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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 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.

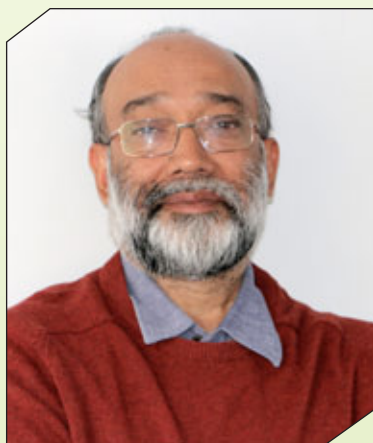
MISSION STATEMENT

- 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 Managing Trustee



The Boat Clinics of the Brahmaputra have become a magical phrase, bringing the hope of health and healing to millions. The sustained commitment to improving access to healthcare to vulnerable groups, especially women and children, as well as actually providing the care that improves their health visible is a moment of deep satisfaction but also of humility, that we have been entrusted by them and our partners in this greater task of ensuring that the rights of all we serve are protected and strengthened. Ultimately it is all about rights and helping lift the vulnerable and weak out of the difficult and challenging conditions in which they live and work. Better health enables them to take the first and then rapid steps toward wellness which will anchor them in more productive and enriching lives, with better livelihood options, learning and incomes.

Our work goes far beyond the usual cycle of camps and events and health goals under the National Health Mission to which we are committed. It also falls within the Sustainable Development Goals under which health care is a critical component and which India and all countries of the world must seek mightily to attain by 2030, the deadline for the UN-set objectives.

Thus, apart from regular scheduled health camps, the Clinics are also involved in emergency situations such as rescue operation, relief distribution, treatment and extending cooperation to the administration to help the needy dwelling in the Brahmaputra river islands.

During the 2017 floods for instance, the Dhemaji Boat Clinic successfully rescued over 500 river island dwellers trapped in their homes due to sudden surge and rise of water level in the Lali, supported by a local organization, Mising Mimang Kebang (MMK). Till 31st March 2018, over 2.5 million (25 lakh) numbers of basic health services have been provided. Every year, we handle not less than 2,40,000 cases of patients needing care and succor.

New initiatives:

Our flagship programme, appreciated globally for its innovation and outreach, has been replicated outside Assam. The boat clinic at Malkangiri, Odisha, an areas where there is a left extremism movement, was launched on 2nd May 2017 by the local administration with its mission of providing service to tribal populations in disturbed areas was inspired by the success of C-NES' Boat Story.

The organization itself continues to forge ahead with new partnerships and opportunities. The partnership with the Hyderabad based SaciWATERS, for a research project titled; 'Building Capacity of Civil-Society Organizations and Communities for Effective Engagement in Transboundary Decision-Making Process of Brahmaputra River' aims to build capacity of civil society organizations and their representative communities.

This is specifically aimed at women for effective engagement in transboundary decision-making process of Brahmaputra River. C-NES' partnership with the Belgium based Constellation, on a 1 year project on Impact assessment of SALT approach to increase immunizations coverage through community engagement, has been taken up in 30 villages of Bongaigaon district from February 2017.

We have started a new project 'India's North Eastern Region and Connectivity: Japan's Engagement in the Past, Present

and Future' with the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO, a governmental research organization under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Trade, Japan. Preeti Gill, Trustee, and I are writing chapters for this report which will look at the current state of the Act East Policy and its contours with a focus on trade and the larger scenario. Preeti Gill's chapter will be looking at gender issues seen through the lens of creative writing and culture. Other contributors are Samrat Chowdhury, Hemant Katoch and Prabir De.

The Jorhat Boat Clinic meanwhile is probably the first in the country to be installed with solar power to run the entire medical and diagnostic equipment's including a dental setup and a 50 ltr solar refrigerator to store vaccines, thanks to the CSR initiative of SELCO Foundation. Earlier in July 2016 Philanthropist Almitra Patel from Bengaluru, a member of the Supreme Court committee for Solid waste management for Class 1 cities, has also donated solar street lamps to light up remote villages in the Brahmaputra river islands serviced by the boat clinics.

Our Brahmaputra Radio Station continues with excellent work. Staffed by a young and dedicated team and led by the committed and creative Bhaskar Bhuyan, BCRS has moved from first tentative steps to regular programming in Assamese, Mishing, Shadri and Bhojpuri. Over 10 hours of programming every day, BCRS has an audience on islands and tea plantation communities in a geographical spread that covers three districts and hundreds of villages.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to each member of my team in C-NES led by Ashok Rao and the Programme Management Unit of our energetic Manik Boruah, the modest but hugely knowledgeable Dr CR Hira and Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami, as well as the programme staff at the district level, the research units and our office staff. Our accounting unit led by Milan Nath regularly trains our staff in financial procedures.

I particularly wished to thank the Department of Health, Government of Assam, the Minister of Health Dr Himata Biswa Sarma and, Mr. Sameer Sinha, Principal Secretary (Health), Dr J.V.N Subramanyam then NHM's Mission Director and colleagues in Assam, who have been supportive.

Our Auditors, Jagdish Chand & Co ensured the accounts are in order. The Board of Trustees under the chair of Dr. V A Pai Panandiker, Chairman have been not just supportive but actively involved in several of our projects. Their unstinting support and that of the Advisory Council members have helped us walk steadily through difficult patches.

We hope to expand to other areas of the North East, beyond the Boat Clinics and the BCRS which remain both show pieces and flagships of C-NES. I ask for your support and good wishes,

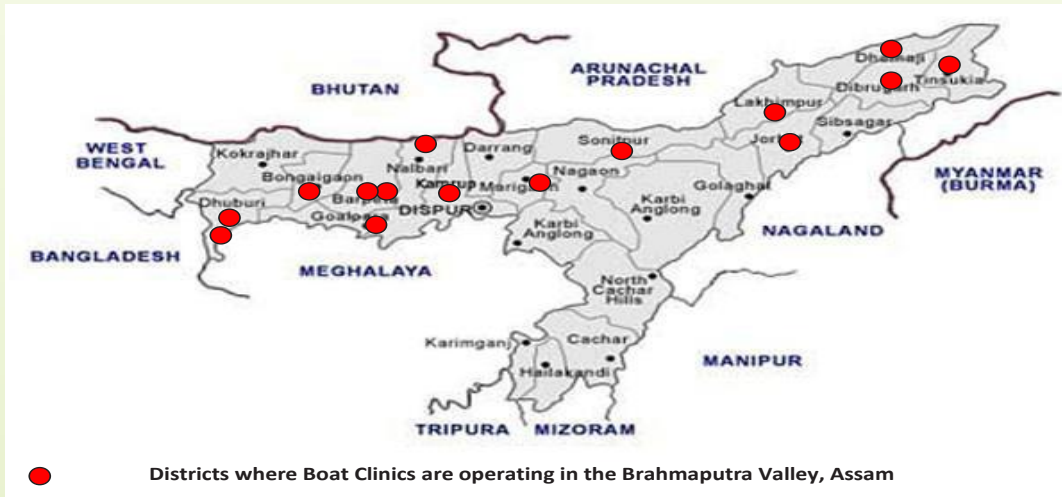
Donations are welcome because we are always charting challenging waters and tides beyond the rivers and boats and need constant support. You can contribute to C-NES. Donations are tax exempt under Section 80G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act 1961.

