and back cover with ratio 5:1 per students to the Schools namely Ramhari LP School , Ghorabandha LP School, Mangaldai balak lp school, Saloipara LP School, Chandowalpara LP School . The wireless internet connection was also installed in all 5 school.



The core objective of the project is to bring digital joyful learning experience to the most basic level. Technology partner, Sutara learning foundation Bengaluru provided with the Chimple App. It has an excellent track record of providing joyful learning experiences. According to the reports from Indian express and economic times, a whopping 37.15 % of children uses smartphones, with an average 3 hours daily screen time to use social media platform. Chimple intends to shift the curiosity of the young minds to more productive genre. ". Chimple employs joyful and creative element in form of game based self-learning thus clicking right in the child's basic instinct. It also encourages positive competition among children.

Through the app, kids learn Math and Science in a fun creative visually stimulating way which helps them understand better instead of the traditional method.



Activity:

1. The training of teachers has been conducted by SATRA on the usability of the app.
2. Installation of the Chimple App in the Tablet and necessary software modules.

3. Conducted trials classes to eliminate problem and smooth roll out of the project from April 2022.
4. The progress can be tracked through another admin-only app where the details of every student can be checked.

Expected Outcome:

1. Class using the CHIMPLE App to be held for at least an hour every working day.
2. To uplift overall performance for each individual student in term of intelligence, objectivity and ability to understand technology at an early age. The self learning aspect could introduce a sense of responsibility.
3. It is expected to get more than 3000 minutes or 50 hours of activity for each student from all 5 schools for next session 22-23.

Annual Report Darrang CHILDLINE FY-2022-23

Sl. No.	Case Category	Total Number of Case
1	Child Marriage	107
2.	Child Labour	17
3.	Child Sexual Abuse	4
4.	Shelter	3
5.	Missing	1
6.	Trafficking for Marriage	17
7.	Covid-19 related cases	0
8.	RTE Related	1
9.	Child Lost and Found	0
10.	Linkage with Scheme	1
11.	Cyber Security and Online Safety	1
12.	Counseling	2
13.	Abandoned	0
14.	Elopement	0
15.	Orphan	8
16.	Emotional Abuse	6
17.	Medical	1
18.	Run Away child	3
19.	Beggary	0
20	Physical Abuse	2
21	Children in contact with street	3
22	Illegal Adoption	1
	Total Case Intervened	178

Table: 1.1

Darrang CHILDLINE has intervened 210 cases in the financial year 2022-23, when we see in the table 1.1 we can see that child marriage case in the district is high compared to other case category, the number of

cases shown in the table 1.1 is reported cases through CHILDLINE 1098 services, there may be many more in the district which cases may not be reported.

The mentioned cases in table 1.1 is intervened by Darrang CHILDLINE and produces the cases in the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) of Darrang District, all the child related cases are handle by CWC, CWC is under the District Child Protection Unit and the CWC committee is of 4 members and 1 chairperson, after taking the statement of the victim child all the decision are taken by the CWC committee of a child in need of care and protection as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Darrang CHILDLINE also facilitated to the victim parents in lodging FIR if necessary, in the FY-2021-22 Darrang CHILDLINE have facilitated for lodging FIR to 10 families.

In spite of Pandemic COVID-19 Situation Darrang CHILDLINE try level based to render CHILDLINE 1098 services by maintaining all the COVID-19 protocols, the numbers of awareness programmes, outreach programmes are shown in the table 1.2 and 1.3 below-

Table 1.2

Numbers of Awareness Programmes Conducted by Darrang CHILDLINE in FY-2022-23

Sl. No.	No. of Awareness conducted with Anganwadi workers	No. of Awareness conducted in Schools	No. of Awareness conducted with PRI Members	No. of Awareness conducted in Community Level	Total Awareness Conducted
1	1	6	1	15	13

Table 1.3

Outreach Programme Data Conducted By Darrang CHILDLINE in FY-2-22-23

Sl. No.	Total Hours conducted Outreach in FY-2021-22	Total child Reach out	Total Adolescent Reach out	Total Adult Reach	Total Reach out
1	908.57	1349	2506	1957	5812

