



Annual Report 2018-19



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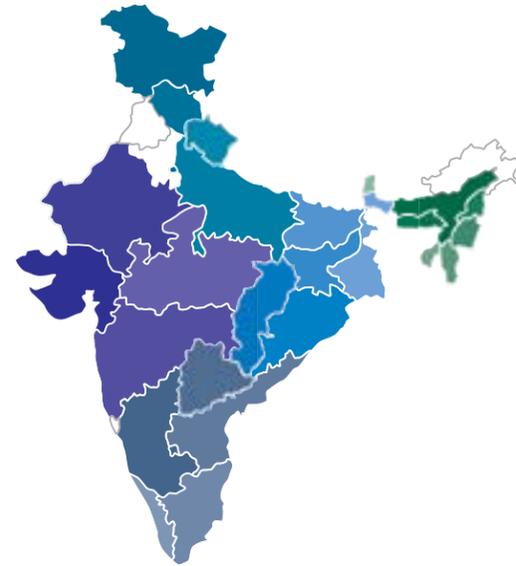
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Why CASA?

working in
26
states

OUR PROGRAMME REACH



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

working together to bring

DIGNITY in
LIVES

10,505+ villages

500+ partners

82,53,037+
lives impacted

I am delighted that the Annual Report of CASA is being published for the financial year 2018-19. CASA has completed 73 years of an eventful journey, helping people in need and distress irrespective of religion, caste and political affiliation through humanitarian aid, sustainable development and advocacy. This is the time to convey thanks and gratitude to all stakeholders and staff members for their association and contribution in delivering positive and effective results in rebuilding lives. We are privileged to be engaged in nation building through the work of CASA.

The year was devoted to re-organise CASA through structured Organisation Development intervention which has enabled us to remain a dynamic organisation by readjusting our strategies and be relevant as per the changing context and statutory compliances. While pursuing this, CASA has continued its regular programme. Progress of the same is captured in this report. I was particularly pleased that the Local Resource Mobilisation initiative has resumed after it was disrupted for about 18 months. It is important that civil society organisations like CASA is able to raise funds locally from within the country. It has also given us opportunity to interact and educate common masses (who are willing to contribute) about the importance of their engagement in supporting communities in need, and help them overcome the reasons of poverty and exclusion.

The world is facing climate change crisis. We all need to join hands in addressing the issue urgently. I am worried that the poor are worst affected as their source of livelihood is rapidly depleting. In our country, we have already started experiencing extreme weathers. CASA has taken certain initiatives by starting climate schools for local farmers, dry land farming and small water harvesting projects which are managed by local communities.

The state of Kerala had experienced the worst flooding of the century in 2018 monsoon. We had covered 7 districts where relief programme was initiated. However, during the 6 month recovery phase, we decided to allow about 2500 worst affected families to identify the most urgent activities of their choice which would help them rebuild their lives. This was done through Cash Transfer programme under which an approved amount was transferred to bank accounts of the beneficiaries. We implemented this programme under the principles of Power to People and Downward Accountability. Details including learnings have been posted on our website and social media.

Journey ahead for us in CASA is going to be more challenging as we pursue the mission of Justice, Peace and Dignity of life. However, I am confident that our past experiences and renewal in the organization will motivate us in achieving our mission.

I want to thank friends and stakeholders of CASA for partnership. We deeply appreciate the help and support we have received from the agencies of Central and State Governments. We want to place on record our thanks and gratitude to the donors. Contribution made by the staff members and volunteers has been commendable. I am also thankful to the Governance of CASA for their guidance and support.

We are approaching to another epoch in the life of CASA when we celebrate 75 years of existence of the organization in 2022. I solicit your prayers and support.

Thank you.


Dr. Sushant Agrawal
Director, CASA



- EDUCATION**
1.58 Lakh children enrolled in schools
- HEALTH**
24.6 lakh health assistance
- LIVELIHOOD**
20 Lakh farmers given livelihood support
- HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**
more than 500 disaster responses till date



Emergency Responses



KERALA FLOOD RESPONSE 2018

CASA swung into immediate relief action after reports of rescue operations started circulating in the media. CASA assessed the situation with a team of more than 30 staff members. It reached out to the most affected people with dry ration and non-food items in its initial relief phase. The gap between loss and need ratio was widening everyday when CASA came out with its second phase of the intervention operating from the strategically located Kottayam office. With the ground staff always on the move they had to identify the beneficiaries in the most affected villages for material distribution.

CASA IMMEDIATE RELIEF PROGRAMME

Immediately after the calamity, CASA engaged in the assessment process of identifying the beneficiaries and providing relief kits to 3390 families in 7 affected districts. These relief kits consisted of food items, non-food items and hygiene kits providing aid to the affected families.

Hygiene Kit/Dignity Kit

- Plastic mat
- Bedsheets
- Cotton Saree
- Mosquito net
- Food items
- Blanket
- Utensil sets
- Mug
- Torch light
- Groundsheets
- Plastic Bucket

Every relief kit contains



Total beneficiaries



12,47,496+

People displaced

9.06lakh

Hectares worth of crop destroyed

50,000crore

Worth of property destroyed



“During a disaster it becomes difficult to retain your belongings and get amenities. In a trying time like this, CASA provided a relief kit keeping in mind the women and children who were more exposed to various infections and diseases. It kept hygiene and food materials as the priority.

KERALA FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAMME at a glance

CASA staff were stationed for more than 7 months in all the 7 worst affected districts and were coordinating its operations from the Kottayam office.

6037

Households benefitted across districts in Kerala with CASA flood relief programme

Relief material distributed post floods

Relief programme

3390

families were benefitted from CASA's relief programme

DISTRICTS WHERE PROGRAMME WAS OPERATIONAL

- Wayanad
- Idukki
- Kottayam
- Pathanamthitta
- Alappuzha
- Ernakulam
- Thrissur

