

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022
GLOBAL ORGANISATION FOR LIFE DEVELOPMENT, GOLD

Global Organisation For Life Development is a non-profit voluntary organization and was founded in the year 1998 by some eminent personalities coming from different backgrounds. The organisation was founded with a vision to develop a convivial and egalitarian domain for everyone to prosper. To consummate its vision GOLD will address every issue that will build a beautiful world for everyone to live without being disfavored or left out. In our humble and honest efforts to attain the desired goal, the organisation had very successfully completed few coveted projects and every credit goes to our ardent staff, members and the consociates for their unabated assistance in completing the venture triumphantly. We are very proud that we have more than twenty years of our service assiduous to vulnerable and marginalized faction and we pay our heartfelt acknowledgment to all our staff, stakeholders and well-wisher who were associated with GOLD in service towards humanity & leniency. Besides everything we also pray and offer our veracious accolade to all our associates who had left for paradisiacal abode after contributing eminently in attaining the objectives of the organisation. Though we have very successfully effectuate the projects but we have encountered few stumbling obstructions in our way but we have never let this to hamper our vigorous attempts of efforts or compromise the caliber of our work. The dedication of our staff was our greatest vigor to bolster our expedition forward.

1 SWADHAR SHELTER HOME:-

This project was launched in the year 2005 and is being continued since then. Swadhar Shelter home has been shifted to a new location and the new address of Swadhar is House No.-51 C/O Indeswar Bora, Seuji Path, near Dehal Mandir, Barbari Village Guwahati. This project is supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The prime focus of the project is to provide secured shelter to women who do not have any economic and social support and help them to emerge out from the difficult circumstances and make them self-reliant and enhance their social functioning in a short span of time. The project had successfully completed seventeen years of dedicated service towards humanity. This is a successful project and it can be boldly said that this shelter home has become a premier institution of the state to cater to the needs of women from disadvantageous situation and background. During April 2021- March 2022, as many as 61 inmates were admitted out of which 53 were women and 8 were children. All of them were either reconciled/rehabilitated, 4 children were admitted in schools for formal education. Besides, all the inmates were given vocational training skill on cutting, embroidery, tailoring, leather bag making, beautician course and other such trainings. Some of the success stories are; one resident was provided with an sum of three lakh as victim compensation, one marriage was solemnized and could obtain order from the Family Court for maintenance support for one of the residents.

2 UJJAWALA:-

This is a comprehensive scheme to combat human trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation in Kamrup district of Assam. This scheme was launched during November 2009 and has been continuing since then. This project is supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The prime components of the project are Prevention, Rescue, Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Restoration. During 2021-2022, 150 survivors were admitted in the shelter home and all the survivors were given training on weaving, cutting embroidery, tailoring screen printing and beautician course. 4 survivors of commercial sexual exploitation rescued by police were admitted for ultimate rehabilitation. 5 survivors were provided with seed money as financial support for self employment.

Three “Vigilance Committees” and three “Balika Sanghas” of adolescent girls were constituted for generating community awareness and necessary intervention. 2 street plays to generate community awareness about human trafficking were organized in the Kamrup districts. 2 sensitization workshops were organized to sensitize grassroots NGOs, Media, Government officials and other stakeholders to address and prevent human trafficking. Networking was done with all police station of the city. Strong network and partnership was established with the NGOs and civil societies of different metro cities of the country. Number of survivors of Assam rescued outside the state was provided with shelter in our Ujjawala home. Suitable IEC materials were developed for community awareness. There is extreme delay in release of grant-in-aid from the government of India. The continuation of this -scheme was only possible due to generous financial support from our members and well wishers. This project is extremely tough and challenging but we have left no stone unturned to achieve the objectives. I must also acknowledge the dedication and continuous untiring effort of our staffs to make the project successful and roaring. During the year 8 petitions were filed before the District Legal Services Authority for necessary victim compensation under the scheme for trafficked survivors. An order has already received for one of the survivor of trafficking. Under the Ujjawala scheme several cultural campaign were enacted by GOLD for awareness through cultural programs like puppet show on mobile truck, street plays and folk dance. Total number of beneficiaries in the period April 2021-March 2022 were 146 , 12 vocational training sessions been were conducted and an awareness campaign was held on 27th December, 2021.

