

7 Has Gone by

Welcoming 8

WAO.....!!!!!! Have we really made it? Seven years of meaningful existence. Our madness seven years before has borne fruits. The NERSWN is on the verge of transition from infancy to an adolescent age. Young bunch of crazy mob of youths who founded the organization are maturing day by day. The imprecise path chosen in the formative years is becoming clearer. The commitments are getting strengthened. The reach is getting wider and wider. The challenges are also becoming tough to tougher.

Really Friends, it's been a seven long years of our youthful life. Getting newer ideas, furthering the base in the community, learning the intricacies of development work, getting all basic legal requirements, balancing different approaches of development, managing the work, organization and people have made all the seven years really eventful for us.

Though the jubilation of reaching this far is our right, let us all remind ourselves about the stiff road to reach our destination- VISION. Even though we have been able to sow the seeds of hope in our surroundings, for bringing about real change in the direction that we have destined for, is still a long way to go.

In the years to come we must channelize our wisdom and energy towards strengthening and deepening the actions that are already being undertaken. Look for simple and sustainable solutions to complex problems. Enable the community to take charge of their life with effective mobilization. Raise adequate resources (finance, human, ideas and materials) to actualize all our dreams and so forth.

Congratulation friends. All the best for the challenges ahead.

All of us at NERSWN are really grateful for generous support and help from all the esteemed agencies, organizations, groups and individuals. Thank you so much.



Chairperson-Cum-Director's Note

While it gives me immense pleasure to write this note, it is also making me overwhelmingly nostalgic. At an age when young people look for best of the career options, a group of very young friends chose a path of making a difference in their surroundings by instituting a voluntary organization. The organization was named as NERSWN (*read-Legacy*). Filled with only unending zeal, setting a journey towards an un-known future. The journey this year has stepped into its eight year. What else can be so fulfilling for a person who has led that crazy bunch of youth that has proved itself of being worthy to do something that humbly contribute towards adding dignity, giving justice and bring peace in the surroundings. My salute to you all, friends.

In completion of seven long years and stepping into 8th years of its action, NERSWN has stitched six thematic areas for its intervention, 1. Health, 2. Education & Children's Program 3. Women Empowerment, 4. Livelihood 5. Rights & Justice and 6. Research & Networking. With its 40 fulltime workers and many volunteers it executes several projects that are directed towards its vision. Till its eight years of responsive existence, several funding partners have supported the organization's work generously. We are really grateful to these organizations, foundations, trusts and individuals. We hope to receive similar valuable support in the days to come too.

My sincere thanks to all the people, organizations, institutions and groups who made the journey so far possible for NERSWN. Thank you so much. We hope to receive your support, care and guidance in future too.

Congratulation to all my colleagues at NERSWN and all the best for challenges ahead. Let's all keep up the spirit.

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Chairperson-Cum-Director
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HEALTH PROGRAMS.....

Journey from Recipients to Participants in Health.

The community monitoring which had succeeded in creating a democratic space for dialogue between the community and health authorities to resolve health related issues and problems which hitherto would have been the relation of receiver and



Workshop VHSC Members

giver of services only. The community in the project area has been made aware about their roles and responsibilities in improving the healthcare scenario. Community now, knows about the rights and entitlement under different health schemes.

The mental health initiative of providing care and treatment for people with mental illness was first of its kind in the history of its district. Besides providing diagnosis, treatment, follow up and basic counselling the efforts has succeeded in changing the prevailing negative perception about the illness among the community members and also among the healthcare personnel.

