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PROJECT OVERVIEW

January to December 2020

GFF HELPS INDIA TEAM MESSAGE

Respected Sir Owen,

Warm greetings from GFF Helps India!

It gives us an immense pleasure to share with you an overview of the GFF Helps Project India in the year 2020. First of all we would like to thank Sir Owen for giving us the opportunity to be a part of the GFF Helps India team. As one of the key mission statements “To give hope where there is despair” we GFF Helps India team, have been putting our best foot forward to help the individuals and communities at large amidst the ongoing pandemic.

This year has been an unusual one, yet we have been able to reach out a large number of people. During the lockdown, GFF Helps India thrived to serve the community through various ways. Awareness on COVID19, volunteering to help people in need during the lockdown, empowering women to make handmade masks, continuous health check-ups of the sick, helping to setup community quarantine centres.

In order to cope up with the current situation, we have taken initiative to reach people through digital space. In doing so, we have been able to reach out to large number of people through a safer platform. The Online Storytelling Sessions and the Online Football Coaching Sessions have boosted the knowledge and have instilled motivation to many of the participants. Most importantly we have started an Immunity Project for the Children of Bong, Chibbo and Pudung villages recently that comprises of Yoga Sessions, Physical Activities and Vegetable Garden.

All of these activities would not have been possible without your support. These have been possible due to the support of the volunteers from Sir Owen G Glenn Open L&I Centres of Bong, Pudung and Chibbo villages.

We request you to kindly have a look at the work that GFF Helps India has been doing so far in 2020 and keep supporting the needy people of Kalimpong, India. This year would not have been the same for us without your humble and kind support. These projects have encouraged and motivated us to work harder. A humble gratitude to you Sir Owen from GFF Team, India and the beneficiaries of Kalimpong for your selfless love and support.



Nikita Rai
GFF Helps Local Representative
India
Joined Nov 2019



Dr Melissa Namchu
GFF Helps Local Representative
India
Joined August 2020

PROJECT 1: INFORMATION AND AWARENESS EVENT ON POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Date: 14th, 16th & 28th January 2020

Location: *Bong, Chibbo and Pudung*

No. of Beneficiaries: *Sixty-two (62) villagers*

Project Summary

GFF HELPS India Representative Ms Nikita Rai, helped to organise an awareness camp on Postal schemes for the public in collaboration with the local Kalimpong office of the Indian Postal Department. Inspector of the local Post Office in Kalimpong was the resource person who shared much important information about the schemes provided by the Indian Postal Department. This awareness camp provided many useful information which many villagers are able to use it for their family members.



Inspector of
The Post Office
and Marketing
Executive
giving
information
about the
schemes in
Bong Village



The Marketing
Executive of
Post Office
giving
information
about the
schemes in
Chibbo Village

PROJECT 2: TRAINING ON FIRST AID IN COLLABORATION WITH KALIMPONG SUB-DIVISION RED CROSS SOCIETY

Date: 9th February 2020

Location: *Kalimpong*

No. of Beneficiaries: *Ten (10) students of SOGG L&I Centre & Fifteen (15) village people*

Project Summary

First Aid training was organised by GFF HELPS Representative Ms Nikita Rai in collaboration with SOGG Learning Centres and Sub-divisional Red Cross society of Kalimpong. The venue was SOGG Open learning Centre, Deorali Bong Busty. Basic and important First Aid training was provided to the participants, the participants learnt and listened with great interest as this was an important lesson for medical emergency in the village because the health centers are an hour drive away from the village.



Participants and the Red Cross



Red Cross Training doing a
demonstration

PROJECT 3: PROVIDING VOLUNTEERS/ DONORS FOR BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANISED BY SUB-DIV RED CROSS SOCIETY

Date: 21st February 2020

Location: Kalimpong

No. of Beneficiaries: Five (5) blood donor volunteers from SOGG Open learning Centre Bong Deorali

Project Summary

The Kalimpong Sub Divisional Red Cross Society had organised a Blood donation drive for their main hospital in Kalimpong. GFF Helps India had encouraged the villagers to participate on this important blood donation camp, transportation and food was also provided for our volunteers.