Unconditional Cash transfer through bank account

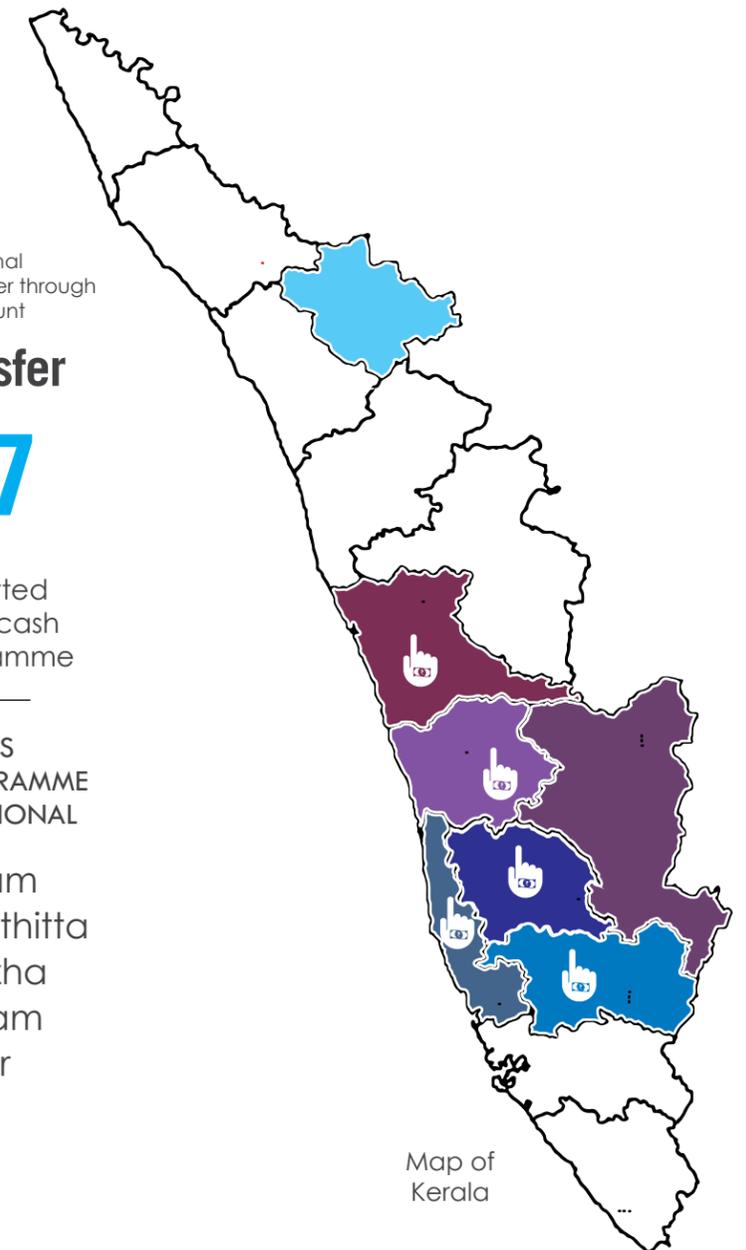
Cash transfer

2647

families were benefitted from CASA's cash transfer programme

DISTRICTS WHERE PROGRAMME WAS OPERATIONAL

- Kottayam
- Pathanamthitta
- Alappuzha
- Ernakulam
- Thrissur



Map of Kerala



Beneficiary showing her Cash Transfer card in Kerala

How unconditional Cash Transfers support women in emergencies



Unconditional cash transfers support women in emergencies. Ms Vidya Gireshkumar from Ramankerry village in Alappuzha district was given 8,000 rupees. After the flood, her ten-year-old daughter and niece no longer had a private bathroom. They would have to go out and defecate in the open. Children of their village mostly went in large groups to contaminated paddy fields in such cases. But she was conflicted. Her husband is an auto-rickshaw driver who needed the money to repair the three-wheeler. For Vidya, her daughter's dignity comes first. They jointly took a decision keeping their family's best interest in mind. They built a toilet for their girls using a significant amount of that money. They kept the rest of it in their bank account to repair their house.

CASA UNCONDITIONAL CASHTRANSFERPROGRAMME

Why cash transfers?

Cash transfers give choices and dignity to the people affected by disasters and make humanitarian aid more accountable by providing a sense of ownership and control at a time of crisis. The program comes as an opportunity to bring women-centric empowerment for the community at the forefront. Cash program stimulates local economy and employment by shifting the power from larger wholesalers to local retailers who then kick-start essential services.



Funds mostly utilised for



Following a standard process

CASA's team surveys to list down the worst affected villages. They conduct meetings with village residents and identify the community leaders for a committee of 9 people, encouraging at least 5 women representatives. With the assessment tools given by CASA, a list of damages and beneficiaries is verified. A final list of beneficiaries is made and the committee redress grievances from community members.

Complaint mechanism

Complaint mechanism was introduced by CASA with a very clear understanding that communities' ownership over the process of recovery will have to be enhanced. A complaint box gives a second chance to the people to express their grievances and vulnerability to CASA and committee members, that further becomes reasons to be included in the programme.



Tamil Nadu

TAMILNADU CYCLONE GAJA RESPONSE

Cyclone Gaja hit Nagapattinam, Thiruvaurur, Pudukottai, Tanjavur, Karaikkal, Dindigul, Trichy areas of Tamil Nadu on November 15, 2018. Worst hit by the disaster were the farmers and fishermen hailing from the coastal areas. Not only did they lose their shelter and possessions but also their livelihood. CASA responded with non-food items such as clothing, utensils, tarpaulin sheets among other items to help people restore their lives back to normalcy. Among items was the mosquito nets given to the beneficiaries who used it to protect themselves from mosquito-borne diseases prevalent during the cyclone.



Reaching out to the distressed

70-year-old Thailamma had her home taken away from her when Cyclone GAJA struck. Along with her belongings she lost all of her utensils as well. But she is grateful to CASA for offering her new ones. "Nobody came to help me before this. But CASA came to me and considered me a beneficiary" she received this with open arms. If not for CASA, "I would have had to keep this way and cry", is all she manages to say.

1800

Beneficiaries given relief kit

Who were covered ?



Non Food Items



Utensils
Plastic mat
Mosquito net
Sanitary napkin
Tarpaulin

Food Items



Turmeric Powder
Chilly Powder
Sambar Masala
Edible Oil
Rice
Thur Dal
Wheat Flour

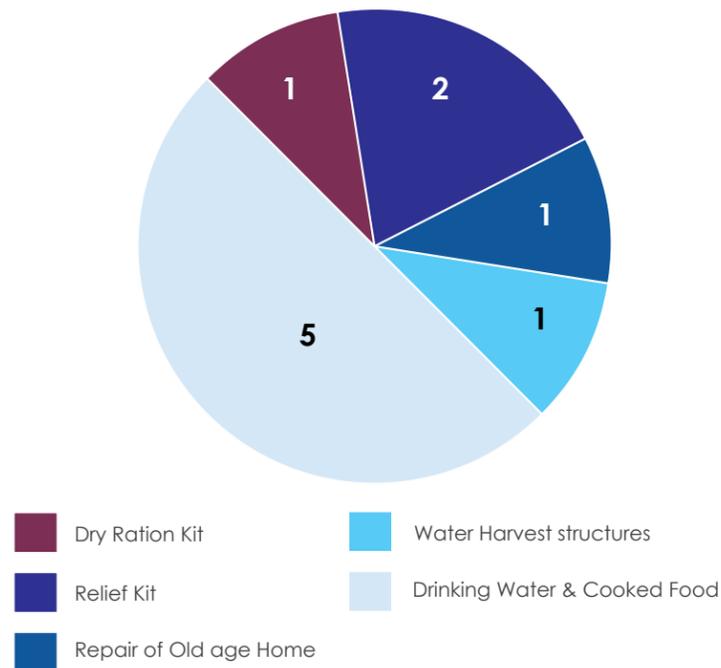


Project Officer Paul Luther with Additional Emergency Officer Joseph Sahayam giving away Relief Kit to Thailamma