To stop crime against children, Darrang CHILDLINE Team took step to aware people as much as possible by conducting awareness programmes, outreach programmes, CHILDLINE Se Dosti Programmes. To aware regarding the child related issues Darrang CHILDLINE team has continuously conducting awareness programmes and outreach programme in the community level as well as in the schools of Darrang District, distributed leaflet in the town areas, bus stop and chowk in the district to aware about the child related issues like child marriage, child labour, child sexual abuse, child trafficking etc. also awering about the child toll free number '1098' to call and inform when ever see a child in a distress situation or a child in need of care and protection.

Strengthening Community Action for Development in North East India

Supported by Bread for the World



The project, "Strengthening Community Action for Development in North East India," undertaken by the Social Action for Appropriate Transformation and Advancement in Rural Areas (SATRA), supported by Bread for the World, aimed to empower communities, enhance livelihoods, and promote inclusive development in Darrang district. This annual report encompasses three reporting periods, each providing insights into the project's progress, challenges faced, and outcomes achieved.

Changes Relating to the Initial Situation and Project Concept:

The dynamic nature of the project context, influenced by external factors like the global pandemic and natural disasters such as massive floods in the Darrang district has presented challenges. However, the project has adapted effectively, demonstrating resilience in the face of these changes. The core project concept remained robust, with modifications deemed unnecessary, ensuring the continuity of planned activities.

Project Progress:

In addressing its primary objective to empower communities and enable access to rights and entitlements, the project has showcased commendable outcomes. Through strategic linkages with government departments, SATRA facilitated communities in accessing various welfare schemes and entitlements. The quantitative impact, such as the number of individuals receiving old age pension, KCC loans, and disability pensions, reflects the tangible benefits realized by the project beneficiaries.

Similarly, the focus on training and empowering Self Help Groups (SHGs) demonstrated success. Members of these groups engaged in diverse income-generating activities, ranging from agriculture to handicrafts,

creating sustainable livelihoods. The project's impact extended to unemployed youth, who were trained in various trades, fostering self-employment opportunities and harnessing natural resources effectively.

Assessment of Achievements and Contributing Factors:

The overall assessment of the project, is positive, with objectives aligning closely with strategic planning. Notably, the strong rapport SATRA maintains with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders played a pivotal role in mitigating potential negative developments. The proactive engagement of communities, demonstrated through positive responses in linkage meetings, showcases a growing sense of ownership and sustainability for the project.

Results (Outputs) and Lessons Learned:

The outputs of the project, particularly in strengthening Peoples Organizations (POs) and Self Help Groups (SHGs), were well-aligned with the project's intended outcomes. The case studies presented in the reports highlight the transformative impact on SHGs engaged in activities like weaving, agriculture, and fishery.

The lessons learned from the project underscore the importance of women's capacity building and access to finance in enhancing project execution. Notable good practices include the community's acceptance of organic farming practices, a result of effective awareness campaigns under the project.

Strengthening People Institution and Alliance Building:

The second project objective focused on building people's institutions and alliances with active women participation. The formation of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Peoples Organizations (POs) showcased the project's success in promoting inclusivity. Active participation of women in these forums and their representation at different levels demonstrated progress toward gender mainstreaming.

Monitoring Methods and Unintended Effects:

The project maintained consistency in monitoring methods, ensuring accurate data collection and analysis. Unintended effects, such as those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, were addressed effectively, minimizing hindrances to project activities.

Cross-Cutting Issues:

While gender relationships and inclusion of people with disabilities did not witness significant changes, the project maintained a focus on sensitization and prioritization during activities.

Outcome, Relevance, and Sustainability:

The project's achievements align with the set objectives, showcasing relevance to the target groups. Sustainability measures, such as strong community ownership and ongoing engagement with target groups, have been implemented. The project's positive changes are anticipated to endure in the long term.