Our
volunteers
from Bong
Deorali



One of our
GFF
volunteers
donating
his blood
for the
local
hospital
blood
bank

PROJECT 4: GFF HELPS MOBILE LIBRARY

Date: 2nd March 2020

Location: Kalimpong

No. of Beneficiaries: One-hundred (100) children

Project Summary

Before the Pandemic our GFF Helps Representative, Ms Nikita Rai started a mobile library. Soon after she visited and distributed books to Chibbo and Pudung SOGG learning Centres children. Almost 100 Children participated on this mobile library visits performed by Nikita. The session is not only borrowing books but also awareness on reading and book reading, by borrowing books and also story reading. The pandemic made halt on this mobile library due to covid19 country wide lockdown, but re-started again after the lockdown.



Children of Chibbo village with the library
books



GFF HELPS Representative
handing out books

PROJECT 5: TRAINING ON GINGER CULTIVATION IN BONG VILLAGE IN COLLABORATION WITH KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA (KVK)

Date: 13th March 2020

Location: *Bong Deorali*

No. of Beneficiaries: *Twenty-three (23) farmers*

Project Summary

The workshop was organised with the help of Government Agricultural Research Centre called “Krishi Vigyan Kendra”. The training was provided by an agricultural expert from KVK. The venue was SOGG Open learning Centre (Bong - Deorali) room and the SOGG Open learning Centre teachers had given their time and energy to help us coordinate this very useful program.



KVK resource person teaching about ginger cultivation



Participants at the ginger cultivation training program

PROJECT 6: AWARENESS ON COVID19

Date: 21st and 23rd March 2020

Location: *Bong, Chibbo and Pudung*

No. of Beneficiaries: *Eight-hundred and seventy-five (875) families*

Project Summary

The information was taken from the Guidelines provided by “WHO”. Written guidelines in pamphlets and posters on the information and preventive measures on COVID-19 were made. The SOGG Open Learning Centre volunteers then helped to distribute the posters and pamphlets in their villages. Total of 875 families were reached through their society clubs and samaj (union of families in specific areas)



GFF HELPS India Representative Ms. Nikita distributing posters and pamphlets on Covid19 awareness in Chibbo village



Volunteers SOGG Pudung pasting the poster on Covid19 awareness by GFF HELPS India

PROJECT 7: CONTRIBUTION & PARTICIPATION IN RELIEF DISTRIBUTION THROUGH KALIMPONG NGO NETWORK (KANGON) DURING COVID19 LOCKDOWN

Date: 17th April 2020

Location: *Tashiding village*

No. of Beneficiaries: *Sixty-one (61) households*

Project Summary

When the COVID19 lockdown began in India from 25th March 2020, there were a lot of families who were daily wage earners who did not have any means of earning during the lockdown and did not have sufficient money to feed their families on daily basis. Kalimpong NGO Network (KaNGON) as an organization comprising of various NGOs working in Kalimpong, decided to help those needy people during the lockdown by providing them with food materials that could sustain them for at least some week. At first KaNGON collected donations from its partner organizations in order to buy relief materials without which the relief operation would not have been as successful. Without any hesitation GFF Helps also contributed Rs. 5000/- along with other NGOs. **On 17th April, 2020** volunteers from SOGG Chibbo participated in the relief distribution which was held in Tashiding, 4th Mile Kalimpong.