Sanjoy Hazarika

Hope and Healing on the Brahmaputra



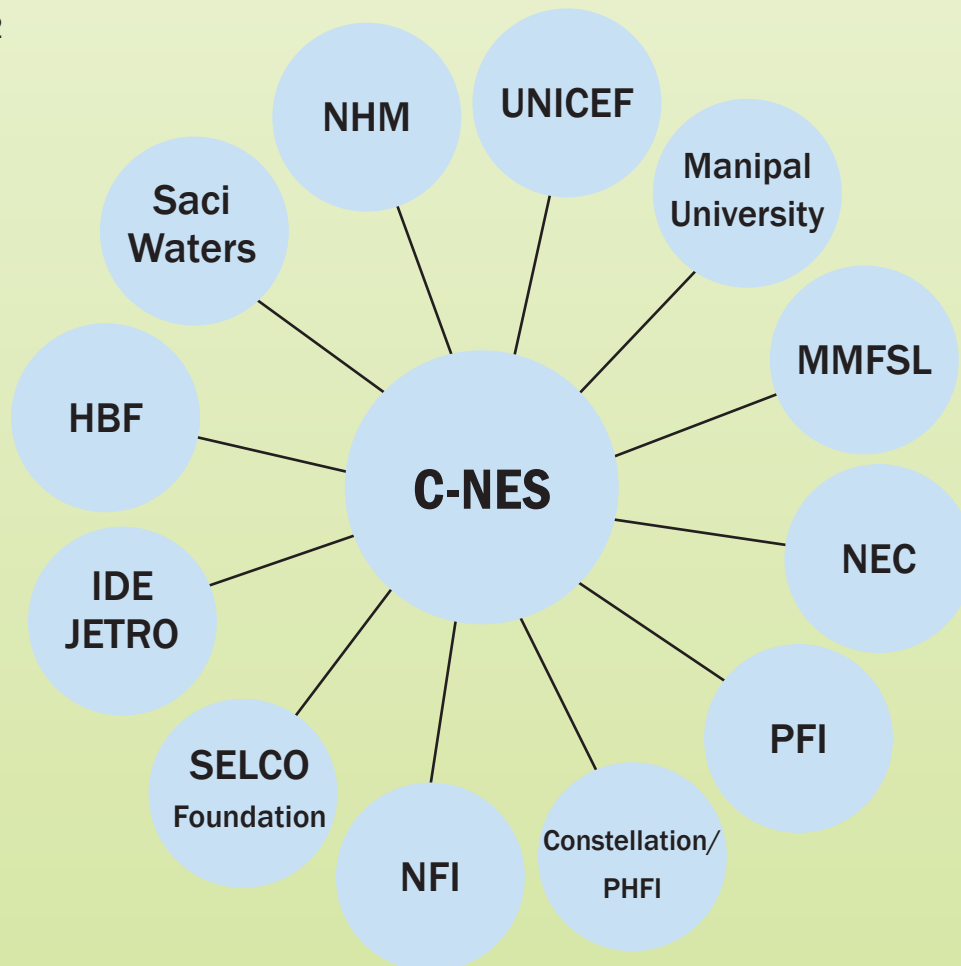
Fig.1



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

C-NES Partnerships

Fig.2



Abbreviations :

C-NES- Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

NHM-National Health Mission

PFI-Population Foundation of India

IDE -Institute of Developing Economies

JETRO- Japan External Trade Organisation

SaciWaters- The South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies

HBF-The Heinrich Boll Foundation

UNICEF-United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

NEC-North Eastern Council

MMFSL-Mahindra & Mahindra Finance & Services Ltd.

NFI- National Foundation For India

PHFI- Public Health Foundation Of India

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 India's worst Maternal Mortality Rate at 328 MMR (Registrar General of India, Special Bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India 2010-12) higher than Bihar or Uttar Pradesh and a high Infant Mortality Rate at 54 IMR.

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 2018, over 2.5 million basic health services have been provided.

Replicated in Malkangiri

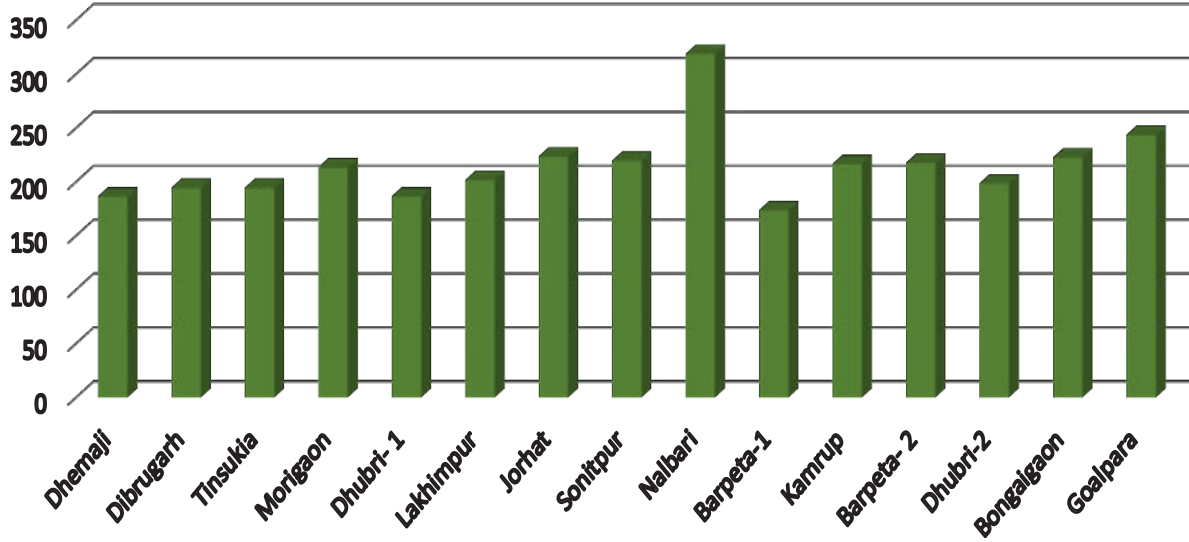
The boat clinic at Malkangiri, Odisha, launched on 2nd May 2017 with its mission of providing service to tribal populations in (Maoist) disturbed areas was inspired by the success of C-NES' Boat Story. It may be mentioned that in 2015 the district administration of Malkangiri along with the Project Director, DRDA invited C-NES to make a visit and provide technical support to start a Boat Clinic program in the Balimela Dam Reservoir in order to provide health care service to the communities who are cut off from the district by the huge artificial lake which was created by the dam. A population of about 27,000 to 30,000 people living on the hills and valleys has been deprived of all basic developmental facility including health and education as there were no roads and boats were the only mode of transport. These communities living in these areas are mostly tribal who are poor and backward. Like C-NES' Boats, this one will also focus on primary health care service, assist in emergency delivery, spread awareness on health issues, conduct immunization programs for mother and child and support NHM programs to inaccessible areas in the reservoir zone.