There has been a progress generative line that leads to incorporate inclusive idea of health by integrating, education, livelihood, women participation, food security etc into the framework of health. This initiative has already begun and the NERSWN team looks forward for meaningful intervention towards this direction-

Skill Training for ASHAs:

Total of three skill training have been organized for ASHAs in last one year. A total of 46 ASHAs were trained on Community Health and Psycho-Social Intervention. They were being imparted the basic skill of dealing with people with mental illness. In training, Dr. Sunil Kaul, a



Dr. S. Kaul imparting Training for ASHAs

public health expert had imparted the training on Primary Health Care. The ASHAs were trained to use the basic kits like BP Machine, Thermometer, Weighing Machine, Rapid Diagnostic Kits, Pregnancy Test Kits, Basic Medicines and so on. Besides, the ASHAs were given regular orientation on Gender and Health, Entitlement and Health and Community Participation and Determinants of Health etc.

Strengthening Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC):

VHSC Workshop: Total of 3 workshops has been organized for VHSC members of 58 VHSCs. The workshops were based on functional responsibility of Village Health and Sanitation Committee, National Rural Health Mission, Right to Education Act, role of VHSC members and Public Distribution System. The workshops were emphasized on food and educational entitlement for improving the health status of the people.

Facilitating VHSC Meetings: The health team has facilitated 88 VHSC meetings in last one year in 58 villages. In these meetings different health

issues were discussed including monitoring of health institutions and personnel in their respective jurisdiction area.

Public Dialogues: Total of two Public Dialogues have been held in last one year. In both the public dialogue there was huge participation of people. The Department of Health Services also had attended with good numbers of health personnel including the district heads of different health programs



Jt. Director, DHS, Kokrajhar addressing the public during a public dialogue.

The report card was presented by two young people from the community. Based on the presentation the Joint Director Health Services took the opportunity to seek apologies for not being able to improve on some of the aspects such as disease surveillance, Janani Suraksha Yojna and so on. He has publicly directed the personnel from Block level to village level to devote themselves for improving their performance in these aspects.

On the whole, the Public Dialogue was very successful in creating a democratic space for discussions and debate on issues of health between the people and the government department.

District Consultation on Health: A successful district consultation was held where discussion on various critical issues regarding health took place. The event was attended by Director Education, District Elementary Education Officer, Asst. Engineer, PHE, Joint Director and all the district level officials

of health department. The social organizations like All Bodo Students Union, All Bodo Women Welfare Federation and many NGOs in the district have attended the program. The media personnel also actively took part and highlighted the issues.



Public interacting with officials during district consultation

In the consultation, issues relating to mental health, absence of convergence among different departments, uncovered areas, un-official charges etc were discussed seriously. The participants have questioned the slow progress of health and other departments in improving the scenario and urged them to be more active in resolving all these issues. The departments also have accepted the inability to improve on the mentioned aspects and have promised to improve in future.

With the continuous advocacy, NERSWN has succeeded in taking the health department to survey the newly settled villages in Jhawarbil area. After the survey, the children of the area have received first immunization officially. Un-officially the NERSWN workers have taken one of the Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) once to immunize the children and to do medical check-up of the mothers in the area. One Health Camp has been held which was attended by 260 people. Recently one ASHA has been appointed for Jhawarbil area.

The Sapkata area has a permanent health sub-centre for itself. Besides, the Mobile Medical Unit under NRHM holds once a month check up camp for



the residents regularly. These services have been arranged after the intervention of NERSWN in the area.

Mental Health Initiatives

Organizing Monthly Mental Health Camp: All total 11 Mental Health Camps have been organized in last one year. Total of 965 people with mental illness have attended these camps. Among these 331 are new cases.

Regular Home Visit was made to follow up the progress in recovery of the people with psychiatric illness preventing them from relapses. Total of 75 families have been visited in last one year. In these visits, family coun-seling was also



A scene of a Mental Health Camp

done. The caregivers are motivated to maintain regularity in visiting the monthly mental health camp organised by NERSWN in RNB civil hospital, Kokrajhar. They were also being explained the importance of the family in the faster recovery of the psychiatric patients. These visits have helped gaining the practical insights on family conditions, magnitude of problems, rate of recovery and so on which in turn helps in devising effective plan for better mental health program.