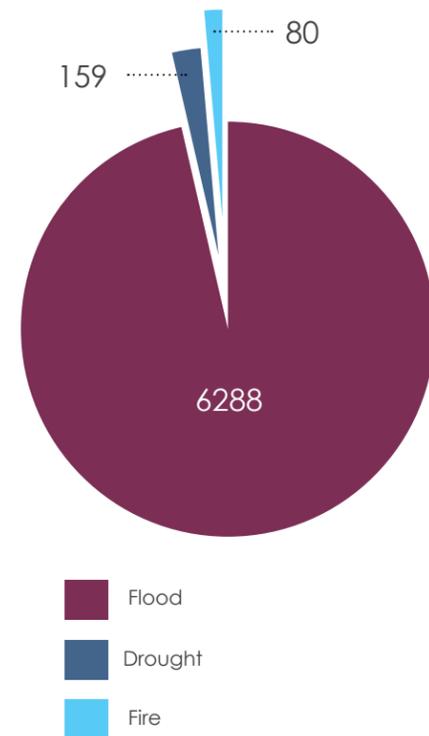


OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Type of Activities Undertaken by Partners



Disaster type & No. of Beneficiaries



Fire Relief Programme Pune, Maharashtra

On 21st April, a massive fire broke out in the Ambedkar Nagar slum in Pune district. The fire spread and about 80 houses were destroyed. CASA along with its partner reached out to the affected people with cooked food, clean drinking water, dry ration kit, utensil sets, clothing and sanitary napkins.

 **388**
people benefited

 Food and non-food items along with cooked meals

Drought Relief Programme Mandla, Madhya Pradesh

Mandla, a Baiga tribe district situated in the East-Central part of Madhya Pradesh is facing drought situation from the last two decades because of tremendous climate change. CASA implemented drought relief programme to check migration of the marginalised communities due to drought situation, to improve the livelihood and food security and to strengthen the capacities of communities in coping and responding to disaster risks.

 **159**
families benefited

 Each family got employment of Rs. 4000 - 5000

 Drinking water problem solved through deepening of ponds & recharging of wells.

Fire Relief Programme Melghat, Maharashtra

CASA extended its support through a partner agency by providing 38 relief kits to the fire affected people to help them recover from their crisis. On April 9 a tribal village in the interior forest of Melghat tribal region in Amravati district of Maharashtra was hit by sudden fire damaging their thatched houses.

 **38**
relief kits were distributed

Relief Kit included

- Tarpaulin Dhoti
- Cotton saree Kitchen utensils
- Woolen blankets

Flood Relief Programme Imphal, Manipur

Manipur suffers from floods every year. Dry ration was provided to the affected families in Imphal to sustain and cope with the atrocities during the disaster.

 **1000**
families benefited

 Dry ration was given to weakest sections of society



Developmental Programmes



Tea Plantation: West Bengal



Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar, South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas districts, West Bengal

WEST BENGAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Sustainable livelihood in tea plantation

The workers in the closed tea gardens of West Bengal's Duar region have been facing lack of livelihood and income opportunities. The scenario in the area is gradually changing through CASA's intervention with its partner organisations in the region. Alternative livelihood opportunities assisted by sustainable agricultural practices and linkage with the government schemes like SAHAY has come to the aid of teas garden workers.

5 districts
100 villages
21 partner organisations

CASA organised a two-day workshop on Gender Mainstreaming in Kolkata. The objective of the workshop was to develop clarity for social work practitioners on integrating gender perspective into every stage of policy processes.

Regional level platform to discuss issues

Community members living in neglected Duar and Sundarbans areas now have a regional-level platform initiated by CASA where people bring forward issues of climate change and its impact on their lives and livelihood. It is a unique opportunity for the people to share and discuss their issues with the concerned government authorities. The revival of the traditional agricultural practices in the Sundarbans region like beekeeping, sheep (local variety, Ovis Aries) rearing, and Bengal Goat variety was stressed upon during the meetings to enhance income and reduce migration in search of livelihood.

Leadership Development

Every year, Sundarbans is affected by floods which lead to huge migration and trafficking. Looking at the issue, the three most significant Capacity Building Training Programs were conducted in Sundarbans and Duars regions of West Bengal on the search and rescue mock drills with 170 community leaders.

Mangroves Re-plantation

CASA is taking forward its initiatives towards conservation and preservation of mangroves in the Sundarbans area of West Bengal where its drastic depletion is leading to disruption in the entire eco-system. Huge-sensitization and awareness drives were conducted to re-plant mangroves during the reporting period.

Visit from agencies

Representatives from donor agencies visited the working areas of Partnership Programme in West Bengal's Sundarbans area. A partnership model has been initiated by CASA to help the people living in vulnerable regions of Sundarbans.



Supaul, Samastipur, Khagaria, Munger, Jamui, Saharsa, Sitamarhi, Araria, Madhubani and Bettiah districts, Bihar

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME BIHAR

Inclusive Development and Institutional Building through Sustainable Livelihood is operational in 10 districts of Bihar. CASA in this programme promotes livelihood model by assisting state level convention on the role of school management committee, child protection and human trafficking, disaster risk reduction, child education, micro planning and budgeting, group management and leadership development, workshop on 'Developing a legal understanding of Bhudan farmers and landless people', training on gender perspective building, training on climate resilience agriculture and workshop on social audit and village planning collective action for the overall development of the people in Bihar.

10 districts
190 villages
23 partner organisations

Networking & Collective Actions

Some of the activities implemented by CASA and 23 of its partners:

1. Strengthening of people's organization at the block and district level
2. Workshop on district level, Forum
3. Expansion of district level forum with Kosi Seva Sadan

ACTION PLAN

Finalization of one-year action plan for the period of 2019-2020 was implemented with 19 Bihar partners.

Outcome & Impact Oriented Workshop

A follow-up workshop focusing on Project Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) system was conducted by all Bihar partners that saw a footfall of 83 participants. A few elements included in the workshop for institutionalizing OIO framework were framing clear indicators in proposals, clear baseline and benchmarking, systems and mechanisms, capacity development of project team, allocation of a budget, common understanding of the project and accountability of ownership of change.

Community Organisations

Nineteen People Organisations emerged at the partners' level which is the apex body of the community-based organizations. There has been an increased participation of youth, women and Gram Sabhas. Leadership Building Training of youth and women, meeting with community and PRI members, planning of village development with community members, creation of livelihood model on tailoring, training of community-based groups on leadership and social audit were implemented.