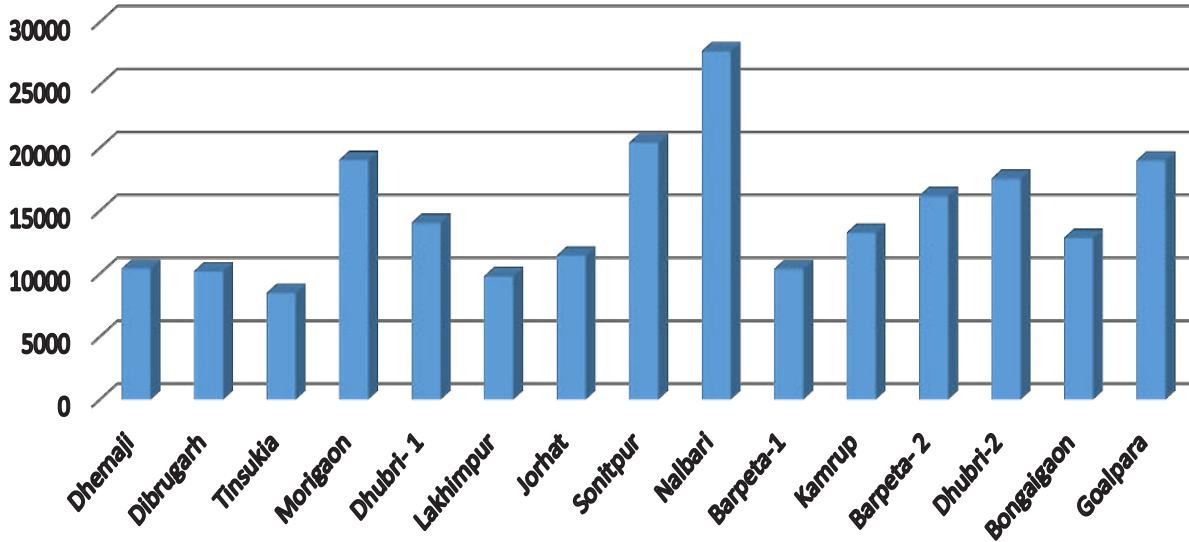
The boat clinic at Malkangiri, Odisha

Boat Clinic Figures

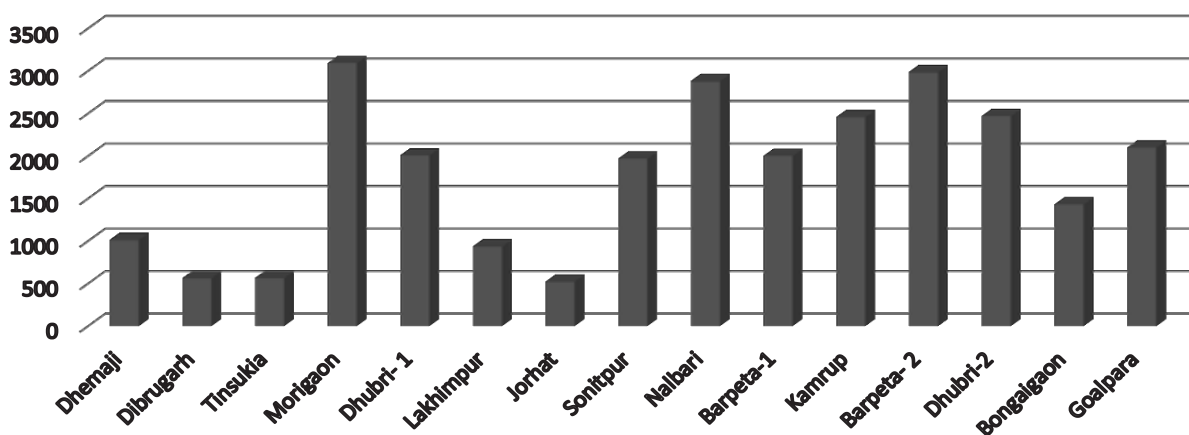
District wise Total Health Camps conducted (2017-18)



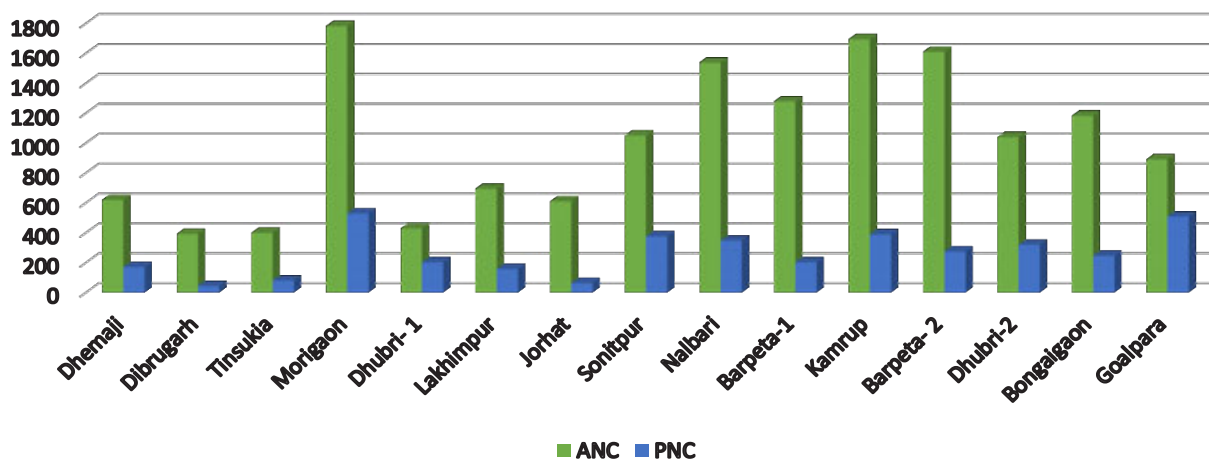
District wise Gen. Health Checkup conducted (2017-18)



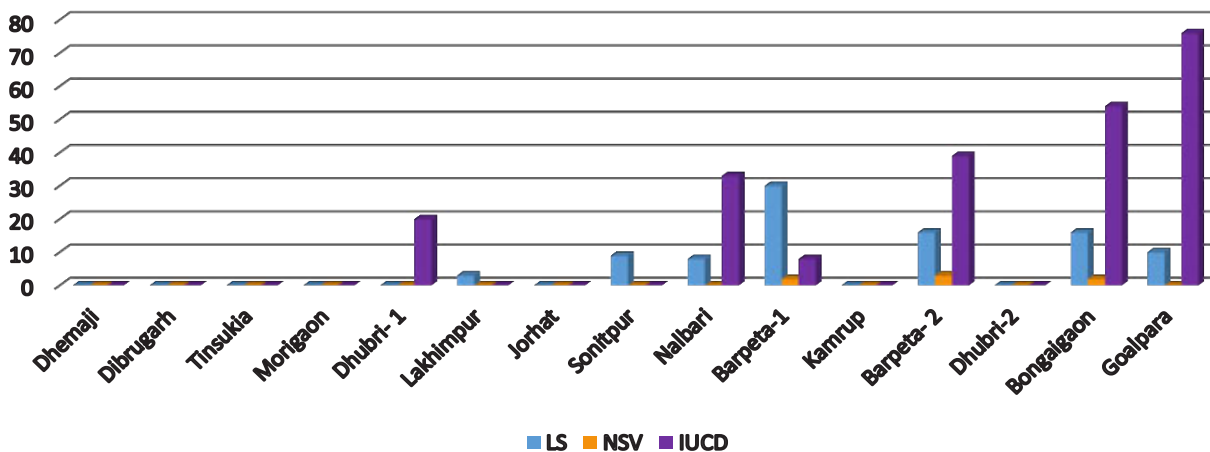
District wise Routine Immunization (2017-18)



District wise ANC & PNC activity (2017-18)



District wise Family Planning Activity (2017-18)



Solar Powered Boat Clinic

Jorhat Boat Clinic is probably the first in the country to be installed with solar power to run the entire medical and diagnostic equipment's including a dental setup and a 50 ltr solar refrigerator to store vaccines. The boat now also has power supply available to cater to the entire lighting requirement 24x7. The system was donated and commissioned on 21st April 2017 by SELCO Foundation. It needs mention too that philanthropist Almitra Patel from Bengaluru donated solar street lamps to light up remote villages in the Brahmaputra river islands serviced by the boat clinics. Patel, based at Bengaluru is a member of the Supreme Court committee for Solid waste management for Class 1 cities, Technical expert, Swachh Bharat Mission, Government of India, Clean Jharkhand Project and Ganga ICDP Kanpur. These compact lights with built-in batteries, designed and manufactured in Hyderabad, were sent fully assembled and ready to mount on a bamboo pole within ten minutes by the community workers of the health team in each of the 15 Boat Clinic units in 13 districts who were earlier trained for the purpose.



The Jorhat Boat Clinic SB Nahor at Nimatighat



SELCO officials led by Harish Hunde and team visited the Jorhat Boat Clinic at Nimatighat on 28th April 2018 to see the first solar installation on a Boat Clinic. Ashok Rao, Program Manager, C-NES was also present.



Solar training conducted on 5th of March 2017 at Dibruagrh Boat Clinic office. Community workers from Jorhat Boat Clinic Jitu Dutta, Jadumoni Hazarika and Dipen Pegu attended the training.

C-NES Events



The MD, NHM Dr J.V.N Subramanyam (left), briefing about Boat Clinics to the Assam Chief Secretary, T.Y Das at the Xahayika Samaruh, organized by NHM and Social Welfare Dept. at Guwahati's Kalakhetra , on 22nd March 2018.

C-NES-SaciWATERS workshop

To bridge the existing knowledge gaps, build information linkages and skills, a workshop on “Developing skill and knowledge – training workshop on the transboundary Brahmaputra River” was organised by SaciWATERS and C-NES, at Guwahati on 13th and 14th June, 2017. This training is part of a larger endeavor titled “Transnational Policy Dialogue for Improved Water Governance of the Brahmaputra River” initiated in 2013 by South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies (SaciWATERS) with the aim to create a platform for the discussion of the issues, challenges, and opportunities towards improved co-management of the river basin. The workshop involved CSOs, community leaders (with emphasis on women) and key relevant district project officers from both Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The training included interactive sessions on technical aspects including river flows, biodiversity and watershed management of Brahmaputra by experts. Media perspectives on rivers along with how media can connect with realities of communities were deliberated with media personnel.