Advocating for Integration of Mental Health Care: As a result of the continuous advocacy, the Government of Assam has transferred back the Dr. R.C Debnath to RNB Civil Hospital, Kokrajhar. Dr. Debnath now regularly attends the monthly mental health camp providing clinical services to the

psychiatric patients. Besides, four general practitioners have been given basic training for ten days in the Psychiatric Department of Guwahati Medical College after the regular advocacy of NERSWN and other partner organization.

The NERSWN intends to intensify advocacy for permanent psychiatric services at least at the district civil hospital and gradually advocate for inclusion of services in the primary healthcare centers too.

Pamphlets on issues of mental health were being published to create awareness on Mental Health issue in Bodo Language.

Measles Catch-Up Campaign: The NERSWN in Collaboration with NRHM has carried out Measles Catch up campaign in the in-accessible areas of Kokrajhar district from 13th of November to 29th November 2011.

Folk Media and Film Screening: A campaign was launched with the help of a folk media team in the entire district for promoting breast feeding, prevention of early age marriage, control of malaria, diarrhoea, prevention and control of Japanese Encephalitis. The campaign was carried out in collaboration with NRHM, Kokrajhar.

TSC Workshop: A workshop cum awareness meeting was organized on Total Sanitation Campaign for the VHSC members and ASHAs. In the workshop Executive Engineer of Public Health Engineering Department had attended as a resource person. The Executive Director, NERSWN also attended the program as one of key speaker. Total of 30 VHSCs have attended the program.

Organizing Pulse Polio Program: In three inaccessible villages of Tipkai, Pulse Polio was organized by NERSWN workers with the help of ANMs of Tipkai Dispensary to immunize the left out children. In three villages more than 150 children were immunized.

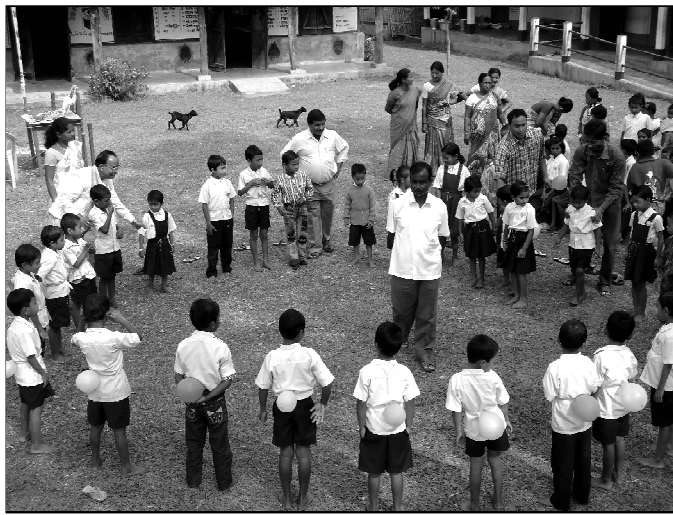


Education & Children's Programme

Making Education JoyousReaching the Un-reach.....Rights Way!

Sapkata, a familiar name in the fraternity of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). This very place had housed half-a-lakh victims of ethnic conflict in 1996 and 1998 for more than a decade. One generation of Adivashi children grew up in this very relief camp and a generation passed away.

The unfortunate victims of such a terrible conflict, suffered dual violence, one by the rival community, second by the government by depriving them from all legitimate entitlements forcing them to migrate and in some instances get trafficked. Limited food, no education, no employment, no health, no pure water, no



Teachers Conducting Aflatoun Activity

housing, no sanitation in one word inhuman living condition. For once at least present civilization of human being should feel ashamed about such living condition of their fellow beings.

With the warm support from, National Foundation for India (NFI), NERSWN supported the community run primary school that has imparted functional education to at least one thousand Adivashi children residing in the relief camps in the span of 14 years.