Village committee members at Farmers' Orientation workshop



📍 Mahrajganj, Bahraich, Kushinagar, Sonbhadra, Sidharthnagar, Chandoli, Ghazipur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Hamirpur, Jhansi, Banda, Chitrakoot, Lalitpur, Ambedkarnagar, Deoriya, Mahoba and Jaloun, Uttar Pradesh

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME UTTAR PRADESH

Key Objectives of this programme

- Opportunity for awareness building on entitlements & processes
- Timely grievance redressal
- Capacity building for better implementation of programmes
- To build a collective platform for people to ask queries, express their needs and grievances
- Fact-finding and not fault-finding
- Creating a space and platform for dialogue

18

342

21

districts

villages

partner organisations

Residential orientation on MNREGA

A 3-day residential orientation programme was organised to help the participants to develop increase their level of awareness on MNREGA and its related skills.

2-day Field Exercise

Field exercise was organised in 3 districts of Uttar Pradesh with partner staff and community leaders. The public hearing was attended by gram panchayat who addressed the issues put forward by the farmers and daily-wage labourers on MNREGA.

Planning & Implementation

Further social audit was planned and conducted in 2 Gram Panchayats in every partner programme area. Information was collected from stakeholders at various levels. Arrangement of records and documents was done through dialogue with village.

Public hearing

Based on the findings from the verification of work site and documents, public hearing in all the selected Gram Panchayats was conducted.

What is MNREGA & Why the need to reinforce properly?

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) was initiated by the Government of India in 2005. The prime objective is to enhance livelihood security in rural areas. It provides legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in every financial year to adult members of any rural household willing to do unskilled manual work. Lack of proper execution and audit has been one of the larger implementation problems of MNREGA scheme. A powerful scheme like MNREGA needs handholding support from grassroots organisations like CASA to execute the scheme in a better functional method. For addressing and identifying the loopholes that prevail in the MNREGA process, the social audit was planned with the partner organisations in Uttar Pradesh.



PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME NORTH EAST INDIA

CASA started working in the easternmost region of India in 1984. However, in 2005 we decided to enter into a long term partnership model with local grassroots organizations. The project implemented in the rural pockets of the five states aims to mobilise and provide awareness on seamless accessibility of entitlements in close coordination with state departments. The uniqueness of the programme is its strength to bridge the gap between the community and the authority. Campaigns and training workshops are organised for the community members to address issues on poor livelihood, healthcare, and educational facilities.

Our Aim:

Atleast 30% households to access livelihood entitlements	27 people's organisations taking charge of development	Minimum 50% women's engagement in decision making
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CASA along with its 27 partner organizations is working in the remote areas of North-Eastern (NE) region to enhance and strengthen the economic and social status of the communities. This project is initiated with a vision of promoting self-reliance, sustainable livelihood, and gender equality through the formation of people's organization (PO's), networking with various Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) and addressing greater issues of the North-eastern region.

27 partners

5 states

**Assam
Nagaland
Manipur
Mizoram
Meghalaya**

Entitlement to
livelihood

360
CBOs &

2880
members trained & sensitised on
Government Schemes to generate
better understanding of the schemes.

72
trainings and
workshops conducted



CASA staff interacting with a beneficiary in Manipur



Village committee members gather for a meeting in Meghalaya



SPORTS FOR UNITY

CASA developed an idea of bringing together all civil societies based in Guwahati to organize an event as a pilot initiative under the theme "Sports for Unity and Sustainable Development" in commemoration of the Republic Day 2019. This was driven by the milestone recognition and the past success of "Sports for Development and Peace" activities and programmes across multiple sectors.

Supported by the World Vision India (North-east) (WVI), the concept and initiative of CASA to organise a football tournament was anticipated to be a good example. The concept of the event was about how sports can bring together Civil Societies and make a difference towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals. With this aim in mind, the event was held to celebrate the growing contribution of sports in development and peace through the promotion of unity; respect; empowerment of women and youth; health; education and social inclusion. CASA in association with WVI and the other civil society organizations launched the event as a campaign. The nine agencies were keen to include sports in their projects.



Women's Day Celebrations

Several women came forward to celebrate Women's Day in Dhemaji district of Assam that was organised by CASA India partner Rural Volunteer Centre. The event felicitated women, who made a mark in various walks of life, and also honoured women entrepreneurs for their invaluable contribution within their region. The event concluded with a rally to spread awareness on Women's Rights issues and submitted a memorandum to a government official pitching for **#BalanceforBetter**.

Digital Shakti Training Programme

This programme helps create digital literacy amongst women and empower them across the state. CASA took the lead in coordination of the programme organised by Cyber Peace Foundation in association with the National Commission for Women (NCW), Government of India and funded by Facebook.

Project Progress Meet

CASA India Director Sushant Agrawal holds a meeting with the staff on the progress of developmental and humanitarian projects of CASA across all north-eastern states, including challenges and future plans. Citing examples of equality and equity from the gender perspective, Agrawal spoke about the need to increase the bandwidth of inclusive growth across CASA's programmes in the region.

Planning and Review

CASA India organized 2019's first project planning and review meeting with 6 Manipur development partners with an aim to strengthen people's organisations and develop strategic plan for realistic project thematic areas of interventions. The meeting was held from 25-26 March in Imphal. Head of Programme Dr. Jayant Kumar encouraged the staff and partners to remain focussed on the mission to empower the most weaker section of the society while implementing thematic areas of the project. CASA partners presented their challenges and agreed to address those challenges step-by-step on priority basis to achieve the collective goals.



Chhattisgarh
 Gariyanband, Kanker, Jagdalpur, Rajnandgaon, Surguja, Balrampur, Koriya, Jashpur, Kawardha, Korba, Mungeli, Jajgir and Champa districts, Chhattisgarh

CHHATTISGARH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Key Objectives of this program

CASA is actively engaged in Chhattisgarh to act upon issues of livelihood, forest and land entitlements. Working in some of the remotest villages, the package/partnership program seeks to encourage the community members to take collective actions on good governance and conservation. It focuses on the capacity building and institutionalization of the Community Based Organisations. This creates a participatory environment for sharing ideas, views and helps in addressing village related issues. The programme reassures the governance and conservation of the natural resources and empowers the community.

12 districts
299 villages
18 partner organisations

GPS-led Boundary Mapping

One of the crucial activities within the project is mapping the village boundaries with technology-led GPS (Global Positioning System). The mapping is done to strictly demarcate the areas of prohibition, gazing and other minor forest collections. GPS mapping also indicates the parts of the forest that needs more care, thinning or pruning.

Green Point Mapping

CASA along with the committee members are actively engaged in preparing resource inventory by mapping the quality and quantity of the trees in the claimed Community Forest Rights areas.

Millet Farming

Alternately, CASA has been promoting millet cultivation in the project villages by creating awareness on nutritional value of millets and encouraging people to adopt it into their daily food habits.