Panelist Panchali Saikia (IWMI), Dr. Sushmita Mondal (International Water Association) and Mirza Zulfiqur Rahman, PhD Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati at the workshop



A group photograph after the workshop

Medical Officers Training

A two day Medical Officers training of the Boat Clinic Units in association with NHM, Assam, Regional Resource Centre-NE (RRC –NE), RNTCP and Centre for Health & Development (CHD), Mangaluru represented by Dr Edmond Fernandes (Founder and CEO) was organized by C-NES on 3rd and 4th August 2017 at Guwahati. The training was held to upgrade the skills and competency of the Boat Clinic Medical Officers who are not just treating patients but also educating the isolated insular communities that they serve. There were sessions on Maternal and child health, Family planning, National Health Programmes, mental health, disaster risk management along with global health and global warming concerns. The sessions were interactive and vibrant. Sanjoy Hazarika, Managing Trustee addressed the participants followed by a discussion on various related issues. Ashok Rao, Programme Manager delivered the vote of thanks. Communications Officer C-NES Bhaswati Goswami moderated the programme



The Resource persons for the training with members of C-NES PMU



Managing Trustee Sanjoy Hazarika addressing the participants



A group photograph with the Managing Trustee

C-NES Participation

PHFI Health Care Summit

The North East Health Care Summit 2017 was held on September 8-9 in Gangtok, Sikkim. The event, organised by the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) in partnership with the Ministry of Development of the North East Region (MDoNER), the Government of Sikkim and the Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital (STNM), highlighted key issues in today's evolving healthcare scenario pertinent to Northeastern parts of the country. Manik Boruah, Associate Programme Manager and Bhaswati Goswami, Communications Officer participated in the event as panelists. Manik Boruah was a speaker on the session Environmental Health concerns and Challenges in the North Eastern region on the 9th September while Bhaswati Goswami was a panelist on 10th at the technical session Best Practice and Knowledge sharing from other states where she showcased the Boat Clinic health initiative of C-NES.



C-NES Manik Boruah (left) at the panel as speaker



Bhaswati Goswami making a presentation on the Boat Clinics at Gangtok

SELCO's CSR workshop

Programme Manager Ashok Rao and Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami attended a workshop “CSR-Unlocking Innovation and Partnership For Underserved” organized by SELCO Foundation in collaboration with ENVO Business Solutions, at Guwahati on 11th December 2017. As chief guest of the programme, Ashok Rao spoke about the Boat Clinics and need based intervention along with opportunities for corporates to reach communities through reliable partners. Bhaswati Goswami shared her experiences on CSR for C-NES and spoke about a holistic approach to development and processes that can help other organisations to learn from as well,



Ashok Rao addressing the gathering as chief guest

National Workshop on Sustainable Energy

The Second National Workshop on Sustainable Energy Ecosystems for Decentralized Healthcare was held in Bangalore on 1 December 2017 organized by SELCO. Ashok Rao, Programme Manager was a panelist in the session: Impact and scope for energy interventions in primary health care along with Dr. Sr Aquinas (Swasthya Swaraj) and Venkatnarayan Chekuri (Karuna Trust). The session was moderated by Huda Jaffer from SELCO Foundation.

World Bank Dialogue

The North East Region with its special opportunities and challenges has, over the last few years, emerged as an important area of engagement for the World Bank Group (WBG). The WBG is launching preparations for formulating the Country Partnership Framework (CPF), a roadmap that will determine the Group's engagement in India over the next four years. A series of consultations with a range of stakeholders have been planned across various states to steer this important process and discuss the challenges facing India today, the manner in which the WBG can better support the country's development agenda and for achieving the goals of ending extreme poverty and increasing shared prosperity in a sustainable manner. Manik Boruah, Associate Program Manager and Bhaswati Goswami, Communications Officer, C-NES participated and shared their perspective in the WBG Country Engagement Dialogue 2017-18 at Guwahati on 13th February 2018. The discussion was chaired by Junaid Ahmad, World Bank Country Director, India at the Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD), Guwahati



Manik Boruah, Associate Program Manager and Bhaswati Goswami, Communications Officer, C-NES at the WBG Country Engagement Dialogue

Technology Vision 2035:

A day long dissemination workshop organized by Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, New Delhi, for NE India, at the Regional Science Centre, National Council for Science Museum (NCSM), Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati was held on 15th February, 2018 on Technology Vision 2035. Ashok Rao, Program Manager and Dr. CR Hira, Technical Consultant, C-NES attended the programme. The vision documents were prepared by a group of eminent scientists from various organizations Sandra Roberts, Director IIPH, Shillong an associate partner of C-NES, on implementation SALT technique for community development through Constellation, Belgium also made a short presentation. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Padma Vibhushan Awardee, former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, and presently Chairman, TIFAC addressed the gathering.

Eval Fest 2018: Visibility, Voice and Value:

Program Manager Ashok Rao and Bongaigaon SALT Project Coordinator Jahirul Choudhury participated in a workshop organized by the Evaluation Community of India (ECI) - Eval Fest 2018 from 7th to 9th February 2018 at New Delhi. At the session Innovation Evaluation Bazaar, the C-NES team highlighted the SALT project being implemented in 3 districts of Assam, by C-NES in Bongaigaon and VHAA in Kamrup (R) and Udalguri. The team shared the idea of community engagement or involvement in evaluation through the self-assessment module being implemented in the project where the communities themselves evaluate their level under different practices.



VGNLI-TISS (Guwahati) Workshop

A workshop, "Effective Implementation of Social Protection Programmes in North-East India: Way Forward", organized jointly by Centre for North East India, V.V Giri National Labour Institute and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati campus was held at Guwahati on 16th and 17th March 2018. The aim of the workshop was to make the participants aware on the basics of social protection, schemes and the ways forward for implementation. C-NES was represented by Monjur Hussain Mondol, DPO Bongaigaon, Shyamjit Pashi, DPO Morigaon, Assam and Mayuri Bharali, Research Consultant Public Health Foundation of India, (PHFI) Delhi. Monjur Mondol, provided a description of the SALT (Stimulate, Appreciate, Learn and Transfer), approach of community mobilization in Bongaigaon district of Assam which was keenly followed and appreciated by the participants.

Media on the Boat Clinics

French TV:

The French TV covered the Jorhat Boat Clinic in April 2017 on the Franco- German TV network ARTE (Association relative à la télévision européenne) in a 26 minute programme called Médecines d'Ailleurs which takes an in-depth look at the medicine and treatments in different corners of the world. The team interviewed the local community, patients and beneficiaries. They interacted with the health team and spoke to the doctors to get a precise idea of how their day unfolds, the patients they see, how often they visit and the challenges they face. Shooting was done at various island villages of Majuli including Subidha Sapori, Subidha Kalia Sapori, Bhimpara, Huttar, Sesuguri, Ghuria, Bilotia Sapori.



The visitors meeting people, interacting with beneficiaries and the health team including Bihu being performed by the community for the visitors

Singapore Documentary covers Boat Clinic

An award-winning content production company from Singapore, Filmat36 (S) Pte Ltd, featured C-NES in the upcoming season of their series, Kembara Kasih (A Journey of Love). The programme reaches out to communities sharing missions of community service with a hope that the programme would inspire more to come forward to volunteer and improve conditions. In September 2017, the programme covered the Dibrugarh Boat Clinic. The team took shots of the health camps in various river island villages covering the beneficiaries, the health team members and camp activities. They interviewed patients and boat clinic team members. Along with the routine health awareness sessions special ones were conducted by the community workers and AWWs on oral hygiene as the documentary team distributed tooth brushes and tooth pastes to the beneficiaries. Volunteers from the visiting group helped in conducting the sessions.



Members from the Singapore documentary team interviewing Arup Saikia, DPO, Dibrugarh Boat Clinic Unit

Thomson Reuters Foundation



Journalist Anuradha Nagnaj from Thomson Reuters Foundation visited the Jorhat Boat Clinics. Her story was published in October 30, 2017 at the Thomson Reuters Foundation

Media coverage of the Sonitpur Boat Clinic



On 18th September 2017 a media team attended a camp conducted by the Sonitpur Boat clinic at old Batuli Char to see routine immunization performances in the river islands of Assam. The team led by UNICEF India, spoke to DPO Mousumi Duwarah, the rest of the health team and interviewed beneficiaries.



A documentary team from NRL visited the Sonitpur Boat Clinic and attended a health team at old Dubramari char on 22nd September 2017 for a documentary. It needs mention that Sonitpur Boat Clinic SB Numali was donated by NRL to C-NES.

