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Women Weaving Futures

A weaving promotional activity was conducted for 90 women - 60 of which were from Dahinagaon and 30 from Dipila. Apart from promoting weaving activity for these women, this was aimed at giving extra services to the other women too such as, the skill (weaving), the equipment (the weaving drum) and the opportunity - improved designs and market linkages through exhibitions. The activity launched and installed eight looms and eight jacquard machines along with an improved set up in general. An extended weaving workshop was proposed - 26X14 and 10X30 (two parts), where the team would fix five looms and one wrapping. The team then conducted a setup meeting with 60 selected women and selected 10 women from both clusters to run the weaving workshop and finalised 30 women for first phase of jacquard machine training program and identified trainer for the same. With all the arrangements done - complemented by the enthusiasm and energy of the participants, the activity was conducted. Team FXBIS aims to keep going in the direction of better and more accessible livelihood and general welfare of its target people across states.



FXBIS stands with families in Andhra Pradesh

One of the four major domains of the organization is and remains healthcare or, the aim to provide improved health status. Under the intervention plan for the domain, FXB India Suraksha branch in Andhra Pradesh state, Visakhapatnam is implementing comprehensive care and support project for HIV/AIDS affected families. Under this project, team FXBIS is providing medical support and counselling services to all families targeted. Among these, 78 families are being provided with supplementary nutrition kits every month. Mutually Aided Co-operative Society (MACS) is functioning successfully with 100 beneficiaries as members taking active part. State team, Andhra Pradesh branch is also implementing FXBIS' core program in Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada districts across villages and urban slums. The activities cover all our 4 domains. FXBIS Visakhapatnam branch is implementing promoting quality education and improved health status for the most vulnerable communities in slums of old post office area in Visakhapatnam district. Under this project, amongst several initiatives and activities, FXBIS conducted life skill education for the school children, supplementary education for 60 students in 2 centers and other health awareness activities in the project area. Attachments area

Youth in Darrang is taking action!

Youth Resource Centre (YRC) is one of the platforms for the rural youth to explore themselves and enhance their knowledge through accessing web browsing, library newspapers and basic computer learning, applying for various exams, opening bank accounts, attending online personality development classes and so on. In one of these YRCs, run by FXBIS, 32 members of youth were enrolled for basic computer course and 90 others for using other YRC services such as the library facility, net browsing, newspapers and such. Apart from the engagement for youth at the centre, Team FXBIS organised two youth events to motivate and mobilise youth towards YRC supporting services in both villages. Team, amongst other activities, sponsored volleyball tournament in Dahinagoan which - organised by Dahinagoan youth. Total 16 teams participated in the tournament and all youth members of the village gathered near the YRC for the game. The second one was a quiz competition cum career counselling program organised in Khatanipara YRC where 30 youth members actively participated. The seminar was conducted aiming at helping the youth explore information about various career options and at motivating them to choose a career path for themselves at large. Evidently, FXBIS works proactively in various matters relating to youth - its issues and related opportunity through access to quality education and several other initiatives. Congratulations and more power to the state teams for keeping the spirit high.



FXBIS and the officers: Trainings on curbing Human Trafficking

On 28 June, Team FXBIS collaborated with the 43 Assam Rifles to hold training workshops on implementing laws with sensitivity, for being an effective deterrent to human trafficking (HT). This two-day workshop for our para-military jawans was held at Moreh - a border town of India and Myanmar, and a heavily used transit point for trafficking in persons. Like mentioned at several other instances, we at FXBIS feel that the responsibility to protect our people lies not only in curative measures against crimes but preventive action in terms of law and general social action. Who better can convey the law against illegal border transits other than our jawans who guard the border, themselves?



The workshop received its fair share of media coverage which not only motivates our teams to take more such action but also helps sustain it through awareness and through connecting more and more people with the cause. Thanking the media, the team pledges to keep going - bigger and stronger. Let's spread safety! Read the newspaper [here](#).

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A police officer speaks at the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held at Jiribam Ima Keithel

People take part in a cycle rally held at Koirengel as a part of observing the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

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IMPHAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

Workshop on human trafficking & child protection held

IMPHAL, Jun 26

Moreh Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) in collaboration with FXB India Suraksha, a Delhi based NGO, organized a two day workshop on 'Human Trafficking and Child Protection Systems' for the personnel of Border Guarding units of Assam Rifles at Moreh on June 24 and 25. The workshop was conducted as part of project 'Mukti' - an anti trafficking initiative to combat human trafficking and child sexual abuse in Manipur, said a statement of PRO IGAR (South).

The two days training workshop was attended by around 80 personnel of Assam Rifles. The main objective of the programme was to train the officials of the paramilitary force on strengthening vigilance as well as intervention mechanisms on combating human trafficking in Manipur, said AR.