Lessons Learned, Challenges, and General Summary:

Lessons learned from the project emphasize the importance of adaptability, community engagement, and gender-inclusive approaches. Challenges, such as governmental departments' varying levels of cooperation, were addressed through proactive measures. In summary, the project's adaptability, community engagement, and gender-inclusive approaches have contributed to its overall success.

This comprehensive annual report encapsulates the journey of SATRA's project, emphasizing achievements, challenges, and the enduring impact on the communities it serves. The commitment to empowerment, inclusivity, and sustainable development remains at the forefront of SATRA's endeavors.

Flood Response

Report of Post-Flood Emergency Humanitarian Response

By SATRA in Darrang & Udalguri district.



Relentless rainfall in Assam has wreaked havoc on the state, leading to massive floods that reached a critical point by June 20th 2022. Within a week, numerous villages were submerged, forcing residents to seek refuge on higher ground and in relief camps. Dams in Bhutan released water downstream, affecting lower Assam districts, including parts of Darrang, Baksa, Nalbari, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Bongaigaon, and Kamrup (R). In total, 32 districts have been impacted, affecting a population of 48 lakhs.

The deluge damaged embankments, roads, bridges, culverts, and various other infrastructure components in multiple locations. This year's flood intensity, unprecedented in Darrang, caught residents off guard, especially in Mangaldai town, where the water suddenly surged during the night of June 16th, leaving little time for the relocation of goods.

Businesses in the affected areas suffered substantial losses, with shops and warehouses flooded overnight. Unlike previous years, the flood's impact extended beyond the Brahmaputra river basin to the tributaries, affecting regions not typically prone to flooding. National Highway 15 has been closed for weeks together due to flooding at multiple locations.

The unprecedented nature of the flood in Darrang this year, affecting non-traditional flood-prone areas, underscores a changing pattern possibly linked to climate change. Several embankments, including those along the Nowanoi, Nanoi, Saktola, and Kulsi rivers, breached at multiple points, making it challenging to assess the full extent of the damage. Road closures hampered access to affected areas, complicating relief efforts. The aftermath brought about the loss of livelihoods, scarcity of food, waterborne diseases, and the loss of livestock, intensifying the impact on individuals and families in the region.

Program Name: Post Flood Emergency Humanitarian Response in Darrang District of Assam.

About the program: Post flood Emergency Humanitarian Response for food & WASH security to marginalized & under-resourced families worst affected by floods.

Total Household Reached: 9623

Total Population Reached: 40,416

List of Donor for the post flood humanitarian response

1.	WIPRO Foundation	Rs. 97,95,000.00
2.	APPI	Rs. 19,90,000.00
3.	DASRA	Rs. 10,56,000.00
4.	ASHRAYA HASTHA TRUST:	Rs. 6,85,300.00
5.	TOTAL	Rs. 1,35,26,300.00



Dry Ration & Hygiene Kits were distributed among the 9623 families

Need Assessment: SATRA team was divided into four teams and quickly conducted a need assessment through KII (Key Informant Interview) & FGD. The team also discussed with DDMA, BDO's, Circle officers & PHED departments. In all the badly affected areas preliminary findings identified the following immediate needs, food items except rice as it was given by the Government, Cooking oil, non-food items such as hygiene kit and women asked for sanitary pads. The flood caused the loss of livelihood resources as the huge area of standing crops were destroyed, exacerbating existing food insecurity and vulnerabilities of affected communities.

Post distribution monitoring key findings:

The Sr. Program Manager interviewed the flood-affected people who were provided relief. Critical findings of the monitoring are stated below:

1. Community particularly women acknowledge & appreciate the whole process of humanitarian response from selection to distribution as no one who is in need has been left and no one who has the source of income was selected for support.
2. Most of the persons who received the support stated satisfaction with the timing & quality, however, few stated that a little more in the quantity of cooking oil & pulses would have been better.
3. All the women stated that the most useful thing in the kit was the sanitary pad, they stated satisfaction for providing 6 packets to a women.
4. Community stood up to the high sense of understanding by ensuring priority to the vulnerable people & those belonging to the high-risk group.
5. In some places where the intensity of the flood was more community apprehended that many children from the under-resourced household may not go to school immediately once the school resume as all the copies, books, pens & pencil were drawn in flood water. Long absence may lead to school dropout.
6. Community appreciate the education kits as many children lost school bags. Copies and books
7. Most of the farmers in the community are not sure when they would be able to start again with cultivation. In any case it will take more than six months.