Links to other Boat Clinic media coverages

- http://www.ideasforindia.in/article.aspx?article_id=1811
- <http://www.assamtribune.com/scripts/spat.asp?id=2017%2Fmay0717%2FBigPage17.jpg>
- <http://www.internationalhealthpolicies.org/driven-by-passion-c-ness-boat-clinic-crew-in-north-east-india/>
- <https://factordaily.com/assam-solar-powered-boat-clinic/>
- http://bangaloremirror.indiatimes.com/news/state/mangaluru-doc-trains-medical-team-in-assam/articleshow/59975842.cms?utm_source=bangaloremirror&utm_medium=Whatsapp&utm_campaign=referral
- <https://www.thebetterindia.com/114009/boat-clinics-brahmaputra-healthcare-boat-clinics-switching-solar/>
- <https://newssense.in/2017/12/18/ships-hope-valley-floods/>
- <http://morungexpress.com/brahmaputra-boat-clinic-goes-solar-powering-rural-healthcare/>

Screening of Rambuai

Rambuai, Mizoram's 'trouble' years, a film by C-NES Managing Trustee Sanjoy Hazarika and Trustee Preeti Gill was screened at the State Convention Center in Shillong on 28th August in the presence of scholars, students, lawyers, other professionals, media, serving and former government officials. Maulee Senapati is the Director (Technical) of the film. The film supported by the Heinrich Boll Stiftung(HBF), New Delhi, looks not just at the years of conflict and disturbances in this beautiful pocket of India, but also at the transition in mind-sets that has enabled peaceful change to endure, the resolve that drove the Indian State, and the challenges that remain.

An interactive session followed the screening, lasting nearly 45 minutes with questions and comments to producer Hazarika. Rudi Warjri, former diplomat, found the film "refreshing" and urged a follow up film. Patricia Mukhim, editor of the Shillong Times and C-NES Trustee, helped organize the event. Closing the discussions, Ramesh Bawri, of Bawri Industries, who also mobilized support for the program, said the documentary gave a "message of hope" that people could overcome even the most intractable of problems.



Sanjoy Hazarika addressing the gathering post screening at Shillong



Rambuai, was also screened at Azim Premji University Bangalore on October 30, 2017. Sanjoy Hazarika and Trustee Preeti Gill talking to the audience post screening at Bengaluru

Strangers No More, launched

Managing Trustee Sanjoy Hazarika spoke on his new book, Strangers No More, and issues of the North East at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani (BITS Pilani), a premier academy of higher education in India on 25th February 2018. He also spoke on impunity and the law, human rights and CHRI as well as the boat clinics. Attended by over 200 students, he answered their questions and signed books afterwards. His book was launched on Feb 12th 2018 at the India International Centre, New Delhi, released by Justice Madan Lokur.



Sanjoy Hazarika's new book launched at the India International Centre, New Delhi, released by Justice Madan Lokur



On Feb 28th Hazarika spoke at Amritsar's Guru Nanak Dev University to over 100 students and faculty with VC Dr Sandhu present. The theme was from North by North-East, moving from impunity to equality, looking at rise of alienation and distance, state violence, Afspa, insurgency and other issues. Rambuia, the documentary on Mizoram's troubled decades and how people have tried to handle trauma was screened.

Managing Trustee at Geneva



Dr. Mark Limon, Executive Director at Universal Rights Group, speaks at the launch of CHRI's report on The Commonwealth at the Human Rights Council, a decade of voting (2006-2016), in Geneva on 19th June 2017 at a side event, chaired by Sanjoy Hazarika, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) organized by CHRI and supported by CIVICUS and FIDH. Also in the photo are Jyoti Sanghera, senior UN diplomat heading the Asia and Pacific desk at the OCHRC, Marc Limon (who's speaking), ED of universal Rights Group, and Clemente Voule, head of advocacy at the African Commission for human and people's rights. Extreme left is report author Yashasvi Nain, who worked on it for 8 months. Ambassadors and senior diplomats from several countries, including UK, New Zealand, Uganda, Canada, Israel, Fiji and Malawi as well as international NGOs and others were present.

Visitors

Cyclists from UK visits health camp

Katie Moss and Joseph Thomas from UK accompanied the Kamrup Boat Clinic team to a health camp held at Bezortari on 8th May 2017. Having started in October 2016, they have been cycling and journeying across S E Asia to explore and publicise social initiatives in sustainable energy and the education of women and girls. Meeting social enterprises and charities working in these fields, Katie and Joseph hope to gain an understanding of the challenges they face and the ingenuity with which they tackle them. The visitors aim to raise awareness of the work of such community driven organizations like C-NES in their Gearing Up's lively social media accounts . The Link on Gearing Up on the Boat Clinics follows: <http://gearing-up.com/articles/basic-healthcare-to-the-forgotten-islands/>



Joseph and Katie along with Medical Officers and DPO on the way to Bezortari camp



The visitors with the Kamrup Boat Clinic Unit onboard Boat Clinic Kaliyani

RRC team at health camp

A team from Regional Resource Centre(RRC) led by Dr Bamin Tada, Director RRC (NE) visited a Boat Clinic health camp for supportive supervision conducted by the Kamrup Boat Clinic Unit on 21st June 2017. The team observed the activities being undertaken by the Boat Clinic in the flood vulnerable riverine areas. The team was accompanied by Ashok Rao, Program Manager and Chandana Bora State Advisory &FPC from C-NES (Regional Office).



Dr. Bamin Tada, Director RRC (NE) attending to patients at the health camp

Visitors from IDE, Japan

A four member team from Japan visited Guwahati from the 13th to 16th November 2017 as part of a C-NES project on 'India's North Eastern Region and Connectivity: Japan's Engagement in the Past, Present and Future' conducted at the Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO), a governmental research organization under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Trade, Japan. The team comprised of Mayumi Mayumi, Director General of Research Promotion Department at IDE-JETRO, an area specialist working mostly on India and Bangladesh. Prof Takenori Horimoto, an expert on India -Japan relationship, Mari Izuyama, a researcher of National Institute for Defense Studies and Kanako Sakai who has specializes in South Asia and is a library professional at the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO). The team also visited a health camp conducted by the Boat Clinic Unit at Kamrup on 14th November 2017.



(From left) Prof Takenori Horimoto, Kanako Sakai, Mari Izuyama and Mayumi Mayumi, being felicitated with Assamese gamochas (woven hand towels) at Borjhar airport



The visiting Japanese team with members of the Kamrup Boat Clinic Unit at the Soparpathar Primary School where the camp was conducted. C-NES Programme Manager Ashok Rao and Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami is also present



The team at an interactive session with Faculty members of OKD

Visitor from CHRI, UK

David White, Head of Office for Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) in the UK, visited a Kamrup Boat Clinic health camp on 4th December 2011. He was accompanied by Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami. "Hugely impressed with the work of the clinic and dedication and resourcefulness of the staff here. There is no doubt that the clinics are providing an innovative, impactful and much needed service. Long may they continue" were his comments on the Visitors Book.



David White, CHRI, Head London Office with DPO Kamrup Boat Clinic Unit Hiranya Deka, Communications Officer Bhaswati Goswami, Medical Officers Dr Barnali Bhuyan and Dr Jesim Ali Ahmed inside the boat

CRM team to Goalpara

A Central Review Monitoring (CRM) team comprising over thirty officers from the district, state and central government accompanied the Goalpara Boat Clinic team to a health camp at Kistomoni char under Lakhipur Block PHC in November 2017. During the camp the CRM team interacted with the ASHA/Anganwadi workers and visited beneficiaries from house to house and appreciated the good work being done by the health team in the field after getting a good response from the people. The CRM team mentioned that Boat Clinic is a unique initiative being taken by C-NES and NHM which could be felt after visiting the island villages.



The CRM team visit to Goalpara Boat Clinic Unit

Visitor from Constellation

Philip Forth, Chair of Constellation was present along with Rituu Nanda, Share Facilitator, Constellation and Ashok Rao Programme Manager, C-NES at a community meeting held at Dunuria in December 2017 to understand the present (child) immunization status and overall progress. Constellation, a registered not for profit organization through their Indian partner Samraksha have entered into a one year partnership with C-NES from February 2017 to work together on a project titled "Impact assessment of the SALT (Stimulate, Appreciate, Learn and Transfer) approach of community engagement to increase immunizations coverage through ownership - a mixed methods study in Assam". The SALT approach of community engagement initiated by Constellation has been widely appreciated and used by different organizations globally. C-NES had been given the responsibility to conduct the project in 30 villages of Bongaigaon district. The partnership's main objective is to improve children's health via increased immunization uptake.