A volunteer of KANGON helping in distributing the food packages to the people of Tashiding village, Kalimpong

PROJECT 8: GFF HELPS VOLUNTEER FORCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO KANGON DURING COVID19 LOCKDOWN

Date: April - June 2020

Location: *Pudung, Bong and Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: *One-hundred thirty-three (133) volunteers*

Project Summary

Apart from relief distribution, Kalimpong NGO Network (KaNGON) did surveillance in and around Kalimpong town. It included proper surveillance and monitoring of maintaining social distance during weekly local vegetable market or Haat on every Wednesdays and Saturdays. They providing hand sanitizer to those who came to the market and visiting grocery shops in the town to check if they are following the COVID19 precautions. The GFF Helps volunteers from SOGG Bong, Chibbo and Pudung and some of the village youths from the 3 villages volunteered in making these activities successful every Wednesdays and Saturdays from 5am onwards. For these activities GFF Helps bought 2 volunteer jackets (that was made by KANGON), hand sanitizers, 15 hand sanitizers, 15 gloves and 3 face shields.



A volunteer from SOGG Pudung pouring hand sanitizer on a person's hand before entering the vegetable market



KaNGON volunteers doing surveillance in the shops of Kalimpong town

PROJECT 9: PROVIDING STATIONARY MATERIALS TO THE CHILDREN OF BONG, CHIBBO AND PUDUNG

Date: May 2020

Location: Pudung, Bong and Chibbo

Project Summary

During the COVID19 lockdown, the schools were closed and children had to stay indoors without doing much activity. As the SOGG Open Learning and Information Centres Bong, Chibbo and Pudung also had to be closed due to the pandemic, children did not have any creative activity to do at home. Therefore GFF Helps India Representative Nikita helped to provide 30 chart papers and 10 sketch pens each to the 3 Centres. Keeping in mind the precautionary measures, the volunteers from SOGG Centres distributed the materials to the children by going to their houses. The children could spend their lockdown period by drawing pictures. The elder students were told to write and draw about COVID19.



A student of SOGG Pudung utilizing the lockdown period by drawing pictures



Covid19 precautions diagram made by a student of SOGG Chibbo



Volunteer from SOGG Bong giving stationary materials to the students

PROJECT 10: PROVIDING MEDICINES, EMERGENCY SOLAR AND TORCHLIGHTS DURING CYCLON AMPHAN

Date: 19th – 22nd May 2020

Location: *Pudung, Bong and Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: *One-hundred thirty-three (133) volunteers*

Project Summary:

During mid-May West Bengal, India was affected by a super cyclonic storm 'Amphan', the alert was given beforehand by the meteorological units. There were warnings for heavy rain and thundershowers from 19th - 22nd May. Therefore keeping in mind the pandemic situation, the volunteers of SOGG Pudung, Bong and Chibbo formed volunteer groups that could spread awareness and help during emergency. They followed the precautionary measures given by the disaster management department. GFF Helps helped the volunteer groups by providing medicines, 3 solar lights and 9 torchlights to the 3 SOGG Centres so that they could use it during the electricity cutoff.



Meeting of volunteer group in Bong village for cyclone Amphan



Medicines and emergency lights provided by GFF HELPS India

PROJECT 11: HANDMADE MASK-MASKING

Date: May – August 2020

Location: *Pudung, Bong and Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: *Eighteen (18) women*

Project Summary:

As Government of India announced lockdown all over the Country, people were expecting to have the effects of Covid-19 for a short period, but as the number of days started increasing so did the anxiety and fear among the people. Rules upon rules were announced and wearing "MASK", became an important issue for all human beings. For the families whose economic conditions had gone worse was an extra economic burden to buy all these important needs. GFF India team decided to help villagers to make mask for these needy people by using the help of the local village self-help women groups. A group of 18 women from the different villages of Bong, Chibbo and Pudung participated in the project. Within span of four months, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty one (1851) masks were made and distributed by the same mask makers to their own village people. This program was very successful which not only provided mask to the needy but also started awareness for protection from this deadly Covid-19 virus.