3 SANSKAR (Targeted intervention on HIV/AIDS for people who inject drugs):-This is an on going project since 2006. The project is supported by Assam AIDS Control Society. The prime objective of the project is to promote harm reduction practices by people who inject drugs with an overall goal to halt HIV transmission within the society particularly with the drug users community. The organization has established strong network with the concerned stakeholders. The project area evolved entire greater Guwahati extending from Jalukbari to Byrnihat in the Assam-Meghalaya border. The staff recruited were with requisite training for their capacity enhancement and work efficiency. The activities are performed as per national guideline as prescribed by National AIDS Control Organization, Government of India. This is a peer led project where harm reduction services are provided through outreach and in the Drop-in-Centre. The Drop-in-Centre is located in Bhangagarh with the of Static Health Clinic and primary healthcare services of a qualified doctor. As many as 731 Injecting Drug Users were identified and were brought under National AIDS Control Program. Advocacy meetings were organized to sensitize different stake-holders. The target groups were counseled and were motivated to practice risk-free behaviors. Approximately 1588 nos, IDUs attended our health clinic for treatment of sexually infected diseases and injection induced abscesses. Needle exchange program was highly successful and 120,783 needle syringes were distributed. syringe Condoms were also distributed to the beneficiaries as per with the condom promotion program. Community based HIV screening had been started in the DIC and 692 no, IDUs were screened for HIV. The community led HIV testing started and had proved highly beneficial. 206 nos. clients were referred to ICTC and 28 PLWH were referred ART centre. Suitable IEC materials were satisfactorily responding to all the AIDS related queries from the common people. One of the major landmarks of the project is the inclusion of male injecting drug users in the harm reduction activities and 40 nos. FIDUs are currently receiving services from the project. 205 Injecting Drug Users had been enrolled in the OST center and all the clients has been greatly benefitted from such opioid substitution therapy. We have realized from the project that the problem of drug dependency is complex problem and has to be looked with a new dimension. We take pride that our staff had rendered uninterrupted outreach services during the hard days of COVID pandemic.

4.UNODC: With the partnership of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Global Organisation for Life Development (GOLD) has initiated a project on preventing, spreading awareness and removes the negative attitudes and discrimination against HIV positive patients. Those people who are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS faces discrimination in the society resulting violation and deprivation from their basic human rights. It has been spotted that HIV positive people and Injected Drug Users (IDU's) are the most vulnerable sections suffering from various co-morbid conditions such as Tuberculosis (TB) and Hepatitis-C infections.

COVID vaccination: The ongoing pandemic of Covid- 19 has been a big threat to facilitate the healthcare provisions to the HIV IDU's. They are considered to be one of the most vulnerable sections suffering from various health related disorders including- HIV/ AIDS and Hepatitis infection. HIV IDU remains unvaccinated because of the existing social discrimination and stigma attached to them. Though there are various schemes available for them but the benefits remain unreached. Therefore, sensitization and spreading awareness is very much essential to curb out the disease as well as stigma. Global Organisation for Life Development (GOLD) in partnership with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) had decided to launch a program of COVID vaccination targeting the most marginalized communities of the society. The high- risk communities like HIV positive persons, Drug users, Female Sex Workers and Men who have Sex with Men, LGBTQIA+ are highly reluctant to attend the conventional health care facilities due to fear of stigma and discrimination. Total 50 persons were vaccinated during the programs among which 37 were male and 13 were female.