Forest Protection by Rotational Patrolling

Thengapali or rotational patrolling is a traditional method to protect and conserve forests with a system of rotational patrolling. CASA encourages community to revive and promote this activity among all the Community Forest Rights (CFR) committees across project areas of Chhattisgarh.

Seed Ball activity helps to increase the vegetative cover of the forest and provide for the animals without harming farm lands. The community started celebrating Van Mahotsav which is not just about planting trees but also about taking oath to plant trees and protect the forests. 2500 household have adopted and implemented the concept of nutrition garden introduced by government-owned Krishi Vigyan Kendra.





Children carrying drinking water in Madhya Pradesh



ALLWOMENPARTNERSHIPPROGRAMME MADHYA PRADESH

was initiated in the year 2009. Its 21 partner NGOs are women headed, delivering leadership roles for social change, balancing gender roles and harnessing development opportunities. The intervention is focused on building women leadership, access to rights & entitlements for livelihoods and food security and addressing gender justice-raising gender concerns. Its goal is to empower the rural marginalised and excluded community by making them aware on their rights under the constitution. It also enables them for active participation in governance system.

Workshop on Sustainable Agriculture Practice - Organic Farming

A two days workshop and training programme on sustainable agriculture practices-organic farming. A total of 64 farmers attended training programme. During the training they went through class room sessions as well as demonstration and practical session. They were given field exposure on organic farming, field visit and prepare organic manure, pest and insect control measures and given books on the same.

Legal Clinic - A Woman leadership Development Programme

Imparted training on violence against women: punishment and provisions, sexual harassment act 2012, protection of women at workplace, charge sheet, judicial process, important structure of judiciary, FIR, witness, appointment of advocate, free legal aid, how to access free legal aid, etc.

International Women's Day Celebration

Better the Balance, Better the World

International Women's Day was observed in 14 districts of MP. 21 women headed Organisations came to-gether in their respective places and raised voices against injustice like employment opportunities, health care, education, social security, position in decision making, equal wages for same work and do away of subordination or discrimination by male.



14 districts
307 villages
21 women-led organisations

Dindori, Mandla, Indore, Khandwa, Dhar, Betul, Sajapur, Hosangabad, Sehore, Chhatarpur, Gwalior, Sagar and Shivpuri districts, Madhya Pradesh

14 districts
307 villages
21 women-led organisations

Campaign on Stop Violence against Woman and Girl Child

Dec, 2018

The objectives of the campaign were to make the community members aware about the discrimination between men and women. It share information regarding different laws to safeguard the rights of women and girls, motivate the community members to empower the community members and bring together the different agencies to stop violence against women. Through Public meetings, community songs and Nukkad Natak street plays they spread awareness.



**Andhra Pradesh
Tamil Nadu**

 Dindugal district,
Tamil Nadu

 Krishna district,
Andhra Pradesh

CHILD LABOUR FREE ZONE PROGRAMME

Even after 73 years of freedom, children in India are not being able to hold onto their childhood innocence as they are forced to work under hazardous and dangerous conditions. Over 1.5 lakh children in the age group of 5-14 years in Tamil Nadu are still labouring under the sun and dingy factories every day. CASA believes that every child has the right access free and compulsory education with a good mental and physical well-being. Every year, CASA India rescues children from child labour activities, tries to place every child in a normal environment they deserve and send them to schools. CASA has been the instrumental in empowering the children, parents and communities through awareness and capacity building programmes to help them address their issues.

Major reasons for drop-out

-  Poor income of families
-  Seasonal migration
-  Discrimination against girls
-  Lack of infrastructure

Vocational Skill Training Centre

Vocational Skill Training (VST) enhances the skills of craft and trade in adolescent girls at various levels. By imparting apprenticeship training, VST promotes opportunities for a sustainable livelihood. The training mainly helps those women who were forced to drop out of schools as children to help sustain their families. Through the training, they can earn a better living for themselves and their families. The aim of this training is to make women capable enough so that they can apply to different sectors for work. It also empowers them to choose an entrepreneurial path for themselves and open a small business of their own.

43

fresh enrollments
in Vocational Skill
Training (VST) Centre

 **30**
children were trained in tailoring & obtained government certificate

 **10**
students earn by stitching chudidar, blouse and kurta

 **8**
students have started working in the garment sector



Students practicing stitching at CASA Skill Training Centre



CASA's Bridge Course Centres' are not just about studies but also extra curriculum activities

Bridge Course Centre (BCC)

CASA started with the Child Labour Free Zone Project (CLFZP) initiative to create an opportunity for children to resume their education and relive the lost childhood. The Bridge Course Centres (BCC) were set up and planned specifically for school drop outs. The main objective of BCC is to encourage the children to get back on the education track and complete their studies. The children who are working as child labours are rescued and taught till class 10th at the centre. On passing their class 10th exams, they are sent to a government school to complete their senior secondary education that includes classes 11th and 12th. The children at the centre are made aware of the problems related to child labor and integrated livelihood issues. Children are taught life skills too which eventually helps in building their confidence.

160

fresh enrollments
in 6 Bridge Course Centres
(BCC)



Admission in
regular schools



Extra curriculums
& sports



Mid day
meal



Enhanced
leadership qualities

Outcomes
of BCC



Ramesh and his brother Nagaraju were enrolled in the CASA India Bridge Course Centre in Andhra Pradesh. With the sudden death of their father, there was a financial burden on the family. To support their mother in the times of hardship, they started skipping their classes leading to a lower attendance hampering their education. CASA along with women groups and volunteers proposed a financial help of Rs. 10,000 through Income Generation Programme to the family. This not only assisted the family for buying two goats for a stable livelihood but also helped Ramesh and Nagaraju attend the Bridge Course Centre regularly, prioritising education

Supplementary Education Centre

As compared to the tuition/coaching class facilities in the cities, children in villages do not have the luxury to attend such classes - mostly due to unavailability and unaffordability. A lot many children drop out of government schools because they can't cope up with the studies. Addressing this need, CASA introduced the coaching facility called Supplementary Education Centre (SEC) for kids who want help in understanding their school lessons from our community teachers.

165

fresh enrollments
in Supplementary Education
Centres



Maharashtra

 Yavatmal district, Maharashtra

COMPREHENSIVE FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMME IN MAHARASHTRA

The comprehensive food security programme by CASA aims at promoting a sustainable livelihood to distressed farmers in drought prone areas. It is operational in 12 villages of Arni Taluka in Yavatmal District, Maharashtra. With CASA's help they were able to address the agrarian crisis of the distressed farmers of Arni Taluka. It has helped build the capacity of youth, women and small marginal farmers and claim their entitlements and rights. By March 2019 they had given support to 150 landless labourers and skill artisans. Support to beneficiaries was given in the form of money and goats, the community benefitted largely from this.