Ripsong SHG of Pudung village members making facemasks



Ms Rosemit Lepcha, a member of Ripsong SHG showing a completed mask by her

PROJECT 12: SUPPORT TOWARDS PEOPLE STAYING IN HOME QUARANTINE DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC

Date: June – August 2020

Location: Pudung, Bong and Chibbo

No. of Beneficiaries: Fifty-nine (59) migrant workers

Project Summary:

As lock down started increasing all over the country, employment went into shambles. Many of our people from the hills due to less industry seek employment in big cities of India and abroad especially middle east. Employers started asking their employees to leave for home as they were not able to provide salaries. So there was mass movement of people returning back home. Difficulties on travelling as transports were closed and due to no salaries, these migrant workers had no money to even buy food. Due to less awareness on Covid-19, villagers with limited knowledge did not want the workers to come home due to belief of spreading the deadly disease of Covid-19. The Government’s infrastructure on Quarantine structures was exhausted. So GFF Helps team along with the SOGG Open learning Centre teams started helping the migrant workers to quarantine themselves in either their homes or separate places in the village areas. Stigma was another big obstacle and GFF volunteers helped to erase this stigma by awareness. Small gift packets like important toiletries (comprising of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disinfectant liquid, vitamin C tablets, handmade mask, guideline pamphlet and a sanitary napkin for the women) along with information pamphlets on Covid-19 rules were provided to the quarantined migrant workers. Medical help and support was provided by our GFF team. Total of 59 migrant workers were provided with this kind of help by GFF Helps team and the volunteers of SOGG Open learning centres.



Help containing essential items for the returnees staying in home quarantine

PROJECT 13: PROVIDING PPE SUIT

Date: April 2020

Location: Pudung, Bong and Chibbo

Project Summary:

As more and more migrant workers started arriving in the village quarantine centres, there was an urgent need of PPE suits to help the suspected Covid-19 affected symptom affected people to either them for Covid test or taking them to hospitals and even during spraying disinfectants in and around the homes of Covid affected people. The SOGG volunteers requested GFF Helps team to provide them with PPE suits which was ordered and distributed at the three Learning centres. (3 PPE suits were distributed to the three SOGG centres of Chibbo, Bong and Pudung).



Different use of PPE kits for helping the sick and also disinfecting the houses affected by Covid-19 with the help of disinfectant spray. In one of the picture SOGG volunteer Raymond doing the needful.

PROJECT 14: PROVIDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Date: May 2020

Location: Pudung, Bong and Chibbo

No. of Beneficiaries: na

Project Summary:

As lockdown increased locally, the old and feeble found it difficult to do a simple health checkup as they had to travel to the local hospital or health centers which were quite far from their villages. Transportation was difficult due to fewer vehicles during lockdown and also not advisable to visit hospitals which had become source of getting contact with sick people. SOGG Open learning centre volunteers requested GFF Helps team for help to buy health checkup machines such as Blood pressure checking machine and sugar testing machine and stretchers. Therefore, 3 BP machine and 3 sugar testing machines, 2 stretchers and a infrared thermometer were provided to the SOGG centres of Chibbo, Bong and Pudung. The SOGG Learning Centre team did a marvelous job by visiting the old and weak in the villages to help them check their blood pressure and sugar test.



SOGG Centre
Pudung
volunteer
doing Sugar
checkup of
elderly and
sick women

PROJECT 15: PROVIDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Date: May – present

Location: Nepal

Project Summary:

The storytelling session for children is an initiative started by GFF Helps Nepal Volunteer Minket Lepcha along with GFF Helps India Representative Nikita Rai. It began with few children of Nepal and India. As a professional storyteller Minket has been connecting with the children through various stories on the Himalayas. The social media pages (Rainbow Children of Himalaya) on Facebook and Instagram were handled by Nikita and Minket. The new representatives Insha (Nepal) and Melissa (India) have been contributing in the project by sharing stories and handling the social media sites. Children of Kalimpong, Darjeeling and Sikkim have been regularly attending the session every weekend. Through this project, children have been able to share their stories and learn from each other. Melissa and Nikita shared a story of Malala Yousafzai on 28th Nov.



