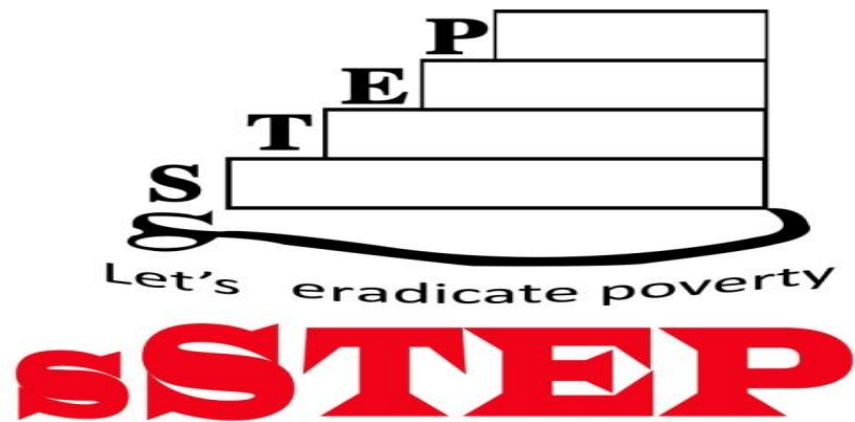


Society for Social Transformation and Environment Protection



ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The most successful year 2019-20 was the year of remarketing for sSTEP . In this year sSTEP overcome some great success towards its goal and objectives to the vision of the organization “***A society, where the poorest have access to social and economic security without impairment of nature and where basic human rights and a dignified life of the poor are ensured***”, though it has some challenges. It is said that every good work has to overcome the challenges on its way forward but it is believed that these challenge are the opportunities to achieve the goal of the organization and moving ahead towards its vision of It is to offer keen gratitude towards many of supporting organization like Action Aid Association, OXFAM, IGSSS, Lotus Flower Trust, Smile foundation, TDH, AIDMI, JRCT and other associated net working organizations from where sSTEP has been getting courage, inspiration, guidance and different supports during the time of crisis in sSTEP. Besides, this organization, we like to offer our gratitude, to the individual, well wishers and supporters by whom we achieve our success.

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The Secretary cum Chief Executive, sSTEP

Introduction

From the starting of the year, as the organization targeted towards its goal were more learning from the communities toiling in the changing environment of marginalization. The organization has been very committed to its efforts in the areas of interventions both in rural and urban working with marginalized men women, vulnerable children and groups like vendor, homeless, labour, women and children in periphery as well as urban. This report tells the challenges overcome and achievements made in the areas of organization intervention in both rural and urban set up during the year long effort of the team members.

In both rural & urban, the organization has been able to successfully take the issues forwards making improved impact in the field of education, women empowerment, right and entitlements of the citizen by and in urban, it initiated various innovative measures to moving forward by conversing with the Governor of Assam and the Brihattar Guwahati Mahila Shak Pashali Byabasayee Sangstha (Greater Guwahati Women Vegetable Vendors Association) and *Street Vendors Association of Assam*, (ASVA). ASVA assembled State Level Vendor Convention to enable the vendors to exert pressure on the authority for their rights in democratic way against forceful eviction, and allocation of vending space. Daily waged labours associations shows a new dimension in the year. They extended labour markets from 10 labour market to 25 and conducted



labour day at two venue in the city and one venue in rural morigaon. In rural area, quality education in projected schools in Morigaon district of Assam by way of integrating the traditional and modern way of teaching is bring with making a relationships with teachers SMC and student. In the area of agriculture the organization has made an impact to practice organic farming.

Child Rights and Education

Child right activity including Development, Care- Protection and Participation has been considering prime preference for the organization from its origin. Educational Development and participation activity part in Urban slum, Rail way tract and station, urban peripheral villages, and rural areas has done successfully according to the annual attempts. Care and protection has been doing through the Brahmaputra Children Home with 30 children directly protection with all the intervened 9000 children in the year.

Care and Protection: The Brahmaputra Children Home (run by sstep) has been providing care and protection to 20 destitute children. sSTEP has been trying to provide education along with other rights. In this course different organization and individuals are coming forward and in collaboration with them sSTEP could provide the care and protection to the children.