After living 14 years in the camps in an undignified condition, frustrated and broken from inside, 6000 odd Adivashis took charge of their life and disperse from the relief camp, started resettling in a deforested location called Jhawarbil. Freed themselves from the sufferings of relief camp to be haunted by terrible fears of getting evicted anytime by forest department.

NERSWN followed the displaced community and started working for reducing their suffering. No presence of the government services except Forest Department in at least 10 k.m. radius. As a strategic entry point, NERSWN started a primary school with a great vision of promoting peaceful co-existence, tolerance and other values along with education. The community managed school is named as **Suluk-Gwjwn Vidyalaya (Peace Academy)**, Jhawarbil supported by National Foundation for India, New Delhi through NERSWN. The school currently enrolls 265 children from 12 Adivashi hamlets most of them are first generation learners.

The NERSWN workers have pursued with the education department and got the newly set up school recognized under RTE (Right to Education) Act 2009. In order to fully provincialize the school, the NCPCR has been approached. A written note has also been given to NCPCR, Delhi. The local supervisors have visited the school once. But it still awaits a positive response from the government.



Pupils of Suluk-Gwjwn Vidyalaya



The **AFLATOUN CSFE** program was developed based on the principles of United Nations Convention on Right of the Child 1991 which talks about Survival, Protection, Participation and Development of children. The NERSWN has been carrying out this programme since 2010. This particular program has received lot of accolades from children, teachers and parents. The children who hardly had the joy of real learning got a chance to learn by doing. Inculcating the habit of saving among children along with giving them the real taste of togetherness are basic part of Aflatoun child social & financial education program.

Actualizing the concept to what the program envisages needs acceptance and participation from all stakeholders which this program has succeeded to achieve.

The Education team of NERSWN had completed three years with Aflatoun Child Social and Financial Education programme. Through the journey of three years together with Aflatoun, NERSWN have been able to produce 42 Trainers, 192 Trained Teachers covering 190 government schools reaching out to 8795 children. These children are now collectivised into 65 Children's Club and Children's Bank.



Aflatoun Children Playing

Children now make regular visits to the post office, banks, district offices and other institution to learn about their roles and responsibilities. The



children's collective and individual children are encouraged to initiate entrepreneurial activities. The children learn how to responsively participate in the processes that affects their life. These processes are intended towards enabling the children to become a responsible citizen in future.



"I Know How to Save & Spend"

Karina Brahma, a little girl studies in standard IV at Kathalguri L.P School. She hails from a very poor family. Her parents could not afford schooling cost; hence she was kept with aunt to pursue education.

The recent changes in the text book posed tough challenge for the teachers especially of primary level. The vernacular medium students and teachers face difficulty in comprehending the new English text book.

Karina with her poor financial condition also has been regularly SAVING in the Aflatoun Bank since last two years. She has saved good amount of money in the bank. One day she withdrew money citing reasons for buying an English Guide Book. The English guide book which she purchased at Rs. 70/- helps all the students in the school. She also helps other by translating the English words into Bodo with the help of the Guide Book.

The Aflatoun Children's Bank is facilitating a process of inculcating habits of saving and responsible spending in the lives of child like Kareena. It's a small yet beautiful success.



Protecting the Children- Journey from Recipients to Participants

Kokrajhar being devastated by unending conflict of different nature since last three decades is still facing a stiff challenge. All wings of governance have struggled to function. Majority of families in the district have experienced internal displacement at one or other point of time in last three decades. The inhabitants of the district were forced to live like refugees in their own land.



Children's Rally for their rights

In circumstances such as this, children have been the greatest victims. The abuse, exploitation, violence and neglect have been at the height. But these have never been talked and documented about. It has manifested into forced migration of children, burdening children with hard labour, rampant drop out, sexual exploitation, physical violence, destitution, deprivation from family & social care etc.