Philip Forth, Chair of Constellation and a member of its Global Support Team at the community meeting held at Dunuria in December 2017. Ashok Rao Programme Manager, C-NES and Monjur Mondal, DPO, Bongaigaon Boat Clinic is also seen in the photograph.



A team from Don Bosco Institute, Tepesia, Sonapur near Guwahati visited C-NES Regional office in September 2017 and was given a presentation of the Boat Clinic health initiative and other social initiatives undertaken by C-NES. The team of students from the MSW stream were led by Jacob Islary, Lecturer, MSW. The team seen here with members of C-NES' PMU unit.

ENT Specialist Volunteers at Health Camps

Dr. Abhijeet Bhatia, Associate Professor, ENT, NEIGRIHMS, Shillong volunteered at Boat Clinic health camps at Morigaon on 7th July 2017 and at Kamrup the next day, 8th July. As the boat clinic targeted population live on the river islands, ENT cases, mostly among children is widespread. His visit helped the Medical Officers learn preliminary hearing screening of primarily middle ear infections. Dr Bhatia was accompanied by Program Manager C-NES Ashok Rao. He examined 42 patients at Morigaon and 22 at Kamrup, some were advised to go for operations.



Dr Bhatia being welcome onboard. With Programme Manager Ashok Rao and DPO Morigaon Boat Clinic Shyamjit Pashi (right)



Dr Bhatia with the Kamrup(left) and the Morigaon Boat Clinic teams

From the Field:

Boat Clinic in Rescue Mission

During the floods in Dhemaji district in August 2017, residents of few river islands were trapped in their homes due to sudden surge and rise of water level in the Lali, a tributary of the Brahmaputra. The Dhemaji Boat Clinic swung into action and successfully rescued them supported by a Jonai based organization, Mising Mimag Kebang (MMK) and local authorities. Over 500 rescued people were shifted to Somkong high School for further care. Apart from regular scheduled health camps, C-NES' Boat Clinics are also involved in emergency situations such as rescue operation, relief distribution, treatment and extending cooperation to the administration to help the needy dwelling in the Brahmaputra River Islands as and when required.



Dhemaji's rescue operation, 11th August, 2017



Awareness on maternal mortality at Dhemaji's Mechaki Sapori on 30th April 2017



A community interaction through the SALT approach at Bongaigaon's Nayapara village by C-NES' Bongaigaon team

Reaching the last mile

Late evening wading through flood water, the Sonitur Boat Clinic team attended to post natal care service in the village island of Rani Tapu. ANM Bidyabati Das and Rijumani Deka accompanied by the health team attended to the new mother and her infant within the crucial 24 hours of birth on 16th August 2017. They left for the beneficiary's remote home in the evening as soon as the AWW gave them the information. The new mother was given essential medicines and the newborn was given BCG+OPV doses.



ANM Bidyabati Das and Rijumani Deka attending to the new mother and her infant



The Sonitpur Boat Clinic team poses with the Joint Director Health Services, in October 2017



The Lakhimpur team walking to Dambukial village on 21 st November 2017, for home visits covering Vitamin A supplement. The team found the child with her mother near the paddy field. Then team checked the due list and accordingly gave her Vitamin A supplement. In rural India most mothers take their children to the field. They therefore do not get the benefit of Government programmes often. Maximum effort is made by the Boat Clinics to ensure that services are taken to the last mile. The teams visit homes, cultivating fields, schools for covering those children who did not come to the scheduled health camps and vaccine sessions



The Lakhimpur Boat Clinic team on way to a flood relief health camp on 7th July 2017. A health camp was held at Kaniajan village with Bihpuria BPHC



The Barpeta Boat Clinic Unit-I conducting an awareness sessions on the importance of Breast Feeding in one of the five different chars under Chenga BPHC from 8th August to 12th August, 2017



BCG vaccine for a new born by the Barpeta Boat Clinic Unit II in December, 2017



Swapna Das DPO Barpeta Unit II delivering a talk to ANMs of Mandia Block PHC at a training cum microplan preparation on rubella vaccination at Barpeta on 28th March 2018



Medical Officer, Boat Clinic Dr. Asrafur Islam talking on the importance of Iodine Deficiency Disorders at Meetmari /Kisamguri char village on 25th October 2017 conducted by the Morigaon Boat Clinic team



The Morigaon Boat Clinic team conducting a health camp in December 2017



The State Planning & Consultant Officer, NHM, Nilim Bora onboard the Bongaigaon Boat Clinic on 7th July 2017 for an awareness programme on family planning at Kheluapara Part II village



Group discussion on family planning by the Bongaigaon Boat Clinic Unit



Maternal health awareness cum street play at Bongaigaon's Satsobigha island village organized by the Boat Clinic unit with the help of Boitamari BPHC.



In November 2017 the Bongaigaon Boat Clinic, (like all other Boat Clinic units) successfully conducted the special Vitamin-A solution biannual round at different river island villages being covered by the boat clinics. DPO Monjur H Mondal seen helping in the initiative. It was a 69.52% achievement where 1045 children were given the solution.



The JDHS, Addl.CM&HO, DIO and Dist.Community Mobilizer of NHM, Dhubri attended a health camp conducted by the Dhubri Boat Clinic Unit-II on 22nd August 2017 at the char village-Chalakura Pt-3 North where more than 200 villagers participated in the awareness session on post flood diseases management

Baby delivered

On 12th September 2017 while the Dhubri Unit II Boat Clinic team was conducting a health camp at the char village-River Block No-11 under South Salmara BPHC by the river bank, a villager named Sobor Uddin approached the DPO Mehebab Alom Hazarika and informed that his wife Nurjahan Bibi was undergoing severe labour pain and the local dhai (mid wife) was not being able to handle the delivery. Immediately few members of the health team rushed to the home and successfully delivered a healthy baby boy. The villagers expressed their gratitude to the team.



Solar Street Lights being installed at the Airanjongla Pt-II by the Dhubri Unit I Boat Clinic team. Thanks to a philanthropist, remote villages in the Brahmaputra river islands in Assam are being lit up with solar street lights. The donor, Almitra Patel, based at Bengaluru is a member of the Supreme Court committee for Solid waste management for Class 1 cities, Technical expert, Swachh Bharat Mission, Government of India, Clean Jharkhand Project and Ganga ICDP Kanpur

Successful Family Planning Intervention

On 7th December, 2017 there were two NSVs conducted at Gahia MPHPC motivated by the Barpeta Boat Clinic, Unit-II. Although the DPO Swapna Das, the community workers and ANM had done home visits for regular family planning counselling, in this case the motivator was the Boat Clinic driver Yeasin Ali, The beneficiaries belonged to Rowmari Char. Motivating and counselling villagers for family planning is a challenging job. On 11th December there was a third NSV case after sustained efforts, regular counselling, awareness session and taking prominent villagers and religious authorities into confidence the teams have been able to successfully intervene.



The DPO Barpeta II Swapna Das(standing right) attending a workshop on Advance Family planning facilitation in September 2017 organized by Jhpiego(an international non-profit health organization affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, USA) and the district health society, Barpeta. The importance of counseling was highlighted along with the need to make it mandatory in each health institution where a separate room for counselling with facilities should be included.

Jorhat



Awareness camp at Jorhat's Missamora II on immunization and breast feeding in October 2017



Dental Service being provided by the Jorhat Boat Clinic



Tinsukia Boat Clinic ANM Tara Devi vaccinating a child at Majgaon village



The Tinsukia Boat Clinic unit conducting a flood relief camp at Pamua under Hapjan BPHC on 2nd of September, 2017. The Boat Clinic team along with 25 people from different associations and District health Society visited Pamua village in the morning where about 300 villagers had gathered in a ME school. Foods and clothes were distributed to the villagers. The team provided health treatment to 252 villagers.



