

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

GLOBAL ORGANISATION FOR LIFE DEVELOPMENT, GOLD

Global Organisation For Life Development is not-for-profit voluntary organisation and was founded during the year 1998 by some eminent citizens coming from different walks of life. The organisation was founded with a vision to develop a congenial environment for everyone to live. To fulfill its vision GOLD will address every issue that will build a beautiful world for everyone to live without being discriminated. In our humble effort to attain the desired goal the organization had very successfully completed few coveted projects and every credit goes to our devoted staff, members and the associates for their relentless support in completing the task successfully. We are very proud that we have more than twenty years of our service dedicated to poor and marginalized communities and we pay our sincere gratitude to all our staff stakeholders and well-wisher who were associated with GOLD in service towards humanity. We also remember and offer our truthful tribute to all our associates who had left for heavenly abode after contributing enormously towards attaining the objectives of the organisation. Though we have very successfully implemented projects but we have encountered few stumbling blocks in our way but we have never compromised quality of our work and the dedication of our staff was our greatest strength to carry our mission forward.

The organization decided to continue to some of our activities for the year 2020-2021.

1 SWADHAR SHELTER HOME:-

This project was launched 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 Indreswar 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 objective of the project is to provide secured shelter to women with economic and social support and help them to emerge out from the difficult circumstances and make them self- reliant in a short span of time. The project had successfully completed fifteen years of dedicated service. This is a successful project and it can be boldly said that shelter home has become a premier institution of the state to cater to the needs of a women from disadvantageous situation. During 2020-2021, as many as 73 women and children were admitted. 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, tailoring leather bag making.

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 continued 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 2020-2021 only 33 survivors were admitted in the shelter home due to the pandemic situation and all the survivors were given training on weaving, cutting embroidery ,tailoring screen printing and beautician course. 6 survivors of commercial sexual exploitation rescued by police were admitted for ultimate rehabilitation. 5 survivors were provided with 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 and Government officials. 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 PR 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 untiring effort of our staffs to make the project successful.

3. SANSKAR (Targeted intervention on HIV/AIDS for persons who inject drugs):-

This is an ongoing project since 2006. The prime objective of the project is to promote harm reduction practices by persons who inject drugs with an overall goal to halt HIV transmission within the community particularly with the drug users community. The organization has established strong network with the concerned stakeholders. The project area evolve entire greater Guwahati extending from Jalukbari to Bornihat in the Assam-Meghalaya border. The staffs recruited were provided requisite training. The Drop-in-Centre is located in Bhanagarh with the facilities of Static Health Clinic and services of a qualified doctor. As many as 73 IDUs were identified. Advocacy meetings were organized to sensitize different stakeholders. The target groups were counseled and were motivated to practice risk-free behaviors. . Approximately 1588 no's, IDUs attended our health clinic for treatment of sexually infected diseases and injection induced abscesses. Needle syringe exchange program was highly successful and 284753 nos, needle syringes were distributed. 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 nos, IDUs were screened for HIV. The community led HIV testing had been started and had proved highly beneficial. 28 nos. clients were referred to ICCTC and 28 nos. were referred ART Centre. Suitable IEC materials were distributed and satisfactorily responded to all the AIDS related queries from the common people. One of the major landmarks of the project is the inclusion of female injecting drug users in the harm reduction activities and 40 nos. FIDUs are currently receiving services from the project .We have realized from the project that problem of drug dependency is complex problem and has to be looked with a new dimension.

5. APOLLO TYRES HEALTH CLINIC, GUWAHATI:-

Global Organisation for Life Development (GOLD) is pleased to inform you that we have successfully completed seven years of service in partnership with Apollo Tyres Foundation through ATHCC/GOLD- GHY. . ATHCC/GOLD has treated more than 12,000(Twelve thousand) patients for STI, HIV, Diabetes, T.B, vision and other health problems. More than three thousand truckers were counseled on HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infection and TB. Six thousand and eight Twenty Six condoms were distributed under social marketing. 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

generate community awareness. Forty eight satellite health camps, sixteen Integrated Health camps and ten Special Health camps 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 trucker's community. Some of the activities planned are sputum collection Centre will be established in the year 2020.

6. APOLLO TYRES HEALTH CLINIC AGARTALA:-

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.

ATHCC/GOLD has treated more than 6000 (Six Thousand) patients. Out of total patients treated for STIs, HIV, Diabetics and other health problems and so many persons were treated for vision care. More than 500 patients found refractive error near vision and we distribute near vision spectacles through Apollo Tyres Healthcare Centre of them. More than 120 patients found cataract and out them twenty patients cataract operation done under NPCB.

Eight Hundred truckers were counseled on HIV/AIDS an TB and Sexually Transmitted Infection. Two Hundred patients were treated for STI. Four hundred fifty patients were HIV blood tested. Advocacy meetings were organized including law enforcement and other stake holders in multi-sectroal level. Thirty One street play and magic shows in the project areas were organized to generate General and Truckers community awareness. Twelve satellite health camps and Thirty 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 sputum collection centre and Tobacco Centre established.