Hepatitis screening and free treatment:

It is an ongoing activity. Global Organisation for Life Development (GOLD) has been currently working with around 600 Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) who are registered in the Drop-in-Centre (DIC, GOLD). Since 2006, GOLD has been working for the IDU population and it has been observed that most of them suffer from HIV, Hepatitis B & C and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). The Hepatitis B & C treatments are very costly and the vulnerable population especially those who practice high risk behaviour are generally from poor economic background. Therefore it becomes risky for them to afford this costly treatment.

Therefore, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has launched the "National Viral Hepatitis Control Program" (NVHCP) on the occasion of the World Hepatitis Day, i.e. on 28th July, 2018.

Treatment has been provided to them and most of them have got relieved from the symptoms with overall improvement of their health. The organisation has planned to continue this noble activity until all the Injecting Drug Users of the region are tested and provided with subsequent treatment.

Training of law enforcement for an enabling environment:

Assam has around 17,466 PWIDS (people who inject drugs) and Guwahati which falls under the jurisdiction of Kamrup (M) being the 'Gateway of Northeast' is highly vulnerable to drug use. Guwahati is the prime transit point in the state for drugs smuggling. Heroin, Brown sugar, Marijuana is some of the drugs smuggled into the region. Drug trafficking, illicit use of drugs by the youths and associated violence has put severe hurdles and has been one of the biggest challenges to the law enforcement in the contemporary times. Three sensitisation programmes was conducted and the programmes were attended by ASP, DSP, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, and various Law Enforcement officials of the police department of various districts.

The role of law enforcement officials is very crucial in eradicating the menace of drug use. Despite dealing with drug trafficking, seizure and arrest they can also play an important role in mobilizing the community and linking the drug addicts to treatment programs which will help them to reduce crime related to illicit use of drugs.

Sensitization of staff of drug rehabilitation centre:

Civil Society can play a significant role in advocating the stakeholders for bringing change in policies in order to bring development in the grass root level, thus empowering the marginalized sections. It has a larger role to play in removing HIV stigma and to eradicate the drug menace. Three CSO meetings were held and the Training Program was attended by several NGOs and Rehabilitation Centres for Drug Users of Guwahati city. There were around 90 participants in the programmes combined together and the main objective of the programme were to create a robust network with the Civil Society Organisations to create a drug free society and to remove stigma and discrimination against PLHIV and IDUs. Various technical knowhow were discussed in the session by the resource persons who will enhance the learning of the CSOs and this will help them to work in the respective subject.

5. APOLLOTYRESHEALTHCLINIC, GUWAHATI:-

Global Organisation for Life Development (GOLD) is pleased to inform you that we have successfully completed ten years of service in partnership with Apollo Tyres Foundation through ATHCC/GOLD- GHY. ATHCC/GOLD has treated more than 10737 number of patients for STI, HIV, Diabetes, T.B, vision and other health problems. Around 3420 truckers were treated and counseled on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infection and TB. 4140 numbers of condoms were distributed under social marketing. 12 integrated health camps were conducted. Advocacy meetings were organized including law enforcement and other stake holders in multi-sectored level. Thirteen street play and magic shows in the project areas were organized to Engender community awareness. 18 satellite health camps, sixteen Integrated Heath camps and ten Special Health camps were organized to reach the trucker staying far away from the static clinic.

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6. APOLLOTYRESHEALTHCLINICAGARTALA:- It is a matter of great pride that the organisation was requested by Apollo Tyres Foundation to begin one health care Centre at Agartala in Tripura. Accordingly, GOLD started a static health care clinic at Interstate Truck Terminus located at Jirania, Madhabari. The necessary staffs for the project were recruited and the project was rolled out during March 2018. The clinic was inaugurated by the Project Director, Tripura AIDS Control Society And March 2020 DMC inaugurated by Mission *Achievement:*

We have successfully completed three years of service in partnership with Apollo Tyres Foundation through ATHCC/GOLD- AGARTALA. We hereby present the third annual report of the clinic from April 2019 to March 2020.