A health camp at Amarpur, Tinsukia, August 2017



Family planning counselling at Dhemaji even while the beneficiaries work in their fields. December 2017



The DPO Jorhat Boat Clinic Unit Riturekha Baruah speaking at an anti-tobacco reorientation training on Tobacco cessation and ill effects on 23rd December 2017. The training was held for all Revised National TB Control Program (RNTCP) staff of Jorhat and health educators. At the training the work of the Boat Clinic was appreciated.

Radio Brahmaputra

Brahmaputra Community Radio Station (BCRS) or Radio Brahmaputra as it is commonly known, is based at Dibrugarh, very close to where the mighty river flows by at Maijan ghat. The station is unique in the sense that it caters to the needs and aspirations of people belonging to as many as five communities residing around the area in as many local languages – Shadri (dialect of the tea tribe community), Assamese, Bhojpuri, Bodo, and Mishing. While BCRS seeks to reach the most marginalised groups in 14 islands and 30 tea plantations and more than 180 villages in Dibrugarh district, its footprint reaches across the Brahmaputra to other districts as well. Today it broadcasts for eight hours every day on FM 90.4 from Dibrugarh and can be heard in three districts along and across the Brahmaputra.



Marami Mili, trainee Community Facilitator conducting a discussion among island community adolescent girls on menstrual health issues at a AW centre of Lakhmisuti Gaon, Dhemaji District, upper Assam



Participants consulting experts from different institutes about the skill development courses. Skilling Society is an initiative of Radio Brahmaputra in association with Dr. Anamika Ray Memorial Trust (ARMT) supported by Commonwealth Educational Media Center for Asia (CEMCA). BCRS organized an consultation event “Skilling Society” to impart knowledge and develop a network for creating a skilled society on 4th Jun 2017 at Lahowal College Auditorium, Dibrugarh attended by more than 1000 participants mostly youth and women from different communities



On 10th August 2017, the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh District, Ms Laya Madduri, inaugurated BCRS’ Brahmaputra Bani, part of the interactive voice response (IVR) technology. It will play in two languages- Assamese and Shadri (tea tribe dialect)and will have 8 different sections to opt for - menstrual health, anemia, nutrition, child right, schemes & program for youth and adolescents, disease prevention, life skill and banking & finance.The DC being felicitated at the radio station (left) and she addresses the gathering(right)



Community Quiz at Tea garden school at Sivasagar district by BCRS in August 2017 on adolescent health issues



Women from Maijan Nahor Line gathered at the Radio Brahmaputra studio on 8th March 2018 to listen to a Women's Day special program and share their opinions live, on issues relevant to them and share their ideas and messages to society.

Team Radio Brahmaputra



From left: Vaiolina Gogoi, Charu Dihingia, Bhaskar Jyoti Bhuyan, Tutumoni Munda, Rubi Naik, Rumi Naik, Pinku Gohain, Dipankar Bird Chore

Boat Clinics : Problems of Access

The Boat Clinic health camps are held under extremely challenging conditions. During the dry winter months with river water subsiding, the boats often get stuck in the river bed and it is only after a lot of struggle that they are freed. The walking distance to the camp also increases much more during winters due to the Boat not being able to reach the village banks with subsiding water level. During summer there is no respite from the scorching sun and heat for the teams while conducting health camps in remote flood vulnerable Brahmaputra river islands. They have to walk for long distances to reach interior villages where the camps are scheduled. Monsoons find the Boat Clinics struggling their way through angry rivers with strong water currents, full to the brim and often overflowing banks. During monsoons and post monsoons the roads to the river banks are often damaged and full of potholes, negotiating through these stretches, in most cases only an apology for a road is a challenge. But camps are never missed



The Kamrup Boat Clinic team on way to a health camp at Balagaon II submerged under flood water in July 2017. The villagers attended the camp using small hand boat as the village was submerged by flood water



While women team members of the Boat Clinic Sonitpur making their way to island village Binde Tapu, Dhikajuli in a banana raft in August 2017



Villagers, mostly women and children from flood ridden island villages coming to the health camps conducted by the Jorhat Boat Clinic Unit



The Lakhimpur Boat Clinic Unit on way to conducting a camp at Tamulaghuli village and Dambukial village of Dambukial sub_center of North Lakhimpur revenue circle in association with Panigaon SHC, while villagers coming to attend the health camp on country boats(right)



Boat Clinic ANM & GNM on way to flood camp at Pathorichuk Sub-center of Lakhimpur District, near Gormurh, Majuli



Nalbari Boat Clinic team on the way to camp during floods



Nalbari Boat Clinic ANM, Deiji Ahmed on the way to camp by a small boat



The Goalpara Boat Clinic team struggling to find the way to conduct health camps at flood affected island villages



Vehicles used by the Dhemaji Boat Clinic team getting stuck in a paddy field on way to a health camp in December 2017



Tractors being used to reach health camp sites in interior island villages by the Jorhat Boat Clinic team in December 2017. With water levels subsiding in winters, the boats cannot come close to the village and the teams have to walk long distances or they hire tractors to reach the camp destination.

The Boat Clinic Teams



Barpeta I

Sitting from left: Dr. Asir Uddin (Medical Officer), Sanuwara Parbin (ANM), Nasema Parbin (ANM), Dr. Tridip Das (Medical Officer), Bhaskatjyoti Mahanta (Pharmacist)

Standing from left: Zahirul Haque (Laboratory Technician), Wahabur Rahman (Community Worker), Jaman Nurjamal Hoque (Community Worker), Abdul Baten Bhuyan (Community Worker), Santu Pathak(Cook), Saikot Sukla (District Programme Officer), Atwar Rahman (Boat Crew)



Barpeta Unit- II

Sitting (From left)- Swapna Das, DPO, Dr.H.M Hussain Shohail, Medical Officer (M.O), Dr. Taficul Islam(M.O) Pankaj Kr Mandal, Pharmacist, Himamani Talukder ,ANM, Mukunda Pathak, Cook,

Standing (From left)- Rayhan Ali, Community Worker(C.W), Anowar Hussain, C.W, Aliman Nessa ,ANM, Jagadish Deka, Laboratory Technician, Montaz Ali Khan, C.W, Riajul Ali, Boat Crew, Yeasin Ali, Boat Crew



Bongaigaon

Standing from left: Monjur Hussain Mondal (DPO), Dr Firoj Ahmed (M.O), Ismail Hussain (Boat Crew), Ajijul Mollah (Pharmacist), Dr Deepranjan Das (MO), Ranjanjyoti Baishya (Laboratory Technician), Kabad Hussain (CW), Shajahan ALi (CW), Mofidul Islam (Boat Crew)

Sitting from left: Shahadev Das (cook),Nirupoma Roy (ANM), Kulodipa Mondal (ANM), Satyajit Kolita (CW), Abu Said (Boat Master)



Dhemaji

Left to Right: Punyeshwar Baruah(CW), Ramcharan Majhi (Boat Crew) Dharjya Banai (Cook), Nitul Borah(Laboratory Technician),Dharitri Das (ANM), Kakoli Gogoi(DPO), Dr Manjil Saikia(M.O), Junmoni Saikia(ANM), Dharani Saikia(CW),Bhupen Taid(CW),Bijoy Tayeng(Boat Crew)Narayan Acharjee(Pharmacist)



Dhubri Unit I

Sitting from left: Mofida Begum(ANM), Rehana Ahmed(ANM),Dr Ashit Kumar Mondal(M.O), Sultan Nekib(DPO),Tarulata Kalita(ANM), Ahad Ali Mollah(Pharmacist).

Standing from left: Zahangir Alom(CW), Manoj Chowdhury(CW)Moynal Hoque(CW),Azizur Hoque Balban(Laboratory Technician),Taleb Uddin (Boat Master) Kalu Das(Cook),Abdur Rohim Ali(Boat crew) Joydev Chowdhury(Boat crew)



Dhubri Unit II

Sitting(L-R):Mehebus Alom Hazarika(DPO), Dr.Benzir Rahman(MO), Dr.Ayan Ch. Das(MO), Firoza Ahmed(ANM), Lavita Pathak(ANM), Madhusudan Roy Prodhani(Lab. Tech).

Standing(L-R): Samsul Hoque(Driver), Manirul Khan(Pharmacist), Gabinda Baroi(Master), Sambhu Prasad Bin(CW), Abul Kalam Azad(Helper), Sanju Mondal(Cook), Sudama Bin(CW), Afzal Hoque(CW).



