

Annual Report FY 2021-22

XEUJI FOUNDATION (XF) is a section-8 (Not for Profit) company registered under the Companies Act 2013 (18 of 2013) on 23rd July 2020. Goal of the Foundation is to improve the living condition of the poor and marginalised households through strategic community participation and capacity building following ‘Do how and know how support’ principle with an aim is to promote eco-friendly sustainable climate resilient agri and allied livelihood to enhance cash flow, food and nutrient security thereby access of quality education, health-hygiene and wellbeing services.

Presence of Civil society organization (CSO) in the state is still limited in number. There is almost absence of well-functioning CSO especially in Char riverine areas of the state, especially in Dhubri and South SalmaraMankachar, the most backward areas in the state. The area is lacked in all kind of development initiatives and overall wellbeing of the people. The area is remote, flood prone, riverine with poor route and connectivity. Therefore, the Foundation decided to work in one the most backward block of char areas and initiated field base operation in Nayeralga CD block since July 2020.

The block Nayeralga is one of the most backward blocks of the district Dhubri, Assam. The block has a total of 97,704 population (Census 2011), 18,623 households, 49 revenue villages and 9 Gram Panchayats. The total geographical area of the block is 132.6 square km. The area is underdeveloped in terms of route and connectivity, health and education along with proper infrastructures. The block area is lacked with all kind of development initiatives and overall wellbeing of the people. The entire block area is remote, flood prone, riverine with poor route and connectivity. The community in the block is the religious minority Muslim. **The literacy rate of the block is just 34.82% where male literacy is 38.11% and female literacy 31.3 %** (Census 2011). The current population of the block is 1,22,863 with 63,193 males and 59,670 females respectively (**Source: district Administration, 2022**).

The main livelihood sources are the agriculture, livestock, fishery and wages. There is huge gap in socio-economic and political awareness in the community and huge gaps in demand and supply, resulted impact on their wellbeing and overall development.

In general, the burning issues and development challenges in the areas are

- ◆ Huge gaps in awareness, scientific knowledge, practices within the community
- ◆ Sustainable livelihood in the condition of changed climate,
- ◆ Gender inequality, school dropout especially in the case of girl child is very high.
- ◆ Child marriage, teenage pregnancy, issues on health and sanitation,
- ◆ Poor quality education system and infrastructures,
- ◆ Poor health and wellbeing services, infrastructures and accessibility, roads and connectivity,
- ◆ Floods cause soil erosion, crop damages and economic losses

These issues and concerned required urgent attention. Effective services, mentoring, demonstration of successful models and handholding are needs of the areas. Working closely as torch bearer in the target community on participatory mode in collaboration with likeminded organizations/institutions and line departments of government are urgent demands.

The Foundation has mandate to work in the NE states. This Foundation is anchoring by a small group of professionals with significance experiences in livelihood promotion in the poorest regions (both central India and NE states) of India.

Accordingly, the Foundation has been trying with its best effort so far to reduce the gaps and concerns as mentioned.

The Foundation finally reached geographical coverage of 31 revenue villages of 7 Gram Panchayat under the block since 2020. The foundation reached 12,500 households under the thematic area of agri and allied livelihoods, health, education and disaster responses. Major activities are on promotion of improved summer paddy cultivation, promotion of pulse and oilseeds, vegetable and nutri-gardening.

In the livestock initiative, deworming and vaccination of small ruminant and BYP are key focus area. In the last financial years, the foundation supported 46,000 individuals for covid 19 vaccine under APF funding support. In the initiative of adolescence below aged 18, over 197 girls were mobilised to attend awareness meeting on health and hygiene.

Under the disaster and natural calamity, the organization supported 102 covid19 affected poor, marginalized and vulnerable households with dry rations and hygiene kits in the month of June 2021 with financial support (in kind) from SeSTA. In the month November, over 600 households were supported with various vegetable seeds to promote nutri-garden in collaborative support from SeSTA. Over 20 women trained and supported on mushroom cultivation,

The Foundation trained and groomed 60 community cadres. There are 3 regular contractual staffs and 7 part time staffs associated with the foundation so far.

1) Current Geographic Outreach with next year plan

State	District	Block	No. of Gram Panchayat/VCDC	No. of Revenue village	Hamlets
Assam	Dhubri	Nayeralga	7	31	84
Next Expansion plan	Kokrajhar	Mayamaya	2	10	30
	Dhubri	Bilasipara	5	15	45

A brief activity of FY 2021-22

1) Agriculture and Allied livelihood activities

a) Agriculture: Summer paddy and vegetables

Foundation supported 175 farmers in summer paddy promotion in terms of seed distribution, ensured seed treatment, nursery raising and timely transplantation with the young aged seedlings (15-21 days aged). The farmers were mobilized into a group of 10-15 hamlet wise for better monitoring and support. A group of farmers were also provided handhold support on SRI and found encouraging results. The farmers were also trained on homemade liquid fertilizer and pesticide preparation and their uses in paddy and vegetable crops. Besides, field base demonstration on trapping fruit flies and other tiny sucking pest with pheromone and yellow, blue sticky traps in the cucurbit crops. The overall result among farmer was encouraging. The paddy was harvested and average yield 750 to 1000 kg per 0.33 acre of area.

b) Promotion of Nutrition Garden(NG)

Over 600 families were supported with various vegetable seeds to promote nutrition garden in the backyard. They were supported through field demonstration of NG specifically design and layout, use of compost and homemade fertilizers and

pesticides. The purpose was to harvest fresh and pesticide free vegetables for the daily intake. The seed support received was from SeSTA, Bongaigaon.