List of Executive Committee of Social Action for Appropriate Transformation and Advancement in Rural Areas (SATRA) For 2020-2023

Sl. No	Name	Designation	Occupation	Address	Photo
01	Dr.Prasanna Nath	Chairman	Associate Professor, Sipajhar College	Vill:Pachimchuba, P.O: Sipajhar Dist:Darrang	
02	Dr.Arup Kr. Nath	Board Member	Associate Professor, Tezpur University	Vill:Bairagijhar, P.O:Garukhuti Dist:Darrang	
03	Mrs. Binita Saharia	Do	College teacher, Gyan Bikash Academy	Vill:Dakshinchuri, P.O:Sipajhar Dist:Darrang	
04	Mrs.Jyoti Prova Bora	Do	Asst. Teacher, Bordoulguri High School	Vill:Satgharia, P.O:Sipajhar Dist:Darrang	
05	Purnima Bora	Do	Subject Teacher, Kamrup Academy	Saindhachal, Kamakhya Gate P.O:Maligaon, Guwahati	
06	Dr.Amarendra Narayan Dev	Do	Medical Practitioner	Debsons Nurshing Home, Mangaldai	
07	Dr.Aswini Kalita	Do	Associate Professor, Sipajhar College	Vill:Hazarikapara, P.O:Hazarikapra, Dist:Darrang	
08	Mrs.Biju Hazarika	Do	House Wife	Vill:Bhuktabari, P.O:Sipajhar Dist:Darrang	
09	Mr.Kamal Bhatta	Do	Advocate, Guwahati High Court	Guwahati High Court	
10	Dr.Bazrul Islam	Do	Vety. Surgeon	Vill:Maroi, P.O:Sipajhar Dist:Darrang	
11	Mr.Nani Kr. Saikia	Secretary cum Executive Director	Social Worker	Vill:Satgharia, P.O:Sipajhar Dist:Darrang	

Board Meeting details of SATRA for the year 2022-23

Date of the meeting	Member Present
26/03/2023	10
20/12/22	08
10/09/2022	11
19/06/2022	10

SATRA Volunteer:

We have 260 volunteer with different capacity at community level like search and rescue, WASH, Livelihood, Health, DRR

SATRA Staff Pattern:

Type of Staff	Male	Female	Total
Full Time	6	2	8
Contractual	13	10	26
Part Time	1	0	01

Distribution of staff according to salary level for all staff:

Slab of gross month salary plus benefit paid to staff	Male	Female	Total
5000-10000	13	01	14
10001-25000	11	04	15
25001-50000	04	01	05
Above 50001	01	00	01

The salary and benefit of the organization head,:

Remuneration paid to Board member during the year 2021-22: Nil, Except Nani Kr. Saikia, towards his full time involvement as Director (Programme).

Network membership:

- 1)VANI(Voluntary Action Network India) New Delhi
- 2)IAG(Inter agency Group) Assam
- 3) White Ribbon Alliances, Assam Chapter
- 4) National & Assam state RCRC.