Dibrugarh

Standing from Left: Arup Kumar Saikia (DPO), Apul Das (Pharmacist), Promud Dutta (Cook), Siddhanath Gogoi (Lab-tech), Kapilash Choudhury (Boat Master), Ramakant Yadav (CW), Binit Bhuyan (Boat Crew), Shyam Yadav (Boat Crew),
Sitting from Left : Devarani Deori (ANM), Dr. Juganta Kumar Deori (MO), Damayanti Das (ANM)



Goalpara Boat Clinic

Front row (from left)

Nathini Basumatary(ANM),Bandana Khound(DPO),Rangshila Basumatary(ANM),Akshay Barman(Laboratory Technician),

Second row (from left)

Hasmat Ali(Pharmacist),Dr Jnanankor Roy(M.O),Lakman Ali(CW),Shohor Ali Mandal(Boat Master),Mannaf Ali(CW),Shohidul Islam(C.W),Somorandra Ghosh(cook)

Last row(from left) Monowar Hussain(Boat helper), Johirul Islam(Boat helper)



Jorhat

From left: Achyot Jyoti Das (Lab Technician), Dipen Pegu (CW), Dr Bivash Saikia(Dentist), Jadumoni Hazarika(CW), Riturekha Baruah Phukan(District Programme Officer), Pranjalii Thakuria(ANM), Juli Phukan(ANM), Rimpi Bordoloi(ANM), Jitu Dutta(C.W), Bipul Payeng(Boat Crew), Deep Jyoti Nath (Pharmacist), Dr Deep Shankar Saikia(MO), Bipul Payeng(Boat Master)



Kamrup

Seating from left: Sofiqul Islam(DPO), Padumi Kalita(ANM), Rijuana Begum(ANM), Dr. Naba kanta Das(MO), Jugal Goswami(Pharmacist).

Standing from left: Md. Lalmamud Ali(CW), Ritumoni Das(Cook), Dhanjit Das(Laboratory Technician), Md. Safiqul Islam(Boat Crew), Abu Chama Ali(Boat Master), Md. Abdur Rahim(CW), Ziarul Islam(CW), Md Ain Uddin(Boat Crew)



Lakhimpur

From Left: Tapan Borah (DPO), Dr Deepjyoti Das(MO), Elizabeth Kom(GNM), Krishna Hazarika(CW), Prafulla Kalita(Boat Crew), Minaram Tayung(CW), Pabin Boruah(Lab Technician), Dilip Borah(Cook) Ajit Tayung(CW), Jumi Doley (Boat Master)

Absent- Dr Rinku Konwar(MO), Dharmendra Taya(Pharmacist), Lima Chutia (ANM)



Morigaon

From Left to Right: Dr. Asraful Islam(MO), Johirul Islam(Boat Crew), Ruplal Malo(Cook), Sohoruddin (Boat Master), Nasim Ahmed(Vehicle Driver), Alaluddin(Community Worker), Mushaluddin(Community Worker). Dr. Digjam Sarma(MO), Mrs. Nirmala Nath(ANM), Mrs. Dolima Boro(ANM), Sofiqul Islam(Boat Crew Driver), Mofizuddin Ahmed(Pharmacist), Didarul Islam(Community Worker), Biswajit Mazumdar(Laboratory Technician), Shyamjit Pashi(DPO)



Sonitpur

Standing from left: Bidyut Nath (CW), Amzed Ali(Boat crew), Mullah Md Zinnah (CW), Bhargav Jyoti Dutta (Laboratory technician), Susil Kumar Nath (Cook), Nitul Pegu (Boat Crew), Nazibur Ali (Referral boat driver), Mofidul Islam (CW), Dr. Nasir Hassan Khandakar (MO) and Fulsan Ali (Pharmacist).

Sitting from left: Bidyabati Das (ANM), Hasena Banu (ANM), Rijumani Deka (ANM) and Mousumi Duwarah (DPO)



Nalbari

From left: Parvis Ahmed(DPO), Dharanidhar Kalita (Laboratory Technician), Ayub Ali (Cook), Dr. Harthis Kumar Englang (MO), Jaher Ali Ahmed (CW), Dr. Rishikesh Koundinya (MO), Nur Islam Ali(Boat Crew), Ripul Ali (Driver), Sarifuddin Ahmed (CW), Chandan Baishya (Pharmacist), Rebi Sultana (ANM) and Deiji Ahmed (ANM)



Tinsukia

Sitting from left : Mitra Jyoti Konwar (DPO), Suniya Doley (ANM), Chandra Prabha Talukdar (ANM) , Dr. Saurav Kalita (MO)

Standing from left : Koncheng Gogoi (Pharmacist), Indrakanta Saikia (Boat Master), Murari Yadav (Boat Driver), Lakhi Kanta Charo (CW), Dr. Kaushik Baiswas (MO), Bholanath Pegu (CW), Pulak Chutia (Cook), Sibit Gogoi (Lab.Tech) , Raju Pegu (CW), Durga Prasad (Boat crew)

Financials

CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST STUDIES AND POLICY RESEARCH			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH ' 2018			
LIABILITIES	AMOUNT (In ₹)	ASSETS	AMOUNT (In ₹)
CORPUS FUND		FIXED ASSETS	3,308,372
Opening Balance	36,107,343	(As per Schedule- I)	
Add: Opening Adjustment	20,326	Capital Work In Progress	22,976,128
Less: Deficit for the year	(2,258,521)		
Closing Balance	33,869,148	PROJECT ASSETS	
		(At nominal Value)	265
CURRENT LIABILITIES		INVESTMENTS	
Other Payable	64,492	Fixed Deposits with Scheduled Banks	376,057
Expenses Payable	247,433		
TDS Payable	5,997	CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS	
Advance from District Programme Officer	456,291	& ADVANCES	
		Other Advances	181,997
		Advance to District Programme Officer	378,401
		Security deposit for Rent	43,000
		TDS Recoverable	2,018,244
		Accrued Interest on FDR	24,630
		Advance for Boat Building	402,390
		Loans & Advances	300,500
		Prepaid Insurance	165,445
		Cash in Hand	148,605
		Cash in Transit	36,000
		Balance with Scheduled Banks	4,283,327
TOTAL	34,643,361	TOTAL	34,643,361

AUDITOR'S REPORT

As per our separate report of even date attached

For JAGDISH CHAND & CO.
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(PRAVEEN KUMAR JAIN)
PARTNER
M.No. 085629



Place: New Delhi
Dated : 25.09.2018

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 31ST MARCH ' 2018			
PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (₹)	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (₹)
Accommodation Expenses	17,068	Grant - in - Aid	76,786,967
Accounting Charges	94,872	Donation Received	369,950
Administrative Expenses	2,643,185	Interest Received	148,161
Advertisement Expenses	10,702	Misc. Receipt	229,706
Asha Incentives	376,520		2,258,521
Payment to Auditor		Excess of Expenditure over Income	
-Audit Fee	116,820		
-Other Service & Expenses	61,929		
Bank charges	20,326		
Boat Hire Charges	2,471,150		
Boat Expenditures	6,482,470		
Carnage charges	336,746		
Conveyance & Traveling Expenses	286,082		
Depreciation	589,488		
Electricity & Water	84,250		
Food & Snacks Expenses	5,650,134		
Incentive	458,300		
Insurance Expenses	149,118		
Interest on TDS	32,898		
Laboratory Reagents	411,178		
Medical Expense	712,059		
Meeting Expenses	7,470		
Mobility & Monitoring	943,924		
Newspaper & Periodicals	53,170		
Other Expenses	159,494		
Postage & Telegrams	104,069		
Printing & Stationery	591,532		
Project, Seminars & Program Expenses	1,395,268		
Professional Charge	72,900		
Rent Expenses	1,168,400		
Repair & Maintenance	491,319		
Salary, Honorarium & Incentives	48,911,373		
Solar Light Expenses	340,000		
Staff Welfare Expenses	407,141		
Survey Expenses	15,000		
Telephone & Internet Charges	298,292		
Training Expenses	58,231		
Vehicle hiring Charge	3,757,682		
Website Expenses	12,744		
TOTAL	79,793,305	TOTAL	79,793,305

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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.
- Medclaim and Accidental Insurance is provided which is charged to Income and Expenditure A/c.

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