Since last two years, NERSWN with generous support from UNICEF have been making humble efforts to create protective environment for the displaced children. As part of the effort, NERSWN has been running 3 Drop-In-Centers (DiC) in different location of the district inhabited by the displaced population. Through these DiCs NERSWN has reached out to more than 1000 children. Out of which 691 (282 male and 409 Female) are children below the age group of 6 to 18 years. Total of 64 (35 Male and 29 Female) drop outs were re-enrolled. Total of 43 (20 Male and 23 Female) children have never enrolled were enrolled with the schools. Total of 36 (27 Male and 9 Female) forced migrants have been found and some of them have already been brought back

is on to bring back the rest. In a culture of child labour denial also the families have reported 32 (9 male and 23 Female) involved with labour that took away their joyful childhood. Two cases of Juvenile being imprisoned being found. One is released and another is still in the process of being released due to active lobbying of child protection team. Several cases of trafficking have been reported and FIR against these cases has been filed with the respective police stations.

Through DiC, efforts have been made to build capacities of families, community and children themselves in order to enable to protect the children from all sorts of abuse and exploitation. Total of 3 exposure trips have been made from three DiC. Leadership training has been organized. Six adolescent clubs have been formed. Two of these clubs have been linked with SABLE program of the Department of Social Welfare through respective ICDS. Active advocacy efforts have been made for ensuring proper implementation of the different programs and schemes meant for the children especially for displaced children. There has been good deal of progress in becoming sensitive in preventing and responding to the cases of child rights violation by the government departments.

"4 Years of Precious Childhood Spent in Jail"

Mr. Jona Tudu of Sapkata Village, was on his way to school when he was picked up by police in 2008. After being picked up at the age of 13 Mr. Tudu was charged as a terrorist and imprisoned for four long years.

In presence of Juvenile Justice (care & protection of children) Amendment Act 2006, a child was forcefully kept in jail for four years. The institutions of giving justice itself ensured detention of a child for four long years snatching a precious childhood days thereby depriving from education, parents care, and other developmental opportunities. The child protection team of NERSWN came to know about this case in the early part of 2012 and after hard advocacy with the CJM court, Mr. Jona Tudu was released. The Principal Magistrate of the court In-Charge of Juvenile Justice also took a very proactive role in releasing him. Mr. Tudu was released in the month of May 2012 and now being re-enrolled in class IX.

This case is an example of glaring injustice and gross violation of children's rights.



Livelihood Programme

Learning to Tie Rope Continues.....!

Experimenting ideas, sharpening skills by dirtying hands and legs, seeing unseen, trying the untried, selling the unsold and many more. These small but yet interesting moved have shaped our livelihood intervention in the year gone by. We genuinely hope that these will help us to be more deliberate in promoting livelihood of the people who are at the periphery of social living due to the extreme exclusion. Following are some of the humble initiatives that NERSWN made this year-



Vegetable Demo Site at Jhawarbil

Formation of Farmers' club: A farmer's club has been formed comprising 17 Adivashi villagers. The club is being linked with the NABARD. Out of 17 members 10 have been involved with experimenting System of Intensification (SRI). These demo farming is intended towards increasing more numbers of famers to cultivate paddy with SRI Method for better yield and production. Farmers have got better yield with this method. Through the traditional method in that particular village farmers used to produce maximum 8 to 10 mon with SRI method they produced ranging from 12 to 15 mons. With proper and systematic implementation of this method farmers hopes to produce at least 20 mons a bigha.

Promotion of SHGs and their involvement in different Activities: The SHGs formed in the preceding years have been promoted in different activities. Total of 22 SHGs besides savings and credit are involved with different income generating activities such as Mushroom Culture, Pig Rearing and Cultivating Vegetables.

Experimenting & Demonstration of Kitchen Garden: In Jhawarbil area, total of 30 families have been trained on Kitchen Garden concept of vegetable cultivation. Since the families have resettled recently, many of the families could not take the saplings raised in the nursery. Hence, in a plot of community land, vegetables have been cultivated as demonstration. The demonstration site produced lot of vegetables. The produces were sold at the market and the money was donated to school management committee. The local Adivashis were really inspired to see the well cultivated vegetables and many of them have promised to start vegetables cultivation from next season.