ATHCC/GOLD has treated more than 5000 (Five Thousand). Out of total patients treated for STIs, HIV, Diabetics and other health problems and so many persons were treated for vision care. More than 900 patients found refractive error near vision and we distribute near vision spectacles through Apollo Tyres Healthcare Centre of them. More than 150 patients found cataract and out them twenty patients cataract operation done under NPCB/DPCB. And Government provided Refracto Meter, Retinoscope, Trial Box for vision screening and ZN-Microscope for TB sputum test with help of them Trucker's & Allied Community Director, National Heath Mission, Tripura.

Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Hundred truckers were counseled on HIV/AIDS and TB and Sexually Transmitted Infection. Two Hundred patients were treated for STI. Four hundred fifty patients were HIV blood tested. Three thousand Five Hundred patients were COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test and Four Thousand patients were COVID-19 vaccination. Advocacy meetings were organized including law enforcement and other stake holders in multi-sectoral level. Twelve game shows in the project are as were organized to generate General and Truckers community awareness. Ten vision screening camp were organized to reach the truckers halting for away from the static clinic.

The future planning of the project is to begin innovative activities for the Truckers community for enhancement of the quality of lives of the truckers community. Some of the activities planned are Yoga and Tobacco Centre established.

7. REHABILITATION OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:-

This is an ongoing project continued without any extraneous support. The Executive Body during 2005 in a resolution has opted for a project for taking care of the street children. The homeless children mostly belong to shelter-less families and run-away from home. These children are not agitated with sanitation and sterility and are notable to avail healthcare from the government hospitals. They habitually become victims of sexual exploitation and hence inclined to get infected with sexually transmitted infections and HIV. Besides, 90% of them, above 10 years of age get addicted to some form of Psychotropic substances.

8. CARE & PROTECTION OF STREET CHILDREN:-

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Considering the extremity of the issue, our project has taken a target of reaching out to 500 street children per year and places selected for interventions are Railway Stations, Slums. Our project has covered 70 street children during the year. Services provided were counselling, medical aid, restoration. NGO's Doctor counseled the older children for drug de-addiction. The Youth Wing of GOLD had organized dance and music completions for these homeless children and such occurrence were found to be highly prolific. GOLD has constructed one makeshift bath room for the homeless girl children. GOLD has planned to provide Health Card to each homeless child of the railway station to avail health care facilities in MMC hospital near to the railway station.

We sincerely believe in our above project is of utmost importance and considering its vastness we have forwarded our request to external agencies for financial support.

09. FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE:- The objective of the Family Counseling Centre is to provide preventive and rehabilitative services to women and families who are victims of atrocities and family mal-adjustments through crisis intervention and systematic counseling.

This project also continued as an ongoing project to offer services to the families in discord. Publicity was made through IEC materials as regards the services rendered by GOLD. Experienced and trained counselors were engaged for counseling 152 persons with family discord had reported to the centre for finding solutions to their problems. Therefore, there were 20 old cases benefitted from the centre. The counselors are also engaged in conducting awareness meetings and mohalla meetings to familiarize people about the FCC and its functioning so that the services are easily accessible. The counselors also visit police stations once a month to generate awareness.

Out of 152 new cases counselled this year 28 cases were related to marital maladjustment, 7 were related to alcoholism, 10 were of property rights related, 4 were related to economic crisis, 19 were related to domestic violence and 34 other type of cases which includes love affair, trafficking, mental illness etc. FCC has expedited 25 of clients to seek relief under Domestic Violence Act 2005. This project capitulate every satisfactory results. It is a privilege to promulgate that 122 were relieved from their distress through counseling and building mutual trust among the indignant people.

10 PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHT UNDER POSCO: Children are the future of humankind. As young and responsible adults it is our duty to protect every child. However, many a times people fail to understand this and abuses children for satisfying their pleasures and also as a form of control they violate children's human rights. People assume that the perpetrators are generally strangers. But in reality, in most cases the perpetrators are some known person.