Our Aim:



Improve sustainable agriculture practices



Diversify livelihood



Building capacity of women & youth



Improvement in policy environment



Increase household income

Goats were distributed amongst 70 beneficiaries- mostly women headed households and widows.

20 vegetable vendors were given the **financial support of Rs. 5,000/-** to set up small businesses.

150 landless labourers & skill artisans given **support through agriculture.**

349 male farmers and 138 women farmers from 12 villages were given **seed support for mixed cropping.**

Health checkup camps were organised to promote health and hygiene. A display of colourful posters in the local language helped educate people on the importance of clean drinking water, good health habits and consumption of nutritious food/fruits.



A woman leader of Maharashtra's Self-Help Group



Volunteers training for fire related incidents in Odisha



 Puri district, Odisha

STRENGTHENING DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT IN ODISHA

Strengthening Disaster Risk Management focuses on Disaster Preparedness of school-going children by management of different schools. Children are the most vulnerable to risk before, during and after any disaster. Strengthening their capacity and knowledge on disaster risk reduction will help them to survive and cope up with the situations. This project is operational in 26 different villages in Astranga block to train the children and prepare them for future disasters. Awareness Generation Programmes, exposure visits, Capacity Building Programme on Disaster risk reduction and Skill Training Programmes have been initiated by CASA to train the children and the community leaders to strengthen the local capacity of the community.



Activities conducted in SDRM

- Disaster Risk Reduction Analysis
- Community Based Preparedness Planning
- Small scale mitigation activities
- Children mock drill training
- Community Capacity Building
- Establishment of Early Warning Systems
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Training on first aid, search, rescue, evacuation
- Competitions & debates
- Other awareness generation programs
- Active involvement of govt. disaster management authority

27 Schools
24 Revenue villages
10 Gram panchayats

Disasters faced in Astranga block

-  Floods and rains
-  Tropical Storm
-  Tsunami
-  Snake bites
-  Heat waves
-  Lightning

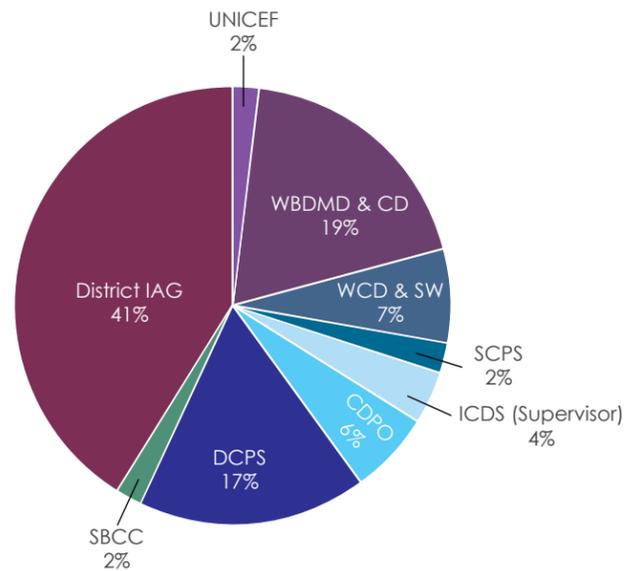


South Pargana, Malda, Murshidabad & Purulia, West Bengal

CHILD PROTECTION IN EMERGENCY IN WEST BENGAL

CASA in collaboration with UNICEF and various government agencies took the initiative to capacitate the District level Officials, Community Based Organisations and NGO representatives to deal with children during disasters ensuring their protection in an emergency. This project created an opportunity to develop trained Human Resources at District and State Level who can conduct or further extend training programmes.

% wise participation of various departments & CSO's in CPIE Consultation and Training process in West Bengal



*Abbreviations

UNICEF - United Nations Children's Fund
 WBDMD & CD - West Bengal Disaster Management Department & Civil Defence
 WCD & SW - Women and Child Development & Social Welfare
 SCPS - State Child Preparation Society
 ICDS - Integrated Child Development Schemes
 CDPO - Child Development Project Officer
 DCPS - Defined Contribution Pension Scheme
 SBCC - Social and Behaviour Communication Change

59% Increased participation from government agencies

41% Increased participation from Civil Society Organisations

Our Aim:

- One of the objectives of the programme was to create synergy between departments that created a space for an interactive discussion.
- Training facilitation kit helps them conduct such training programs at their level.
- Include children as a crucial part of the training.
- Kanyashree Clubs to be the entry point where the students can be empowered on Child Protection in Emergency and other life-saving skills.



Children showing a presentation on Disaster Preparedness



A woman beneficiary in Nepal



Map: Country organizations part of RIAP

REGIONAL INTER-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP

Increasing population followed by climate change, multidimensional poverty and food insecurity makes South Asia as one of the most vulnerable and disaster-prone regions of the world. In response to the growing need for intervention, organisations from South Asia convened the Regional Inter Agency Partnership or RIAP to explore innovative methods of adaptation, exchange cross-cultural learnings and address the problems of their people. Awareness and training on climate change mitigation, sustainable agriculture practices and disaster risk reduction were among a few programmes implemented in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

-  CASA, India
-  United Mission to Nepal, Nepal
-  Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh, Bangladesh
-  National Christian Council, Sri Lanka

Action Reflection programme

- Agriculture conservation (wheat cultivation), Bangladesh
- Promotion of dry seed bed, Bangladesh
- Community Disaster Preparedness and Risk Management, Bangladesh
- Sustainable farming solution, Sri Lanka
- School Action Research programme (SARP), Nepal
- Community Planning meeting or environment conservation, Nepal
- Awareness on Climate Change, Nepal
- Restoration of water resources, Nepal

Child Focused Programme on Climate Change

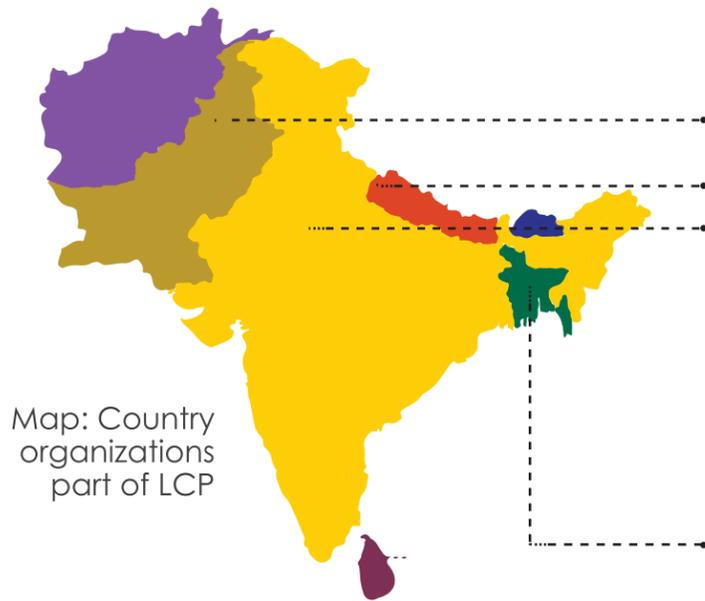
- Debate and essay competition on impacts of Climate Change and disaster, Bangladesh
- Workshop on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management with teachers and parents, Bangladesh
- Formation on children's club on environmental issues in non-found way, Sri Lanka
- Orientation to school teacher on Climate Change and Environment Conservation, Sri Lanka
- Exhibition on Climate Change module by students, Sri Lanka
- Formation of Climate Action team in school, Sri Lanka
- Management of solid waste, Sri Lanka