Improving Women Vendors' Livelihood: Working with women vendors have become like a logo for NERSWN. It has been couple of years now working with women vendors. In its journey towards bettering the livelihood of women vendors it has crossed many milestones.

Joint Liability Group (JLG) of Women Vendors: The promotion of Joint Liability Group helped the Women Vendors to establish a link



Consultation on Financial Inclusion



with different financial institutions. The JLGs have given much needed leverage for women vendors to access credits from the banks. Total of 36 JLGs are being formed till date with 208 members. Total of 5 JLGs are being credit linked. More numbers of JLGs are expected to receive credits in immediate future.

Capacity Building of women vendors and their dependents:

Women Vendors were given Training on Mushroom culture, detergent making, papad making and kitchen gardening. Total 129 women were trained on candle making. Capacity building was organised mainly for the women vendors, their dependents, SHGs & JLG members and other interested members. The trained members are now empowered to carry out the productive activities by themselves.

Sessions for Business Development: The women vendors operate with very tight routine of life. Collecting vegetables, dry fish or other products in the wee hours of the day from farmers and selling it whole day. The similar cycle goes on. They hardly get time to learn and update themselves with the new learning. Hence Business Development sessions were given by involving local NABARD official, bank representative, representative from the development agencies and NGO workers in phase manner on different days.

Improving Livelihood for Empowerment of women vendors: NERSWN team had been observing the improvement of the business as well as their financial condition at home through the different activities viz. Collectivization, Bank and Credit linkage, Advocating for Conducive working space and Exposure visit to other Business Enterprises. These activities help women vendors to know the unknown and to see the unseen leading to increase the level of their self esteem.



Women's Program

Engendering WorkProgressing Towards Progressive.

Last couple years have been a joyous journey of exploring and learning about gender and working with women. NERSWN being founded by a young group of men has travelled a long distance road towards bringing gender equality in its approach and action.

Policy Formulation for Gender Equality: A draft gender policy has been formulated. At least 30 percent out of the total staff have to be women at any given time with desires to achieve. All staff has to undergo compulsory gender training in the organization.

Women's Cycle Bank: Kokrajhar being one of the most volatile and disturbed districts in the country it suffers from frequent strikes forcing women vendors to remain at home due to lack of transportation. Thereby affective their income that gives them square mills a day, helps children's education, supports households needs and other basic cost of running a family. Besides, women vendors make heavy expenditure on travel from their

Monima's Journey from Destitution to Business Woman

Ms. Monima, 37 is one of the most successful women vendors in Gossaigaon Town.

She was born in a well to do family but her father left both mother and her giving no property. Both mother and daughter were forced into destitution then. Left with no choice Monima's mother started vending business keeping her as maid servant in one of the relative's family at a young age.

From her master's house she got married with a poor man. They did not have land and also no source of income. Hence, she decided to carry forward mother's business legacy. Not knowing the business intricacies with zero capital she used to suffer lot of losses in the beginning of her career as a vendor. But when she joined GAFA she gradually became strong with the different support extended by the association. Now she has involved her husband too in the business. She being the illiterate ensures that her three children including a dumb son receives good education and have a dignified life.

Currently, she is one of the very courageous and successful women vendors and dreams to expand her business.



meagre income. Hence, Women Cycle Bank has been introduced to give cycle loan to the needy women. Till date total of 23 cycles loans have been given on priority basis. The repayment rate is 100%. These cycles have given a freedom to women vendors from long waiting hours of transport, reduce the travel cost to zero, escapes bandh as no one stops bi-cycles and sale vegetables at higher price during bandhs and so forth.

