

NEADS Assam-Humanitarian assistance to the communities affected by floods in Nagaon, Assam

PROJECT SUMMARY

In 2022, the project '**Humanitarian assistance to the communities affected by floods in Nagaon, Assam**' is a crucial relief initiative aimed at assisting severely disaster-affected individuals residing in the floodplains of Nagaon district. This community-centered intervention will encompass 8 villages under the Kathiatali development block, directly targeting 1100 families and impacting a total population of 7480 individuals. The primary objectives of this program are to provide immediate humanitarian aid and mitigate the adverse impacts of floods on highly affected communities. NEADS has forged vital linkages with the district administration, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), and other stakeholders to address immediate relief needs.

Specific objectives of the proposed intervention include:

1. NEADS aims to cater to the specific dignity and hygiene needs of 1100 families in the reproductive age group by providing Dignity and Hygiene Kits. This initiative is crucial for ensuring preparedness and mitigating public health risks post-flood.
2. The flood has exacerbated food insecurities among low-income communities. NEADS plans to support 1100 families with essential dry rations for a period of 45 days to alleviate food shortages during this crisis.
3. NEADS will conduct hygiene promotion activities to raise awareness and sensitize communities on better hygiene practices and public health preparedness post-flood. This initiative will include awareness camps, IEC materials, and sanitation of public spaces.
4. The project will focus on establishing advocacy linkages and ensuring mainstreaming between affected communities and local administration and line departments. This collaborative effort aims to strengthen community resilience and facilitate effective disaster response and recovery.

Key Components of the Intervention:

- **Supporting Dignity & Hygiene:** The provision of Dignity and Hygiene Kits is essential to address immediate hygiene needs and mitigate public health risks post-flood.
- **Food Security:** Distribution of essential dry rations will alleviate food insecurities among vulnerable families, including daily wage earners, artisans, and marginalized groups.
- **Awareness and Sensitization:** Conducting hygiene awareness programs will empower communities with knowledge and practices to prevent public health issues in the aftermath of flooding.
- **Advocacy and Mainstreaming:** Facilitating advocacy linkages will enhance coordination between communities and local authorities, ensuring effective disaster response and recovery efforts.