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

This an on-going project has been implemented since 2001 without any external financial assistance. The project was challenging & difficult with obstacles in galore. The project is not supported by any external agency. This year too we have rehabilitated 3 victims of trafficking by providing them with infrastructure and merchandise for road side kiosks. Prior to rehabilitation the victims were counseled and local Police were requested to ensure their safety & security. We take pleasure in mentioning that these victims (women) were meaningfully rehabilitated and are now self-reliant. The organization is regularly formulating & updating strategies to ensure that the process of rehabilitation is not interrupted in future by any local bodies or government.

8. CARE & PROTECTION OF STREET CHILDREN:-

This is an ongoing project continued without any external 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 concerned with sanitation and hygiene and are not able to avail health care from the government hospitals. They frequently become victims of sexual exploitation and hence prone 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.

Considering the seriousness 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 events were found to be highly fruitful. GOLD has constructed one makeshift bath room for the homeless girl children where they can bathe in privacy. 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:-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 150 persons with family discord had reported to the centre for finding solutions to their problems. There 20 old cases benefitted from the centre.

Out of 150 new cases counselled this year 18 cases were related to marital discord, 9 were related to alcoholism, 5 were of property rights related, 24 were related to economic crisis, 29 were related to domestic violence and 65 other type of cases which includes love affair, trafficking, mental illness etc. FCC has facilitated 25 of clients to seek relief under Domestic Violence Act 2005. This project yielded very satisfactory results. It is a proud privilege to announce that 125 were relieved from their distress through counseling and building mutual trust among the aggrieved persons.

10. 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 offering its services towards women who are the victims of various kind of violence 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 obtaining 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.

11. CLEANINES DRIVE UNDER SWACHHA BHARAT MISSION:-

This project is self funded project that was launched to mark the Prime Minister's Swasha 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 Beherbari are for generating awareness on waste disposal by road side vendors. The staff of our health clinic had made a special drive with the truckers community regarding awareness on sanitation and hygiene.

12. PROMOTION OF YOGA ,MEDITATION AND INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE:-

GOLD has already realized the value of yoga and meditation and had started a yoga centre for the public at Pubsarania ,Guwahati. GOLD has also planned to seek cooperation from Prajapati Bramakumari Yeshriya Vidyalaya for management drug use disorder among the injecting drug users of the project Sanskar.

GOLD also believe that our traditional system of medicine as an important tool to fight against many diseases at minimum cost. In our attempt to bring the Indian system of medicine closer to people GOLD has organized 2 health camps excusively with ayurvedic medicines. The beneficiaries were detailed by an ayurvedic physcian to raise medicinal plants in their backyards and quite a few such plants were exhibited to the beneficiaries.This project was not supported by any external agency

13. 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 loss of lives and properties during such flood. .The situation is further compounded by erosion of hills and major land slides. 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 halozen 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 protect themselves while driving their vehicles during hot summer. The project has also not received any funding from any external agency.

14. **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 society in ten districts.

15. Activity during COVID Pandemic: GOLD has started its activity 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 different places and distributed an essential kit of mask, sanitizer, soap, ORS with other grocery items among the daily wage earners and people affected by flood. GOLD also developed IEC for mass awareness on COVID 19 disease, its transmission, Do's and Don'ts for prevention and distributed

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. 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 an ideal project for the persons who inject drugs. We offer our sincere gratitude to all our well-wishers who have smilingly come forward to bail us out from such awkward situations.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE:-

GOLD has decided to carry on with the activities started during the pandemic with an extension of services by providing a charitable Centre for COVID testing and vaccination.

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.

We, in GOLD take pride in touching the lives of scores of MARGINALIZED 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,
Biren Sharma

PHOTOS



Legal awareness camp organized by GOLD at Udalguri



Lawyer's Training Programme organized by GOLD



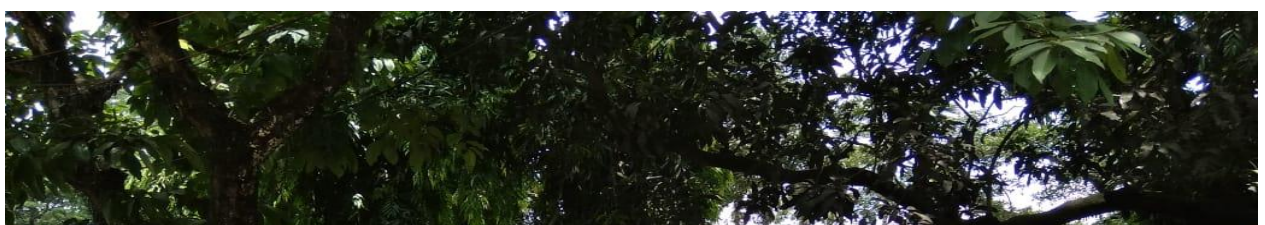
WORLD AIDS DAY observed by GOLD



Protest rally by the survivors of Trafficking



Community Awareness Campaign on Child Trafficking



Observed World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



Mass Awareness through Street Play during “Raas Mohotsav”



Organised Vision Camp on World Sight Day for the Truck drivers