GAFa and KAFa running Micro-credits: Gossaigaon Aijw Falangi Afad (GAFa) runs a Micro Credit for their members. The needy women vendors can take loan from the GAFa and return it in their convenience at very low interest of 2 %.

Exposure for Women Vendors: This year 10 women vendors were taken for exposure visit at Ima market, Imphal and 20 women vendors were taken to Chirang to see different entrepreneurship model. These exposure visits have facilitated better understanding about different ways of doing business and earning livelihood. The exposure team learned how people having similar interest and work can be collectivized and how the collect-ives can help promote common interest of all.

Helping the dependents of women vendors: From November, 2011 the team has started working with women vendors' dependents. The dependents were given training on driving, computer course and kitchen gardening with an objectives of giving skill based training to those who are dependent on their mother so that they can engage themselves in some productive work. Only drop out children are targeted for imparting such trainings. Till date the team could not involve SSA for imparting education to drop out children.

Celebrating Aijw Falangi Afat (Business Women Association) Foundation Day: The members of Women Vendors' Association celebrated 8th September as the foundation day of their association. This day came up as a platform



for the women to share their experiences and working ahead for their rights. Intellectuals

from the fields are invited on the day as guest where sharing of experiences and opportunity from different people took place for the economic development.

Celebration of International Women's day: The team had organized a one day District level Consultation Cum International Women's Day programme as far planned on 12 March, 2012. Women from different villages were invited on the occasion i.e. from Bangaldoba, Jawarbil, Tipkai together with the women vendors of Kokrajhar and Gossaigaon. Personnel from various sections of the society were present viz The Deputy Chief of BTC, Women Federation, Reno-wned writer, social activists. On the day an award for best Women vendor was also given for the first time to Mrs. Somela Basumatary.



Flag Hoisting on International Women's Day

Support for empowering AFA (Aijw Falangi Afat): An advocacy meeting had been organized by the team facilitating AFA with Town committee Chairman, local leaders, student union and women federation with a sole purpose to sensitize the women vendors on different issues like market shed, drinking water and toilet facilities at market area.

Conferring Aijw Balangi Bantha 2012 (Business Women Award): With a view to add more dignity and inspire the struggling women vendors NERSWN has instituted the ***Aijw Falangi Bantha***. This award comprises Rs. 5000.00 in cash, a Citation and Indi Sawl. This award is being conferred on International Women's Day. This year the first recipient is Ms. Somela Basumatary a women vendor since more than a decade now.



Let us Strive for Equality

Rights & Justice

Rehabilitation and Resettlement: Hundreds of families in Sapkata Relief Camp have been facilitated to get resettled in their respective villages. The families, who do not have place to return, have settled in Jhawarbil and other forest fringe villages. NERSWN followed the families wherever they have lived to facilitate safe and secured resettlement. Out of 1097 families as at the beginning of the intervention in the camp, only 55 families have remained in the place of the camp and now had decided to set up new village for themselves with the support from NERSWN.

Since the places resettled by former relief residents are deforested areas, and are now categorized as encroachers. Hence not to face the same and to push for recognizing these villages under ST & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006 has been initiated. Several rounds of talks have been held with the DFO of the



Community meeting at Sapkata

forest division. Though very little progress had been made towards legally recognizing these villages, the present DFO has assured not to evict these villages till the time he is in-charge of these

areas. But unless these villages are recognized as forest revenue villages under the act, the fear of getting evicted will continue to haunt the people. Hence, NERSWN has proposed for forming a Development Committee comprising these villages to lobby with the local government to secure the status of revenue forest villages.

Unless these villages are recognized by the forest department the development activities cannot be carried out.

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- ❖ *Dr. Ramila Bisht.*

We sincerely hope to receive similar support from all of you.



Please extend your helping hand to us in the following ways

- ❖ Grants and Donations for our work.
- ❖ Ideas, Innovations, Skill, Knowledge etc. for deepening & widening our work.
- ❖ People with commitment to work in difficult situation and locations.