Under this programme, identification of cases of child sexual abuse, identification of support person for intervention, conduction of trainings, facilitating the process of seeking legal representation by the victim, conduction of need assessment and rehabilitation of the victim, counselling, etc are included.

11 UNVTF :- Assam is located in the northeast corner of India. The region is considered as one of the poorest and underdeveloped regions of the country. Assam is reported to have highest prevalence of trafficking of women and children for commercial sexual exploitation. India remains on Tier 2 in relation to human trafficking. The report of Ministry of Women and Child Development indicates that the incidence of trafficking is highest in Assam. In reality the actual figure is also many times higher than the projected figure. GOLD during its awareness campaign in rural and remote areas has found that every tribal and schedule caste inhabited village have very high number of missing girls which were not reported to police. Some of the objectives of the project are:

- Rescue of trafficked survivors from the place of exploitation
- Provision of materials of basic need
- Availability of Psycho Social support
- Accessibility of free legal aid
- To provide direct assistance to the survivors of human trafficking for their social and economic empowerment
- To identify vulnerable women and children and protect them from being trafficked in future
- To promote health and quality of lives of these vulnerable sections
- To promote meaningful rehabilitation, restoration, reintegrating and repatriation

12 PROTECTION OF WOMEN AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:-

GOLD has been registered by the government of Assam as a “Service Provider” under Domestic Violence Act 2005. Under the provision of this project the agency is rendering its services towards women who are the victims of various kinds of violence and atrocities as specified under the act. The agency has made a wide publicity about the services and relief available under the Domestic Violence Act. The organization has register complaints of various clients and prepared Domestic Incidence Report. The project also assisted in attaining and enforcement of the Protection Order from the court. During the financial year 2 community level awareness meetings for prevention of Domestic violence were conducted 29 Domestic Incidence Report were prepared and filed. Legal proceedings were drawn in 5 cases of domestic violence.

13 CLEANINESDRIVEUNDERSWACHHABHARAT MISSION:

This project is self funded project that was launched to mark the Prime Minister’s Swachh Bharat Mission. Under this mission some of the activities were carried out by our shelter home staff. The residents of Ujjawala home and the staff has conducted a series of cleanliness drive in the market area of Paltanbazar and Adabari. Two street play was organized in Beharbari for generating awareness on waste disposal by road side vendors. The staff of our health clinic had made a special drive with the trucker’s community regarding awareness on sanitation and hygiene.
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14.PROMOTIONOFYOGA,MEDITATIONANDINDIANSYSTEMOF

MEDICINE:- GOLD understands the value of yoga and meditation and had started a yoga the public at Pub Sarania, Guwahati. GOLD has also planned to seek collaboration from Prajapati Brahmakumari Yeshriya Vidyalaya for management drug use disorder among the injecting drug users of the project Sanskar.

GOLD also believe that our conventional system of medicine as an important tool to fight against many afflictions at minimum cost. In our attempt to bring the Indian system of medicine closer to people, GOLD has organized 2 health camps exclusively with Ayurvedic medicines. The recipients were to inflate medicinal plants in their backyards and quite a few such plants were flaunted to the beneficiaries. This project was not supported by any external agency.

15. CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT:-

The organization has been working for reduction of risks in the community both for natural and manmade disasters. During monsoon the city is affected several times by flash flood. There is report of loss of lives and properties during such flood. The situation are further compounded by erosion of hill sand major landslides. Considering the gravity of the calamity the organization has taken few activities for reduction of harm resulting out such natural disasters. The organization has been training the dwellers of high-rise building on risk reduction procedures. Three such trainings were organized in the year..Before monsoon pre flood health and awareness camps were organized. Disinfectant and halogen tablets were distributed free to the public.

One awareness meeting on global warming was held in Beherbari, Guwahati and was attended by 60 persons of the locality. Awareness programs were held with the truck drivers about heat stroke and how to protect themselves while driving their vehicles during hot summer. The project has also not received any funding from any external agency.

