

NGO fetching succour to COVID19-hit people



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The impact of COVID-19 pandemic is being felt everywhere across all in the state of Assam which is hitting the poor and marginalized the hardest. North-East Affected Area Development Society (NEADS) a local civil society organisation which has been making every effort to anticipate and working-out with necessary preparation for responding to the impact in communities stricken by poverty and other extreme vulnerabilities. Currently, NEADS is extending support of immediate relief aid and life saving support among the severely hit families including of district Golaghat. The financial support is being provided by Mercy Relief, a Singapore based independent disaster relief agency. The undertaking programme is targeting the affected families living in the floodplain of Dhansiri & Gelabil river basin covering the riverine villages namely Mohori Chuck, Gutung, Dhansiri Temara, Baligaon, No. 2 Goroimari Murak, Saguri Afala, Milonpur and Mazdolopa under Bokakhat revenue circle. The response is able to reachout 1000 families and caters a total 6000 people with essential dry rations and hygiene support. Each family unit has been provided with seventeen essential items good enough for a family, lasting upto a week to ten days. Alongwith the emergency aid, public health preparedness is also another key area where the organisation is giving thrust as life saving support.

NEADS is recognised for its work on humanitarian response & advocacy, disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, human rights and sustainable development. A rapid response team has been engaged to carry out all vital services to every extent possible and stand ready to address immediate concerns of peoples in the communities at risk and close coordination with the local administration. The organisation is focusing on protection of peoples rights and mitigation of larger social and economic impacts in long term at the face of such unprecedented crisis.

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