PROJECT 16: EVENING WALK & EXERCISE FOR THE CHILDREN OF CHIBBO

Date: June 2020

Location: Chibbo

Project Summary:

In order to aid a good overall health of the students' one of the concerned volunteer of SOGG Learning & Information Centre, Chibbo, Ms. Dipty Tirwa initiated everyday evening walks for the students. She guided the students maintaining social distancing throughout the allotted time of the walk. An ex student of L&I Centre, Chibbo Mr. Sumesh Tirwa volunteered to teach the students few exercises as well. The students have been participating actively along with some mothers who join occasionally in the morning and evening walks. The aim is not only to keep the children active during the COVID era but also to habituate them with healthy lifestyle in the post COVID era. Ms. Dipty requested GFF Helps to provide with Glucose powder (energy drink)



Volunteer of SOGG Chibbo Ms. Dipty Tirwa and children of Chibbo doing exercise after their evening walk

PROJECT 17: YOGA SESSIONS FOR VILLAGES OF CHIBBO & PUDUNG

Date: 11th July - 7th Dec 2020

Location: *Pudung and Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: na

Project Summary

As the world went into lockdown various advices were provided by different health agencies on how to make your immunity strong. One of the common advices was "Exercise". Many people started doing various forms of exercise. 'YOGA', the Indian form of exercise which helps not only physically but also mentally was chosen by many to make their body strong. GFF Helps India team felt the need for introducing 'Yoga' to the villagers. SOGG Open learning Centres of Chibbo and Pudung requested GFF Helps team to start their Yoga in their respective centres. Ms Sujata Mukhia friend of GFF decided to VOLUNTEER as a Yoga teacher for Chibbo. Ms Januka Chettri another Yoga expert decided to VOLUNTEER for Pudung. The free classes went very well and there were many participants including the children of these SOGG centres.



Ms. Januka Dahal and the children of Pudung doing Yoga in the SOGG Centre Pudung



Yoga Instructor Mrs. Sujata Mukhia teaching Yoga at SOGG Community Centre Hall.

PROJECT 18: PROVIDING SOAP AND WATER BUCKETS FOR HAND SANITISATION

Date: August 2020

Location: *Pudung, Bong and Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: na

Project Summary

Once the SOGG L&I centre Bong, Chibbo and Pudung villages had resumed the tuition classes for the children, proper precautionary measures of COVID19 had to be taken. Taking the pandemic situation into consideration, GFF Helps India team decided to provide the centres with 3 water buckets and 35 soaps. Every time students and teachers enter the center, they wash their hand.



Student of SOGGL&I Centre Chibbo washing hands with soap and water before entering the Centre

PROJECT 19: SAPLING DISTRIBUTION BY KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA (KVK)

Date: 15th October 2020

Location: *Tirwa Gaon in Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: na

Project Summary

GFF Helps team members, Nikita and Melissa organised a free Sapling distribution of tomatoes and long chilli with the help of KVK team. Many families took the saplings and planted in their fields.



Distribution of Free sapling of tomato and Green chilly by KVK team, organised by GFF Helps and SOGG Centre Chibbo



PROJECT 20: JOE'S ONLINE FOOTBALL SESSION

Date: July – September 2020

Location: *Tirwa Gaon in Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: 29 participants

Project Summary

Joe Fisher our previous International Volunteer who had volunteered in India & Nepal for six months in the year 2018 is one of our most active volunteer advisors to our GFF Helps Nepal and India teams and GFF Helps Marketing team. He helps to update our GFF Helps website and other social networks of GFF. Joe who is also a junior football coach in Auckland had done a brief coaching for two months in Chibbo while volunteering in India for GFF Helps. After discussion with GFF India team, Joe started a 'ONLINE FOOTBALL COACHING' for young players. This was done to encourage the younger generations to start playing football in a better way. This football coaching motivated and encouraged our young enthusiastic players and brought many talents in the field. Within 7 weeks Joe organised coaching online and also involved Mr Supreet Raj Pradhan a ex-football player cum coach and football talk show host from Delhi and Mr Chandan Thapa from Manipur who is a fitness expert football player. There were 40 were registered and 29 participants actively participated in this webinar training. Practical homework was also given by Joe.