Assam Rifles is entrusted with the role of guarding and protecting citizens living in remote areas and especially borders. Realizing the impor-



tance of the issue of human trafficking and child protection in such a vulnerable State due to its geo - political location and sharing borders with Myanmar, a trained force for handling cases of trafficking and child protection is need of the hour, added AR.

Satya Prakash, programme manager, FXBIS, Sunil Meitei, project officer (Imphal) Project Mukti and Wungreiso A Sangh project officer (Ukhrul) Project Mukti attended the workshop as resource persons.

During the workshop, the personnel were trained on human trafficking issues. The officials were explained about the vulnerability of the State and the role Assam Rifles has to play in combating human trafficking related crimes. Different Sections of the Indian Penal Code, Acts such as Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, Immoral Traffick Prevention Act, 1986 etc were also discussed, said AR.

Other Stories

THE WONDER OF WONDEROOM

A summer workshop for Noida sector 16 slum kids, in partnership with Rajiv Gandhi Foundation left everyone wanting for more. There was theatre, puppetry, storytelling, rhythm 'n' sound exercises and a whole lot of activities to excite children in the age group 6-12. The cherry on the cake were the certificates awarded to each participant. FXBIS team NOIDA has always been working proactively with children across areas of intervention. This time, the team chose fun to help them learn. Understanding that creative stimulation plays an equal, if not greater, role in children's development, the team never fails to incorporate activities that facilitate such stimulation. Working with children, nurturing their minds, the team at NOIDA (Gautam Buddha Nagar) - independently and through collaborations, innovates ways to bring children together - to merge learning with fun - to help them grow. We thank Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for being a constant supporter and congratulate all team members for their work. A glimpse of the workshop and the short blog on our WordPress. [Click here](#) to read.

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR WITH FXBIS

Did you know that even in 2019 there are more than 12 million children trapped into child labour in India? A crippled childhood is mentally, socially and economically a drain on a country. Children are among the most vulnerable category whose right nurturing is important and non-negotiable. At its two intervention locations of Gautam Budh Nagar and Ukhru districts of UP and Manipur respectively, the FXBIS teams observed 'World Day Against Child Labour' on the 12th of June '19. The teams strategized customized (region and people specific) plans for the two very distinct target locations - full of activities, exercises, stimulations and so on - to observe the day with an aim of general and specific awareness around the topic and related dangers that children may face if forced into it. Collecting children and parents - targeting both the affected and the stakeholders, the team carried out the day through the curated plan. The day followed a flow where the participants talked about what and how they think/feel about child labour as an issue and a reality. By the end of the day, moving across activities and exercises, the team made sure that not only the participants were corrected in case of wrong/incomplete information but also were made aware of the various horizontal and verticals of the issue. Team FXBIS as one and as state segments never miss a chance to take an opportunity to create awareness and sensitivity towards such issues and their possible consequences.



FXBIS celebrates World AIDS Orphans Day

World AIDS Orphans Day, celebrated on 7th of May every year since 2002 is a day dedicated to call for support from world over and gather it to offer to the most vulnerable of all vulnerable individuals of the world - AIDS Orphans.

As the name clearly suggests, AIDS Orphans are children who lack the privilege of having parents and are also infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS. This day, as initiated by François-Xavier Bagnoud International (FXB International) has spread worldwide and is gaining strength from solidarity and support growing and being extended from all pockets of the human-society.

While this day is an occasion to acknowledge the struggle of their children and count our own blessings as we do, it is also a day we choose to celebrate the lives of these children and extend all forms of support to them. __Like every year, FXB International celebrated WAOD with all the pride and zeal. We at FXB India Suraksha (FXBIS) celebrated the day in all its colors and painted the whole town red - yes, in all our 9 intervention states of the country! From up north to down south, the day was all heart and love. A combination of learn and play engaged hundreds of people and brought them together one step closer to an all-inclusive society.





FXBIS celebrates 12!

This quarter, FXBIS completed its 12th year of being! It gives us, as a team unadulterated happiness to think of our journey at this place. The strength of our team is its sincerity and commitment towards making transformation happen for the marginalized communities and today we can proudly say, it has been commendable. This team has grown bit by bit to a total strength of 101 staff. At present, we have our presence in 1 UT and 8 states, three of which are in the North-East (a region almost forgotten for development).

A total of 14 community-consented participatory projects of development are in operation at the grassroots level. We have been successful in co-creating development programmers to best suit the needs of community, while also inculcating in them a sense of ownership and accountability to carry on with transforming their lives and live a life of dignity even after FXBIS' exit.

Using FXBIS as a catalyzing agent, we want to connect them with available government schemes, converge them with the available resources and help and co-create sustainable livelihoods for them. Dear readers, you have been genuine well-wishers and guides throughout our journey, and we remain thankful and seek your blessings, as always, for our organization and team. Your consistent unwavering support has been a tremendous boost personally whenever the chips were down. You, especially, you matter - and, so we matter.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Watch us celebrate our birthday!

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