Award, Recognition, Accreditation:

01. Assam Chief Ministers best community action award in the year 2007
- 02.NESI Award, North East Social Impact Award 2015 by Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India, New Delhi
03. Accredited by Credibility Alliances, New Delhi with desirable norms

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Agency (Foreign):

S.No	Name of the Agency	Purpose	Place
1	Oxfam(I)	Disaster Risk Reduction(DRR)	Darrang District
2	IGSSS	Right to Food campaign	Chirang Dist
3	Bread for the World	Livelihood Rights	Darrang
4	ICCO (India)	Livelihood	Darrang Dist.
5	TDH Foundation	Flood relief,Survey on FSM	Darrang
6	TDH Germany	Flood relief and Peace building in conflict areas	Darrang and Odalguri Dist.
7	CRY	Child rights and development	Darrang
8	Action aid	Right to Food campaign	Darrang
9	DASRA	Flood Relief	Darrang
10	WIPRO Foundation	Flood Relief	Darrang, Udalguri
11	ASHRAYA HASTHA TRUST	Flood Relief	Darrang

Agency (Local) provided Grant since beginning of SATRA:

S.No	Name of the Agency	Type of Support	Address
1	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives	Grant, COVID & Flood relief	Bengaluru
2	Rashtriya Gramin Vikash Nidhi(RGVN)	Grant,Exposure,Training	Guwahati
3	North East Network(NEN)	Grant,Exposure,Training	Guwahati
4	Foundation for Social Transformation (FST)	Grant	Guwahati
5	CAPART	Grant	Guwahati
6	NABARD	Grant	Guwahati
7	NEDFi	Grant,Loan,Exposure,Training	Guwahati
8	Sishu Sarothi	Grant,Training	Guwahati
9	Ashadeep	Grant,Training	Guwahati
10	SIDBI	Grant	Guwahati
11	Assam Science Society	Grant	Guwahati
12	CML(Centre for micro finance and livelihood)	Grant,Training	Guwahati
13	SDTT(Sir Dorabji Tata Trust)	Grant,Exposure	Mumbai
14	SRD Group	CSR Grant	Mangaldai
15	KVIC	Grant	Guwahati
16	CASA	Grant, training	New Delhi
17	GVM	Grant,Training	Nalbari
18	Diya Foundation, Loharghat	Grant,Training	Kamrup Rural

Legal Agency :

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Name of the agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Place</u>
1	Registrar of Societies, Assam	Society Registration	Guwahati
2	Income Tax Department	Tax exemption under section 12A&80-G	Guwahati
3	Home Ministry, Govt of India	FC Registration	New Delhi
4	Director Social Welfare, Assam	PWD Registration	Guwahati
5	Nity Ayog, New Delhi	Darpan	New Delhi
6	National Trust	Registration	New Delhi
7	Ministry of corporate affairs	CSR Registration	New Delhi

Agency Provided Non financial/technical support:

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Name of the agency</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Place</u>
1	District Administration, Darrang	Overall	Darrang
2	District Veterinary Office	Skill training, vaccination support for our beneficiaries	Darrang
3	District Sericulture Department	Skill training of our beneficiaries	Darrang
4	Central silk board	Skill training of our beneficiaries	Darrang
5	KVK, Darrang	Skill training of our beneficiaries	Darrang
6	Social Welfare Department	Support for disable persons	Darrang
7	Agriculture Department	Skill training of our beneficiaries	Darrang
8	ASDMA	Skill training, Information	
9	DDMA, Darrang		Darrang
10	Civil Defense	Skill training of our volunteers	Darrang
11	Circle Office Sipajhar revenue circle	Legal and development	
12	IAG, Assam	Capacity building, linkage	Assam
13	The Ant	Skill training, linkage	
14	Ashajyoti	Disability area	Darrang
15	VANI, New Delhi	Legal and other guidelines specially FC related	
16	North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, Guwahati	Cancer camp and treatment	Darrang
17	GNRC, North Guwahati	Health camp	Balipota, Darrang
18	Psychiatric Department, Mangaldai Civil Hospital	Organizing Mental health camps & disability certificate	Darrang
19	Grameen Sahara	Livelihood, Linkage	
20	Ajagar Social Circle	Livelihood, Linkage	
21	NEADS	DRR	
22	Morigaon Mahila Mehfil (MMM)	DRR	
23	Lekhika Samaroh Samittee, Sipajhar	Collaboration	Sipajhar
24	Mangaldai Municipality Board	FSM survey	Mangaldai
25	ASRLM	Collaboration for promoting sustainable livelihood	Darrang