Children attending the 6th football session in Pudung



Participant receiving certificate of completion by a SOGG Chibbo Volunteer

PROJECT 21: TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) JOE'S ONLINE FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Date: September – October 2020

Location: *Tirwa Gaon in Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: 20 participants

Project Summary

After successful webinar training for the youngsters, Joe suggested for a webinar training for beginner football coaches. The local football club called 'Share Football Club' was invited to be involved as a football club partner. Through them we got number of aspiring coaches who coaches in remote areas. Joe was our main resource person and he invited Supreet to share his thoughts in one of the sessions and in another class, Chandan Thapa shared about fitness and its importance in present football games.



The fourth session of ToT was on Goal Keeping, football fitness, tactics, recovery and regeneration

An e-poster for a training session. At the top left is the 'GFF HELPS' logo. To the right is the 'FOOTBALL CLUB PARTNER' logo. The main title is 'WEBINAR ON FOOTBALL COACHING FOR BEGINNERS TRAINING OF TRAINERS BY MR. JOE FISHER'. Below this is a list of topics for 'Seminar Four: Football Fitness, Tactics, Recap and Next Steps', including 'Guest Speaker: Chandan Thapa' and a list of bullet points about football fitness and tactics. There are two circular photos: one of Mr. Joe Fisher and one of Mr. Chandan Thapa. At the bottom right, it specifies the date as '1st October, 2020', time as '12 Noon', platform as 'Zoom', and medium as 'Medium of Instruction'.

An e-poster created for one of Joe's online sessions for Training of Trainers

PROJECT 22: VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECT

Date: September – October 2020

Location: *Bong, Pudung and Chibbo*

No. of Beneficiaries: 75 children

Project Summary

After getting an inspiration from GFF Helps Philippines team, the India team too started a vegetable garden project to make our children understand the value of eating vegetables (nutrient contents) and also encouraging to raise different kinds of vegetables in their field. Total of 75 children from SOGG Open Learning Centres (25 in each village of Bong, Chibbo and Pudung) were chosen to participate in this vegetable garden project. For each area leaders for different groups were chosen from the teachers of SOGG Open learning Centres. Nikita and Melissa provided the children with small booklet containing information on each vegetable along with seeds and saplings for distribution among the 75 children. Our GFF Helps team visited the vegetable garden sites regularly and in the end of the program, evaluation was done in the form of written tests for the children as well as the teachers. This evaluation was done to know how much they had understood the value of vegetable growing and eating specially during the present pandemic times. Regular photo reports were done by each child.



Miss Anisha Rai of Pudung in her kitchen garden



GFF HELPS Representatives Nikita and Melissa checking with the children on their vegetables



GFF HELPS Representatives monitoring the kitchen garden in Chibbo



A happy child looking after her vegetable garden



A young participant planting vegetable seeds in his flower pots

PROJECT 23: BAMBOO TOOL MAKING PROJECT IN BONG BUSTY

Date: 9th – 29th November 2020
Location: *Deorali village*
No. of Beneficiaries: 75 children
Project Summary

Covid-19 pandemic had created a huge group of unemployed people specially those who came back from cities and also local firms getting closed. With Sir Owen’s support and vision, we started a campaign on how to help the most needy to get self-employment. Many schemes were drawn and finally in Bong Deorali village, with the help SOGG centre volunteers, GFF Helps team started a bamboo tool making course in Deorali village. 10 participants were chosen as per the rules of Covid-19 in self distancing. The trainer Mr Ranjit Rai was a local from the village and he taught the participants on the art of making bamboo stool. Bamboo stool has a very good demand in the market. GFF helps team is also helping the participants on how to market their products. GFF HELPS team Nikita and Melissa provided the training with the bamboo stool building materials and a fee to the trainer.