16 Rape Free India: This is a project funded by Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation (KSCF). Under this project we have taken pledges from the local MLAs that they will try to make our society rape free if they got the opportunity to work for the society. We have also conducted ten public dialogue meetings on safety and security of women in the s **Voluntary**

17. Association for the Organisation: This project is also implemented in collaboration with KSCF. Under this project child labors are rescued and awareness programs were conducted in tea tribe area on the issue of child right and importance of their education. We have rescued 16 Child laborers in 3 months and have organized four awareness camps tea estate areas and one legal awareness camp at Udalguri district. society in ten districts.

18. Relief work during COVID Lockdown: GOLD has started its activities under the project "To curtail community transmission of COVID-19 and offer direct support to the most vulnerable communities for sustenance" supported by Socio Legal Aid Research and Training Centre in collaboration with ATSEC India and Equations. Under this project, GOLD has conducted awareness programs in various places and distributed some essential kits of mask, sanitizer, soap, ORS with other grocery items among the daily wage earners and people affected by flood. GOLD also developed IEC materials for mass awareness on COVID 19 disease, its transmission, Do's and Don'ts for prevention of the virus, etc. GOLD has been actively involved in showing kindness and compassion towards the suffering of fellow beings.

FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS:-

As we all are aware, finance has been a major constraint, so much so, we are often put into a helpless state due to delayed receipt of required fund. The Swadhar and Ujjawala project had witnessed tremendous growth during the year, but sadly enough, the fund is not released in time. Regarding had we not received interest-free loans from our well-wishers in time of need, to overcome the crisis, we would have experienced very embarrassing situations of closing down many of our coveted projects. In Sanskar project there is extreme delay of release of grant and it was due to the dedication and loyalty of the staff that the project could be continued without compromising its quality and has been ideal project for the persons who inject drugs We offer our sincere gratitude to all our well-wishers who have smilingly come forward and stood by us to bail us out from such awkward situation.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE:-

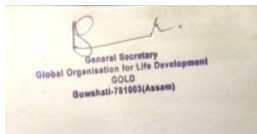
GOLD has also decided to carry on with renewed vigor to work for protection & care of the underprivileged, disadvantaged children and hence has submitted a proposal to an external agency for financial support.

A WORD IN CONCLUSION:-

I am confident GOLD will continue to display the same vigor & spirit as in the past decade to face even bigger challenges and excel in the days ahead in the service of humanity.

We, in GOLD take pride in touching the lives of scores of MARGINALISED and UNDERPRIVILEGED people and making a meaningful change in their lives.

Let us all join hands and pledge to Light their Lives.



With Warm Regards,
Dr. Rajeeb Kumar Sharma

PHOTOS



Health Sensitization Programme organized by GOLD at Nagaon



Sensitization programme of Law enforcement officials organized by GOLD





In house Training of Peer Educators by GOLD for "Project Sanskar"

Community Awareness Campaign on Child Trafficking



Observed World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



Mass Awareness through Street Play during “Raas Mohotsav”



Organized Vision Camp on World Sight Day for the Truck drivers by Apollo Tyres Foundation



Capacity Enhancement Training Programme for CSOs



Covid Vaccination camp for PLHIV.



Capacity Enhancement training programme for health workers organized by GOLD,UNODC



Workshop on removing stigma and discrimination against PLHIV





Tuberculosis free campaign conducted by GOLD



Covid screening test by GOLD at Agartala



Awareness on HIV among the truckers at Agartala by GOLD



Distribution of seed money to the trafficked victim



Workshop on Community Awareness by GOLD



Workshop on Community Awareness on Human Trafficking organized by GOLD



COVID Screening and Vaccination at ATHCC,GOLD



World's Day against Trafficking in Persons by Ujjawala Shelter Home, GOLD



Free Vision Camp by ATHCC,GOLD