- c) Mushroom Cultivation: 20 SHG members promoted by ASRLM were trained and supported on Oyster mushroom cultivation. The result was quite good among the women and they wanted it to take on commercial scale.

- d) Support in BYP

The Foundation had conducted 2 camps on vaccine of duck (Duck plague) and BYP against ranikhet/new castle viral diseases. A total of 500 bird were vaccinated covering 100 of households. The vaccination was a paid services and done with the support of trained community cadres.

2) Health and hygiene

a) Covid vaccine Support project

The project was supported by APF. The Xeuji foundation executed the project in collaboration with Health block Raniganj. Prior to the project, the per centage of the vaccination progress was very poor (1st dose completed was 25006, 2nd dose completed was 639 (MIS data, 6th November 2021, Raniganj Health block) in the char area of 31 villages of the 7 Gram panchayat under the CD block Nayeralga. The project was initiated from January 2021. The project period was for 6 months.

Overall project target

Particulars	Response
Total Households target of 31 revenue villages (2011 Census)	13,340
Total Individuals target of 31 revenue villages (2011 Census)	70,171
Total population of the target area assuming 20% growth over 2011 data	83,500
18+ population (Assuming 60% of total census population 70,171 as 18+)	50,100
1 st dose completed (MIS, 6 th November 2021, Raniganj Health block)	25,006
2 nd dose completed (MIS, 6 th November 2021, Raniganj Health block)	639

The Foundation supported the vaccine program with its 5 community health workers, 2 AMN, 2 data entry operators especially on planning, household baseline entry, stakeholder meeting, village and hamlet base awareness generation meeting, postering, miking, micro planning with SC/PHC/HWC including doctors, ANMs, ASHA etc., arranged 112 additional health camp. A total of 45,630 individuals were mobilized to take vaccines doses. In the project, 62 community cadres were trained to support in various activity at community for better % of vaccination in the SC/PHC/HWC. Besides session in SC/PHC/HWC, the foundation had arranged additional vaccine camps in the village itself with the 2 ANM and 2 data entry operators recruited with due permission from Director of health and family welfare, Guwahati, Assam.

Particulars	Target	Completed	Remarks
Total Household surveyed (No.)	13,340	11,107	Census HHs 2011
Total individual surveyed	70,171	57,846	data in VaxIt App
Vaccine of dose 1 competed		45,630	

Vaccine of dose 2 completed		37,293	Total doses completed 82923
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b) Adolescent girls and their health and hygiene

Awareness program on adolescent girls, their health and hygiene issues, management process etc. distribution of sanitary pad were done with a coverage of 197 girls. Also conducted firsthand survey to understand the situation of Menstruation and health status. In the survey, 197 women covered with aged under 18. There are 31 girls found married, 103 girls with illiterate father and 98 with illiterate mother. 156 girls knew about 1st cycle of menstruation from their mother. 69 girls knew menstruation occurs because of curse of God, 3 said as a sin and 16 said as a disease. As cleaning process, 179 girls used soap and water, and 116 girls used cloth as absorbent. 151 girls responded about religious and marriage restriction during period time. 35 girls experienced with infection. There was high-rate school dropout as all the 31 girls found married at under aged 18.

3) Grade improvement and awareness program on Education

Basic study conducted to understand the quality of English literature of student class IX to X from the 6 Government schools under Nayeralga and BirsingJarua. Study was done with the support of an Intern of AMU. The organization also planned to launch a grade improvement cum coaching support from next financial year.

4) Solar base livelihood

45 youths were mobilized to access solar based income generating activities from Selco foundation through its technical partners Techno village energy Pvt Ltd. The major activities are DC freeze, egg incubator, huller machine, integrated charging station, sewing machine, lighting for petty shop and LSK.

2) Key partners

Type of agency	Name of the agency/alliance	Duration of Association
Funding	Azim Premji Foundation	January 2022 to Till date
Technical agency	Techno Village Energy Pvt Ltd, Guwahati	2020 to till date
Part of any alliance/network	SeSTA, Guwahati, CSO	2020 till date
	RCRC, Guwahati	NGO Network 2021 to date
	Health block Raniganj	January to 2022 to till date

Activity Photographs



Awareness Meeting & Miking



Micro planning with SC and ASA



CRP Review Meeting



CRP in Survey



Additional Vaccine camp



Vaccine at CVC



Awareness meeting and Sanitary Pad distribution, May 2022