GFF Helps Reps Nikita and Melissa visiting the tool making training session. Participants happy to show their newly learning art of bamboo stool products



PROJECT 24: FIRST AID BOX MAKING IN PUDUNG

Date: 9th November 2020

Location: *Pudung*

No. of Beneficiaries: 10 senior students

Project Summary

The SOGG team from Pudung in collaboration with GFF Helps project helped to organise a 'First Aid Box making, training workshop' for children of SOGG centre Pudung. 10 senior students were chosen and the resource person was a medical nurse from the local health centre. The students not only learnt to assemble useful medicines, but also learnt on how to use it in a right way.

PROJECT 25: NEW OPEN LEARNING AND INFORMATION SUB-CENTRE IN KAMESHI

Date: 9th November 2020

Location: *Deorali village*

No. of Beneficiaries: 15 - 20 children

Project Summary

Bong deorali decided to start a new learning centre at a village called Kamshi which was almost 5 kms walk downhill from Deorali village. Many parents from Kamshi were interested to help their children get the free tuition. Kamshi is a forest village where majority of the villagers are from very poor economic conditions. So these parents requested our SOGG team of Deorali village, who in turn requested our GFF Helps India team for monetary support. After a approval from Saom, Asia Coordinator, Nikita and Melissa helped the SOGG team members of Bong to start their new branch learning Centre at Kamshi. Teachers namely Sagar and Subash take turn to visit Kamshi to teach the children especially during this exam time.



Mr Sagar Rai, SOGG centre teacher helping the Kamshi children to learn their subjects.



PROJECT 26: BROADBAND CONNECTION IN PUDUNG

Date: 12th - 13th November 2020

Location: *Deorali village*

No. of Beneficiaries: 15 - 20 children

Project Summary

GFF Helps team in request from SOGG learning Centre Pudung helped to bring broadband connections for the children of Pudung learning Centres. Broadband connection was installed in Pudung as that children could study on online as well as submits their online homework. Young adults preparing for examinations can also use the wireless connection.

PROJECT 27: BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING SESSION

Date: 19th November 2020

Location: *Bong, Chibbo and Pudung*

No. of Beneficiaries: 14 participants

Project Summary

Mr Rakesh Singh the professional Search & Rescue and health trainer working for a corporate company in Kerala had come to visit Kalimpong during his Puja holidays. On grabbing the occasion we GFF Helps team requested Mr Singh to help us train our SOGG team members and GFF Helps team. This training and awareness of basic First Aid was very essential. District Red Cross became a co- partner in organizing this important event. Total of 14 participants participated in this important event.



Participants with the Trainer Mr Rakesh C Singh



Participants enacting a CPR

PROJECT 28: AWARENESS ON GOVERNMENT SCHEMES AND FUNDS

Date: 20th November 2020

Location: *Bong, Chibbo and Pudung*

No. of Beneficiaries: 20 village leaders

Project Summary

Mr Raju Sherpa the Deputy Magistrate of Malda (North Bengal) volunteered to be our main resource person on 'Awareness program on Government Schemes and Funds', This seminar was very important because many of our people do not know that schemes exists.



Mr. Saom introducing resource person Mr Raju Sherpa to the enthusiastic participants who were carefully listening to Mr Raju Sherpa

Some of our important moments during our GFF HELPS projects in India



Mobile Library Project in SOGGL&I Centre in Bong



Vegetable Garden Project



Children of Chibbo attending a Storytelling session



Yoga Session in SOGG&I Centre Pudung village



Students at the new SOGG Open Learning sub-centre in



Bamboo tool making

Nikita in conversation with the officials of Postal Dept.



Presenting token of appreciation to the volunteer teacher



Sanitising hands before attending the Training on Tomato Cultivation



Workshop on Doko making



Mobile Library Project in SOGG Pudung village



Awareness on Government Schemes and Funds by Mr. Raju Sherpa



Mobile Library – students enjoying new books



The masks were washed after they were made



Prizes for Joe's Football Training



***Thank you Sir
Owen***



Nikita and Melissa, GFF HELPS India
Representatives