Child Labour Free Zone:

The child labour free zone is launched for the Narengi Zone. It does not mean that there are no child labour. It's a campaign to aware the people on the child labour issues.

sSTEP could provided education to 150 children through the different 4 education centre. This year 67 children is mainstreamed.

Child Protection Committee: This year 9 child protection committee is formed in guidance of DCPO Morigaon. Through this committee the general public awareness is happening. The committee is strengthen through different training and legal aid.



Child Club: sSTEP believes, 'Group itself a protective measure.' 14 children group are formed and group are trained on different issues like education, environment their rights and social structure. Through child club all round development is forwarded. The child club is used as a learning hub. Different issues are shared in their group.



The leadership growing processes is started in those groups.

Education: Education is a vast subject, still as development organization, this year we work with 16 schools to improve the quality learning of the children.

LIVELIHOOD:

Vendors livelihood is quite vulnerable. The eviction and harassment by public and city For the urban and peri urban poor, street vending is one of the means of earning a livelihood, as it requires minor financial input and low skills. A large section of street vendors in urban areas are those who have migrated to the city from rural areas and small towns in search of employment. There is not much information on the status of the most vulnerable groups - like the Street Vegetable vendor of Guwahati city though they appear to be in significant numbers. sSTEP has been working with more than 3,000 street vendor at present. After a period of advocacy and demand, street vendor get license to vending in the designated vending zone.



Labourers: Labourers who are not under a permanent employer are very vulnerable. They always stand in the market in search of work. There are skill labourers but they have no certificate. sSTEP provided training to those labourers in collaboration with Engineering college and ITI. This year we could cover 2000 labourer for skill training.

Domestic work is one of the emerging livelihoods in the city. It is estimated that more than 10000 domestic workers are in the city. sSTEP could reach out only 400 domestic workers. We organized them and provide training

In rural Areas agriculture and farming are the means of livelihood. We are working with 700 cultivators. We form the farmers group among them linking to their line department. sSTEP also provide training on Organic cultivation, Crop preservation, market linkage etc.

In collaboration with KVK Morigaon, we could provide farm training to 200 farmers.

Women Livelihood: In the Rural Areas women are very active in strengthening their household income. They are always engaged with some activities for subsidiary income of household. Basically they are engaged in rearing goat, pig, duck, cock etc. they are also doing fishery. So sSTEP has been trying to improve their existing earning source through financial support and technical support. This year we provide training for Piggery farming, Fishery and animal husbandry. We have formed 10 HSG group and those groups are doing for their livelihood.

A large group of students, mostly wearing bright green shirts, are standing in a circle on a grassy field. They are facing a large, dark, conical hill in the background. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. Some students in blue shirts are also visible in the background. The scene appears to be a group activity or a team-building exercise.

A large group of students and staff are posing for a group photo in front of a banner. The banner is white with red and black text. It reads: "Youth Career Counselling Workshop", "Orq. By The Ant & STEP", "Venue: Jagroad, Morgaon", "Date 26 & 27 October 2019". There are logos for "The Ant & STEP" and "Jagroad Morgaon" on the banner. The students are dressed in casual clothing, and the staff are in school uniforms. The background is a plain wall with some posters.

etc is provided

Peace Promotion: under this thematic area sSTEP intending to bring people in a platform where a common goal is set up for all. The social integration has the power to bring changes in the society. Peaceful living leads to creation. In this aspects sSTEP has been giving importance on Gender equity, domestic violence etc. A common platform is form to work and observe the peace in this area.



Conclusion:

Though the year was a successful year, the organization faces many challenges including political, social and financial side. As a right based organization, it tries to exert right for community, But un coordination of government organizations fall difficulties in its route of target and goal. But commitment of workers, community, Well wishers and funding organization gives the organization successful result. The organization hopes in the future years it will more successful with your collaboration and help.

List of supporter :

1. Action Aid Association
2. Kerk In Actie, Netherlands
3. Foundation for Social Transformation (FST), Guwahati
4. District Child Protection Unit , Kamrup
5. Terre Des Hommes, Germany
6. ICCO, New Delhi

~Thank you~