Workshop on Localisation

- Improved understanding of Grand Bargain & Charter for change
- A new RIAP Charter
- A localisation roadmap until 2020 and beyond

Other Initiatives

- CCDB-RIAP project observed Disaster Mitigation Day on 13 Oct, 2018
- RIAP's own website to project its members' work
- Annual Review and Planning Meeting



Map: Country organizations part of LCP

- Community World Service (CWS), Pakistan
- United Mission to Nepal (UMN), Nepal
- Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA), India
- Institute of Social Democracy (ISD), India
- Church of North India-Synodical Board of Social Services (CNI-SBSS), India
- Church of South India (CSI-SEVA), India
- United NGO Mission to Manipur (UNMN), India
- Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB), Bangladesh
- Maleya Foundation, Bangladesh

LOCAL CAPACITIES FOR PEACE PROGRAMME

In late 1984, Local Capacity for Peace (LCP) was launched to answer the question: How much assistance should be provided in conflict settings that disengage people from violence surrounding them? Taking a step further, LCP also sought to develop alternative systems for addressing the problems that underlie the conflict. LCP has since played a key role in the peace building process as the ethnically rich South Asian countries have experienced a fair share of inter and intra state conflicts. The network within LCP seeks to address issues of violations of rights, violence and abject poverty, issues related to ethnic minorities, inequality, casteism, conflict over resources, migration, disillusioned youth and atrocities on women.

Back in the days, non-profit organizations like CASA in India to Christian Commission for Development (CCDB) in Bangladesh and others, felt that the increasing level of potential and actual conflicts in South Asian countries were hampering their development and humanitarian programmes; thereby jeopardizing their ability to achieve larger developmental goals. The network partners shared and learnt from each other's experiences throughout its four phases. However, LCP has strengthened its foundation and moved beyond the mainstreaming of LCP/Do Not Harm and now working directly on conflict and in conflict. In the ongoing fifth phase, the LCP tools are directly being implemented on ground zero with contribution from youth in peace building.

LCP is an integrated conflict resolution and peace building tool which is an integral part of CASA's development and emergency programmes

South Asia Accompaniment Programme Conflict for Analysis

A 3-day workshop on South Asia Accompaniment Programme Conflict for Analysis was held in Kathmandu from 4-6 July. It commenced with **predominant objectives of the workshop being the thorough study and conflict analysis, building own capacity and finding the best possible action for the future. LCP members CASA India, CSI Seva, ISD, CNI SBSS, CCBD, MF, UMN, UMM and CWS/PA** participated in the workshop. Centre For Peace and Conflict Study (CPCS) was introduced to the network during the programme. CPCS is a value driven organisation which comprises five important pillars - Courage, Grounded, Trust, Excellence and Learning. The participants agreed to the need to understand the various differences between context analysis and conflict analysis. Reflecting on Peace Practices (RPP) exercise was also conducted. The workshop saw common linkages between important factors behind conflicts in South Asia, shedding different criteria of effectiveness within RPP process. These criteria can be used in programme planning to ensure specific program goals. The programme addresses the people, issues and dynamics that are key drivers to ongoing conflict.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

People Helping People CASA's Fundraising efforts

Face-to-Face Fundraising is an important medium used by CASA to spread awareness among general public about the issues faced by the marginalised segment of the society. CASA is actively raising funds in India with its initiative Local Resource Mobilisation. With a family of donors and corporate leaders, we are able to transform the living standards of the communities residing in the rural India.

A team of 10 CASA fundraisers are helping create awareness among the general public and instil belief that this position entails a certain amount of responsibility and self empowerment. By raising funds for the poorer segments of society, the fundraising activities teaches the public to appreciate what they have and to understand that they have the ability to help others.



Event at Christ Church, Noida

A stall on CASA's fundraising activities were promoted at Outer Delhi's church.

Promotional event at Methodist Church, Ghaziabad

During its fundraising tenure, CASA twice participated in the church events by setting up a stall at its fete and conducting branding activity in the Outer Delhi's church.

NGO Mela at YMCA, Delhi

CASA set-up its fundraising stall at Central Delhi's Young Mens Christian Association compound.

Promotional event at St. Martin's Church, Delhi

CASA prepared a presentation on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) that was presented to the congregation. A promotional stall was also set-up.

Stall at Green Park Free Church Fete, Delhi

A fundraising and promotional stall was set-up at South Delhi's Green Park Free Church.





COREPROGRAMME

CORE Programme is the direct intervention of CASA with the reference community where we focus on building & strengthening community based organisations. It has led to emergence of a large number of grass-root organisations of men & women facilitating development & change. These CBOs have gradually acquired the capacity to understand & analysis their issues & addressing it collectively.

12 States

- Andhra Pradesh
- West Bengal
- Telangana
- Tamil Nadu
- Rajasthan
- Chhattisgarh
- Madhya Pradesh
- Odisha
- Jharkhand
- Gujarat
- Maharashtra
- Karnataka

THEMATIC AREAS



YOUTH LEADERSHIP
Youth leadership training workshops were implemented across the core programme areas with an intention to enhance the skills of the youth by taking charge of the village developmental activities. Youth conventions and alternative livelihood programmes for the future generation leaders were held at various places.



SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD
Facilitation of alternative and sustainable livelihood opportunities for the stressed farming communities is an important and integral part of the core programme framework. Communities were taught on ways to develop village micro-planning considering the priority needs of the village by including all sections in the planning process. Initiatives like kitchen gardening, land reclamation, fishery, water conservation and formation of village development committees were taken up.



LAND & FOREST CONSERVATION
Awareness generation on disaster management and climate mitigation were conducted on a large scale in the programme areas across states. The participants were trained to safeguard farmers against climate risks and were trained to link their livelihood with sustainable options like goat rearing and poultry farming, besides enhancing climate resilience in the villages. Many specific drought prone areas like Jalkot in Latur district of Maharashtra were given training on rainwater harvesting and water conservation methods.



AWARENESS BUILDING PROGRAMS

Dispensing information on government schemes and attaching the community with respective authorities has benefited many people in the rural hinterlands under core programme regions. A lot many beneficiaries could avail and were benefited by the government's social security, economic empowerment, housing, health, education and scholarship schemes. With awareness of many schemes, people's organisations are able to avail the benefits for a better living.



GENDER MAINSTREAMING

The participants are trained on gender analysis skills with an orientation on the need of such analysis, gender sensitive indicators, gender concepts and tools, legal legislations and laws to address gender violence, advocacy and gender budget. Issues such as alcoholism, need for private space for lactating mothers, more women representatives in decision making bodies, women SHGs were taken up within the meetings and acted upon to curb the negative effects on the community as a whole.



Quilts being distributed to the poor children of Masihi Mahila Shiksha Sadan, Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh to keep them warm in the winter season

QUILTS DISTRIBUTION

Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA), distributed 1176 bales in 23 states which were covered in consideration of the cold winter conditions and the poor people. The states covered are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

The priority while distribution was given to the organisations which are serving poor and marginalised such as disabled, orphans, leprosy patients etc.



Quilt being distributed to the leprosy patient of Nirashray Kusht Ashram, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh



States covered

1176

Bales of quilts distributed

23

States covered

across

188

Institutions

Type of Institutions	No. of Bales distributed	No. of Institutions
Church Institutions	294	36
Hospitals	64	12
Hostel/Schools	173	30
NGO's	530	85
Orphanages	93	16
Leprosy Homes	11	4
CASA Direct	11	5
Total :	1,176	188

EVENTS



ACT Alliance General Assembly

CASA India Director Sushant Agrawal meets United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina Jane Mohammed at the 3rd ACT Alliance General Assembly in Uppsala, Sweden in October 2018. CASA India Director and outgoing moderator Sushant Agrawal congratulated his successor Birgitte Qvist-Sorensen from DanChurchAid - Europe for being elected the new ACT Alliance Moderator in the 3rd General Assembly. In her address, she said "Sushant Agrawal did an amazing job as a moderator and I hope I can fill in his shoes. I think the alliance has moved forward in the last four years under his leadership. Gender campaign is why I actually wanted to be a moderator as I always wanted to work for the gender justice issues."



CASA Forms New Board

National Board of CASA India for the next quadrennial was constituted on 7th February with as many as 10 women members getting elected into important decision-making committees. This was the first time when so many women representatives were part of the CASA India National Board.
#EqualGenderRepresentation
#casaindiainaction

Drought Assessment

A drought assessment was incepted by a working group consisting UNICEF, CARITAS and others moderated by CASA across 550 villages of 25 districts of Tamil Nadu. Concurrently while analysing the situation CASA India found out that around 80 per cent of rural population reported crop loss due to failure of monsoons during the period. People also said that they were unable to get healthy food and adequate drinking water. The assessment also brought forward the fact that migration was happening at a rapid pace and children were dropping out of schools at an increased rate.

CASA film on Filariasis premieres at International Woodpecker Film Festival

CASA India short film 'NEGLEGT' capturing the lives and journey of Lymphatic Filariasis patients in India is the OFFICIAL SELECTION at Woodpecker International Film Festival to be screened on November 24th at Siri Fort auditorium, New Delhi. NEGLEGT, shot in the hinterlands of Odisha (eastern India) is a short documentary that revolves around Lymphatic Filariasis; a widely spread tropical disease of the region.



EXPENDITURE

	CORE & OTHER PROGRAMMES (Rs.)	PROJECTS AND EMERGENCIES (Rs.)	TOTAL (Rs.)
Advances Written Off	30,592.00	3,351.00	33,943.00
Accident & Insurance	46,381.87	219,244.68	265,626.55
Affiliation & Membership Fee	435,271.03	301,038.94	736,309.97
Audit fees (Others)	252,300.00	781,750.00	1,034,050.00
Audit fees (Statutory)	200,600.00	-	200,600.00
Bank Charges	38,265.12	59,342.28	97,607.40
Conference & Committee	1,108,940.00	107,963.00	1,216,903.00
Donations Paid	150,000.00	-	150,000.00
Freight & Handling	104,881.00	2,377,549.00	2,482,430.00
Hospitality Expenses	43,162.00	88,839.00	132,001.00
Legal & Professional Expenses	5,599,087.00	7,790,727.60	13,389,814.60
Management Contribution towards P.F.	1,608,068.50	1,329,020.50	2,937,089.00
Material, Labour & Grant	-	53,768,638.00	53,768,638.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	51,716.78	5,769.10	57,485.88
Newspaper & Periodicals	49,062.00	35,186.00	84,248.00
Postage & Telephones	547,056.90	561,346.83	1,108,403.73
Printing, Stationery & Supplies	853,562.50	1,199,117.44	2,052,679.94
Programme Execution Expenses	4,750,197.00	15,739,591.00	20,489,788.00
Project Partner Expenses	-	97,939,342.08	97,939,342.08
Publicity & Publication, Advertisement	124,350.00	316,704.00	441,054.00
Purchase of Fixed Assets	4,365,766.00	6,095,268.05	10,461,034.05
Rent & Taxes	1,527,937.00	2,586,253.00	4,114,190.00
Repair & Maintenance - Building	305,641.00	1,178,979.00	1,484,620.00
Repair & Maintenance - Others	2,349,049.68	2,260,996.32	4,610,046.00
Salary & allowance	37,449,219.00	33,220,855.00	70,670,074.00
Staff Welfare	2,438,390.00	2,388,096.07	4,826,486.07
Travel & Conveyance	7,116,124.30	17,266,202.79	24,382,327.09
Utilities	1,369,160.05	1,333,475.00	2,702,635.05
Vehicle Running & Maintenance	890,680.95	2,211,029.69	3,101,710.64
Set Apart Funds	-	230,000,000.00	230,000,000.00
Depreciation	Rs. 3,358,278.91	-	-
Less: Charged to Capital Reserve	Rs. 3,358,278.91	-	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to:			
Project / Emergency	-	16,083,263.79	16,083,263.79
Core Programme	49,019,060.49	-	49,019,060.49
General Reserve	27,212,992.02	-	27,212,992.02
TOTAL (Rs.)	150,037,514.19	497,248,939.16	647,286,453.35

INCOME

	CORE & OTHER PROGRAMMES (Rs.)	PROJECTS AND EMERGENCIES (Rs.)	TOTAL (Rs.)
Contribution (Overseas)	107,715,146.00	489,972,130.24	597,687,276.24
Donation Received	10,000.00	734,922.82	744,922.82
Contribution (Local)	313,117.35	3,276,561.00	3,589,678.35
Interest	5,536,844.06	3,265,325.10	8,802,169.16
Membership Contribution	275,000.00	-	275,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,011,618.02	-	1,011,618.02
Sale of Fixed Assets	35,175,788.76	-	35,175,788.76
TOTAL (Rs.)	150,037,514.19	497,248,939.16	647,286,453.35

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